

# Annual Report of the Town of Topsham



*Aerial photo of the James Vance farm in the 1970's.*



**Year Ending December 31, 2022**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Select Board Meeting:**

Second & Fourth Mondays of each month: 7:00 PM at Town Office in East Topsham.

### **School Board Meeting:**

Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM at Waits River Valley School.

**Lister Meeting:** Listers meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday mornings – 9:00 to Noon and by appointment.

Call 439-9723 for appointment.

**Town Office Hours:** 6 Harts Road, PO Box 69, Topsham, VT. 05076

Phone 439-5505

Monday 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday - CLOSED

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday by Appointment

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

**Town Garage:** 2 Schoolhouse Road, Topsham, VT 05076, Phone 439-5666

**Town Transfer Station:** 2 Lime Kiln Road, Topsham VT 05076

The Transfer Station is opened from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Saturdays.

A transfer station permit is required and is available at the town clerk's office.

Effective September 1, 2015, each resident/tax payer is allowed one large bag (equals two 30-gallon bags) at no cost. Each additional 30-gallon bag costs \$2.00 per bag. Those with no permit will be charged \$5.00 per bag for all bags. Recycling and metal items are free.

Town Reports Needed to complete a set for binding 1884 - 1893

If anyone has copies of these but does not want to give them up to the Town, please allow a Xerox copy to be made for Town Records.

## **DATE OF TOWN MEETING**

**March 7, 2023**

Annual Report

of the

Officers

of the

**Town**

of

**Topsham**

Vermont

**Chartered: August 17, 1763**

**Area: 30,400 Acres**

**Altitude: 1284 feet**

**2020 Census 1199**

**Organized: March 15, 1790**

**for the**

**Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022**

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## TOWN OFFICERS -2023

OFFICE	ELECTED OFFICIALS	TERM
Moderator:	Stephen Otterman, W. Topsham	2023
Town Clerk:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2024
Select Board:	Carl Hildebrandt, W. Topsham	2025
	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2023
	Larry Hart, Topsham	2023
	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2024
	Thomas Otterman, W. Topsham	2024
Listers:	Patricia Plaisted, Topsham	2023
	Heidi Wright, W. Topsham	2024
	John Hood, Topsham	2025
Treasurer:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2024
School Directors of the Waits River Valley School:		
	Jason Rogers, West Topsham	2023
	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2024
	Stacy Emerson, Topsham	2025
Auditors:	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2023
	Elaine Smith, West Topsham	2024
	Stephen Otterman, West Topsham	2025
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham	2023
Justices Of the Peace:	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2025
	Larry Hart, Topsham	2025
	Sheila Herman, West Topsham	2025
	Donna Otterman, West Topsham	2025
	Yvette Tomlinson, West Topsham	2025

**TOWN OFFICERS Continued:**

<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>APPOINTED OFFICIALS</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Appointed by Clerk		
Assistant Town Clerk	Polly Stryker	2023
Appointed by Treasurer:		
Assistant Treasurer	Polly Stryker	2023
Appointed by Selectboard:		
Admin. Assistant	Janice Emerson, Topsham	2024
Health Officer	Henry Buermeyer, Topsham	2024
Road Liaison	Larry Hart, Topsham	2023
Board of Directors		
VNAV TNH:	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2023
Animal Control		
Officer:	Michele Boyer, Orange	2023
Tree Warden:	Leonard Evans, Jr., Topsham	2023
Energy Coordinator:	Maureen Hurley, Topsham	2023
Fire Warden:	Wendell Downing, E. Topsham	2024
Key Man:	Edgar Downing, Topsham	2023
Planning Comm.:	Brooke Hayward-Miller, Topsham	2023
	Stephen Otterman, W. Topsham (Chair)	2023
	James Clark, W. Topsham	2024
	John Hood, Topsham	2025
	Polly Stryker, Topsham (Secretary)	2025
Flood Zoning Adm.:	James Bulger, W. Topsham	2023
VT Emergency Mgr.:	Bradford Calhoun, Topsham	2023
Green-Up Chair:	David Elias, West Topsham	2023
Constable:	David Mott, Topsham	2023
911 Committee:	Yvette Tomlinson, W. Topsham	2023
	Nancy Frost, Topsham	2023
	Tom Flannigan Topsham	2023
	Board of Selectmen & Town Clerk	2023
NEKWMD	Karen (Sue) Altland, Topsham	2023
Representatives	Calvin J. Altand, Alternate, W. Topsham	2023

## **OTHER OFFICIALS:**

Game Warden: Mike Scott, Washington, (802) 685-2151

Notaries Public: Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham  
Sonya Sweet, Topsham  
Susan Hood, Topsham

Board of Civil Authority: Justices, Select Board, Town Clerk  
Board of Abatement: Justices, Select Board, Town Clerk Treasurer, Listers

## **2022 ELECTED State & US Representatives**

### **Topsham State Legislators:**

Joseph Parsons-House: 115 State St. Montpelier, VT 05633-5301  
(802) 828-2228 Email: [jparsons@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jparsons@leg.state.vt.us)

Mark MacDonald-Senate: 404 MacDonald Rd. Williamstown, VT 05679  
(802) 272-1101 Email: [senatormark@aol.com](mailto:senatormark@aol.com)

Jane Kitchel-Senate: P.O. Box 82, 81 Walden Hill Road, Danville, VT 05028  
(802) 684-3482 Email: [Janek45@hotmail.com](mailto:Janek45@hotmail.com)

### **Vermont US Delegation:**

Rep. Becca Balint House of Representative, Washington DC 20215  
(202) 225-4115 Email: [www.balint.house.gov](http://www.balint.house.gov)

Sen. Bernard Sanders U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20215  
(800) 339-9834 Email: [www.sanders.senate.gov](http://www.sanders.senate.gov)

Sen. Peter Welch U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20215  
(800) 642-3193 Email: [www.welch.senate.gov](http://www.welch.senate.gov)



## **NOTICE TO VOTERS**

### **For Local Floor Annual or Special Meetings**

#### **BEFORE MEETING DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerk's Office by February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us)

#### **ON MEETING DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1 (800) 439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities, let them know then can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place**, let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.**

#### **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about our own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1 (800) 439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

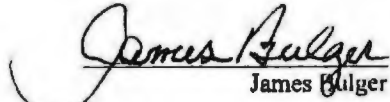
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**TOWN OF TOPSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 7, 2023**

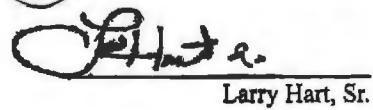
The legal voters of the Town of Topsham are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business from the floor:

- Article 1.** To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To see if the Town Report will be accepted and adopted..
- Article 3.** To elect a Select Board Member for a term of three years
- Article 4.** To elect a second Select Board Member for a term of three years.
- Article 5.** To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 6.** To elect a School Director for the Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) for a term of three years.
- Article 7.** To elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.
- Article 8.** To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Riverside Grange, in whole or in part, from taxes for a period of five years.
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to exempt the West Topsham Community Hall, in whole or in part, from taxes for a period of five years.
- Article 11.** Shall the Town allocate the surplus of \$6967.00 from FY 2022 Town Operations to the Surplus Fund?
- Article 12.** Shall the Town authorize its taxes to be collected by the Treasurer on or before October 2, 2023?
- Article 13.** To see what sum of money the Town will vote to pay for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year.
- Article 14** Shall the Town appropriate an additional amount of \$16,824.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests set forth below:
- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Clara Martin Center                      | \$ 1,652.00        |
| Central Vermont Council on Aging         | 500.00             |
| Northeast Ski Slopes                     | 1,199.00           |
| Orange County Restorative Justice Center | 125.00             |
| Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH      | 4,000.00           |
| Orange East Senior Center                | 3,500.00           |
| Blake Memorial Library                   | 2,398.00           |
| Little Rivers Health Care                | 1,100.00           |
| Safeline, Inc.                           | 500.00             |
| Tri-Valley Transit                       | 850.00             |
| Topsham Corinth Little League            | 500.00             |
| Orange County Parent Child Center        | 500.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$16,824.00</b> |
- Article 15.** To fill all other Town and Waits River Valley School (Unified School District #36) offices which may be vacant.

**Article 16** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

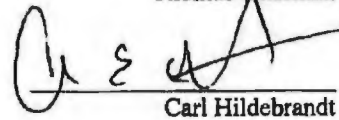
Dated at Topsham, in the County of Orange and State of Vermont, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023

  
James Bulger

  
Larry Hart, Sr.

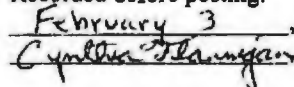
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Bradford Calhoun

  
Thomas Otterman

  
Carl Hildebrandt

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM

Recorded before posting:

February 3, 2023  
 Town Clerk

## **2022 NEKWMD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The NEKWMD finished 2022 by processing less recycling compared to 2021 – 2,579 tons in 2022 compared to 2,952 tons in 2021. While most commodities showed decreases of about 40 tons, compostable material led the decline in commodities with a drop of 182 tons compared to 2021. Scrap metal and battery tonnages were nearly identical in 2021 and 2022. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2022, but took a dramatic drop in the last quarter. The District ended 2022 with a surplus of \$5,604.53. Revenues in 2022 were 6.63% above projections, while expenses were 5.98% above projections. The District continued to benefit from the after effects of the pandemic through elevated commodity prices. Surcharge revenue was the primary driver for strong revenues in 2022. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2023. The reintroduction of employer sponsored health insurance and an inflation rate of over 7% are the drivers of these increases in 2023. The per capita assessment will increase from \$0.84/person to \$1.06/person, and the surcharge will increase a dollar from \$24.99/ton to \$25.99/ton. Hauling fees and fees for tire management will remain unchanged in 2023. There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2022. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District. The NEKWMD is entering 2022 with a proposed budget of \$846,615.50 – an increase of 4.6% compared to 2021. The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2022. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase. We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion. NEKWMD Executive Committee.

<b><u>TRANSFER STATION FEE SCHEDULE</u></b>	
<b>Hours of Operation - Saturdays</b>	<b>7:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>
Customers are Permitted for the following:	
1 Contractor (2) – 30 gal. or 4 -13 gal. bags free per week	
Each additional bag will be a standard bag price of \$2.00 per bag.	
<b>Above prices only valid for residents with a town pass, \$5.00 if you do not hold a town pass</b>	
<b>Payment Form: Cash or Check</b>	
<b>Trash</b>	
15 Gallon Bag	Up to 4 Free
30 Gallon Bag	Up to 2 Free
45 Gallon Bag	Up to 1 Free
Anything Over	\$2.00 per Bag
No Town Passes	\$5.00 per Bag
<b>By the Yard</b>	
Construction per Yard	\$48.00 per Yard
Shingles/Sheetrock per Yard	\$81.00 per Yard
Oil per Gallon	Not Accepted
Oil Filer per Each (must be Punched)	Not Accepted
Antifreeze per Gallon	Not Accepted
<b>Recycling prices, Residential Only</b>	
30 Gallon Bag	No Charge
OCC per Yard	No Charge
<b>Recycling Prices, Commercial</b>	
30 Gallon Bag	
OCC per Yard	\$5.00 per Yard
<b>Yard Waste per Yard</b>	\$50.00 per Yard
<b>Clean Wood per Yard</b>	\$50.00 per Yard
<b>Appliances &amp; Metal</b>	No Charge (May - October)
<b>Mattresses</b>	
Twin	\$20.00
Full	\$25.00
Queen	\$30.00
King	\$35.00
<b>Furniture</b>	
Sofa	\$30.00
Sleeper Sofa	\$40.00
Recliner	\$30.00
Over-Stuff Chair	\$15.00
Carpet, 10 X12	\$30.00
Carpet, 10 X12 with Pas	\$40.00
Toilet	\$10.25
<b>Electronics</b>	Any registered e-cycle facility
<b>Clothing</b>	Not Accepted

## 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 13	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corinth Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 20	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Waterford Transfer Station
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Glover Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 3	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 17	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Jay Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 15	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Maidstone 1342 Rte. 102
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Cabot Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19	8:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.	Westmore Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity.

**\*HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS\***

**Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 20 gallons. If you have more than 20 gallons, or are a business, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 2 – Oct. 5, 2023.**

### **Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM!**

The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 2, 2023 to October 5, 2023. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

**What are Household Hazardous Products?** They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be:**

**Toxic-** poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

**Corrosive-** can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

**Reactive-** creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

**Explosive-** can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

**Flammable/Ignitable-** can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org)**

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74,074.00

### ACCEPTABLE HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

#### **GARAGE**

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID \*
- CORROSIVES
- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS
- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS \*
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE

## **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, Ni-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES \*

## **GARDEN SUPPLIES**

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

## **GARAGE**

- ANTIFREEZE
  - BRAKE FLUID \*
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  - FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS \*
  - GASOLINE/DRY GAS
  - KEROSENE
  - LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES \*
  - LIGHTER FLUID
  - OIL-BASED PAINT
  - LATEX-BASED PAINT
  - PAINT THINNER
  - PROPANE CYLINDERS
  - SEALANTS
  - STAINS/STRIPPERS
  - SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
  - TRANSMISSION FLUID\*
  - WOOD PRESERVATIVES
  - USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS \*
- \* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING:**

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS



COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET		
2 YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2022		
	Year Ending 12/31/2021	Year Ending 12/31/2022
Regular Checking	\$1,339,879.71	\$1,433,535.80
Petty Cash	\$50.00	\$50.00
Cemetery Money Market Account	\$21,742.28	\$21,753.11
<b>Cash Assets Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,361,671.99</b>	<b>\$1,455,338.91</b>
CD Investment/Surplus Funds	\$113,061.93	\$133,281.77
Reappraisal Fund CD	\$140,474.23	\$147,907.83
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$62,963.73	\$51,340.02
Town Cemetery Fund CD	\$34,971.00	\$35,017.78
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$139,210.80	\$115,623.07
Highway Building Fund CD	\$196,329.45	\$196,591.73
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$687,011.14</b>	<b>\$679,762.20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,048,683.13</b>	<b>\$2,135,101.11</b>
Balance as of January 1	\$1,690,344.09	\$2,048,683.13
Income	\$3,103,709.28	\$2,640,048.66
Expenses	\$2,745,370.24	\$2,553,630.68
<b>Calculated Balance</b>	<b>\$2,048,683.13</b>	<b>\$2,135,101.11</b>
<b>Special Funds</b>		
Surplus Fund CD	\$113,061.93	\$133,281.77
Reappraisal Fund	\$140,474.23	\$147,907.83
Tax Mapping Fund	\$480.00	\$480.00
Town History Fund	\$6,741.34	\$7,006.34
James M. & Alice Hood Mem.	\$139,210.80	\$115,623.07
Record Digitizing	\$21,699.30	\$22,579.30
Record Preservation	\$15,744.71	\$17,822.21
Hall Fund	\$900.00	\$900.00
Highway Equipment Fund	\$82,316.99	\$134,992.21
Highway Fund	\$110,636.56	\$110,636.56
Highway Building Fund	\$211,329.45	\$124,503.09
Cemetery Fidelity Investment Fund	\$62,963.73	\$51,340.02
Town Cemetery Fund	\$34,971.00	\$35,017.78
Cemetery Fence Fund	\$11,981.20	\$12,342.00
Veterans Memorial Fund	\$1,875.00	\$1,975.00
ARPA Monies	\$181,448.10	\$362,981.75
<b>Special Funds' Total</b>	<b>\$1,135,834.34</b>	<b>\$1,279,388.93</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Western Star Truck Loan	\$129,524.55	\$94,370.10
School	\$293,086.87	\$284,953.20
Monies to E. Topsham Cemetry	\$3,943.74	\$264.39
Life & Disability Insurance Owed	\$0.00	\$45.80
Delinq. Tax Penalty owed to DTC	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Funds Carried Forward:</b>		
General Funds Carried Forward	\$19,050.00	
Hwy Funds Carried Forward	\$132,700.00	
Cemetery Funds Carried Forward	\$7,100.00	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$585,405.16</b>	<b>\$379,633.49</b>
<b>Special Funds &amp; Liability Totals</b>	<b>\$1,721,239.50</b>	<b>\$1,659,022.42</b>
<b>Cash Assets Less Liabilities</b>	<b>\$327,443.63</b>	<b>\$476,078.69</b>

## 2022 CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS				
General Accounts Income	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	
Monies Carried Forward	\$31,800.00		\$19,050.00	
Property Taxes		\$131,651.20		
Late HS-122 Town Penalty		\$150.00		
School Property Tax		\$1,424,766.00		
Delinquent Taxes		\$ 32,012.06		
Delinquent Tax Interest	\$9,500.00	\$7,695.03	\$7,500.00	
Delinquent Tax Penalties		\$10,560.97		
Delinquent Tax Other Fees				
Tax Sale Redemptions				
<b>Tax Related Total</b>	<b>\$41,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,706,835.26</b>	<b>\$26,550.00</b>	
<b>State of Vermont</b>				
Property Tax	\$12,500.00	\$12,656.79	\$12,500.00	
Land Use	\$77,000.00	\$77,910.00	\$77,000.00	
Act 60 Reappraisal Fund		\$ 242.00		
Listers Training			\$600.00	
Act 60 Equalized Ed.	\$850.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 50.00	
Pilot Payments	\$500.00	<b>\$615.00</b>		
Late HS-122 Education Penalty		\$985.93		
<b>Total State of Vermont</b>	<b>\$90,850.00</b>	<b>\$100,261.72</b>	<b>\$90,950.00</b>	
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Clerk Office Fees	\$13,000.00	\$14,913.65	\$13,000.00	
Liquor Licenses		\$140.00		
Cannabis Licenses		\$100.00		
Interest	\$ 50.00	\$5,237.16	\$1,000.00	
Interest Special Accounts		\$472.44		
Town Hall Rental & Donations		\$300.00		
Pound/Dog License Fees	\$1,000.00	\$991.00	\$1,000.00	
Town History Books		\$265.00		
Shipping & Handling				
Record Digitizing		\$2,080.00		
Record Preservation		\$2,080.00		
Cemetery Fund Dividend		\$782.36		
Cemetery Fund Capital Gains		-\$11,623.71		
Hood Fund Capital Gains		-\$23,587.73		
Insurance Refund		\$1.00		
State Dog Licenses Fee		\$1,268.00		
State Civil Marriage Licenses Fee		\$350.00		
Life & Disability Insurance		\$ 236.60		
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$401.00		
WRVS School Reconciliation Payment		\$7,922.02		
Metal Dumpster		\$0.00		
Civil & Municipal Fines		\$ 165.6		
Misc Revenue (Church Well Maine.)		\$50.00		
Delinquent Tax Over-payments		\$59.92		
Clothing, Poster, & Note Sales & Vet DVD		\$190.00		
Veteran Memorial Fund		\$100.00		

Delinquent Tax Over-payments		\$59.92		
Clothing, Poster, & Note Sales & Vet DVD		\$190.00		
Veteran Memorial Fund		\$100.00		
Stale Checks		\$55.66		
<b>General Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$14,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,949.87</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>\$146,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,811,046.85</b>	<b>\$132,500.00</b>	
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	
<b>Payroll</b>				
Selectboard	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Administrative Asst.	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00	
Treasurer	\$24,250.00	\$20,431.38	\$21,000.00	
Town Clerk	\$24,250.00	\$20,431.37	\$21,000.00	
Office Assistants	\$1,500.00	\$9,137.25	\$18,000.00	
Custodian	\$1,200.00	\$640.00	\$1,000.00	
Listers	\$13,000.00	\$14,247.15	\$15,000.00	
Delinquent Tax Collector		\$10,191.77		
Auditors	\$2,000.00	\$952.00	\$2,500.00	
Transfer Station Monitor	\$3,400.00	\$2,883.39	\$3,700.00	
Animal Control Officer	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	
Constable	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Health Officer	\$200.00	\$56.48	\$300.00	
Election Official	\$2,000.00	\$1,230.37	\$500.00	
FICA	\$7,500.00	\$7,051.50	\$7,500.00	
Health Insurance	\$3,400.00	\$3,380.00	\$3,400.00	
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$94,300.00</b>	<b>\$101,332.66</b>	<b>\$105,800.00</b>	
<b>Town Office</b>				
Supplies	\$2,200.00	\$1,760.58	\$2,200.00	
Delinquent Tax Coll. Supplies		\$369.20	*	
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$1,967.38	\$2,500.00	
Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$1,846.68	\$2,500.00	
Computer Software	\$650.00	\$495.85	\$700.00	
Training	\$600.00	\$28.00	\$750.00	
Listers Training	\$500.00	\$0.00		
Mileage Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$200.00	
Election Costs	\$1,500.00	\$286.98	\$500.00	
Telephone/DSL	\$1,600.00	\$1,417.93	\$1,600.00	
Listers' Phone	\$500.00	\$473.35	\$500.00	
Heat	\$4,500.00	\$6,943.75	\$7,500.00	
Electricity	\$1,600.00	\$1,403.49	\$1,700.00	
Motor Vehicle Registration		\$401.00		
State Dog License Fee		\$1,268.00		
State Civil Marriage Fee		\$350.00		
<b>Total Town Office Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,650.00</b>	<b>\$19,022.19</b>	<b>\$20,650.00</b>	
* Paid from Delinquent Tax Penalty				

<b>General Expenditures</b>				
Printing & Advertising	\$3,500.00	\$1,491.80	\$2,500.00	
Animal Control	\$600.00	\$158.76	\$600.00	
Dues	\$4,600.00	\$4,572.00	\$4,800.00	
Selectboard Appropriation	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	
Professional Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,710.00	\$2,000.00	
Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	\$632.00	\$4,000.00	
Software Support	\$7,000.00	\$6,674.00	\$7,000.00	
Insurance	\$36,000.00	\$30,155.00	\$36,000.00	
Insurance - Disability & Life		\$1,190.80	*	
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$812.65	\$10,000.00	
County Taxes	\$27,000.00	\$26,649.20	\$28,000.00	
Tax Mapping	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Reappraisal				
* Paid for by Employees				
<b>General Expenses</b>	<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	
Tax Sale Cost				
Tax Sale Purchase by Town				
Safe Deposit Box/Misc	\$200.00	\$40.00		
Records Preservation		\$2.50		
Records Digitizing		\$1,200.00		
Secure Shredding of documents		\$140.00		
Bank Service Charges		\$39.99		
MicroSoft Teams for Virtual Meetings		\$128.00		
Misc: Safety vest		\$18.01	\$200.00	
Memorial Day and Picnic	\$1,800.00	\$1,561.77	\$2,000.00	
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$97,900.00</b>	<b>\$79,176.48</b>	<b>\$99,500.00</b>	
<b>Solid Waste</b>				
Rubbish Removal Contract	\$85,000.00	\$96,193.73	\$100,000.00	
Transfer Station Lease	\$2,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00	
Solid Waste District Dues	\$1,200.00	\$1,007.16	\$1,200.00	
Metal Dumpster Fees/ Misc.	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Tire Disposal	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$88,850.00</b>	<b>\$99,400.89</b>	<b>\$104,250.00</b>	
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b>				
Ambulance Contract	\$69,150.00	\$67,646.91	\$73,650.00	
Tri-Village Fire Dept.	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$30,000.00	
CTERT	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
<b>Total Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>\$104,650.00</b>	<b>\$103,146.91</b>	<b>\$111,150.00</b>	
<b>Cemetery</b>				
Dividend Transfer		\$782.36		
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$782.36</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$406,350.00</b>	<b>\$402,861.49</b>	<b>\$441,350.00</b>	
<b>General Income-Expenses</b>	<b>-\$259,450.00</b>	<b>\$1,408,185.36</b>	<b>-\$308,850.00</b>	
<b>Outside Voted Appropriations</b>				
Blake Memorial Library		\$2,398.00		

Clara Martin Center		\$1,652.00		
CVT. Council on Aging		\$500.00		
Northeast Ski Slope		\$1,199.00		
Orange County Restorative Justice Ctr.		\$125.00		
Orange East Senior Ctr.		\$3,500.00		
Safeline		\$500.00		
Little Rivers Health Care		\$1,100.00		
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH		\$4,000.00		
Tri-Valley Transit		\$850.00		
Topsham/Corinth Little League		\$500.00		
Orange County Parent Child Ctr.		\$500.00		
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		<b>\$16,824.00</b>		
<b>School Payments</b>		\$1,432,899.67		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$406,350.00</b>	<b>\$1,852,585.16</b>	<b>\$441,350.00</b>	
<b>General Fund Income-Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$259,450.00</b>	<b>-\$41,538.31</b>	<b>-\$308,850.00</b>	
<b>TOWN HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS</b>				
	<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	
<b>Highway Revenues</b>				
Monies Carried Forward	\$154,200.00		\$132,700.00	
Property Taxes		\$450,200.00		
HWY State Aid	\$131,000.00	\$140,467.26	\$135,000.00	
Grant Money	\$26,000.00	\$33,090.00		
MacDonald Fund Monies		\$10,196.00	*	
Building Fund Interest		\$262.28		
Sale of Equipment		\$1,000.00		
Insurance Claim Monies		\$1,651.20		
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>	<b>\$311,200.00</b>	<b>\$636,866.74</b>	<b>\$267,700.00</b>	
* Added to Building Fund				
<b>Highway Payroll Expenses</b>				
Regular Employees	\$150,000.00	\$144,074.26	\$170,000.00	
FICA	\$11,500.00	\$10,788.22	\$14,000.00	
Health Insurance	\$40,000.00	\$23,067.66	\$30,000.00	
VMERS Retirement	\$2,500.00	\$1,553.81	\$6,000.00	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$204,000.00</b>	<b>\$179,483.95</b>	<b>\$220,000.00</b>	
<b>Town Garage Expenses</b>				
Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,163.33	\$1,200.00	
Training	\$400.00		\$400.00	
Mileage	\$450.00	\$167.50	\$450.00	
Telephone	\$700.00	\$725.26	\$750.00	
Heat	\$4,500.00	\$7,922.95	\$7,500.00	
Electricity	\$2,750.00	\$2,532.60	\$3,000.00	
Porta-Potty	\$1,500.00	\$1,680.00	\$1,800.00	

Garage Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$1,702.66	\$2,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$381.25	\$2,500.00	
Building Construction	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
<b>TOTAL TOWN GARAGE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,275.55</b>	<b>\$34,600.00</b>	
<b>General Highway Expenses</b>				
Fuel	\$50,000.00	\$56,993.05	\$70,000.00	
Supplies	\$7,500.00	\$9,261.41	\$10,000.00	
Advertising	\$200.00	\$528.68	\$250.00	
Radio Contract	\$1,000.00	\$920.10	\$1,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	\$20,000.00	\$16,511.34	\$20,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	\$25,000.00	\$16,623.81	\$25,000.00	
Accident (Insurance Deductible)				
Equipment	\$80,000.00	\$43,834.78	\$80,000.00	
Highway Equipment Fund				
Engineering Costs	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Uniforms	\$3,500.00	\$2,406.04	\$3,500.00	
Misc. Expense (Occupation Drug Testing)	\$200.00	\$110.00	\$200.00	
Permits	\$2,500.00	\$1,350.00	\$2,500.00	
Vance Land/Buildings Hazard Inspec.		\$922.00		
Vance Land Purchase		\$36,167.64		
Vance Land Survey		\$3,445.00		
Vance Land Clean Up		\$71,750.00		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL HGWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$194,900.00</b>	<b>\$260,823.85</b>	<b>\$217,450.00</b>	
<b>Road Maintenance</b>				
Hired Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$11,255.00	\$15,000.00	
Gravel	\$5,000.00	\$162.40	\$5,000.00	
Sta-Pac	\$45,000.00	\$35,549.29	\$50,000.00	
Salt	\$35,000.00	\$20,582.49	\$40,000.00	
Sand	\$35,000.00	\$37,687.50	\$35,000.00	
Paving	\$133,500.00	\$101,027.94	\$120,000.00	
Chloride	\$24,000.00	\$18,020.00	\$25,000.00	
Cold Patch	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Stone	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	
Erosion Control	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Culverts	\$7,500.00	\$7,718.94	\$7,500.00	
Road Signs	\$1,000.00	\$1,114.86	\$1,000.00	
Guard Rails	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Bridge Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	
Grant Expenditures(Ditching Projects)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	
<b>Total Road Maintenance</b>	<b>\$331,500.00</b>	<b>\$233,118.42</b>	<b>\$336,500.00</b>	
<b>Total Hwy. Expenditures</b>	<b>\$761,400.00</b>	<b>\$689,701.77</b>	<b>\$808,550.00</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$450,200.00</b>	<b>-\$52,835.03</b>	<b>-\$540,850.00</b>	
<b>Cemetery Revenues</b>	<b>Budget 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	
Monies Carried Forward	\$7,500.00		\$7,100.00	

Property Taxes		\$8,750.00		
Sale of Lots		\$1,200.00		
Interest		\$57.61		
Dividends (Waits River Cemetery)		\$58.68		
Dividends (East Topsham Cemetery)		\$535.13		
Donations/Gifts				
<b>Total Cemetery Revenues</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,601.42</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>	
<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>				
Welch Road Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,600.00	\$1,945.00	\$1,700.00	
Waits River Cemetery Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$2,190.00	\$4,000.00	
Old Cemetery Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$2,240.00	\$4,000.00	
Development Costs	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	
Dues	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Flags	\$600.00	\$743.75	\$850.00	
East Topsham Cemetery Maintenance		\$4,225.00		
<b>Total Cemetery Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,250.00</b>	<b>\$11,343.75</b>	<b>\$14,600.00</b>	
<b>CEMETERY REVENUES/EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$8,750.00</b>	<b>-\$9,398.75</b>	<b>-\$7,500.00</b>	
<b>ARPA INCOME</b>		<b>\$181,533.65</b>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$465,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,640,048.66</b>	<b>\$407,300.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,184,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,553,630.68</b>	<b>\$1,264,500.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$718,400.00</b>	<b>\$86,417.98</b>	<b>-\$857,200.00</b>	

OTHER ACCOUNTS				
	Surplus Fund	Reappraisal Account CD	HOOD Fund	HWY Building Fund CD
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$106,245.82</b>	<b>\$132,773.00</b>	<b>\$131,806.64</b>	<b>\$171,286.73</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Interest	\$337.11	\$467.73		\$533.72
Capital Gains			\$7,404.16	
General Fund Surplus	\$6,479.00			
Act 60 Reappraisal Monies		\$7,233.50		
2020 Budgeted Monies				\$15,000.00
MacDonald Family Trust Monies				\$9,509.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,816.11</b>	<b>\$7,701.23</b>	<b>\$7,404.16</b>	<b>\$25,042.72</b>
<b>Balance December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$113,061.93</b>	<b>\$140,474.23</b>	<b>\$139,210.80</b>	<b>\$196,329.45</b>
<b>CEMETERY ACCOUNTS</b>				
	Cemetery Fidelity Fund	Welch Road Cemetery CD	Waits River Cemetery MM	East Topsham Cemetery Accounts
<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$53,455.77</b>	<b>\$33,653.01</b>	<b>\$21,731.45</b>	<b>\$73,729.98</b>
Interest		\$117.99	\$10.83	\$415.11
Dividends	\$581.78			\$397.94
Capital Gains	\$9,507.96			
Sale of Lots (2021)	\$0.00	\$1,200.00		
MacDonald Family Trust Distribution				\$9,509.00
Donations				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,089.74</b>	<b>\$1,317.99</b>	<b>\$10.83</b>	<b>\$10,322.05</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Distributions				
West Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 24.1%	\$140.21			
Topsham (Waits River Cemetery) - 7.50%	\$43.63			
East Topsham Cemetery Assn. - 68.40%	\$397.94			
Builtwell Fencing (new vinyl fence)				
Thomas Flannigan (Brush Clearing)				\$300.00
C & A Property Maintenance (mowing)				\$3,330.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$581.78</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,630.00</b>
<b>Balance December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$62,963.73</b>	<b>\$34,971.00</b>	<b>\$21,742.28</b>	<b>\$80,422.03</b>

\*\* - Only **earnings** from the funds can be expended by the voters  
(Original amount of \$63,479.70 must be maintained)



2022 TOWN PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>PURCHASE DATE</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
TRUCK, 10 WHEELER	4700 SF WITH PLOW	8/24/2021	\$ 164,679.00	\$ 94,370.10
TRUCK	2015 KENWORTH	2/8/2016	\$ 191,049.00	
TRUCK WITH PLOW	2014 KENWORTH	6/16/2016	\$ 143,235.00	
HAY BALE SHREDDER	TM 20-K	6/6/2022	\$ 8,680.33	
TRUCK, 1 TON	2008 F-550	7/30/2020	\$ 18,000.00	
PLOW	VIKING	12/17/2018	\$ 7,550.00	
PLOW FOR F-350		10/3/2015	\$ 1,000.00	
PLOW		3/20/2014	\$ 7,425.00	
PLOW		12/28/2020	\$ 6,450.00	
WING		12/8/2014	\$ 2,914.67	
BACKHOE/LOADER	2011 CATERPILLAR 420 E	9/6/2011	\$ 89,000.00	
CATERPILLAR LOADER		10/3/2019	\$ 65,245.00	
GRADER	JOHN DEERE 672 D	7/22/2007	\$ 205,750.00	
FRONT END LOADER	1985 CASE	7/1/2010	\$ 1,700.00	
FRONT END LOADER	1985 CASE	7/1/2010	\$ 1,700.00	
FRONT END LOADER	1984 CASE	6/1/2013	\$ 1,865.00	
ROAD SMOOTHING RAKE	YORK	5/1/2008	\$ 5,600.00	
CARGO TRAILER	1968 3/4 TON	10/1/2010	\$ 100.00	
TOWN HALL, OFFICE & GARAGE				
NEMRC COMPUTER SOFTWARE				
GRAND LIST		6/21/1905	\$ 2,000.00	
ANIMAL LICENSING		6/21/1905		
PAYROLL		6/27/1905	\$ 1,795.00	
CASH RECEIPTS		6/27/1905	\$ 1,795.00	
GENERAL LEDGER		6/29/1905	\$ 1,795.00	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		6/30/1905	\$ 1,795.00	
CAPTAP II CAMA		6/28/1905	\$ 2,320.00	
MARRIAGE SOFTWARE		3/14/2011	\$ 300.00	
MAPPING SOFTWARE		7/1/1905	\$ 1,262.00	
LAMINATOR	TAHSIN	5/23/2011	\$ 399.95	
LASER PRINTER/FAX/SCANNER	HP 1536	10/28/2013	\$ 319.99	
COMPUTER - LISTERS, OFFICE	HP ENVY DESKTOP	7/11/1905	\$ 699.98	
PRINTER - LISTER'S OFFICE	LASERJET 1320	6/28/1905		
PRINTER - LISTER'S OFFICE (STATE)	BROTHER TN 630		NA	
MONITOR - LISTERS' OFFICE (2)	HP 24 YH	7/11/1905	\$ 69.95	
COMPUTER	ACER	1/14/2013	\$ 1,074.00	
COPIER	CANNON	7/19/2014	\$ 3,652.00	
LAPTOP COMPUTER, AUDITORS	HP PAVILLION	2/8/2016	\$ 549.99	
LAPTOP, TOWN OFFICE	HP	11/23/2020	\$ 529.99	
COMPUTER	LEVNOVO	11/14/2016	\$ 399.99	
COMPUTER MONITOR	HP W2082 a	12/31/2016	\$ 79.99	
COMPUTER MONITOR	HP W 2371 b			

FAX MACHINE	HP 1050	11/1/2008	\$ 120.00	
PAPER SHREDDER (LISTERS)	TRU-RED	12/7/2022	\$ 219.99	
DIGITAL CAMERA	KODAK # M 863	8/0/2006	\$ 113.99	
DIGITAL CAMERA	onn	9/12/2018	\$ 28.77	
LAND FOR CEMETERY	3 ACRES	2/1/2006	\$ 4,000.00	
LAND ON US 302 FROM A.O.T.	1 ACRE	7/1/2008	\$ 0	
LAND ON POWDER SPRING RD	1/2 ACRE	3/7/2007	\$ 1,070.19	
LAND ON BEN DEXTER ROAD	11 ACES	3/6/2017	\$ 44,433.16	
LAND ON TOPSHAM-CORINTH RD.	9.8 ACRES	2/28/2022	\$ 36,167.64	

VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS - 2022 (No Employee Wages Included)		
VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
AFLAC	\$1,190.80	INSURANCE WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES
AIRGAS USA LLC	\$302.94	COMPRESSED OXYGEN CYLINDER
ALL STATES ASPHALT INC.	\$18,020.00	CHLORIDE
AMERICAN CONSULTATING ENGIN.	\$3,445.00	SURVEY FOR VANCE PROPERTY
APEX SOFTWARE	\$215.00	SOFTWARE FOR LISTERS
APPLETON, CAROL	\$114.75	BALLOT CLERK
APPLETON, KARA	\$102.09	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
ARROW CENTRAL	\$7,718.94	CULVERTS
ATG LEBANON LLC	\$2,931.40	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
BARBER, AARON & SUSAN	\$156.08	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BEDELL, WILLIAM	\$54.63	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BELKNAP, KAREN	\$712.15	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BETHEL MILLS	\$24.16	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$2,398.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
BOUDREAU TIRE SERVICE	\$880.86	TIRE SERVICES
BOUFFARD, MARC	\$13.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
BROCK & BROCK PLLC	\$492.00	LEGAL FEES
BUERMAYER, HENRY	\$10.00	HEALTH OFFICER REIMBURSEMENT
C & A PROPERTY MAINTENANC	\$9,350.00	CEMETERY MOWING
CAI TECHNOLOGIES	\$2,000.00	TAX MAPS
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA	\$776.69	COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
CARGILL INC.	\$20,582.49	HIGHWAY SALT
CASELLA WASTE MGT INC.	\$96,193.73	RUBBISH REMOVAL
CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNICA	\$110.10	HIGHWAY PAGER SERVICE
CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CHIEF CRUSHING & EXCAVATI	\$34,572.40	SAND SCREENING/STA-PAC MATERIAL
CLARA MARTIN CENTER	\$1,652.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
CLARK, MEGAN	\$750.00	WEBSITE
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	\$179.98	OFFICE SUPPLIES
COMMUNITY BANK N.A.	\$40.00	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX RENT
CONDON, LINDA	\$390.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES
COPIES & MORE	\$1,440.00	PRINTING TOWN REPORT
CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SRV.	\$1,252.38	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
COUNTY OF ORANGE	\$26,649.20	COUNTY TAX
CTERT	\$7,500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
DENAGY, GEORGE & FILOMENA	\$382.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
DODGE, LOUISE	\$114.75	BALLOT CLERK
DORSO, DAVID	\$3,670.13	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
EAST CORINTH GENERAL STORE	\$24.33	HIGHWAY FUEL
EAST CORINTH POSTMASTER	\$1,097.98	POSTAGE
EASTERN SALES INC.	\$190.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES

EMERSON, BARRY & KRISTEN	\$439.57	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
E-TECH CONSULTING SERVICE	\$4,672.00	VANCE PROPERTY INSPECTION
FLANNIGAN, CYNTHIA	\$373.48	REIMBURSEMENT FOR ONLINE MTGS/SUPPLIES
FMS (NAPA) AUTO PARTS, LLC	\$8,739.55	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
GOOD-WAY DOCUMENT SERVICE	\$2.50	STORAGE OF MICROFILM
GRAMPS COUNTRY STORE	\$105.20	FUEL
GREAT PLANNING TECHNOLOGY	\$560.00	COMPUTER UPDATE- LISTER
HATHAWAY'S A2Z	\$260.00	FURNACE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
HAYWARD-MILLER, BROOKE	\$2,200.00	TRANSFER STATION FEE
HEATH, RICHARD	\$250.00	CUSTODIAL SERVICES
HOOD, SUSAN	\$203.75	REIMBURSEMENT, BALLOT CLERK
IDS	\$158.76	DOG TAGS
IRVING ENERGY	\$71,640.22	FUEL
JORDAN EQUIPMENT CO.	\$2,150.56	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
JOURNAL OPINION INC.	\$273.80	ADVERTISING
K & R PORTABLE RESTROOMS	\$1,680.00	PORTA POTTY FOR TOWN GARAGE
KIDDER, JIMMY	\$850.00	OFFICE EQUIPMENT
KOFILE PRESERVATION INC	\$471.74	OFFICE SUPPLIES
LABATE, DANIEL	\$39.68	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
LANQUE, BERNARD & ABIGAIL	\$476.46	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
LAROCHE TOWING & RECOVERY	\$1,362.50	TOWING
LIMLAW CHIPPING & LAND CLEAR.	\$7,400.00	ROADSIDE MOWING
LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE	\$1,100.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
LIVINGSTON, LINDA	\$193.79	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
LONGTO TREE SERVICE	\$1,250.00	TREE SERVICE
MAGOUN, MARTIN	\$700.05	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MARSH, EVAN & ALAINA	\$412.69	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MCCULLOUGH CRUSHING INC.	\$29,088.80	STAY-PACK
MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCIAL SRV.	\$35,154.45	TRUCK PAYMENT
MILLER WELDING & REPAIR	\$600.00	REPAIRS
MINER, JESSICA	\$869.00	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
MONTPELIER STOVE & FLAG WORKS	\$743.75	FLAGS
MVP HEALTH CARE INC.	\$26,447.66	EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE
NEMRC	\$8,206.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
NEW ENGLAND KENWORTH	\$547.98	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT MAINT. & REPAIRS
NEW ENGLAND TRUCK TIRE	\$2,491.34	HIGHWAY TIRES
NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE M	\$1,007.16	DUES
NORTHEAST MATERIALS GROUP	\$6,460.49	HIGHWAY- STAYPACK
NORTHEAST SKI SLOPE	\$1,199.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$214.75	HIGHWAY PARTS
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTER	\$110.00	DRUG TESTING
OLIVERIAN AUTOMOTIVE	\$4,466.47	HIGHWAY REPAIRS
ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHIL	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE	\$125.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
ORANGE EAST SENIOR CENTER	\$3,500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
OTTERMAN, DONNA	\$306.00	BALLOT CLERK

OTTERMAN & ALLEN	\$140.00	LEGAL FEES
OWEN, RICHARD & AMY	\$59.07	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
PARTINGTON, ROBERT & PAMELA	\$448.70	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
PETE'S TIRE BARNS, INC.	\$8,675.10	TIRES
PIKCOMM	\$1,094.50	HIGHWAY TRUCK RADIO SERVICE
PIKE INDUSTRIES	\$101,027.94	PAVING
PIRE, EDWARD & SUSAN	\$118.04	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
POWERNET GLOBAL COMMUNICA	\$371.94	LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE
PRATT, SUSAN	\$255.00	BALLOT CLERK
PUTNEY, CHRISTOPHER & HEATHER	\$997.07	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
RIDGERUNNER PROPERTY MAINT.	\$757.65	APPLIANCE REPAIRS
ROGERS, SARAH	\$57.37	BALLOT CLERK
ROUTE 5 AUTO	\$90.00	HWY PROPANE
SAFELINE INC.	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
SAVIGNANO, RICHARD & VIRGINIA	\$150.94	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
SEAM SOLUTIONS	\$400.00	PROFESSIONAL FEES
SIDNEY SMITH TRUCKING	\$6,232.50	HIGHWAY HIRED EQUIPMENT
SINSIGALL, MISTY	\$5.02	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
SMITH, BRIAN	\$167.50	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON	\$1,109.67	HIGHWAY EXPENSES
STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$986.89	OFFICE SUPPLIES
STATE OF VERMONT	\$1,350.00	HIGHWAY PERMITS
TAYLOR, JEFFREY L. CLIENT TRUST	\$36,167.64	VANCE PROPERTY PURCHASE
THE BRIDGE WEEKLY	\$142.10	ADVERTISING
THE TIMES ARGUS	\$40.04	ADVERTISING
THE WORLD	\$70.14	ADVERTISING
TOMLINSON, YVETTE	\$229.50	BALLOT CLERK
TOPSHAM TELEPHONE CO.	\$2,244.60	TELEPHONE BILL
TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LE	\$500.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TOWN OF BARRE	\$67,646.91	AMBULANCE CONTRACT
TRI-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION	\$850.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TRI-VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$28,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
TURBO TECHNOLOGIES	\$8,680.33	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT
TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE R	\$1,894.00	DUES
UNDERCOVER TENTS	\$1,359.57	TENT RENTAL
UNIFIRST CORPORATION	\$2,406.04	HIGHWAY UNIFORMS
UNITED AG & TURF	\$1,512.50	HIGHWAY SUPPLIES
UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$55,132.44	IRS EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$1,416.35	ENVELOPES
VALLEY NEWS	\$54.40	ADVERTISING
VERMONT ASSESSORS & LISTE	\$50.00	ANNUAL DUES
VERMONT DOOR COMPANY	\$121.25	GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS
VERMONT FIRE EXTINGUISHER	\$110.00	INSPECTION
VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$2,621.00	WORKSHIP & DUES
VERMONT DEPT. OF MOTOR VEH.	\$401.00	REGISTRATIONS
VERMONT DEPT. OF TAXES	\$7,307.82	STATE EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDING TAXES
VERMONT OFFENDER WORK PRO	\$60.00	OFFICE SUPPLIES

VERMONT STATE TREASURER	\$1,618.00	DOG & MARRIAGE LICENSES
VIKING-CIVES USA	\$7,836.06	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT & REPAIRS
VIETMEIER, HANNAH	\$54.58	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
VLCT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE	\$1,276.00	INSURANCE
VLCT PACIF	\$28,879.00	INSURANCE
VMCTA	\$35.00	DUES & TRAINING
VMERS DB	\$2,630.04	RETIREMENT PLAN
VNA & HOSPICE OF VT AND N	\$4,000.00	VOTED APPROPRIATION
WAITS RIVER COUNTRY STORE	\$101.98	ELECTION COSTS
WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL	\$1,432,899.67	PROPERTY TAX EDUCATION PAYMENTS
WALKER'S WELDING	\$2,000.00	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
WARD'S EXCAVATION & CONCRETE	\$68,000.00	VANCE PROPERTY CLEAN-UP
WASHINGTON ELECTRIC CO-OP	\$3,936.09	ELECTRIC BILLS
WELCH, DONALD	\$127.13	PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT
WEST TOPSHAM CEMETERY ASS	\$188.55	DIVIDENDS
WORKSAFE TCI INC.	\$1,114.86	HIGHWAY ROAD SIGNS
<b>TOTAL VENDOR PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$2,376,913.60</b>	

**2022 WAGE REPORT**

<b>TOWN CLERK/TREASURER</b>	<b>ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>ANNUAL WAGE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	Cynthia Flannigan (Clerk/Treas.)	\$40,862.75	
	Polly Stryker (Assistant)	\$1,206.00	
	Eva Downing (Office Assistant)	\$4,616.25	
	Susan Hood (Office Assistant)	\$3,315.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>			
	James Bulger	\$1,600.00	
	Bradford Calhoun	\$1,600.00	
	Larry Hart	\$1,600.00	
	Carl Hildebrandt	\$1,600.00	
	Thomas Otterman	\$1,600.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>			
	Janice Emerson	\$2,700.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>
<b>AUDITORS</b>			
	Elaine Smith	376.00	
	Karen Ebbighausen Walker	\$576.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$952.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>LISTERS</b>			
	Heidi Wright	\$0.00	
	Patricia Plaisted	\$7,581.00	
	David John H. Trombley	\$125.50	
	John Hood	\$6,540.65	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,247.15</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b>			
	Cynthia Flannigan (Tax Penalty)	\$10,191.77	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,191.77</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY</b>			
	Peter L. Arnold	\$520.00	
	Tony Davidson	\$50,037.81	
	Aaron Smith	\$13,505.00	
	Brian Smith	\$10,289.63	
	Cameron Trischman	\$8,043.01	
	Guy D. Welch	\$61,678.81	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$144,074.26</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>CUSTODIAN</b>			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION MONITOR</b>			
	Roger Vance	\$2,883.39	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,883.39</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>			
	Michele Boyer	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>			
	Henry Buermeyer	\$56.48	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56.48</b>	
<b>CONSTABLE:</b>	David Mott	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>ELECTION WORKERS</b>	Susan Hood	\$89.25	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89.25</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>233,194.30</b>	

**2022 TOPSHAM GRAND LIST**

<u>Year</u>		<u>Town Grand List</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2016-Municipal		\$1,066,592.16	\$0.7156
2016-Non Residential Education		\$464,025.90	\$1.3731
2016-Homestead Education		\$602,566.26	\$1.2700
2017-Municipal		\$1,076,657.16	\$0.6764
2017-Non Residential Education		\$464,580.90	\$1.3464
2017-Homestead Education		\$612,076.26	\$1.3084
2018-Municipal		\$1,079,253.16	\$0.7074
2018-Non Residential Education		\$462,038.90	\$1.4220
2018-Homestead Education		\$617,214.26	\$1.2867
2019-Municipal		\$1,083,096.16	\$0.7145
2019-Non Residential Education		\$482,204.90	\$1.4735
2019 Homestead Education		\$600,891.26	\$1.3187
2020 - General Fund		\$1,087,711.16	\$0.7336
2020 - Homestead Education		\$581,536.26	\$1.4866
2020 - Non Homestead Education		\$508,206.90	\$1.5838
2021-General Fund		\$1,099,993.16	\$0.7040
2021-Homestead Education		\$586,924.26	\$1.4791
2021-Non Homestead Education		\$513,068.90	\$1.6005
2022-General Fund		\$1,111,580.26	\$0.6668
2022-Homestead Education		\$592,738.26	\$1.4138
2022-Non-Homestead Education		\$518,842.00	\$1.5165
<b><u>Statement of Taxes Raised in 2022</u></b>			
Municipality Taxes Billed	\$0.6668	\$1,111,580.26	\$741,201.61
Homestead Education Taxes	\$1.4138	\$592,738.26	\$838,013.37
Taxes Billed, Non-Resident Ed.	\$1.5165	\$518,842.00	\$786,824.13
HS-122 Penalty			\$985.93
Town Payments/Penalty Billed by State			\$150.00
State Land			\$12,656.79
Land Use			\$77,910.00
Pilot Payment			\$615.00
<b>TOTAL TAXES BILLED</b>			<b>\$2,458,356.83</b>
Accounted for as follows:			
Municipality Fund			\$132,787.13
Highway Fund			\$450,200.00
Cemetery Fund			\$8,750.00
School Fund			\$1,424,766.00
HS-122 Paid Direct to School			\$213,538.64
<b>Total Local Taxes Collected</b>			<b>\$2,230,041.77</b>
State Land Collected			\$12,656.79
Land Use Collected			\$77,910.00
Pilot Program			\$615.00
Overpaid Amounts			-\$31.95
Paid in Previous Year			\$0.00
Underpaid Amounts			\$0.00
Delinquent			\$137,165.22
<b>BILLED TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR 2022</b>			<b>\$2,458,356.83</b>



PROPERTY IN CURRENT USE (2022)	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACREAGE	LAND USE EXEMPT	TAXABLE VALUE
ADAMS MARK	\$ 83,400.00	25.90	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 52,600.00
BARRETT EDWARD	\$ 184,800.00	98.00	\$ 86,600.00	\$ 98,200.00
BATTEN MIKAEL	\$ 181,700.00	38.80	\$ 44,100.00	\$ 137,600.00
BATTEN MIKAEL, BURNS ALETA	\$ 83,500.00	43.00	\$ 52,300.00	\$ 31,200.00
BRILLHART JONATHAN G	\$ 263,000.00	114.20	\$ 75,900.00	\$ 187,100.00
BROCKARDT JAMES W	\$ 66,200.00	57.40	\$ 56,600.00	\$ 9,600.00
BROWN WILLIAM & ANGELA	\$ 115,900.00	73.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 53,400.00
BRUNET CRAIG	\$ 495,600.00	238.60	\$ 162,300.00	\$ 333,300.00
BULGER JAMES H	\$ 209,500.00	74.12	\$ 81,300.00	\$ 128,200.00
CALLEY CHARLES M REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 97,200.00	72.50	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 64,300.00
CAPIZZI THOMAS SR FAMILY TRUST	\$ 213,200.00	102.00	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 125,200.00
CARLONE MICHAEL F & DONNA A	\$ 153,300.00	234.00	\$ 85,200.00	\$ 68,100.00
CLARK JAMES & NANCY	\$ 260,700.00	86.00	\$ 80,700.00	\$ 180,000.00
CLARK JAMES H	\$ 299,000.00	164.00	\$ 113,200.00	\$ 185,800.00
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP LLC	\$ 142,700.00	121.00	\$ 102,600.00	\$ 40,100.00
COOPER ABIGAIL	\$ 94,800.00	47.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 35,100.00
CRIDER LEE TRUSTEE OF	\$ 278,800.00	30.10	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 237,700.00
DAILEY TIMOTHY R SR	\$ 72,600.00	45.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 24,100.00
DELEIRE JOHN	\$ 145,500.00	65.50	\$ 67,700.00	\$ 77,800.00
DEMICO RALPH J	\$ 285,900.00	39.20	\$ 44,700.00	\$ 241,200.00
DENAGY GEORGE S	\$ 326,700.00	221.30	\$ 122,300.00	\$ 204,400.00
DENAGY JOHN B	\$ 213,100.00	28.00	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 180,200.00
DORSO DAVID	\$ 245,100.00	75.20	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 168,100.00
DOW GLENN C	\$ 238,600.00	88.00	\$ 79,500.00	\$ 159,100.00
DOWLIN NATHAN	\$ 128,800.00	86.00	\$ 111,100.00	\$ 17,700.00
FOSTER SUE M & THOMAS APPLETON TRUSTEES	\$ 340,300.00	85.80	\$ 72,200.00	\$ 268,100.00
FOSTER SUE MILLER TRUSTEE	\$ 412,800.00	44.90	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 355,300.00
GABLE CRAIG A	\$ 191,100.00	198.00	\$ 158,600.00	\$ 32,500.00
GANDIN GREG A	\$ 109,700.00	98.00	\$ 58,400.00	\$ 51,300.00
GAUDIN LAURENT M	\$ 270,700.00	146.50	\$ 114,100.00	\$ 156,600.00
GODINA JOHN M JR	\$ 65,200.00	33.00	\$ 59,800.00	\$ 5,400.00
GODINA JOHN M JR	\$ 306,700.00	60.10	\$ 79,800.00	\$ 226,900.00
GOLDEN SUSAN	\$ 44,100.00	24.90	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 26,700.00
GREENE TARI	\$ 243,200.00	146.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ 152,200.00
GRIMES & NOLAN REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 40,800.00	50.00	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 8,200.00
HALL CHRISTOPHER D	\$ 238,900.00	84.00	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 174,100.00
HARKINS PHILIP J TRUSTEE OF THE	\$ 1,422,700.00	504.20	\$ 278,100.00	\$ 1,144,600.00

HARRINGTON SHIRLEY S	\$ 298,100.00	64.25	\$ 68,200.00	\$ 229,900.00
HAZLETT FAMILY TRUST	\$ 6,500.00	6.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
HEIDENREICH JAMES CARR	\$ 254,700.00	82.00	\$ 78,800.00	\$ 175,900.00
HEIDENREICH JOHN WILLIAM	\$ 244,600.00	102.60	\$ 70,800.00	\$ 173,800.00
HEIDENREICH TOBY	\$ 55,800.00	32.90	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 7,000.00
HERMAN SHEILA	\$ 308,400.00	52.50	\$ 72,100.00	\$ 236,300.00
HERMITAGE TRUST	\$ 123,400.00	61.00	\$ 57,800.00	\$ 65,600.00
HERSEY TAMARA	\$ 157,200.00	187.00	\$ 125,200.00	\$ 32,000.00
HOOD GEORGE E JR	\$ 49,800.00	28.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 23,400.00
HOOD GEORGE E JR	\$ 195,900.00	68.00	\$ 60,700.00	\$ 135,200.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$ 66,600.00	42.50	\$ 59,400.00	\$ 7,200.00
HOOD HAROLD JR & BENJAMIN	\$ 139,400.00	120.20	\$ 99,200.00	\$ 40,200.00
HUGHES THOMAS	\$ 91,500.00	108.00	\$ 77,600.00	\$ 13,900.00
HUNGERFORD HOPE	\$ 150,000.00	175.00	\$ 119,500.00	\$ 30,500.00
JENCKS HELEN	\$ 296,500.00	129.00	\$ 97,700.00	\$ 198,800.00
JOHNSON WILLIAM F	\$ 295,500.00	156.90	\$ 112,800.00	\$ 182,700.00
KARPOWICH FAMILY LLC	\$ 370,400.00	169.00	\$ 126,200.00	\$ 244,200.00
LAMSON ALBERT	\$ 400,100.00	176.00	\$ 130,400.00	\$ 269,700.00
LANOUE BERNARD	\$ 199,900.00	38.20	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 140,900.00
LARSON TODD	\$ 56,800.00	33.80	\$ 36,600.00	\$ 20,200.00
LEAVITT GARTH	\$ 154,800.00	183.00	\$ 124,700.00	\$ 30,100.00
LENTZ FAMILY TRUST	\$ 89,900.00	58.00	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 33,400.00
LIMLAW BRUCE E TRUST	\$ 721,500.00	281.00	\$ 150,600.00	\$ 570,900.00
LINNELL CONSTANCE E REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 333,200.00	85.55	\$ 67,700.00	\$ 265,500.00
LINZ GARY S	\$ 140,400.00	131.61	\$ 76,300.00	\$ 64,100.00
LIPSKAR SIMON	\$ 687,400.00	168.00	\$ 138,400.00	\$ 549,000.00
MAGOUN MARTIN GRANT	\$ 186,700.00	58.05	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 121,900.00
MANDATTA ROBERT G	\$ 286,900.00	65.50	\$ 67,900.00	\$ 219,000.00
MANNING GREGORY A	\$ 105,400.00	88.00	\$ 69,500.00	\$ 35,900.00
MARTINEAU DAVID	\$ 103,800.00	36.70	\$ 49,200.00	\$ 54,600.00
MEADOWSEND TIMBERLAND LTD	\$ 1,006,700.00	970.40	\$ 634,300.00	\$ 372,400.00
MEJIA JEAN CHRISTIE REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 49,200.00	67.60	\$ 38,100.00	\$ 11,100.00
MILBURN NICHOLAS B	\$ 298,700.00	36.70	\$ 55,800.00	\$ 242,900.00
MONTGOMERY TIMBER COMPANY LLC	\$ 235,900.00	262.00	\$ 186,200.00	\$ 49,700.00
MOORE CYNTHIA M TRUST	\$ 131,600.00	113.00	\$ 113,000.00	\$ 18,600.00
MOORE CYNTHIA M TRUST	\$ 343,200.00	497.00	\$ 258,000.00	\$ 85,200.00
NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION INC	\$ 91,200.00	76.10	\$ 78,200.00	\$ 13,000.00
NORTON-HAWK MAUREEN A	\$ 75,400.00	36.30	\$ 38,600.00	\$ 36,800.00

PACILIO VINCENT E	\$ 132,500.00	188.00	\$ 88,900.00	\$ 43,600.00
PARRISH ROY G II	\$ 214,900.00	221.00	\$ 124,900.00	\$ 90,000.00
PASCHALL DOUGLAS	\$ 124,900.00	38.00	\$ 43,400.00	\$ 81,500.00
PERRY DENNIS II	\$ 38,600.00	17.60	\$ 31,300.00	\$ 7,300.00
PETERSON BARBARA M & TIMOTHY H	\$ 168,900.00	161.00	\$ 121,100.00	\$ 47,800.00
PLANT ALBERT A	\$ 240,600.00	242.30	\$ 105,400.00	\$ 135,200.00
POST STEPHEN	\$ 106,100.00	25.00	\$ 35,100.00	\$ 71,000.00
POULSON JR RONALD E	\$ 50,300.00	37.00	\$ 44,200.00	\$ 6,100.00
POWERS L BARRY	\$ 279,800.00	275.80	\$ 179,500.00	\$ 100,300.00
POWERS L BARRY	\$ 155,900.00	5.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 145,600.00
POWERS L BARRY & MARY	\$ 292,800.00	62.00	\$ 61,650.00	\$ 231,150.00
POWERS MATTHEW B	\$ 93,500.00	58.50	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
POWERS VICTORIA ROSE	\$ 134,200.00	8.12	\$ 16,424.00	\$ 117,776.00
POWLEY THOMAS N B	\$ 141,200.00	82	\$ 66,900.00	\$ 74,300.00
PRATT FAMILY TRUST	\$ 350,000.00	199.4	\$ 132,900.00	\$ 217,100.00
PUTNAM JUSTIN	\$ 108,200.00	59.1	\$ 54,400.00	\$ 53,800.00
REGULINSKI DOUGLAS	\$ 95,100.00	36.5	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 30,900.00
RINTELL DAVID	\$ 133,800.00	43	\$ 59,200.00	\$ 74,600.00
ROGERS HILL SUGAR MAPLE FARM LLC	\$ 130,200.00	129.4	\$ 68,900.00	\$ 61,300.00
ROHRMAYER FAMILY TRUST	\$ 185,900.00	41.88	\$ 62,100.00	\$ 123,800.00
RYAN MARTIN	\$ 213,000.00	60	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 181,800.00
SANDERS ERIN	\$ 257,200.00	124.4	\$ 100,800.00	\$ 156,400.00
SAWTELLE SCOTT & TIMOTHY	\$ 61,500.00	38	\$ 55,300.00	\$ 6,200.00
SAYLES RICHARD	\$ 54,300.00	50	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 8,500.00
SEVERENS MICHAEL	\$ 75,000.00	50	\$ 54,300.00	\$ 20,700.00
SHERIDAN JAMES	\$ 93,000.00	80	\$ 79,900.00	\$ 13,100.00
SMITH STEVEN M	\$ 160,800.00	27.5	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 129,700.00
SMITH STEVEN M	\$ 189,700.00	231	\$ 129,200.00	\$ 60,500.00
SODERBERG ROGER H REVOCABLE TRUST	\$ 199,500.00	210	\$ 173,500.00	\$ 26,000.00
SOLAR ACRES REALTY TRUST	\$ 194,900.00	22	\$ 25,900.00	\$ 169,000.00
SOROKA GEORGE V ANN C GEORGE L	\$ 140,600.00	28.8	\$ 40,100.00	\$ 100,500.00
STOCKTON R FREDERICK	\$ 103,800.00	98	\$ 87,700.00	\$ 16,100.00
STRYKER POLLY J	\$ 338,100.00	233	\$ 126,400.00	\$ 211,700.00
SWEET ROY	\$ 396,100.00	94.99	\$ 173,400.00	\$ 222,700.00
THOMAS JR FREDERICK B	\$ 60,100.00	29.1	\$ 55,300.00	\$ 4,800.00
THOMAS MIRIAM ESTATE	\$ 216,400.00	285.7	\$ 169,400.00	\$ 47,000.00
THREE TREES FARM LLC	\$ 458,000.00	67.1	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 353,000.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$ 78,200.00	81.3	\$ 64,800.00	\$ 13,400.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$ 276,200.00	501.5	\$ 193,800.00	\$ 82,400.00
TIMBERVEST PARTNERS III VERMONT LLC	\$ 354,500.00	518.84	\$ 269,200.00	\$ 85,300.00
VANDERELS JONATHAN	\$ 43,800.00	30	\$ 38,900.00	\$ 4,900.00
VON HIPPEL PETER H& JOSEPHINE B R TRUST	\$ 195,000.00	250	\$ 149,900.00	\$ 45,100.00
WALKER RAYMOND A	\$ 67,500.00	60	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 9,900.00
WARDINSKI BOOTS	\$ 30,600.00	24.5	\$ 26,600.00	\$ 4,000.00
WATSON PAMELA ELIZABETH SANDERS	\$ 153,000.00	50	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 101,000.00

WIGAN MICHAEL	\$ 550,200.00	711	\$ 437,400.00	\$ 112,800.00
WILCOX RICHARD	\$ 138,600.00	67	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 90,100.00
WITWICKI THOMAS	\$ 206,600.00	27	\$ 37,200.00	\$ 169,400.00
ZANDSTRA NICHOLAS B	\$ 193,200.00	41.5	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 148,700.00
***** GRAND TOTALS	\$ 26,045,600.00	14813.41	\$ 11,082,774.00	\$ 14,962,826.00

<b><u>DELINQUENT TAX NAMES 12/31/2022</u></b>			
ALLARD, DIANA M.	2022	\$794.73	
BARRY, DANIEL J.	2022	\$820.92	
BOSWELL, STEVEN W.	2022	\$3,495.47	
BOWEN, FRANK V.	2022	\$1,417.12	
BURNHAM, RODNEY	2022	\$960.58	
BUTLER, STEVEN V.	2022	\$2,403.09	
CORBETT ESTATE,MARY ELLEN	2020	\$3,633.43	
CORBETT ESTATE,MARY ELLEN	2021	\$4,512.21	
CORBETT ESTATE,MARY ELLEN	2022	\$4,386.25	
DAMATO, FRANCES	2019	\$685.45	
DAMATO, FRANCES	2020	\$1,174.93	
DAMATO, FRANCES	2021	\$1,168.38	
DAMATO, FRANCES	2022	\$1,106.94	
DITCHEOS FAMILY TRUST	2022	\$2,605.03	
DOWNING, AMBER	2022	\$1,427.88	
DOWNING, AMBER	2022	\$772.26	
DOWNING, LUCAS	2022	\$1,726.89	
DOYLE, PAMELA	2022	\$3,495.40	
EMERSON, ALBERT & S.	2022	\$5,108.91	
EMERSON, DEANNE A.	2019	\$831.17	
EMERSON, DEANNE A.	2020	\$690.58	
EMERSON, DEANNE A.	2021	\$686.74	
EMERSON, DEANNE A.	2022	\$650.63	
EMERSON, DENNIS	2022	\$1,449.72	
EMERSON, JANICE	2021	\$752.07	*
EMERSON, JANICE	2022	\$1,115.75	*
EMERSON, JOHN E.	2018	\$575.64	
FLYE, CHRISTOPHER	2022	\$430.31	
FRIEDMAN, JEROME D.	2022	\$2,192.04	*
GOLDEN, SUSAN	2020	\$609.48	
GOLDEN, SUSAN	2021	\$610.69	
GOLDEN, SUSAN	2022	\$582.95	
HAYWARD-MILLR BRO.	2022	\$2,962.74	
LABADIE, KATANA	2020	\$993.05	
LABADIE, KATANA	2021	\$3,330.37	
LABADIE, KATANA	2022	\$3,279.31	
LAHAYE, DARREN	2022	\$2,275.98	
LILLBASK, TORE ESTATE	2021	\$1,942.69	
LILLBASK, TORE ESTATE	2022	\$1,840.52	
MADSEN, BRIAN K.	2022	\$685.56	*
MILLER, MIRANDA	2022	\$72.04	
MONTANDON, HENRY II	2021	\$124.45	
MONTANDON, HENRY II	2022	\$117.90	

MONTANDON, HENRY II	2022	\$849.31	
NOURY, JOSEPH L.	2021	\$1,548.09	
NOURY, JOSEPH L.	2022	\$1,729.18	
OLMSTEAD, FELISHA	2021	\$1,159.38	
OLMSTEAD, FELISHA	2022	\$755.42	
PACILIO, VINCENT E.	2022	\$951.91	
PAYE, HEATHER	2022	\$4,916.79	
PERKINS, JEFFREY	2022	\$895.16	
POWELL, BARBARA	2021	\$7.12	
POWELL, BARBARA	2022	\$947.55	
PRUE, PAUL GREGORY	2022	\$1,827.42	*
RICKER, ROBERT	2022	\$716.12	**
RICKER, ROBERT, DWIGHT	2022	\$2,646.16	
RICKER, ROBERT, DWIGHT,NA	2022	\$1,589.44	
RICKER, ROBERT, DWIGHT,NA	2021	\$780.41	
SMITH, AARON M.	2018	\$951.12	
SMITH, AARON M.	2019	\$1,857.61	
SMITH, AARON M.	2020	\$1,967.48	
SMITH, AARON M.	2021	\$1,956.52	
SMITH, AARON M.	2022	\$1,853.62	
SMITH, ALLEN ESTATE	2022	\$1,214.70	
STEWART, CYNTHIA	2022	\$1,783.76	
THURSTON, FOREST	2022	\$1,174.62	
TUTTLE, FREEMAN H. J.	2021	\$343.33	
TUTTLE, FREEMAN H. J.	2022	\$1,017.03	
WHITING-STANFORD TRUST	2022	\$2,892.87	
WILLIAMS, WESLEY M.	2022	\$919.63	
YELLE, HANNAH	2021	\$177.45	
YELLE, HANNAH	2022	\$168.11	
		\$110,095.56	
* = Taxes Paid in Full after 12/31/22			
** Property Sold after 4/1/2022			

### 2022 Delinquent Tax Statement

Delinquent Tax		Sent to	Collected	State	Revised Tax		Uncollected
Year	Bal. 1/1/2022	Collector	12/31/2022	Payments	Bills after 10/1	Abatement	12/31/2022
2018	\$3,303.35	\$0.00	\$1,776.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,526.76
2019	\$5,581.63	\$0.00	\$2,207.40	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$3,374.23
2020	\$12,269.63	\$0.00	\$3,200.68				\$9,068.95
2021	\$82,183.97	\$0.00	\$63,084.07				\$19,099.90
2022	\$0.00	\$137,165.22	\$60,139.50				\$77,025.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,338.58</b>	<b>\$137,165.22</b>	<b>\$130,408.24</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$110,095.56</b>
		<b>Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent</b>					
	2013	7.80%					
	2014	6.93%					
	2015	8.43%					
	2016	6.90%					
	2017	7.90%					
	2018	7.53%					
	2019	7.21%					
	2020	7.98%					
	2021	6.96%					
	2022	5.79%					

## Property & Casualty Insurance Coverage and Limits Provided

In return for the payment of the contribution and subject to the terms and conditions of this Coverage Document and Member Agreements the Fund agrees to provide the Coverage as stated in this Coverage Document.

### Section II – Property Coverage

10,000,000 any one occurrence for real and personal property, except that with respect to the following type of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any. Flood loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Flood loss under Section II.

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II. This coverage is subject to a \$50,000,000 annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Earthquake loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Municipal Income, Extra Expense and Data Processing Extra Expense combined.
\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Data Processing Systems Equipment
\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Accounts Receivable
\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Valuable Papers and Records
\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Property in Transit
\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Computer Attack and Security Breach

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually with respect to any Act of Terrorism loss. This coverage is subject to a \$500,000,000 any one occurrence and annual aggregate limit for all Fund Members combined with respect to any Act of Terrorism loss under Section II.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined Asbestos Abatement.

\$150,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Pollution Removal and Cleanup.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence unintentional Errors and Omissions in Property Scheduling.

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually for all Fund Members combined Mold.

\$50,000,000 any one occurrence Machinery and Equipment Breakdown, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit shall be:

\$1,000,000 any one occurrence	Utility Interruption
\$ 500,000 any one occurrence	Expedition Expense
\$ 500,000 any one occurrence	Hazardous Substance Contamination
\$ 500,000 any one occurrence	Perishable Goods
\$ 500,000 any one occurrence	Water Damage
\$ 500,000 any one occurrence	Computer Data and Media
\$ 500,000 any one occurrence	Mold or Other Fungi, Wet or Dry Rot, or Bacteria

### III – Casualty Coverage

\$10,000,000 any one occurrence, including suit(s) brought in connection therewith, combined single limit, for all casualty under Section III Agreement C, D and E, except that with respect to the following types of loss the maximum sub-limit of liability shall be:

- A. \$500,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Limited Pollution, except that with respect to road salt application the maximum limit of liability is \$20,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually.
- B. \$250,000 any one occurrence Uninsured Motorist
- C. \$1,000,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Covered Dams
- D. \$15,000 any one occurrence Medical Payments
- E. \$10,000 any one occurrence and in the aggregate annually Sewer Backup

### Section IV – Crime and Fidelity Coverage

\$25,000 any one occurrence	Agreement F – Money and Securities With-in Premises
\$25,000 any one occurrence	Agreement G – Money and Securities Outside of Premises
\$500,000 any one occurrence	Agreement H – Employee Theft and Faithful Performance
\$25,000 any one occurrence	Agreement J a. – Forgery or Alteration
\$25,000 any one occurrence	Agreement J b. – Money Orders and Counterfeit Money
\$25,000 any one occurrence	Agreement J c. – Computer Fraud
\$25,000 any one occurrence	Agreement J d. – Funds Transfer Fraud

### Section V – Public Officials Liability and Section VI – Employment Practices Liability Coverages

\$510,000,000 combined single limit any claim made and/or covered event and in the aggregate annually, including suits brought in connection therewith for all liability under Agreements K and L, except that with respect to the following type of loss under Agreement L, the maximum sub limit shall be:

\$50,000 any claim made Non-Monetary Defense



## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The budget process started in November 2022. We met with town officers and other groups in November, December and January to review their requests for operating funds. The budget was finalized in February 2023.

The proposed amount to be raised by taxes for 2023 is \$ 857,200 (\$308,850 for Town Operations, \$540,850 for Highway and \$7,500 for Cemetery). This is \$138,800 (19.3%) more than the amount for 2022.

The Committee's goal was to create a budget that was close to last year's, but this was not possible in the current financial climate. The increase of 19.3% has several contributing factors. First, an increase in payroll to be more competitive with surrounding towns and other places of employment. Next, an increasing cost of supplies, including fuel for both heat and town equipment, and material to maintain the roads. Finally, an increase in the cost of solid waste services as well as in fire and rescue services.

Town Operations – Taking into account income from state related taxes, income from clerk office fees, interest income and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2022 of \$26,017. Of this amount, \$19,050 is carried forward to 2023 (for equipment, building repair and maintenance, legal fees and other expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2023. The balance of \$6,967 may be used to reduce the amount raised by taxes or put in the Surplus Fund for future expenses. This will be decided by a vote at Town Meeting.

Highway – After taking into account revenue from State Aid and other revenue, there is a surplus from fiscal year 2022 of \$149,546. The Select Board voted at their meeting on February 2, 2023 to carry forward \$132,700 to 2023 (for road maintenance and other highway expenses). This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2023. The Board voted to put the balance of \$12,896 in the Highway Building Fund.

Cemetery – There is a surplus from fiscal year 2022 of \$9,131. Of this amount, \$7,100 is carried forward to 2023 for development and maintenance. This is reflected in the recommended amount to be raised by taxes for 2023. The Select Board voted at their meeting on February 2, 2023 to put the balance of \$2,031 in the Cemetery Fence Fund.

### Budget Committee Members

Janice Emerson (Chair), Donna Otterman, Yvette Tomlinson, James Bulger, Larry Hart Sr., Bradford Calhoun  
Carl Hildebrandt and Thomas Otterman


## SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 2023


The Budget Committee met on November 28, 2022 December 12, 2022, January 9, 2023 and on February 2, 2023 at the Town Hall in East Topsham for the purpose of hearing recommendations for the Town of Topsham Budget for 2023.

The Committee recommends the following as necessary to be raised by taxes to pay the expenses for the town for the ensuing year:

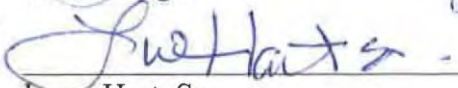
General Fund	\$308,850.00
Highway	\$540,850.00
Cemetery	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Total	\$857,200.00

  
Janice Emerson, Chair

  
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## **2022 SELECTBOARD REPORT**

This year's town meeting will again be held back in the town hall. Though COVID is not completely gone, things are getting back to normal again. Perhaps the only positive of the pandemic resulted in a stream of money from the Federal Government. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds were received by local communities. Topsham's share is \$362,981.72.

The Select Board appointed a committee to research and report back to the board how best to disperse these funds. The committee drew up a survey for community input and carefully developed a list of uses that would best fit Topsham. A special thank you to the committee for their work on this project.

The Planning Commission and Select Board have continued to work on updating the Town Plan. The group strived to develop a plan that incorporated the wishes of our residents. Emphasis was focused on Topsham's unique identity as a community. The plan is nearing completion and will be presented to the community for approval.

This year the Highway Department has struggled with equipment breakdowns and securing a permanent, full time employee. We hired Brian Smith in the fall to join Guy Welch and Tony Davidson. The work to maintain and upgrade the Topsham roads is a never ending job.

Many complaints this year were the result of ditch, drainage and culvert work. The work is done in accordance with the Vermont Clean Water standards and for the most part work is kept within the highway right of way. If residents have any highway concerns, please call the Town garage at 439-5666 and leave a message.

Progress continues on the new town garage with the completed purchase of the Vance farm. Demolition and cleanup of the site is complete. We are now waiting for the site plan design to review so that we can utilize the site. It is the intention of the Board to keep the community updated on the garage progress.

With the recent storms that caused widespread power outages, brings home the need to check on and help our neighbors. Those with health problems and the elderly are the most vulnerable to the cold and loss of power. It's times like COVID and emergencies that we see the true spirit of community. It's not the town officers or committees that make a community, but each and every citizen that make Topsham what it is today. This year we were able to resume our Memorial Day Ceremony and Town picnic. Thank you to Cindy Flannigan for organizing these events.

As we plan for Topsham's future we need to be aware of the financial impact that our decisions have on our citizens. When rising inflation hits our family budgets, the same is true for the town. The Select Board and the Budget Committee have struggled this year to keep costs down while still providing essential services. Topsham has many future needs, but also has many opportunities, if we work together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,  
James Bulger, Select Board Chair

## **2022 AUDITORS' REPORT**

In accordance with Section 3593, V.S. as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, examined the accounts and records of Town Officers, and, to the best of our knowledge, the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present an accurate record of funds handled in the year ending December 31, 2022. We continue to update a procedures' manual for future auditors. We will be conducting periodic reviews of various financial activities of the town throughout the upcoming year.

Term 2023	Brooke Hayward-Miller
Term 2024	Elaine Smith
Term 2025	Stephen Otterman

## **2022 TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT**

The activities of the town office continue to be challenging as we try to stay up to date with the ever changing laws, rules, regulations, and new computer software programs the different State Departments require the clerks and treasurers to use.

Town Clerk duties consisted of recording documents in the land records and into vital statistics, issuing dog licenses, marriage licenses, processing motor vehicle registrations, as well as assisting those calling or coming into the office to do research. In 2022 we also had the August Primary and November General Election. Time is also spent assisting the select board, listers and other town officials.

The Treasurer's job consists of accounting for all revenues and expenses of the town, issuing account payable checks, processing payroll and the associated state and federal forms, the preparing of property tax bills and collecting tax monies.

We resumed having the Memorial Day Ceremony and Town Picnic this year. The Memorial Day was held at the Waits River Cemetery and the picnic at the Riverside Grange.

Dates to be remembered are April 1<sup>st</sup> the last day to license dogs without late fees and April 15<sup>th</sup>, the due date for filing the Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) with the VT. Department of Taxes. The Homestead Declaration has to be filed if you own and are living in your home on April 1<sup>st</sup> even if you aren't required to file a Vermont Income Tax!! Form HI-144 also needs to be filed with Form HS-122 in order to be eligible to receive a state payment due to income sensitivity. There is a penalty added to your property tax bill for all Homestead Declarations filed after April 15<sup>th</sup>!

Eva Downing starting working in the Town Office for one day per week in January of 2022. In late October I was very fortunate to have Susan Hood start working at the town office getting the online land records updated and going through the records in the vault and properly documenting and destroying the records that could be according to the State's retention schedule. This freed up some badly needed space in the vault. I am very grateful to both Eva and Susan for their help and to Polly who came in and helped cover for me when I needed to be out of the office.

I will not be running for re-election in March of 2024 as I feel it's time for me to step down. If anyone is interested in the position of Town Clerk or Treasurer and wants to know more about the job, I am more than happy to have you stop by the office or call me to discuss what the job entails.

Thanks to all those who take the time to serve their community as elected and appointed officials or as a volunteer. Special thanks to Pat Plaisted for her 18 years of serving as a lister.

Cynthia Flannigan  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

## **2022 LISTERS' REPORT**

At the beginning of 2022, we received a directive from the State of Vermont for a town wide reappraisal. Requests for Proposals were sent to contractors with follow up letters in hopes of beginning discussions. We have yet to receive any responses to perform the re-appraisal. This is likely due to many towns being in the same position and a limited number of contractors to perform the work. We will continue this effort in the coming year.

After 18 years of dedicated service to the Town of Topsham, Pat Plaisted has made the decision to retire. As a result, there will be an opening for the Lister position in March. Interested individuals can contact us at the Town Hall to get an understanding of Lister responsibilities. This is a 3-year commitment. Generally, the hours are Tuesday and Thursday mornings for approximately 10 hours a week. There are initial online training requirements of 20 hours or more, with on-going training as opportunities present themselves. The time commitment would likely increase based on the need for the town-wide reappraisal noted above. Property inspections can impact the hour and day commitment as these are generally performed at the convenience of the property owner.

Parcel maps continue to be updated and revised as new surveys and boundary descriptions are received. We appreciate your efforts to help us get these maps as accurate as possible. Please feel free to bring your surveys and maps to our office.

Our annual reminder to file your **HS-122 – HOMESTEAD DECLARATION BY APRIL 15 OF EVERY YEAR**. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to file the declaration, regardless of tax extensions filed with the IRS or your use of a tax preparer to file your taxes. Late filing results in property taxes being calculated under the non-residential tax rate, significant additional work in creating new tax bills, and a penalty equal to 3% of the education tax.

Respectfully Submitted – Board of Listers  
Pat Plaisted, John Hood, Heidi Wright

## **2022 COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT**

Property taxes became delinquent at the close of business on October 3rd and were turned over to the Delinquent Tax Collector for collection. Delinquent tax notices are mailed out on a monthly basis. I have made myself available for delinquent tax payments during regular Town Office hours as well as at my home. I am working with the attorney to start tax sale proceedings and hold a tax sale in 2023.. Delinquent tax payers are encouraged to set up a payment plan agreement so as to get the delinquency taken care of and avoid additional tax sale costs. A Delinquent Tax Collection Policy & Tax Sale Proceedings Policy is included in this report.

The Vermont Housing Finance Agency is continuing to accept applications from Vermont Homeowners who are behind on their housing expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants are available for delinquent taxes. To learn more about this program and to apply visit **[vermonthap.vhfa.org](http://vermonthap.vhfa.org)** or call the hotline at **(883) 221-4208**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Flannigan, Topsham Delinquent Tax Collector

## **2022 WEST TOPSHAM COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Due to the Pandemic, the Community Hall was closed down for the 2020 – 2021 year. Thus, no money was raised. The bills continued to arrive, such as the electricity and own pocket.

In 2022, we had three breakfasts, but the attendance was small. With the price of food, we decided not to do them any more at this time.

### **2022 Community Hall Association Funds:**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$750.00
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#### **Income**

Breakfasts	\$100.00
Building Rental	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME for 2022	\$ 1,050.00

#### **Expenses**

Co-op Building Insurance	\$967.00
Withdrawal from Checking	750.00
December 31, 2022 ending balance	300.00

(Insurance due in March of 2023 = \$967.00)

Donna made up the difference of \$217.00 for 2022 insurance.

She also paid the electricity bills for the year (totaling 340.98),

Respectively submitted, Donna Corliss, Hall Association Treasurer

## **2022 Topsham Historical Society Report**

The Topsham Historical Society's mission is to preserve and share the history of our town.

Members placed flags on all veteran's graves and were joined by students from Waits River Valley School in this endeavor at the Waits River Cemetery, a big Thank You to the students and staff always a special time.

More items have been donated to THS in an effort to share part of the collection there was a display at the Town Picnic and at the Corliss Prescott House this year.

One of the items donated is a quilt made by Topsham ladies around 1852, the blocks are signed by those making them. Thanks to research done by Bill Hodge, we have a short history on each family.

Next meeting planned for March 21, 2023 at Topsham Town Hall starting at 7 PM all are invited.

Nancy Frost, Secretary

## **2022 ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT**

693 Vermont Rte. 110 Tunbridge, VT 05077  
802-685-2264 [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org)

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166.

You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org). (Please excuse our website appearance as we are currently making updates.)

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 10 families from Topsham including 12 adults and 12 children.

Lindsey Trombley, Executive Director

## 2022 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

This has been a quiet year with few calls. Most of the calls were for lost or found dogs.  
Please remember to license your dogs before April 1st.

Michele Boyer, Animal Control Officer 439-6877 [Mboyer1944@gmail.com](mailto:Mboyer1944@gmail.com)

Rabies Clinic - March 22, 2023 from 6-7PM

The clinic will be held at the new Corinth firehouse. You may pre-register at [oxbowvetclinic.com](http://oxbowvetclinic.com) but it is not necessary to do so. Bring your pet on a secure leash or in a crate. \$10 per pet. If you are unable to attend, check the Oxbow Vet Clinic website for dates of rabies clinics that are held in other nearby towns. The Town of Topsham wishes to thank Drs. Chris and Aimee Spooner for offering this invaluable service!

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

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

### **Licensing a dog:**

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

For a VSNIIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions. The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer. Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program.

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

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

## 2022 HOME SHARE VERMONT PROGRAM

We facilitate shared housing in central Vermont where services are performed in exchange for affordable housing. Home sharing can address a number of concerns: Affordable housing, aging safely at home, social isolation, tight finances, and overall well-being.

For more information about the program visit the website @ [www.homesharenow.org](http://www.homesharenow.org) or call:

802-863-5625

## 2022 NORTHEAST SLOPES REPORT

Despite some challenging snow and weather conditions this past season, Northeast Slopes was open 22 days, plus 5 days for our school programs. Through the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, we provide quality winter recreation and strive to play an important role in building and sustaining the sense of community in this area of Vermont. This past season, we settled into a schedule of being open from noon to 4 PM on the days we are open. This has helped with retaining volunteers, and on days that we were open this past season, the hill has been busy, busy with lots of smiling faces! Our expanded school programs had another successful season of providing equipment, lessons, and slope time for kids in the area. For the tenth year in a row, this aspect of our programming demonstrates our commitment to serving local children. By opening as many days as weather allows, organizing fun local events, and seeking financial support beyond our immediate community, our board believes Northeast Slopes provides Topsham and surrounding towns with a vital and affordable local service that gives young people and their families a great place to meet and recreate outdoors during the long winter months. Please keep in mind we are entirely volunteer staffed and run, and we always welcome the interest and involvement of new volunteers!

## **2022 ENERGY COORDINATOR REPORT**

Top priority, -Climate change (CC) is worsening. US contributes the most greenhouse gases (GG) and is still moving too slowly to meet target reductions. Without stronger action we may reach a tipping point beyond which we have very little control over escalation of extreme weather events, self-perpetuating crises. It is hard to get your head around the extent of the problems, from the natural disaster homeless, the wars for resources, the loss of land and crops to the thousands of corporate paid lobbyists who pack sensitive meeting to pressure lawmakers and hinder climate helpful legislation.

Vermont has achieved 75% renewable electricity generation. We lag far behind in transportation which makes up 40% of our GG emission and heating is still mostly fossil fueled. We are considered a climate refuge by others. Our climate problems swing between drought and flooding. Our winter sports are feeling the heat. Warm weather pests are moving north

All electric vehicles (EV) are safer than hybrid or gasmobiles and are clean, reliable, low maintenance and have high resale value. They can even be trickle charged at home from an ordinary wall socket and be used for a generator if the grid goes down. (no loss of power if you have renewable energy and are off-grid) A list of used EVs that qualify for the tax breaks, rebates and incentives, Federal and state, can be found at [afdc.energy.gov](http://afdc.energy.gov) or [driveelectricvt.com](http://driveelectricvt.com). EVs are great energy savers.

The Federal Inflation Reduction Act includes a step forward in the work to improve the climate predicament. Some states have legislated bans on gasmobiles to be phased in. A Vermont new weatherization program for middle incomes can be paid for over time with the utility bill. Putting a price on carbon has worked and other countries that are doing this have begun to charge on imports from countries that have not. Human nature is such that unless there are costs for polluting, it will not stop. People make decisions based on cost. To ease pinch at the pump, taxes on fossil fuel (FF) producers should come back to the consumer as rebates. Global trade rules that favored corporations and thwarted climate action are outdated. Concerned citizens can instigate the needed mobilization.

Fight with facts. Let people power supplant the hold giant corporations have over politics. Adapting to changes is vitally important. It rests on the consumer. Talk about it. There's a lot to know, a lot to think about. It's a lot to put on the young. Don't merely spectate and wait passively for solutions. Citizen initiative makes a difference. Even better, unite with others as a citizen lobby to be taken seriously. Be persistent and be crisis ready.

Helpful contacts: [Efficiencyvermont.com](http://Efficiencyvermont.com), [Eanvt.org](http://Eanvt.org). Pick up a free copy of Green Energy Times  
Maureen Hurley, Topsham Energy Coordinator

## **2022 TRI-VILLAGE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Tri-Village Fire Department had another busy year. A large portion of our calls have been to car accidents. Please remember to fasten your seat belts and drive safe!

Thank you to the communities we serve for your continued support of the Tri-Village Fire Association's annual dues' mailing.

Both our Raffle and Turkey Shoot this year were successful.

The Westside addition is almost complete! We had an open house for the community and we were pleased to see all of you that attended. Thank you so much to our members and friends who have donated their time and supplies to this project. But, are always looking for new members

Please remember to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check your fire extinguishers. Have a safe new year!

This year we responded to: Structure Fires 3, Chimney Fires 2, Carbon Monoxide 5, Fire Alarms 7, Car Accidents 26, Trees on Wires 9 Illegal Burns 4, Medical Assists 5, Mutual Aid 9

**Ernest Taylor President**  
**Richard Dolan, Vice-President**

**Richard Sampson Chief**  
**Steve Butler, Assistant Chief**



**TRI-VILLAGE FIRE ASSOCIATION TOTAL BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**Community Bank- Checking** Beg. Balance \$25,418.37

**CREDITS**

Town of Topsham			\$ 28,000.00	
Town of Orange (two years)			\$ 12,500.00	
Donations - Patrick Hart			\$ 605.00	
Donations - Macdonald Trust			\$ 10,196.00	
Dues - Annual Mailing			\$ 11,380.00	
From savings.			\$ 15,000.00	
Insurance Refund			\$ 211.00	
Raffle			\$ 2,350.00	
Turkey Shoot			\$ 737.00	
Sale of Truck			\$ 1,000.00	
			\$81,979.00	

		Debits		
Annual Mailing		\$ 759.14		
Bank Service charges.		\$ 24.00		
Capital West Dues		\$ 400.00		
Dispatch/Active 911		\$ 8,231.99		
Dues - Fire Association's -2 years.		\$ 515.00		
Dues – UVRESA		\$ 100.00		
Electricity		\$ 2,083.00		
Equipment- Firefighters / Trucks		\$ 7,624.21		
Gas- Diesel		\$ 2,252.49		
Heating Oil (pre-buy)		\$ 6,035.51		
Insurance - Commercial Policy		\$ 4,447.00		
Insurance- Vehicle Policy		\$ 4,450.00		
Insurance- Workers' Comp Policy.		\$ 1,217.00		
Meals.		\$ 24.39		
Misc.		\$ 15.98		
Office Supplies		\$ 301.20		
Postage/ Box Rental		\$ 234.95		
Raffle Expense		\$ 300.00		
Repairs & Maintenance-Trucks		\$ 5,374.00		
Telephone		\$ 804.46		
Training-Education		\$ 1,000.00		
Turkey Shoot		\$ 293.94		
Vehicle Purchase		\$ 16,500.00		
Water Test		\$ 70.00		
Westside- Eastside stations		\$ 7,175.77		
		\$ 70,234.03	\$37,163.34	

<b>Community Bank -Savings.</b>				
\$20,486.49				
\$15,000.00	(from savings)	Balance:	\$5,486.49	
\$2.99	(Interest)		\$2.99	
Savings Bank Total			\$5,489.48	

**TOTAL BALANCE**

**TOTAL**

**\$ 42,652.82**

## 2022 CORINTH-TOPSHAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

2022 was another busy year for our community. COVID-19 is still with us. Our call volume keeps increasing. In 2022 we had 270 calls. This number reflects both Fire and Medical calls, 267 just for Medical.

We sponsored a number of COVID19 vaccination clinics locally throughout the year.

We thank the communities we serve for their continued support. Our costs keep rising and without you we wouldn't be able to continue to serve.

We lost two members this year but have two waiting to take their EMT test. We are always looking for volunteers.

We can be contacted at [ctert58@yahoo.com](mailto:ctert58@yahoo.com) or [ctertclerk20@yahoo.com](mailto:ctertclerk20@yahoo.com).

Mark Nickles, AEMT, Chair, Head of Service, Training Officer

Richard Dolan, EMR, Co-Chair District 6 Alternate

Annie Dolan, EMR, Treasurer/Clerk

Michelle Brock, Paramedic, District 6 Representative

Ethan Johnson, EMT; Lindsay Tabor, EMT; Baylie Ordway, EMT; Morgan Morrisette, EMR;

Trish Johnson, EMR

### CTERT ACCOUNT BALANCE as of DECEMBER 31, 2022

**WRSB checking** **Beginning Balance: \$15,445.51**

**Receipts:**

Town of Topsham	\$ 7,500.00
Town of Corinth	\$ 7,000.00
Town of Orange (2 Years)	\$ 7,000.00
Donations	\$ 190.00

**Total Receipts: \$21,690.00**

**Debits:**

Training	\$ 124.99
Dispatch	\$ 9,042.34
Active 911	\$ 105.00
Medications	\$ 86.99
Insurance – Worker's Comp.	\$ 1,217.00
Insurance – Liability	\$ 2,515.00
Oxygen	\$ 466.22
DMV (trailer)	\$ 51.00
Equipment / Supplies	\$ 1,232.48
Bank Charges	\$ 18.00
USPS	\$ 100.00
VT District 6 dues	\$ 100.00

**Total Debits: \$ 15,059.02**

**TOTAL WRSB CHECKING BALANCE: \$ 22,076.49**

**WRBS WR Fire & Rescue**

**Beginning Balance: \$3,3658.23**

**Receipts:**

TVFD	\$ 8147.34
CFD	\$ 8660.34
CTERT	\$ 9147.34

**Total Receipts: \$25,955.02**

**Debits:**

Hanover Dispatch	\$24,127.00
CFD Alarm Monitoring	\$ 475.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 18.00
Active 911	\$ 665.06

**Total Debits: \$24,810.06**

**TOTAL WRBS SAVINGS BALANCE: \$ 4,803.19**

**TOTAL CTERT ENDING BALANCE: \$26,879.68**

## **2022 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chris LaMonda, MPH, Director of EMS

Barre Town EMS is a critical care ambulance service that serves the towns of Barre Town, Berlin, Orange, Topsham, Washington, and Northern Brookfield. The primary service area covers approximately 215 sq. miles with a population of over 14,000. We also complete inter-facility transports, mutual aid, and paramedic intercepts throughout the region. To cover this work, we staff 3 ambulances Monday through Friday and 2 ambulances on Saturday and Sunday with 2 backup ambulances that can be staffed with coverage crews. All scheduled ambulances are staffed at the Paramedic level.

Barre Town EMS staff size ranges from 30-35 employees (13 full time). Currently we have 20 paramedics on the roster, seven of which hold a board certificate for critical care. During the past year 4 per diem staff were hired, 2 EMTs and 2 AEMTs, and no staff left the service.

This fiscal year saw our call volume rebound to just below our pre-COVID-19 numbers. We finished the fiscal year at 3981 calls. This is a 1% increase over last year and a 3.9% increase since fy 2021. We are just below our pre-COVID-19 numbers. Emergency 911 and mutual aid have been the source of our call volume increases over the past year with an increase of 93 and 74 calls respectively. However, there is a growing concern that area EMS services are unintentionally putting undo stress on Barre Town EMS. During the past 3 years Barre Town has requested area services cover 189 calls while Barre Town has been asked to cover 809 calls in other service areas. These requests are for primary ambulance service because the primary ambulance is not available in their area do to staffing limits, high call volume, or equipment failure. While historically mutual aid was specifically designed into EMS systems, we are concerned these requests are no longer mutual. We will continue to monitor this concerns and work with areas services and towns to improve coverage where possible.

Over the past year our staff continued their dedication to the public health fight against COVID-19. Barre Town EMS, Waterbury Ambulance, and the Vermont Department of Health teamed up to run a vaccine clinic that was open 7 days a week. This team was able to pull together providers from various professions to vaccinate people of all ages. The clinic gave over 45,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Barre Town staff worked over 3500 hours at this and other sites around the state.

With concerns over revenues caused by poor Medicare and Medicaid rates and the continued effects of COVID-19 we limited large purchases this fiscal year. Training funds were added to better pay for training needed at the paramedic level. Most of this money was put in for course work around advanced cardiac care for adults and children (ACLS and PALS).

### **Call Volume by town fiscal 2021-2022**

Town	Total Calls
Barre	687
Berlin	2348
Orange	97
Topsham	88
Washington	57
Brookfield	26

**3303**

## **2022 ORANGE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER REPORT**

### **Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2022?**

We were open for business, Monday, Wednesdays and Friday each week (except for certain holidays) we continue to offer our meals on Wheels, Takeouts. We were also able to continue the following programs.

- \* foot clinics,
- \* hold classes in exercise, balance
- \* offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- \* distribute donated medical equipment.
- \* provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.

We have delivered 1,630 meals in Topsham.

During all of 2022, our volunteers gave 2,785 hours to our Center and drove 19,686 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

**Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center!  
Everyone is welcome for meals and events!**

Respectfully Submitted, Victoria R. Chaffee



### **2022 SAFELINE, INC. REPORT**

P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038

safelineinfo@safelinevt.org

(802) 685-7900 office

(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

During 2022, Safeline provided 2,305 services for 337 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

15 services were provided for 3 victims who identified themselves as residents of Topsham. 3 females received services. These services included assistance with 2 Relief from Abuse orders, 1 stalking and 2 domestic violence situations. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Topsham.

## **2022 VERMONT VETERANS HOME REPORT**

Many Vermont Veterans, or Veterans in the surrounding tristate area, do not know that a residential facility for Veterans exists in Vermont, nor are they aware of the programs and care that are provided for service men and women and their spouses. Also the link offers important information for children who may be required to coordinate the future care of an aging parent who was in the military or for their spouse.

## **2022 VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

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

Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 920 in-home visits to 34 residents. This included approximately \$8,194 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 410 home visits to 22 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 428 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care:** 82 home visits to 7 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

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

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

Sincerely, Anthony Knox, Community Relations Manager

## **2022 ORANGE COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER**

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJC) is a community-based restorative justice agency, offering cost-effective alternatives to the Family, Criminal, Civil Courts and the State corrections system. We remain committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for just communities by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

We offer 10 programs to Orange County residents: Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA), Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement, Pre-Trial Services, Reparative Panels, Restorative, and Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education, Transitional Housing, Victim Assistance and the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, 311 people were referred to us for services. Local volunteers provided 1,170 hours of their time to support 275 Restorative Meetings. We served 60 harmed parties (victims) and distributed \$3,729 in restitution to those who experienced losses due to crime. OCRJC helped: 90 people connect with counseling services (including 26 youth), 9 people secure housing, 8 people find legal support and 13 people reinstate their driver's license. We held CoSAs for 6 individuals, secured 3 apartments for transitional housing and had 58 people in our Safe Driver program.

In FY22, OCRJC worked with 2 people who live in or whose incidents took place in Topsham. For each incident referred to OCRJC, the person responsible and the individuals impacted by the crime are offered services.

MOCRJC's FY22 operating budget was \$386,937. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. The Town of Topsham appropriated \$125 for FY22 to support our work. OCRJC requests \$125 in 2023 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, find our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, at 802-685-3172 or [info@ocrjvt.org](mailto:info@ocrjvt.org).

Our website is: <http://vvh.vermont.gov> or call (802) 447-6539

**2022 CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING REPORT**  
**CVCOA HELPLINE 1 (802) 477-1364**

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) Report for Town of Topsham: The Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. CVCOA serves 54 towns throughout the Central Vermont region. CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to Topsham residents through our care coordination team, which includes case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment (nutrition, transportation, mental health counseling, legal services, health insurance counseling, etc.), care coordination planning, family caregiver support, and more. CVCOA provided individualized support to 27 residents of Topsham. CVCOA Case Manager Marianne Barnett was designated to serve older adults in Topsham. CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Topsham for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Topsham community.

**2022 TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH) SERVICES REPORT**

Thank you for the Town of Topsham's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of 697 free Dial-A-Ride trips for Topsham residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 158,302 rides for the year. All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services. Dial-A-Ride Programs – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Topsham, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment. Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. To contact TVT for more information about services, please call 802-728-37 .

**2022 Little Rivers HealthCare Report**  
***A Federally Qualified Health Center***  
**Annual Report to Towns                      Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Providing health care in today's environment is not for the faint of heart, but seeing that we make a difference to our patients and community is its own reward. Little Rivers Health Care is well into year 3 of the global COVID pandemic and continues to deal with the issues that public health crisis has caused. However, thanks to the federal, state, and community support that we have received, we have not only been able to keep operating, but to also grow in order to keep pace with community needs.

Since the pandemic began, Little Rivers has administered well over 10,000 covid vaccines and over 15,000 covid tests, and distributed over 2000 home covid test kits. We all sincerely hope to put this business behind us but will continue to do what we can if the need continues.

In CY 2021, Little Rivers served 5822 patients and provided 35,588 visits, approximately 15% of which were virtual. Requests to establish care here have increased by 29%, with new patient requests now averaging 73/month. In order to meet that demand, we have hired more providers and staff, and are now adding to the capacity of our facilities to accommodate all of this.

The range of services we provide to the community now includes:

- Comprehensive medical care including pediatrics, family medicine, obstetrics, internal medicine, and psychiatry
- Care coordination/wrap-around services/insurance eligibility services
- Behavioral health, including services in all 6 OESU schools
- Medication Assisted Treatment for substance use
- Substance use prevention programming
- Farm worker outreach to 7-9 farms twice a year
- *Healthy At Home*: Chronic care management and remote patient monitoring
- Pain management
- Oral health care services via referrals, and mobile dental van to schools
- Food access program
- Preventive and wellness care
- Nutrition and dietetic services

A big focus for 2023 will be the establishment of dental services in Wells River and Newbury, and the development of a dental professionals training program in partnership with area schools. Our area has fewer than half the number of dentists needed for our population, and we are committed to doing something about that! We are well on our way to raising the funds needed and have some very generous dental professionals in our area who are willing to help launch this new service. In return for our grant funding, we need to demonstrate financial support from our towns, so we are deeply grateful to our area towns and generous donors who continue to support us in this work. Many thanks to you all.

Offices in: **Wells River** 802-757-2325; **East Corinth** 802-439-5321;  
**Bradford** 802-222-9317; **Newbury** 802-866-3000;      **Administration and Billing** 802-222-4637

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Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance use. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include: → Outpatient Counseling → Psychiatric Services → Short-term crisis intervention → School and Home-based services → Education for families → Community resource assistance → Hospital Diversion → Walk-in Clinic → Vocational Services → Alcohol and other drug treatment → Respite Care → 24-hour emergency system Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance use services to the greater Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area for the last 56 years. Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples, and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, alternatives to hospital care, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services. With 56 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. As we continue to experience the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clara Martin Center remains committed to meeting both the short and long-term mental health and substance use care needs that the pandemic has impacted. Clara Martin Center is proud to be the first Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in the State of Vermont, a federal model of care designed to ensure access to a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use services regardless of ability to pay, including crisis mental health services, screening, assessment and diagnosis, patient-centered treatment planning, outpatient mental health and substance use services, primary care screening and monitoring, targeted case management, psychiatric rehabilitation services, peer support and family support services, and services for members of the armed services and veterans.

Children & Family Services 505  
School Services 116  
JOBS 67  
Adult Services 686  
CSP Services 147  
Supportive & Transitional Housing 27  
Substance Abuse Services 317  
Corrections Services 98  
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic 236  
Access 845  
CCBHC Services 1,087  
Total Served – unduplicated 2,078  
CVSAS 447

Children & Family Services 7  
School Services 1  
JOBS 2  
Adult Services 9  
CSP Services 6  
Supportive & Transitional Housing 1  
Substance Abuse Services 3  
Corrections Services 0  
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic 3  
Access 5  
CCBHC Services 16  
Total seen: 27  
CVSAS 0

## 2022 BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

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Here are some of our many offerings:

- Almost 20,000 books, videos, and audiobooks available for loan, with items added monthly
- Access to downloadable e-books and audio books
- Rotating collection of videos and audiobooks from the Librarians of the Upper Valley
- Circulating and non-circulating periodicals
- Kanopy movie-streaming
- Public access desktop and laptop computers
- Help accessing and using technology
- Local history resources and special collection
- Printing, scanning, faxing, and copying
- Large print book collection and quarterly rotating collection
- Interlibrary loan service local conservation resources
- Vermont attraction passes
- Children's board book tote bag kits
- Access to LearningExpress (a job search, job skills training, and test prep service)



- Access to Universal Class
- Access to America's historic newspapers
- Access to the Digital Public Library of America
- Access to Vermont genealogy resources
- Access to the Vermont Online Library
- Weekly Story Hour for children
- Regular book discussion series
- Meeting space available for community use
- Exhibits featuring local artists
- Summer Reading Program, complete with activities, events, and prizes
- One-Card Network
- Toy lending library
- Chess and board game clubs
- Public Wi-Fi extending into the parking lot

We have been able to keep the library open for our regular hours throughout the year. Mask policies have changed according to levels of local community spread of COVID-19. Programs were held outdoors under our tent during the warmer months. ARPA funding has enabled us to purchase a new projector and large screen for outdoor movie nights. We continue to use our Meeting Owl to offer hybrid in-person/virtual programming.

The Blake Memorial Library Association was able to meet for the first time in a few years in September. In April we plan to resume annual Association meetings and Board of Trustees elections.

We wish to thank our large group of dynamic and energetic volunteers for sharing their time and talents with the library and the community. They help keep the library running by staffing the circulation desk, processing new books, managing interlibrary loan services, recommending books and other items for our collection, returning books to the shelves, and much, much more. This assistance allows our small staff to offer first-rate services and programming to our community.

Board of Trustees: Shirley Montagne – President/Treasurer, Rob Rinaldi – Vice-President, Carl Demrow – Secretary, Tania Aebi, Dina DuBois, Nick Kramer, Kathryn Price

Library Director: Jennifer Spanier:

Assistant Librarian: Kimberly Hotelling

### **2022 TOPSHAM-CORINTH LITTLE LEAGUE** **25 WILLEY HILL RD, TOPSHAM VT, 05086**

The Topsham-Corinth Little League was created by caring parents who wanted to provide a sports program for children in the towns of Topsham and Corinth. The league is open to boys and girls from ages 5 - 12. Our non-profit organization supports and fosters teamwork, community, and a love of baseball/softball. We were fortunate last year to have three major league teams [one softball team and two baseball teams], three minor league teams [one softball team and two baseball teams], two machine pitch teams and two tee-ball teams. Things still look different because of the pandemic but we were able to have a fairly normal season. We also hosted the CVNLL championships this year and one of our two baseball teams was able to bring home the championship for the second year in a row!

The Topsham-Corinth league continues as the fastest growing league in the CVNLL area. We purchased new equipment this year to replace the very old and used equipment from years ago and we purchased some much needed additions for our concessions stand such as a gas grill, deep fryer, and food warmer. We also added new shelves in the storage shed to keep our equipment safe during the winter months. We are requesting \$500.00 this year to help offset equipment and uniform costs and install wireless internet access at our baseball field.

For the 2022 season, TCLL provided baseball and softball instruction to over 80 children from the towns of Topsham (29) and Corinth (49). We hope to be able to continue our program as it is a positive way to encourage our children to be team players and stay physically active.

Thank you from the TCLL board, parents and the players.

Sincerely, Mark Snider Jr., TCLL President

## **2022 ARPA COMMITTEE REPORT TO SELECT BOARD**

The ARPA Disbursement Planning Committee is officially reporting back to the Selectboard of the Town of Topsham their findings and recommendations for the use of the \$362,896,19 received from the Federal government for the use to advance the community after the impact of the Covid pandemic.

After conversations, consulting with the League of Cities and Towns personnel, surveys, and community meetings, it became clear that there are many needs in the community and that our best effort should focus on those items which would benefit the largest segment of the population and allow for the maximum influx of matching funds from existing funding streams. We narrowed the list of needs down to the four listed on the plan: the town garage, a town office, improved food shelf/ Grange building, and establishing a community center facility.

In addition, because of all of the great ideas we gathered, it became clear that in order to enhance a "sense of community", the town would benefit by the establishment of a "Friends of Topsham" non-profit\* that would facilitate the grant writing capacity, be able to consider requests for funding and to support the many great ideas. This process is underway, and any town resident is invited to join.

We now hand this information back to the select board for your consideration and final decision as to how to best use this once in a lifetime funding opportunity.

Nancy Clark	Elaine Smith	Sue Altland
Nancy Frost	Sue and Ed Pirie	
Jim Bulger	Jackie Labate	

### **Topsham ARPA Fund Recommended Disbursement Plan**

#### **1. Topsham Town Garage:           \$105,000 toward total costs**

Septic System \$25,000

Water System \$25,000

Solar Power system \$30,000

Relocation of transfer station \$5,000

Environmental remediation of existing garage site \$20,000

Brownfield Revitalization Fund: MUST BE MATCHED

#### **2. Town Office:                       \$100,000 toward total cost**

new vault \$50,000, new septic system \$20,000, new solar system/heating/ventilation \$30,000

H.518 grant program by VT Dept. of Buildings/Services, and other funding resources:

MUST BE MATCHED

#### **3. Food Shelf/ Grange Building:   \$65,000 total toward cost**

Handicapped accessibility for the Food shelf: ADA grants MUST BE MATCHED

Renovation of Food Shelf space (paint, shelving, flooring, refrigeration units)

Establish an emergency shelter space: FEMA grants MUST BE MATCHED

#### **4. A Community Center Facility:   \$90,000 total toward cost**

Secure a sound location for the center

Build a community kitchen in that location

Fund any necessary upgrades to water/septic/heat

Provide grants for community gardens and educational workshops

\* A Friends of Topsham 501(c)3 non-profit has been established. If interested in participating, contact the Town Offices for information.

## **2022 TWO-RIVERS OTTAQUECHEE REPORT**

The Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for tomorrow that has a thriving regional economy and keeps the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2022.

### **Technical Assistance on Planning Issues**

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region's housing crisis. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

### **Economy and Public Health**

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region's talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC worked on public health projects with local hospitals, helped towns grapple with new cannabis legislation, and incorporated health-related goals and policies into town plans.

### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process.

### **Energy/Climate Change**

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

### **Transportation**

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region getting funding for towns to implement projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Topsham this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan, and TRORC worked with the town on the Town Plan update. Staff assisted the town on completing a planning grant to install a stone lined ditch on Ben Dexter Road to reduce erosion in the Waits River watershed. As part of the Grants in Aid program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Currier Road and Welch Road and assisted with an equipment grant to purchase a hay bale shredder. Staff also supported the town in navigating how to use ARPA funding.

*We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director*

*Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*

## **2022 VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS REPORT**

Vermont League of Cities and Towns Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. Member Benefits - All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

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

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

## **2022 RIVERSIDE GRANGE REPORT**

The Grange was founded over 150 years ago to improve the agricultural landscape by sharing knowledge and lobbying for fair representation in rural America. Today the Grange is also focused on community involvement by supporting many groups and causes that enrich our community. This year the Riverside Grange has made the hall available to the Food shelf, we provide the space, electricity and heat for the food shelf to store food and have twice weekly open hours. The Riverside Grange provides a meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 727, for local EMS training, has opened the hall as a Covid Vaccination site, Topsham ARPA meetings, and provides space for the Historical Society to meet every other month. The Riverside Grange has a weekly cribbage night for all community members all winter, as well as monthly potluck dinners for the community. The town picnic has been held at the Grange, and is always welcome to be held here. The Riverside Grange recently voted to allow the Grange to be used as an emergency shelter. Our income relies mostly on fundraising activities, donations, and a small percentage of members' dues. The Riverside Grange continues to make the building available to the community. We have had a surge in membership in recent months and we welcome new members from ages 14-100. For further information contact Greg Tilton, President at 439-6503.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **2022 LOCAL VERMONT HEALTH OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT**

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 and serves Caledonia, Southern Essex, and Orange counties. We provide essential services and resources to towns in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, St. Johnsbury Local Health Office:

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 70 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 5,800 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.

**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, 7 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

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

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

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 1,061 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 55% percent of students in Caledonia County, 59% in Essex County, and 54% in Orange 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.

## **2002 TOWN HEALTH OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT**

By law, every town and city in Vermont has a local Board of Health (BOH), which consists of the Town Health Officer (THO) and the selectboard. The duties and responsibilities of the local BOH are established by state statute.

A THO is appointed by the Vermont Department of Health, based on a recommendation of the Selectboard, usually for a 3-year term. (I have served as Topsham THO for about five years). Pre-COVID, I attended many in-person BOH seminars on how to be an effective THO. For the past two years all training has been conducted by webinars (similar to ZOOM meetings). The majority of my duties last year centered around landlord/tenant complaints.

THO's are responsible for:

- \* Investigating/following up on dog bite reports.
- \* Ordering the confinement of a dog that caused a bite and did not have a valid rabies shot.
- \* Investigating possible PUBLIC health hazards and risks within Topsham.
- \* Taking action to prevent, remove, or destroy any PUBLIC health hazard.
- \* Enforcing health laws, rules and permit conditions, and taking the steps necessary to enforce orders.
- \* Issuing Regular or Emergency Health Orders.
- \* Investigate complaints by landlords or tenants of rental housing as it relates to the Rental Housing Health Code. (Note: All inspections require a formal complaint -- I do not investigate anonymous complaints).
- \* Investigate septic system failures, including the use of dye tablets.

As THO, I used to be able to act as a backup to the Topsham Animal Control Officer, Michele Boyer. But I am not allowed to do that anymore due to a change in the law.

Please make sure that all of your dogs and cats have a current rabies shot, and that all dogs are licensed by April 1.

Hank Buermeyer



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Summary of the Minutes of Town Meeting, March 26, 2022

The Legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, met at the Waits River Valley School on Tuesday Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 10:00 in the forenoon. The meeting was opened by Moderator, Henry Buermeyer. Boy Scout Troop 727 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then asked all Veterans to come forward to be recognized for their service. They were thanked by hearty applause.

**Article 1.** Nominations for Moderator for a term of one year:

Stephen Otterman was nominated. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for **Stephen Otterman**.

So voted by voice vote. Mr. Buermeyer was thanked for his service as moderator.

**Article 2.** Motion made and seconded to accept and adopt the Town Report.

So voted by voice vote to accept and adopt the Town Report.

**Article 3.** Nominations for a Selectperson for a term of three years.

Nominees were: Naomi Tilton, Carl Hildebrandt, Nora Appleton and Tony Spooner.

66 Votes Cast, 63 names checked off. Necessary for choice 34

Carl Hildebrandt 31 Naomi Tilton 17 Tony Spooner 14 Nora Appleton 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Vote: 70 Votes Cast, Necessary for choice 36

Carl Hildebrandt 34 Naomi Tilton 18 Tony Spooner 12 Nora Appleton 6

Tony Spooner withdrew his name as a candidate.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vote: 67 Votes Cast. 66 names checked off. Necessary for choice 34

**Carl Hildebrandt 38** Naomi Tilton 20 Nora Appleton 9

Representative Joe Parsons was introduced and gave a legislative update during the counting of the 1<sup>st</sup> set of ballots for Selectperson.

**Article 4.** Nominations for a Lister for a term of three years.

Nominees were: Allison Davis and John Hood

The results of a paper ballot were:

54 votes cast. Necessary for choice 28

**John Hood 48**

Allison Davis 6

**Article 5.** Nominations for a School Director for Waits River Valley School ( Unified School District # 36) for a term of 3 years

Nominee was: Stacy Emerson.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for

**Stacy Emerson.**

So voted by voice vote

**Article 6.** Nominations for Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year.

Nominee was Cynthia Flannigan.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Moderator cast one ballot for **Cynthia Flannigan**

So Voted by voice vote.

**Article 7.** Nominations for an Auditor for a term of three years.

Nominee was: Stephen Otterman.

Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the Clerk cast one ballot for

**Stephen Otterman.**

So voted by voice vote.



### **Summary of the Minutes Continued:**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Tri-Village Fire Department in whole or in part from taxes for a period of five years.

Motion made and seconded to exempt the taxes in whole for a period of five years.

So voted by voice vote.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to put the surplus of \$19,939.00 from FY 2021 Town Operations into the Surplus Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to put the 2021 Surplus into the Surplus Fund.

So voted by voice vote.

**Article 10.** Motion made and seconded to have the Town's taxes collected by the treasurer with a due date of October 3, 2022 at the close of business.

So voted by voice vote.

Tom Otterman asked the moderator permission to speak to the assembly at this time.

He recognized and thanked Janice Emerson for her service to the Town as the Select Boards Administrative Assistant and Chair of the Budget Committee for a number of years. He hopes she will continue to serve even though it has been challenging for her with her health issues and having to work remotely due to COVID. He also thanked Cynthia Flannigan for all the extra work she has done for the Town, especially during COVID. The assembly gave a round of applause.

**Article 11.** Donna Otterman, Secretary of the Budget Committee made the motion to accept the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,184,000.00 with \$718,400.00 to be raised by taxes for expenses and indebtedness for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded.

Alson Bruleigh made the motion to amend the motion and increase the amount of the budget by \$40,000.00 to cover the increase in fuel prices. The amendment was seconded.

Discussion followed. Tom Otterman noted that the Budget Committee had taken into consideration the increase of fuel costs when doing the budget and hoped the amount budgeted would be sufficient to cover the costs. The moderator called the vote on the amendment to increase the amount of the budget by \$40,000.00

The Amendment failed by voice vote.

The original motion was so voted by voice vote.

**Article 12.** Motion made and seconded to appropriate \$16,824.00 for the following organizations which have filed requests as set forth below. David Mott spoke to the great work of the Visiting Nurse & Hospice organization.

So voted by voice vote.

**Summary of the Minutes Continued:**

Clara Martin Center	1,652.00
Central Vermont Council on Aging	500.00
Northeast Ski Slope	1199.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Center	125.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	4000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3500.00
Blake Memorial Library	2398.00
Little Rivers Health Care	1100.00
Safeline, Inc.	500.00
Tri-Valley Transit	850.00
Topsham Corinth Little League	500.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	<u>500.00</u>

TOTAL                      **16,824.00**

**Article 13.** Passed over by voice vote.

**Article 14.** Sue Altland stated that she felt the West Topsham Community Hall Association had not fulfilled the stipulation that they provide an annual report in order to be exempted from taxes. Diane Evans spoke saying that due to COVID the Community Hall was unable to hold any events and therefore had nothing to report. Discussion followed and noted that no action can be taken until it comes up for a vote to exempt them next year.

James Clark asked for an update on the Town Garage site. Larry Hart, Chair of the Select Board stated that just under ten acres has been purchased from James Vance. The property was surveyed and environmental testing was done on both the soils and the buildings. It was noted that there is a small amount of tile that has asbestos that will need to be removed before any demolition of the buildings takes place. The Board will now begin the process of getting the site cleaned up and figuring out the design and cost analysis for the new garage so as to come back to the voters for approval of a bond to begin construction.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 11:42 am. So voted by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Flannigan  
Town Clerk

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Stephen Otterman  
Moderator

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Donna Otterman  
Justice of the Peace

**2022 Record of Vital Statistics Filed in the Town Clerk's Office**

**BIRTHS**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PARENTS</u></b>
IRA RUSSELL BATTEN	July 02, 2022	Travis Mikael Batten   Natania Robacker Sewall

NOTE: New Hampshire Town Clerks do not automatically send copies of Birth or Death records to Vermont Town Clerks. If you wish vital statistics from other states to be recorded in Topsham, you must secure a copy from the Clerk of the town in which the event occurred and deliver it to the Topsham Town Clerk for recording. The Topsham Town Clerk cannot make certified copies of these records, but having the record recorded indicates where to go to get a certified copy, if needed.

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**MARRIAGES**

CARLOS DARNELL JOHNSON II	REYAH ARLEEN CARLSON	May 27, 2022
BRYAN J. HART	DEBORAH A. GREGORY	June 24, 2022
Jamie Cyrus Ordway	Rebecca Jean Arnold	June 11, 2022
LARRY WAYNE HART SR.	EMILY WILLIAMS WATERMAN	July 16, 2022
Garrett Scott Stevens	EMILIE JOE OSGOOD	October 30, 2022
Glen O. Medowski	SHERRY LEE MARSHA	October 29, 2022
LUCAS DALTON MUSTY	EMILY JEAN PETERS	November 26, 2022

Note: ALL CAPITALS indicate residents of Topsham

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**DEATH CERTIFICATES FILED**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE of DEATH</u></b>
PATRICK H. HART	54	February 18, 2022
WENDY A. HODGE	72	March 15, 2022
BRANDON JOSEPH GURNEY	26	March 31, 2022
MICHAEL EMERSON	59	May 15, 2022
ALLEN E. SMITH	77	May 26, 2022
CHARLENE M. EDSON	65	June 18, 2022
JOSEPH P. SICELY	67	July 8, 2022
CHRISTINE MARIE RICKER	42	November 22, 2022
DAVID WARK	68	December 4, 2022
RODERICK DENNIS SPOONER	60	December 10, 2022

**BURIAL PERMITS FILED**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE of DEATH</u></b>
Harold Osmer		
Rose Osmer		
Bonnie Lee O'Meara	72	September 5, 2022
Gene Allen Welch Sr.	80	February 1, 2022
HASSALL ALTON DODGE	84	November 17, 2021
Jane M. Currier	84	December 10, 2021

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## **IN CASE OF FIRE or PHYSICAL EMERGENCY, Dial-911**

**This number will get the Fire Department, FAST Squad and Ambulance or the State Police**

1. Call immediately - Get the responders on their way
2. Give your location - Name - Nature of emergency
3. Wait - Do not hang up - Answer questions - Be sure you have been understood.

### **Forest Fire Wardens:**

Wendell Downing 439-5510  
Key man - Edgar Downing 439-5880

Report any and all forest fires to the Fire Warden or Key Man at once! At all times of the year, ANY OUTSIDE BURNING REQUIRES A PERMIT or permission from the Fire Warden or Key Man. Neither Trash burner nor incinerator is "official" or "approved" until declared so by the Fire Warden.

### **\*\*\*\*\*Licenses, Registrations & Park Passports \*\*\*\*\***

#### **Dog Licenses:**

Attention Dog Owners:	Fees Before April 1st	After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>NOT Neutered/spayed.....</b>	<b>\$13.00 .....</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Neutered/spayed.....</b>	<b>\$9.00 .....</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>

**NOTE:** State receives \$5.00 of each fee. All dogs age (6) months are required by State Law to be licensed. A current rabies certificate is necessary for licensing. Rabies shots are now valid for 36 months after initial vaccination.

**ALL DOGS must be licensed between January 1<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>. (EVERY YEAR)**

Copy of the Animal Ordinance is available at the town office.

#### **Rabies Clinic:**

Wednesday, March 22, 2022

Location: East Corinth New Fire Station

Cats: State Law required cats to be vaccinated against rabies.

#### **Vehicle Registration Renewals:**

Renewals can be done by Town Clerk, during regular office hours, for cars and trucks less than 6,099 Lbs. and snowmobiles. You must have Preprinted Computer Generated Registration with current or previous month's expirations. Must pay with check or money order for the correct amount. Town clerk will collect a \$3.00 processing fee, which may be in cash.

#### **Green Mountain Passport:**

Must be 62 or over and a Resident of Vermont. Must apply with Town Clerk in town of Residence. Charge \$2.00

#### **Passports to National Parks:**

##### **Golden Access Passport:**

Free to Handicapped with proof of disability. Others purchase at Green Mountain National Park offices in Rutland, Manchester, Middlebury or Rochester.

##### **Golden Age Passport:**

Age 62 and over, with proof of age. Charge \$10.00. Can be purchased at entrance to any National Park or at any of the above Green Mountain National Park Offices.

##### **Golden Eagle Passport:**

Can be purchased at any age at entrance to any National Park for \$25.00.

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