

The Town of

GRAFTON VERMONT



"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."

- Booker T. Washington

161st Annual Report
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

TOWN OF GRAFTON

P.O. Box 180 - 117 Main Street
Grafton, VT 05146

Website: www.graftonvt.org

POPULATION, 2010 CENSUS – 679

REGISTERED VOTERS - 547

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Kim Record
Tel. (802) 843-2419
Fax (802) 843-6100
krecord@graftonvt.org
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9 AM – 12 PM & 1 PM - 4 PM

Administrator

Morgan Wilbur
Tel. (802) 843-2552
Fax (802) 843-6100
townadmin@graftonvt.org
Mon. – Thurs.
8 AM – 4:30 PM

Town Listers

Nancy Merrill
Hardy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher
Tel. (802) 843-6486
listeners@graftonvt.org

Tues. & Wed.
10 AM – 1 PM
Or by Appointment

Grafton Public Library

Tel. (802) 843-2404
librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org

Open Hours

Monday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Tuesday: 5 PM – 8 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 1 PM
Thursday: 2 PM – 5 PM
Friday: 2 PM – 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM
Curbside only on
Tuesday: 10 AM – 1 PM, 2 PM – 5 PM
Wednesday: 10 AM – 1 PM

EMERGENCY – Police, Fire, Ambulance
Vermont State Police & Game Warden
Forest Fire Warden, Bill Brown
Asst. Forest Fire Warden, Eric Stevens
Grafton Town Garage
Health Officer, Rich Thompson

911
(802) 722-4600
(802) 843-2523 or (802) 380-0131
(802) 843-2568
(802) 843-2456
(802) 289-4487

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

First & Third Monday of each month,
6 PM

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are ordinarily held on the
Second and (optionally) the Fourth
Thursdays of each month at the Grafton
Elementary School at 6 PM. Additional
Meetings and times are posted on the
WNESU website. We anticipate continuing
to invite the community to participate both
in-person and via ZOOM. See the WNESU
website for login details.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Second Tuesday of each month,
6:30 PM

Property taxes are due August 15th, November 15th, February 15th and May 15th

Taxes become delinquent after the May 15th Payment

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GRAFTON, VERMONT
WARNING
For Town of Grafton

The legal voters of the Town of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified that on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM EST the polls are open to take action on the following articles:

- ART. 1 To choose all Town Officers and to vote on each and every Article proposed at this Town Meeting, Voting shall be by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2023; polls open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- ART. 2 Shall the Town of Grafton receive and accept the Auditor's Report?
- ART. 3 Shall the Town of Grafton authorize the Selectboard to borrow money, respectively, if necessary, for current expenses in anticipation of collection of taxes?
- ART. 4 Shall the Town of Grafton raise six hundred seven thousand eighty dollars (\$607,080.00) for the maintenance of highways and bridges?
- ART. 5 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$233,894.00) for the Selectboard's Budget?
- ART. 6 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for ambulance service?
- ART. 7 Shall the Town of Grafton raise twenty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty dollars (\$29,950.00) for the Grafton Firefighters Association operating expenses?
- ART. 8 Shall the Town of Grafton raise four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for Grafton Rescue Squad operating expenses?
- ART. 9 Shall the Town of Grafton approve expenditures of any grant monies awarded for purposes named in such grant or grants for fiscal year 2023/2024?
- ART. 10 Shall the Town of Grafton raise nine thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$9,181.00) for Humanitarian expenses? (Bellows Falls Senior Center - \$674; Grafton Cares - \$1,000; Grafton Church (Food Pantry) - \$1000; HCRS - \$600; Parks Place - \$100; VT Rural Fire Protection - \$100; Senior Solutions - \$650; SEVCA - \$650; The Current - \$250; Valley Cares - \$1,052; Visiting Nurse Association - \$2,300; VCIL - \$105; Women's Freedom Center - \$600; Youth Services - \$100)
- ART. 11 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for the Capital Budget? (\$52,934.00 for Highway Structures Program, \$17,000 for Fire Truck Fund, \$130,066.00 for Highway Equipment)
- ART. 12 Shall the Town of Grafton vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) to support The Gathering Place Adult Day Program to provide safe and supportive day services for Grafton residents who are elderly and/or disabled?
- ART. 13 Shall the Town of Grafton vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of two thousand five-hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital?
- ART. 14 Shall the Town of Grafton raise two thousand thirty-seven dollars (\$2,037.00) for the support of the community programs of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)?

- ART. 15 Shall the Town of Grafton pay its property taxes to the Treasurer in Quarterly installments, with the due dates being August 15, November 16, February 15, and May 15?
- ART. 16 Shall the Town of Grafton levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes on real and personal property of one (1) percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment for the first three months, and one and one-half (1½) percent per month or fraction thereof for every month thereafter, as provided for in 32 VSA 5136?



**GRAFTON TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2022**

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

GRAFTON PLANNING COMMISSION

2026 Seth Pajcic
2026 Ron Pilette
2025 Eric Stevens
2024 Matt Siano
2023 Lester Schwalb

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2025 Seth Pajcic
2025 Eric Stevens
2025 Christopher Wallace
2024 Steve Fisher
2024 John Gregory
2023 John Plummer
2023 Joe Pollio (Alt.)
2023 Rodney Record (Alt.)

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

2023 Hardy Merrill, Chair
2023 Mike Faulkner
2023 Cynthia Gibbs
2023 John Gregory
2023 Maureen Parker
2023 Colby Record
2023 Kim Record

RETIRING TOWN OFFICERS

Clerk: Kimberly Record

Treasurer: Kimberly Record

Delinquent Tax Collector: Michelle Dolloph

Select Board: Joe Pollio

Select Board: Suzanne Welch

Auditor: Debe Plummer

Town Agent: Kimberly Record

Lister: Hardy Merrill

Moderator: Dave Ross

Trustee Public Funds: Ronald F. Carey

Campbell & Woolson Fund: Ronald F. Carey

Library Trustee: Lucia Corwin

Library Trustee: Mary Beth Culver

Library Trustee: Jay Maciejowski

School Rep. John "Jack" Bryar

School Rep. Cathy Siano-Goodwin

Union High School Rep: Vacant

TOWN APPOINTED

Emer. Mgmt. Director:	Bill Kearns	Forest Fire Warden:	William Brown
Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director:	Eric Stevens	Town Health Officer:	Rich Thompson
Emer. Mgmt. Coordinator:	Amber Stevens	Asst. Forest Fire Warden:	Eric Stevens

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICERS**

2023 Treasurer: Kimberly Record (2020 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Town Clerk: Kimberly Record (2020 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Michelle Dolloph
 (2020 - 3 yr. term)

SELECT BOARD

2023 Suzanne Welch (2021 - 2 yr. term)
 2024 Cathy Siano-Goodwin (2021 -3 yr. term)
 2024 John Gregory (2022 - 2 yr. term)
 2024 Rich Thompson (2022 - 2 yr. term)
 2023 Joe Pollio (2020 – 3 yr. term)

AUDITORS

2024 Arlene Carey (2021 – 3 yr. term)
 2025 Heather Gregory (2022 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Debe Plummer (2020 - yr. term)

LISTERS

2024 Nancy Merrill (2021 – 3 yr. term)
 2025 GailAnn Fisher (2022 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Hardy Merrill (2020 – 3 yr. term)

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

2024 Kimberly Record, Treasurer (2021 – 3 yr. term)
 2025 GailAnn Fisher (2022 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Ronald F. Carey (2020 - 3 yr. term)

**TRUSTEES OF CAMPBELL & WOOLSON
FUNDS**

2024 Kimberly Record (2021 – 3 yr. term)
 2025 GailAnn Fisher (2022 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Ronald F. Carey (2020 – 3 yr. term)

TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

2023 Mary Beth Culver (2021– rem. 2 of a 3 yr. term)
 2025 Kathleen Pajcic (2022 – 3 yr. term)
 2025 John Saroff (2022 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Lucia Corwin (2020 – 3 yr. term)
 2023 Jay Maciejowski (2020 – 3 yr. term)

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

2024 Hardy Merrill (2022 – 2 yr. term)
 2023 Jack Bryar
 2023 Cathy Siano-Goodwin

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTEES
ELECTED OFFICIALS
As of June 30, 2022**

ELECTED FOR ONE-YEAR TERM

Town Agent: Kimberly Record
 Moderator: David Ross

GENERAL ELECTIONS as of Nov 8th, 2022

Senators, Windham County:
 Becca Balint Jeanette White

WINDHAM/WINDSOR REPRESENTATIVE

Heather Chase

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE as of Nov 8th, 2022

Sam Battaglino, Wendy Martin, Seth Pajcic, Christopher Wallace, and David Whittall

APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

Cemetery Agent: Austin Powers
 Constable: Mike Waysville
 Council on Aging Rep: Michelle Dufort
 Dog Census: Michelle Dolloph &
 Kimberly Record

Emergency Mgr. Director: Bill Kearns
 Emer. Mgmt. Dep. Director: Eric Stevens
 Energy Coordinator: Amber Stevens
 Fence Viewers: Listers
 Administrative Officer: Bill Kearns
 Inspector of Lumber: Tracy Lake
 Planning Commission Chair: Seth Pajcic
 Pound: Windham County
 Humane Society

Road Commissioner: Select Board
 Road Foreman (Interim): Mike Faulkner
 Select Board Chair: Joe Pollio
 Select Board Vice. Chair: Cathy Siano-Goodwin
 Select Board Clerk: Rich Thompson
 Solid Waste District Rep.: Cynthia Gibbs &
 Kimberly Record

Town Administrator: Morgan Wilbur

Tree Warden:
 Windham Reg. Comm. Rep.: Eric Stevens &
 Cheryl Kaufman

Report of the Grafton Selectboard

This year voters elected Rich Thompson and John Gregory to the selectboard. I want to thank Sue Allen for her brief service to the Town. She had to resign due to her conflict with her full-time job. Rich Thompson was appointed to serve out her remaining time. This year we had to replace two important employees of the Town. Danny Taylor, highway foreman, who decided to continue with his excavation business full time. Bill Kearns has retired after being the Town Administrator for 4 years. We have hired Colby Record to the Highway Department and Morgan Wilbur to be the new Town Administrator.

The Village Park Restoration Project has been completed. The funds to do the completion came from the much-needed logging of the park. With those funds we were able to build the parking lot and restore the trails with appropriate signage. I hope everyone will take a walk or a hike in the park; it is a great asset to the Town of Grafton.

The Wastewater survey is now underway. Tighe and Bond were chosen as the engineering company to complete the study and funding was obtained from the State to do so. The Grant does not have to be paid back if the project is not approved by the vote of the Town, however if the project goes forward the amount of the grant will be added to the cost of the project. There will be a series of three more public meetings to update the progress of the project. Once the study has been completed a formal vote of the Town will be necessary to approve the Wastewater Project. This study will not be completed until sometime in late 2023. If the town approves the project, a grant for \$4 million has been awarded to be used toward the project.

Restoration of the Town Hall to make it handicap accessible has started. The elevator, lighting and new flooring has been installed in the lobby. We are now just waiting for the final inspection. The funds for this project have come from ARPA and a grant from the Windham Foundation. We have also upgraded the electrical service from 100 to 200 amps. This was necessary for the installation of heat pumps that now heat the entire building. We hope to also refinish the hardwood floor upstairs in the Town Hall.

In July of 2021 we had a very severe rainstorm that did a lot of damage to our roads and infrastructure. This caused the Town to stop all regular work and for the better part of four weeks. We were able to fix and restore most all of the damage. Thanks to FEMA and the State of Vermont most of the damage was covered and very little of Town funds were used to fix the damage.

The walker bridge is still a project underway by the State. The State has told us that the bridge replacement will begin sometime in 2024/2025. This project is funded 80% by the Federal government, 10% by the State and 10% by the Town.

The Selectboard is grateful for all the support we get from the residents and other organizations. We always welcome residents to attend our regular meetings, either in person or by Zoom which are held every first and third Monday of each month. We want to thank the

voters of Grafton for the privilege of serving the Town. It's encouraged to attend the Pre-Town Meeting either in person or on Zoom on Tuesday February 28, 2023, at 6:00 PM which will be held at the Grafton Elementary School (GES). Also, remember to attend the in-person Town Meeting, on Tuesday March 7th, 2023, at 10:00 AM also at GES.

Voting will be at the Grafton Elementary School on Tuesday March 7th, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Pollio, Chair



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December 29, 2022

Selectboard
Town of Grafton
P.O. Box 180
Grafton, Vermont 05146

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Grafton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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

Sullivan, Powers & Company

TOWN OF GRAFTON AUDITORS REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

For the year ending June 30, 2022 and in accordance with 24 VSA §1681, we have examined and adjusted the accounts of all Town Officials and other Grafton organizations authorized to draw funds from the Town of Grafton.

The accounting for the Town is done on a modified accrual basis. As far as we can determine, the financial statements in the Town Report represent a fairly accurate position of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2022.

In addition, the Professional Auditing Firm of Sullivan, Powers and Co. audits the town's book on an annual basis.

We would like to extend many thanks to the numerous members of Grafton's organizations who volunteer their time so freely. It is a serious responsibility and not always easy. We appreciate your hard work and countless hours. Thank you for holding up to the standards of strict accounting procedures. This makes our job easier. Your commitment to our community makes Grafton the special place it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to serving you again in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Plummer, Heather Gregory and Arlene Carey



TOWN OF GRAFTON
CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

2022

Believe it or not 2022 turned out to be a little better than 2020 & 2021. We still have Covid lurking around with even more variants. I feel it will be a part of life from now on as is the flu.

Our land records digitization project has taken place and will always be an ongoing project moving forward and continuing from 40 years back to the beginning of Grafton. Many thanks to The Cott Systems and Wendy Martin. So, if interested you can visit www.Recodhub.cottsystems.com and do a little research of your own.

The Cyber Security project also has been completed, and all wiring has been relocated to a safer, better, and more secure location.

The lobby to our Town Hall has had a complete overhaul with new paint, flooring, lighting, and a working ADA compliant elevator to take you to the second floor where we have been holding our regular Selectboard meetings. Not only are our Selectboard meetings held there every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month but so is all our other monthly organization meetings including outside non-profits. In the next few months, the plan is to hopefully install new flooring throughout all the offices and to sand down the original flooring upstairs in the meeting room. So, if you have not had a chance yet to see any of the renovation please stop in, say Hi and look around.

Our election and annual Town Meeting will be held in person after two years of cancellations due to Covid. Voting will be set up at the Elementary School from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm and in person Town Meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

Dog licenses are available, and we encourage you to license your dog before April 1st to avoid a late charge. There will be a table at the elementary school during voting time on March 7th to register your dog. Be sure your rabies certificate is up to date, and you bring \$9.00 for spayed or neutered, \$13.00 otherwise. Also beginning this year, the Town of Grafton has contracted with the Windham County Animal Control Officer, Ashley Pinger who will be handling most dog complaints, dog bites and will be overseeing all unlicensed dogs as of April 2nd, 2023. You can reach Ashely at 802-365-4942 or apinger@windhamcountyvt.gov.

This year the Town of Grafton sadly lost 3 residents and had 16 burials. There has been a total of 2 births and 27 marriage licenses recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Record

Grafton Town Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Statement of Revenue					
			Variance		Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2021-2022	2021-2022	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
TAX REVENUE / TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Property Tax	\$ 878,641.00	\$ 783,941.00	\$ (94,700.00)	\$ 907,067.00	\$ 895,142.00
Del Tax Revenue	\$ -	\$ 96,463.00	\$ 96,463.00	\$ -	
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment Pmt	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,022.00	\$ 1,022.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
State of VT - Current Use Funds	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 126,638.00	\$ 16,638.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	\$ 1,023,641.00	\$ 1,043,064.00	\$ 19,423.00	\$ 1,057,067.00	\$ 1,046,142.00
INTEREST AND PENALTIES					
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 14,781.00	\$ 9,781.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
8% Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,588.00	\$ 5,088.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL INTEREST AND PENALTIES	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 22,369.00	\$ 14,869.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
LICENSES					
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 800.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
TOTAL LICENSES	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE					
State of VT - Highways	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 140,817.00	\$ 20,817.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 130,000.00
State of VT - In lieu of taxes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,679.00	\$ 4,679.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
State of VT - Civil Fines	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,417.00	\$ 717.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00
State of VT - Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ 5,279.00	\$ 5,279.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
State of VT - Structures	\$ -	\$ 3,258.00	\$ 3,258.00	\$ -	\$ -
State of VT - Fed Aid Highways	\$ -	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,066.00	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Government / FEMA	\$ -	\$ 60,194.00	\$ 60,194.00	\$ -	\$ -
VT. Agency of Transportation Grant	\$ -	\$ 196,343.00	\$ 196,343.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grant - Covid	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INTERGOVT. REVENUE	\$ 121,700.00	\$ 414,053.00	\$ 292,353.00	\$ 123,200.00	\$ 132,800.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,018.00	\$ 2,018.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Preservation of Records	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,358.00	\$ 1,858.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Copying Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ 64.00	\$ (36.00)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Bank Fees Paid	\$ 100.00	\$ 89.00	\$ (11.00)	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00
Cott Research Fees Collected	\$ 360.00	\$ 539.00	\$ 179.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 12,060.00	\$ 16,068.00	\$ 4,008.00	\$ 11,060.00	\$ 12,080.00
INTEREST EARNED - MONEY MKT.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,224.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

			Variance		Proposed
GENERAL FUND	2021-2022	2021-2022	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	Voted	Actual	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,235.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
Sales - VLCT Insurance checks	\$ -	\$ 2,903.00	\$ 2,903.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Permits	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
ARPA	\$ -	\$ 100,892.00	\$ 100,892.00	\$ -	\$ -
Village Park / donations/timber	\$ -	\$ 14,791.00	\$ 14,791.00	\$ -	\$ -
Town Hall Handicap Access	\$ -				\$ -
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 234.00	\$ 234.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL MISC. REVENUES	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 130,960.00	\$ 120,260.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 10,700.00
INTERFUND REVENUES					
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
Wilson Park	\$ -			\$ -	
Village Park	\$ -	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sherwin Cambridge Fund	\$ -	\$ 286.00	\$ 286.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INTERFUND REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL REVENUE	\$ 1,179,801.00	\$ 1,631,443.00	\$ 451,642.00	\$ 1,213,777.00	\$ 1,215,972.00



TOWN OF GRAFTON					
GENERAL FUND					
TOWN GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS					
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance					
			Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	2021-2022	2021-2022	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
GENERAL FUND / TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES					
SALARIES OR COMPENSATION					
Select Board Compensation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Select Board Town Administrator	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 50,683.00	\$ (2,583.00)	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 43,750.00
Administrative Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Town Treasurer	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 18,798.00	\$ (498.00)	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Town Clerk	\$ 30,800.00	\$ 31,655.00	\$ (855.00)	\$ 32,600.00	\$ 34,600.00
Assist. Treasurer / Clerk	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 18,172.00	\$ (5,172.00)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Listers	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,977.00	\$ (477.00)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Auditors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 894.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Trustee of Public Funds	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Constables & Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,137.00	\$ (6,637.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Health Officer	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Forest Fire Warden	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Temp Town Office Help	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL SALARIES / COMPENSATION	\$ 135,700.00	\$ 150,528.00	\$ (14,828.00)	\$ 145,100.00	\$ 147,450.00
BENEFITS					
Social Security (FICA)	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 10,374.00	\$ (674.00)	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Medicare	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,426.00	\$ (26.00)	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,300.00
Employee Health Insurance	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 32,132.00	\$ 868.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Employee Dental Insurance	\$ 900.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Retirement	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,340.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,200.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 500.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 150.00	\$ 215.00	\$ (65.00)	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Experience Modification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Penalties	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$ 54,150.00	\$ 52,667.00	\$ 1,483.00	\$ 55,750.00	\$ 41,100.00
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 189,850.00	\$ 203,195.00	\$ (13,345.00)	\$ 200,850.00	\$ 188,550.00
TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS					
Ballot Clerk Compensation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 357.00	\$ 1,143.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 900.00
Town Reports	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Other Town Meeting / Election Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 379.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
TOTAL TOWN MEETING / ELECTIONS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,478.00	\$ 1,522.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Postage	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,558.00	\$ (58.00)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Telephone	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,319.00	\$ (619.00)	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,400.00
Copier Expense	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Computer Expense	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 23,654.00	\$ (9,654.00)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Travel - Town Officials	\$ 500.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 431.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Dues - Town Officials	\$ 300.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

			Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	2021-2022	2021-2022	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
Conferences	\$ 700.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Dog Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,296.00	\$ (696.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Preservation of Records	\$ -	\$ 1,480.00	\$ (1,480.00)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
Fire Alarm Systems Town Hall	\$ 250.00	\$ 465.00	\$ (215.00)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Cott Systems - Land Records	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control Officer				\$ -	\$ 3,450.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Public Official Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,000.00
Officers' Bond	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Kidder Bridge Insurance	\$ 90.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00
Advertising	\$ 750.00	\$ 371.00	\$ 379.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Other Professional Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,230.00	\$ (730.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Legal Expense / Tax Appeals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 3,880.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Professional Auditor	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,255.00	\$ (255.00)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 53,890.00	\$ 58,827.00	\$ (4,937.00)	\$ 55,775.00	\$ 61,740.00
TOWN HALL EXPENSES					
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 542.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,497.00	\$ 1,303.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
Heat	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,188.00	\$ (188.00)	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 7,000.00
Electricity	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,997.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,300.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,626.00	\$ 2,374.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Town Hall Handicap/ARPA	\$ -	\$ 36,397.00	\$ (36,397.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Town Hall Restoration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Snow Removal	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ (250.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Janitor	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,700.00
TOWN HALL EXPENSES	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 48,683.00	\$ (32,083.00)	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 20,000.00
RECREATION AND PARKS					
Swimming Pool	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Town Greens	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Village Park	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Wilson Park	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Winnie Park	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Park Forester	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parker Hill Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Village Park Structures				\$ -	\$ -
Village Park Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 4,049.00	\$ (4,049.00)	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL RECREATION AND PARKS	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 7,249.00	\$ (3,949.00)	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 4,500.00
CEMETERIES					
Labor	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,972.00	\$ 3,028.00	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits - FICA and Workers Comp.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 611.00	\$ 389.00	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 839.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Other Expenses-Spec. Exp./Contractor Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 23,900.00	\$ 17,644.00	\$ 6,256.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,000.00

			Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	2021-2022	2021-2022	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
OTHER TOWN EXPENSES					
VT League of Cities and Towns Dues	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,909.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
County Tax	\$ 13,300.00	\$ 12,842.00	\$ 458.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 12,000.00
Bank Service Fee	\$ -	\$ 73.00	\$ (73.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Street Lights	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,341.00	\$ (341.00)	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,400.00
Grafton Public Library	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Planning Commission	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,200.00
Development Review Brd	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Windham Regional Commission	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,637.00	\$ (37.00)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Emergency Management	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 967.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Hydrant Snow Removal	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ 4,750.00	\$ (4,750.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Aid	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,729.00	\$ (729.00)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Fact TV	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sheriff's Department	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,896.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cornet band	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Misc Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Maps	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,097.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sewage Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
TOTAL OTHER TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 47,800.00	\$ 51,441.00	\$ (3,641.00)	\$ 49,300.00	\$ 53,200.00
OTHER VOTED ARTICLES					
Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,760.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Firemen's Operating Budget	\$ 29,950.00	\$ 29,950.00	\$ -	\$ 29,950.00	\$ 29,950.00
Rescue Squad	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Humanitarian Articles	\$ 10,841.00	\$ 11,381.00	\$ (540.00)	\$ 10,681.00	\$ 9,181.00
Grace Cottage Hospital					\$ 2,500.00
The Gathering Place					\$ 500.00
SEVEDS	\$ 2,037.00	\$ 2,037.00	\$ -	\$ 2,037.00	\$ 2,037.00
TOTAL OTHER VOTED ARTICLES	\$ 54,828.00	\$ 55,128.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 56,168.00	\$ 57,668.00
DEPT SERVICE					
Payment on Principal	\$ 53,333.00	\$ 53,333.00	\$ -	\$ 53,334.00	\$ 53,334.00
Interest Expense	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 11,936.00	\$ 1,864.00	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 11,500.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	\$ 67,133.00	\$ 65,269.00	\$ (1,864.00)	\$ 65,234.00	\$ 64,834.00
TOTAL TOWN GOVT. EXPENDITURES	\$ 460,301.00	\$ 508,914.00	\$ (52,341.00)	\$ 475,127.00	\$ 478,892.00

			Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	2021-2022	2021-2022	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
GENERAL FUND HIGHWAY DEPT.					
Statement of Expenses					
LABOR					
Labor - Regular Hours	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 173,457.00	\$ (8,457.00)	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 177,000.00
Labor - Overtime	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,498.00	\$ (1,498.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Temporary Labor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,074.00	\$ (1,074.00)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL LABOR	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 191,029.00	\$ (11,029.00)	\$ 192,500.00	\$ 196,500.00
HIGHWAY BENEFITS					
FICA (Social Security)	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 10,485.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,400.00
Medicare	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,452.00	\$ 248.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Health Insurance	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 69,568.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Dental Insurance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Retirement-Highway	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 11,560.00	\$ 690.00	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 14,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,192.00	\$ (192.00)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 200.00	\$ 299.00	\$ (99.00)	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00
Uniforms	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,357.00	\$ (57.00)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY BENEFITS	\$ 115,350.00	\$ 114,041.00	\$ 1,309.00	\$ 117,150.00	\$ 98,750.00
FUEL					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,766.00	\$ (466.00)	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 8,760.00
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,557.00	\$ (57.00)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,000.00
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,168.00	\$ (368.00)	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,400.00
Truck 4 - 2021 Freightliner	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,060.00	\$ (760.00)	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,000.00
Loader - 2013	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,700.00
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 6,020.00	\$ (2,720.00)	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,000.00
Backhoe - 2012 John Deere	\$ 500.00	\$ 669.00	\$ (169.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Chipper	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00
DEF For Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Mower / Blower	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 749.00	\$ 751.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Excavator	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Other Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 401.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL FUEL	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 33,172.00	\$ (2,172.00)	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 35,580.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE					
Truck 1 - 2018 Western Star	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,508.00	\$ (1,008.00)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Truck 2 - 2016 Western Star	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 11,078.00	\$ (4,578.00)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Truck 3 - 2019 Chevy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,026.00	\$ (26.00)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Truck 4 - 2021 Freightliner	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 302.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Loader - 2013	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 5,462.00	\$ (4,262.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Grader - 2010 Caterpillar	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,031.00	\$ 2,469.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Plows and Sanders	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,327.00	\$ (1,327.00)	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Backhoe-2012 John Deere	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 728.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Chipper	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Mower / Blower	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 398.00	\$ 602.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Hydrant Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Eager Beaver Trailer 1996	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Excavator	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 491.00	\$ 509.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Small Equipment Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 829.00	\$ 171.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 37,900.00	\$ 43,120.00	\$ (5,220.00)	\$ 44,600.00	\$ 37,600.00

			Variance		Proposed
	Voted	Actual	Favorable	Budget	Budget
	2021-2022	2021-2022	(Unfavorable)	2022-2023	2023-2024
CONTRACTED SERVICES					
Plowing Contractors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tree Removal Contractors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Retreatment Contractors	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 274,230.00	\$ (169,230.00)	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 118,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Street Sweeping Contractors	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Beaver Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ (750.00)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Small Equipment Rental	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Generator Contract	\$ 400.00	\$ 432.00	\$ (32.00)	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00
Other Professional Services	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,532.00	\$ 968.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 117,900.00	\$ 281,434.00	\$ (163,534.00)	\$ 116,950.00	\$ 127,000.00
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
Culvert Expenses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,787.00	\$ (7,787.00)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 4,445.00	\$ (2,945.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Guard Rails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Gravel	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 48,045.00	\$ (13,045.00)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Road Repair Material	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,902.00	\$ (25,902.00)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Salt	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,465.00	\$ 19,535.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Sand	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 41,098.00	\$ 18,902.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Storm Water Grants / Better Back Roads Grants	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ (2,800.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Chloride	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,707.00	\$ (1,207.00)	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 366.00	\$ 1,134.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Clean Water Act / Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 816.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 201,500.00	\$ 214,799.00	\$ 13,299.00	\$ 201,000.00	\$ 201,000.00
TOWN GARAGE					
Supplies and Tools / Inventory	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,988.00	\$ (1,988.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Radio	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,536.00	\$ (236.00)	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00
Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,112.00	\$ (112.00)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Heat	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,131.00	\$ (131.00)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,400.00
Electricity	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,442.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Repairs and Maintenance - Town Shed	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,128.00	\$ (628.00)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Pagers for Highway Workers	\$ 600.00	\$ 538.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Diesel Fuel Tank		\$ 1,940.00			
Fire Alarm Systems	\$ 500.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TOTAL TOWN GARAGE	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 28,280.00	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 27,300.00
OTHER EXPENSES					
Training	\$ 250.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Liability Insurance-Highway	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,547.00	\$ (447.00)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,600.00
Equipment Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,330.00	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Safety Equipment	\$ 800.00	\$ 3,762.00	\$ (2,962.00)	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Commercial Licences	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
General Road Permit	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous Highway Expenses	\$ -	\$ 665.00	\$ (665.00)		\$ -

	Voted	Actual	Variance	Budget	Proposed
	2021-2022	2021-2022	Favorable (Unfavorable)	2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 13,427.00	\$ (2,077.00)	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 13,350.00
TOTAL BUDGETED HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 719,500.00	\$ 919,302.00	\$ 199,802.00	\$ 737,950.00	\$ 737,080.00
July 2021 Rain Storm *****	\$ -	\$ 328,457.00		\$ -	
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 719,500.00	\$ 1,247,759.00	\$ 528,259.00	\$ 737,950.00	\$ 737,080.00
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 460,301.00	\$ 508,914.00	\$ (48,613.00)	\$ 475,127.00	\$ 478,892.00
TOTAL TOWN AND HIGHWAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,179,801.00	\$ 1,756,673.00	\$ 576,872.00	\$ 1,213,077.00	\$ 1,215,972.00
Anticipated Revenue					\$ 187,330.00
Anticipated State Grant for Highways					\$ 130,000.00
Capital Budget					\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN					\$ 1,098,642.00
*No FEMA money received as of 6/30/22					
*ARPA money received as of 6/30/2022		\$ 100,892.00			



**TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN BUDGET**

SELECTBOARD'S ITEMIZED BUDGET	2023-2024 Proposed	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	2023-2024 Proposed
Salaries/Compensation	\$ 147,450	Bellows Falls Senior Center	\$ 674
Benefits	\$ 41,100	Grace Cottage Foundation	\$ 2,500
Town Meeting and Elections	\$ 2,400	Grafton Cares	\$ 1,000
Operating Expenses	\$ 61,740	HCRS	\$ 600
Recreation and Parks	\$ 4,500	Parks Place Resource Center	\$ 100
Cemeteries	\$ 26,000	Grafton Church (Food Pantry)	\$ 1,000
Other Town Expenses	\$ 53,200	VT Rural Fire Protection	\$ 100
Town Hall	\$ 20,000	Senior Solutions	\$ 650
Town Garage Interest	\$ 11,500	SEVCA	\$ 650
Town Garage Principal	\$ 53,334	Southeast Vermont Transit Inc. - The Current	\$ 250
TOTAL SELECTBOARDS ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 421,224	Valley Cares, Inc.	\$ 1,052
		Visiting Nurses	\$ 2,300
		VT Center for Independent Living (VCIL)	\$ 105
LESS OTHER REVENUE:		Women's Freedom Center	\$ 600
Municipal Property Tax Adjustment	\$ 36,000	Youth Services	\$ 100
Interest on Overdue Taxes	\$ 5,000	The Gathering Place	\$ 500
8% Penalty	\$ 5,000	TOTAL HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 12,181
Liquor Licenses	\$ 400		
			2023-2024 Proposed
Dog Licenses	\$ 850	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	
State-Current Use Payment	\$ 115,000	Ambulance Service	\$ 9,000
State Land Tax Payment	\$ 2,000	Firemen's Assn.	\$ 29,950
Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 8,000	Grafton Rescue	\$ 4,500
Permits	\$ 500	SEVEDS	\$ 2,037
Copying Service	\$ 100		
Civil Fines	\$ 800	TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 45,487
Interest Earned	\$ 3,000		
Town Hall Rent	\$ 10,200	CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 200,000
Cott Research Fees	\$ 400	SELECTBOARDS ITEMIZED BUDGET	\$ 421,224
Bank Fees Paid	\$ 80	HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES	\$ 12,181
	\$ -	OTHER SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 45,487
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$ 187,330	TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET	\$ 678,892
		LESS REVENUE	\$ 187,330
		TAX REVENUE NEEDED FOR SELECTMEN	\$ 491,562
TOWN OF GRAFTON HIGHWAY BUDGET	2023-2024 Proposed		
All Highway Expenditures	\$ 737,080	TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN GOVT.	\$ 491,562
Less State Grant For Highways	\$ 130,000	TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 607,080
TAXES NEEDED FOR HIGHWAYS	\$ 607,080	TOTAL TAXES NEEDED FOR TOWN	\$ 1,098,642

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
COMPARISON OF TAXES**

FISCAL YEAR	2019-2020	2020-2021	2022-2023	PROPOSED
				2023-2024
TOWN OF GRAFTON SCHOOL TAXES				
Total to State Education Fund	\$ 497,667	\$ 609,687		
Total School Taxes	\$ 1,580,451	\$ 1,534,368		
TOWN GOVERNMENT				
Selectboard's Budget	\$ 159,190	\$ 160,680	\$ 171,015	\$ 169,059
Loan Town Garage	\$ 67,333	\$ 67,133	\$ 65,233	\$ 64,834
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 226,523	\$ 227,813		\$ 233,893
Special Articles	\$ 51,828	\$ 54,828	\$ 56,168	\$ 57,668
HIGHWAYS	\$ 601,093	\$ 599,500	\$ 617,950	\$ 607,080
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
TOTAL TOWN, HWYS, CAP. BUD.	\$ 1,054,444	\$ 1,082,141	\$ 1,110,366	\$ 1,098,641
TOTAL TAXES NEEDED:				
TOWN, HIGHWAY, CAP.BUD. ONLY	\$ 1,054,444	\$ 1,082,141	\$ 1,110,366	\$ 1,098,641
GRAND LIST- Estimated				
Municipal	\$ 1,592,580	\$ 1,590,712	\$ 1,523,005	
Education - Homestead	\$ 596,796	\$ 548,625	\$ 489,666	
Education-non- resident	\$ 983,655	\$ 985,742	\$ 978,292	
TAX RATES:				
Town	0.65	\$ 0.73	0.74	
School (non-resident)	1.43	\$ 1.55	1.44	
School (homestead)	1.54	\$ 1.69	1.47	

TOWN OF GRAFTON STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

GRAND LIST - General Property			07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022
Municipal Grand List			\$ 1,506,649
Education Grand List - Homestead			\$ 507,651
Education Grand List - Non Resident			\$ 997,952
TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED			
Municipal	\$ 1,506,649	0.7168	\$ 1,079,966
Education-Homestead	\$ 507,651	1.6942	\$ 860,062
Education-Non Resident	\$ 997,952	1.5540	\$ 1,550,817
Local Agreement	\$ 1,506,649	0.0149	\$ 22,449
Late Penalties			\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 3,513,295
TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:			
Taxes Collected			\$ 3,567,556
Prebates from State of Vt			\$ 36,022
Plus unpaid Current Taxes			\$ 27,377
TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR			\$ 3,630,955



**TOWN OF GRAFTON
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS	6/30/2022	
Checking Account	\$ 549,968	
Money Market Account	104,282	
Hydrant Fund	25,671	
Repurchase Reserve	108,629	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 788,550	
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	932	
Due to Capital Projects Fund	390,234	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	391,166	
FUND BALANCES		
Highway monies (Statue)	\$ -	
Preservation of Records	15,960	
Reappraisal Funds	7,849	
Solid Waste	5,372	
Retreatment	40,048	
Walker Bridge Project	273,629	
Hydrant Fund	25,671	
Town Hall Restoration	1,483	
Village Park Maintenance	15,509	
Town Hall Handicap Access	10,000	
Unassigned	1,863	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 397,384	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 788,550	

NOTES ON HUMANITARIAN ARTICLES

BELLOWS FALLS AREA SENIOR CENTER: Provides recreational opportunities, meals, flu shots, and services to area residents. (802) 463-3907

GRAFTON CARES: A local organization that provides home-delivered meals, transportation to medical facilities, Strong Living classes and other services for residents. Contact Kate or Bob Bova at (802) 869-1527

HEALTH CARE AND REHABILITATION: (Division of Health Care and Rehabilitative Services of Southeastern Vermont) Provides children and adult outpatient, substance abuse, mental health, vocational and emergency services. (800) 622-4235 or hcrs.org

MOOver!: (Southeast Vermont Transit) Provides rides to medical appointments for elderly, disabled and/or residents who receive Medicaid. (802) 460-77433 or MOOver.com

PARKS PLACE RESOURCE CENTER: (Bellows Falls) Provides a place for residents of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union communities to receive a variety of educational services. (802) 463-9927 or parksplacevermont.com

SENIOR SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT: Provides a wide range of services to seniors. (802) 885-2655

SEVCA: (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) Provides weatherization, fuel and/or utility assistance, and family services for the Windham County area. (802) 722-4575 or sevca.org

VALLEY CARES: Provides affordable housing and options for supportive services to elders in the West River Valley area. (802) 365-4115 or valleycares.org

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. (802) 229-0501 or vcil.org

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION: Supports project dry hydrants repair, replacement, relocating, upgrades of existing systems and drafting site development. (802) 828-4582

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH: Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. (888) 300-8853 or vnhcare.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER: (Brattleboro) Provides services and safe housing available for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. (802) 254-6954 or womensfreedomcenter.net

YOUTH SERVICES: (Brattleboro) Provides counseling advocacy and mentoring programs and works with other providers in drug prevention and treatment. (802) 257-0361 or youthservicesinc.com

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Grafton, VT

On May 19, 2022, I received the 2021-2022 Delinquent Tax Report from Town Treasurer, Kimberly Record.

At that time, the principal tax amount due was \$71,384.01 plus interest of \$3,029.02 and penalty of \$5,710.71 for a total of \$80,123.74. As of January 1, 2023, the amount that remains to be collected is \$5,559.05.

Below I've included the amounts due as of 05/19/2022 (when I received the 2021-2022 Delinquent Tax List), as of 06/30/2022 (the end of the fiscal year) and as of 01/01/2023.

There were no tax sales scheduled as of January 1, 2023. If there are any to be scheduled in 2023 the information will be posted at the Town Hall, in The Grafton News as well as the local newspaper as required by law.

Michelle Dolloph

Delinquent Tax Due as of 05/19/2022

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2016-2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2022	\$71,384.01	\$3,029.02	\$5,710.71	\$80,123.74
TOTAL	\$71,384.01	\$3,029.02	\$5,710.71	\$80,123.74

Delinquent Tax Due as of 06/30/2022

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2016-2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2022	\$24,005.99	\$1,451.01	\$1,920.49	\$27,377.49
TOTAL	\$24,005.99	\$1,451.01	\$1,920.49	\$27,377.49

Delinquent Tax Due as of 01/01/2023

TAX YEAR	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2016-2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017-2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018-2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019-2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020-2021	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2021-2022	\$4,469.72	\$731.72	\$357.61	\$5,559.05
TOTAL	\$4,469.72	\$731.72	\$357.61	\$5,559.05

TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FIXED ASSETS		
Real Estate and Equipment		
As of June 30, 2022		
DATE		
ACQUIRED	DESCRIPTION	COST
	LAND:	
1960	Town Pond - 2.7 acres	18,000
1952	Wilson Park - 0.50 acres Total (add'l .25 acres acquired by FEMA / Town Dec. 2015)	23,250
1951	Village Park - 55.9 acres	63,900
1928	Town Forest - Stebbins Land - 72 acres	72,300
2008	Pearo / Tuttle Lots	13,200
2016	Winnie Park - 0.50 acres	9,000
2017	Trayhan Property - 2.7 acres	9,400
	*BUILDINGS:	
1990	Village School	1,076,898
1988	Town Hall Addition and Vault	135,303
2015	Town Garage	993,856
2015	Salt Shed	22,875
1953	Grafton Public Library	5,000
1857	Town Hall	450
	OTHER ASSETS:	
1975	Hydrant System	230,900
1975	Street Lighting	23,700
	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT:	
2018	Western Star w/plow and sander	193,340
2016	Western Star w/plow and sander	159,298
2019	Chevy 2500	44,180
2021	Freightliner w / plow & sander (Trk 4)	154,230
2013	924 Cat Loader	174,500
2012	John Deere Backhoe	93,650
2010	Caterpillar Grader	173,900
1995	York Rake x 2	3,444
2003	Power washer x 2	4,495
2005	Chipper	7,500
2017	Case tractor w/mower & blower	130,548
1996	Eagerbeaver Trailer	3,000
2019	Caterpillar Excavator	107,300
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT:	
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
2015	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58e	1,006
2013	Lenovo ThinkCentre M58	730
1997	File Cabinets and Chairs	589
2020	Lenovo Laptop - clerk	1,000
2020	Lenovo Laptop - administrator	1,800
2021	Apple Ipad	800
* Note: Improvements to buildings are not included in cost.		

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Capital Budget Committee met on November 10th, 2022, and after discussion unanimously recommended to fund the following capital programs in the 2023/24 fiscal year as follows:

- Highway Equipment Fund \$130,066
- Highway Road & Structures Program \$52,934
- Firetruck Fund \$17,000

Total Funds Required \$200,000 to be raised by taxes and \$27,000 of existing funds to be transferred from the Bridge Scraping and Painting Program to the Town Hall Program.

This is the same Total Amount that was recommended by the committee and approved by the voters for the current fiscal year.

On December 19th, 2022 the Capital Budget Hearing was held at 5:30 to review the committee's recommendation. At the conclusion of the Hearing the Select Board voted to accept their recommendation and present it to the voters.

Committee Members: Hardy Merrill, Cynthia Gibbs, Kimberly Record, John Gregory, Colby Record, Maureen Parker, and Mike Faulkner

TOWN OF GRAFTON CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- No additional capital requirements for 2023/24 have been identified for the following Town programs:
 - Guard Rail Program
 - Computer Upgrade Program
 - Bridge Maintenance Program

Consequently, we recommend no additional funds be allocated to these programs in the 2023/24 budget.

- The town has available Grants of \$94,000 & \$111,150 from V-Trans to replace Hinkley Brook culvert #17 and Putnam Forest Road culvert #2 at bid costs of \$183,500 & \$123,500, respectively. To complete these projects the town will need to provide additional funds of \$52,934 in the 2023/24 budget. The Committee recommends funding this amount.
- After reviewing information from the Fire Department, related to the development of a plan for identifying their future equipment and financing needs the Committee agreed with their request for \$17,000 and recommends allocating the money in the 2023/24 Budget.
- In the next 4 years, beginning with 2022/23, the town needs to finish paying for the excavator, replace Truck #2, Truck #3, Truck #1, The Loader, and the Grader. The total cash required is estimated at \$795,008 less our expected equipment funds available during 2022/23 of \$404,809. This means the net cash needs for the town over the next 3 years is \$390,199 or \$130,066 per year. We recommend funding this amount in the 2023/24 Budget.
- The Committee reviewed the Walker Bridge situation in detail. The latest estimate provided by the State of Vermont is for a total cost of \$6,940,000. Therefore, at a minimum the cost to the town is \$694,000 The Town has presently provided \$352,507 for this project which based on estimates from V-Trans will cover the town's financial obligations related to this project for the next 2 years. The committee then noted that since the town's future expense based on project overruns is unknown, we are recommending that the town pursue long term financing options for the balance of funds required for this project rather than thru Capital Projects Fund.
- Total Funds recommended to be funded by taxes for the 2023/24 Capital Budget \$200,000.
- We also recommend transferring \$27,000 from the Bridge Maintenance Program to the Town Hall program to cover project overruns related to the renovation of the Town Hall.

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET CASH FLOW ANALYSIS				
	Actual			Actual
	Program	Actual	Actual	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	6/30/2022
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	19,437	0	0	19,437
Highway Equipment	142,005	138,609	(23,197)	257,417
Guardrails	20,000	0	(5,205)	14,795
Fire Truck	-	15,000	(15,000)	0
Town Hall	11,239	0	0	11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	0	0	27,000
Computer Replacements	9,942	0	0	9,942
Bridge Construction Program	27,011	46,391	(22,998)	50,404
TOTAL	\$ 256,634	\$ 200,000	\$ (66,400)	\$ 390,234
	Actual			Projected
	Program	Voted	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	6/30/2023
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	19,437	36,608	(89,500)	\$ (33,455)
Highway Equipment	257,417	147,392	(198,612)	\$ 206,197
Guardrails	14,795	0	0	\$ 14,795
Fire Truck	0	16,000	(16,000)	0
Town Hall	11,239	0	0	\$ 11,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	0	0	\$ 27,000
Computer Replacements	9,942	0	0	\$ 9,942
Bridge Construction Program	50,404	0	0	\$ 50,404
TOTAL	\$ 390,234	\$ 200,000	\$ (304,112)	\$ 286,122
	Projected			Projected
	Program	Proposed	Projected	Program
	Balance	Additions	Expenditures	Balance
	6/30/2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	6/30/2024
PROGRAM ANALYSIS				
Highway Structures & Roadway Program	(33,455)	52,934	(12,350)	\$ 7,129
Highway Equipment	206,197	130,066	(23,198)	\$ 313,065
Guardrails	14,795	0	0	\$ 14,795
Fire Truck	0	17,000	(17,000)	0
Town Hall	11,239	0	27,000	\$ 38,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	0	(27,000)	0
Computer Replacements	9,942	0	0	\$ 9,942
Bridge Construction Program	50,404	0	0	\$ 50,404
TOTAL	\$ 286,122	\$ 200,000	\$ (52,548)	\$ 433,574

TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL BUDGET TAX REVENUE				
	Voted	Voted	Voted	Proposed
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
TAX REVENUE				
Highway Road & Structures Program	\$ 25,609	\$ -	\$ 36,608	\$ 52,934
Highway Equipment	75,000	138,609	147,392	130,066
Guardrails	4,000	0	0	-
Fire Truck	15,000	15,000	16,000	17,000
Town Hall	-	0	0	-
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	5,000	0	0	-
Computer Replacements	4,000	0	0	-
Bridge Construction Program (Walker Bridge)	46,391	46,391	0	-
Total Tax Revenue	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
TOWN OF GRAFTON				
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET				
			Projected	Projected
ASSETS	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024
Due from General Account	\$ 256,634	\$ 390,234	\$ 286,112	\$ 433,574
Accounts Receivable-State of VT				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 256,634	\$ 390,234	\$ 286,112	\$ 433,574
FUND BALANCE	\$ 256,634	\$ 390,234	\$ 286,112	\$ 433,574
EXPECTED USE OF CAPITAL FUNDS				
Highway Roadway & Structures Program	\$ 19,437	\$ 19,437	\$ (33,455)	\$ 7,129
Highway Equipment	142,005	257,417	206,197	313,065
Guardrails	20,000	14,795	14,795	14,795
Fire Truck	-	-	-	-
Town Hall	11,239	11,239	11,239	38,239
Bridges-Scrapping & Painting	27,000	27,000	27,000	-
Computer Replacements	9,942	9,942	9,942	9,942
Bridge Construction Program	27,011	50,404	50,404	50,404
FUND BALANCE	\$ 256,634	\$ 390,234	\$ 286,122	\$ 433,574

Cemetery Agent Report 2022

There was a total of 16 burials in the township of Grafton, Vermont in 2022.

One Full burial with casket and vault and nine cremated burials were laid to rest in the Houghtonville Cemetery. There were also four cremated burials at Burgess Cemetery. One cremation burial was at Cobb Cemetery. There was also one cremation burial at the Village Cemetery.

Cemetery lots are still available in the Houghtonville Cemetery only.

As usual, Town cemeteries remain closed from November 1st until June 1st.

Respectfully Submitted,

Austin Powers
Cemetery Agent
Cell: 1(802)289-2334



TOWN OF GRAFTON
TOWN CONSTABLE REPORT FOR 2022

This year:

- 1 call about a dog inside a car in the cold
- 1 call about a dog barking
- 1 call about a dog chasing cars
- 2 calls about dog bites
- Followed up with phone calls about unregistered dogs

Please remember to register and keep tags on your four-legged canine friends by April 1st. After that date, any dog is considered unlicensed and will be dealt with per the Town Ordinance. I will be traveling the roads in search of unlicensed dogs. Please, if possible, write a phone number on your dog's collar in case the tags fall off; this makes locating the owners much easier.

Beware of strange acting animals. If you suspect an unhealthy critter, please contact me as soon as possible.

New this year, we have contracted with the Windham County Sheriff's Office for an Animal Control Officer. They will help with services and calls that include: response to vicious animals, monitoring/enforcement of animals required to quarantine, animal registration and/or vaccination required under Vermont law, and at-large animals. If you need these services, please contact Ashley at (802) 490-9236.

Respectfully,
Mike Waysville, Town Constable
Emergency Phone Number:
Home (802) 875-2240

TOWN OF GRAFTON
FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT FOR 2022

We issued 55 fire permits this year and had no wildfires.

If anyone wishes to kindle an outdoor fire, please call or text me at (802) 380-0131 for a permit. If the ground is covered with snow, no permit is required. You are reminded that we may only burn natural materials. Painted and pressure treated wood and household trash must be disposed of by other means.

Respectfully submitted,
William Brown, Grafton Fire Warden (802) 843-2523 & (802) 380-0131
Eric Stevens, Assistant Fire Warden (802) 843-2568

Town Health Officer Report 2022

Every city and town in Vermont have a local board of health. The local board consists of the town health officer and town select board [or city council]. The duties and responsibilities of Vermont boards of health are established by state statute.

The town health officer is responsible for investigating and seeking remedies for any public health concerns that may arise in the town of Grafton. If any resident of the town has any concerns regarding health issues, please the Town Health officer.

This year we have dealt with several dog bites, public health concerns and septic issues. We have also been contacted by folks that are renting and have safety or health concerns about the property they are renting.

Please remember to have your dog's rabies vaccination up to date.

Respectfully submitted

Richard J Thompson THO



**Town of Grafton
Listers' Report
For the year ending June 2022**

The 2022 Grand List was filed on July 6, 2022, with a Municipal Value of \$1,523,005 and a Total Education Value of \$1,533,532.12.

Changes of appraisal related to real estate were mailed to 55 property owners on May 26, 2022. 3 Grievances were filed by property owners, reviewed by the listers, and adjustments were made where appropriate.

After receipt of the decisions by the Listers there were no appeals to the BCA.

A property owner's appeal to the State of Vermont in 2021 of the BCA's decision was withdrawn in September 2022. This allowed the town to close the 2021 Grand List in December 2022.

Currently there are 106 parcels in Current Use totaling 16,029 acres which is about 72.5% of the town's total acreage. Total acreage is about 22,100 acres. 9 parcels changed value in 2022. There were no grievances.

201 property owners filed for Homestead. Of those people that filed, 145 received Homestead state payments.

Grafton's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is determined by the state of VT each year by averaging the last three years' valid property sales. 2022's CLA for Grafton is 97.95% which compares to 2021's 101.87%. A number over 100% indicates that property is generally listed for more than its fair market value; a number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value.

We performed our yearly update of the town's property maps. These can be found on-line at VCGI (Vermont Center for Geographic Information) or in the Town Office. We encourage property owners to submit to the Town Clerk any surveys not already recorded. This will help us be more accurate in our property information.

The Board of Listers is charged with maintaining the relative fairness of property values. To accomplish this, we try to review all parcels each year and update assessments according to changes made that have an impact on the value of the parcel. All property owners planning to construct a building or structure or planning to make any improvements to an existing building with a cost greater than \$500 are requested to obtain a **Building Notification Form** at the Town Hall, complete this form, and return it to the Listers.

We welcome questions or concerns owners might have about their property. The speediest method of contact is via email listeners@graftonvt.org or phone (leave us a message) at 802-843-6486 and we will get back to you ASAP.

We would like to thank Grafton property owners for their ongoing cooperation and patience as we fulfill the obligations of our job as Listers.

Respectfully yours,

Grafton Board of Listers
Hardy Merrill, Chair
Nancy Merrill
GailAnn Fisher

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	201	53,020,500	22,979,326	30,041,174	53,020,500
Residential II R2	194	84,733,700	29,856,550	54,877,150	84,733,700
Mobile Homes-U MHU	10	137,400	40,500	96,900	137,400
Mobile Homes-L MHL	18	1,362,500	457,400	905,100	1,362,500
Seasonal I S1	14	858,900	145,700	713,200	858,900
Seasonal II S2	32	3,619,100	51,700	3,567,400	3,619,100
Commercial C	29	11,924,000	0	11,924,000	11,924,000
Commercial Apts CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	3	3,941,300	0	3,941,300	3,941,300
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	2	1,364,100	0	1,364,100	1,364,100
Other O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland W	10	556,200	0	556,200	556,200
Miscellaneous M	89	9,454,200	199,800	9,254,400	9,454,200
TOTAL LISTED REAL	602	170,971,900	53,730,976	117,240,924	170,971,900
P.P. Cable	1	115,212		115,212	115,212
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	115,212		115,212	115,212
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		171,087,112	53,730,976	117,356,136	171,087,112
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	1/1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		30,000			
Total Veterans		40,000	10,000	0	10,000
P.P. Contracts	1	115,212			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	248,600	0	248,600	248,600
Non-Apprv(voted)	3/3	1,171,900			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	5/4	1,535,712	0	248,600	248,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	102/102	17,210,900	2,118,800	15,092,100	17,210,900
Special Exemptions	1		0	264,400	264,400
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		18,786,612	2,128,800	15,605,100	17,733,900
Total Exemptions		18,786,612	2,128,800	15,605,100	17,733,900
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		1,523,005.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			516,021.76	1,017,510.36	1,533,532.12
NON-TAX	24	NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

TOWN OF GRAFTON
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT

During the Town fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, the Development Review Board (DRB) of the Town of Grafton heard and approved one request for permit for construction in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on Parcel # 008167 located at 1348 Townshend Road; a request for a Minor Subdivision of Parcel # 006033.1 located at 498 Bell Road; and a request for a Minor Subdivision and Boundary Lot Line Adjustment of Parcel #s 006039.1, 006039.2, and 006041 located at 1435 Chester Road. There were no requests for Major Subdivision during the reporting period.

All DRB warnings, agendas, minutes, and decisions are posted to the Town website; hard copies and Mylar plats are available for public review at the Town Offices, as are copies of the Town Subdivision Regulations and Town Flood Damage Prevention Regulations. During the fiscal year, DRB membership remained unchanged.

DRB Members:

Chris Wallace, Chair
Eric Stevens
Steve Fisher
John Gregory
John Plummer

DRB Alternate:

Rodney Record

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher R. Wallace
Chair, Development Review Board



Grafton Planning Commission Annual Report Covering 2022

In 2022, the Grafton Planning Commission underwent a change in composition and leadership.

Matt Siano and Eric Stevens remain on the Commission providing excellent insight and advice based on their many years of cumulative service on the Commission.

One of the new members, Seth Pajcic was voted chair of the Planning Commission. The two other new members are Lester Schwalb and Ron Pilette.

In 2022, the Grafton Planning Commission focused on planning for Grafton's future.

We discussed the concept of conducting a town survey in advance of the next town plan to get the input of a large cross-section of the community.

Inquiries were made about the best way to conduct the survey and when it should be done. While a formal survey will not be done until the 2025-2026, the Planning Commission agreed to put questions in the Grafton News monthly regarding Grafton's future development. Residents of Grafton can respond to those questions at graftonplanningcommission@gmail.com.

The Planning Commission continues to review the Flood Hazard Regulations and intends to hold a public hearing on them early in 2023 before submitting them to the Select Board for approval.

In addition, the Planning Commission continues to investigate alternatives for the wastewater issue in the village. Individuals from various public and private organizations spoke to the Planning Commission regarding possibilities for a village wide wastewater collection system.

Finally, the Planning Commission sought and received approval from the Select Board to purchase maps of the town of Grafton to be framed and displayed in the Town Hall.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month, unless noted otherwise, on the second floor of the Town Hall and the public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by the Grafton Planning Commission,

Seth Pajcic, chair

Matt Siano

Eric Stevens

Lester Schwalb

Ron Pilete



TOWN OF GRAFTON		
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP		
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022		
Kim A. Record, Treasurer		
TOTAL FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP 6/30/22	\$ 102,746.05	
DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, to June 30, 2022		
Dividends and Interest Received		
AMOUNT DESIGNATED FOR:		
Interest on Cemetery Maintenance Funds		\$ 3.21
Interest on Cemetery Lots and Graves Funds		6.70
Village Park		17.88
Wilson Memorial Park		(7,775.10)
Grafton Village Library		0.06
So. Congregational Church Society		0.07
Grafton Fund		0.31
Town School District		3.85
		\$ (7,743.02)
INVESTMENTS		
	Capital	Income
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE		
Community Bank NA	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 3.21
FOR CEMETERY LOTS AND GRAVES		
Community Bank NA	34,380.62	1,431.70
FOR VILLAGE PARK		
People's United C/D #4606	6,000.00	17.88
FOR WILSON MEMORIAL PARK		
Community Bank NA	22,950.86	4.67
G.E.Corp., Common Stock-180 shares @ \$63.67	11,460.60	(7,921.80)
General American Corp., 17 shares @\$51.13	869.21	60.01
FOR LIBRARY AND CHURCH		
S. B. Jones Fund-Community Bank	701.63	0.13
FOR GRAFTON INDIVIDUALS		
Grafton Fund People's United C/D 29421	5,000.00	0.31
Grafton Fund People's United Savings Acct. 30630	3,107.31	14.93
FOR TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		
Edward Walker Fund -Community Bank	1,036.34	0.24
Dean & Baker Fund-Chittenden Bank C/D 4596	1,100.00	3.61
TOTAL	\$ 102,746.05	\$ (6,385.11)

TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S.B.Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	(Memo Only)
ASSETS					Church		
Cash in Savings or Ck.Acct.	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 34,380.62	\$ 22,950.86		\$ 701.63	\$ 3,107.31	\$ 77,279.90
Certificates of Deposit				6,000.00		5,000.00	11,000.00
Common Stock			12,329.81				12,329.81
Interest Receivable							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 34,380.62	\$ 35,280.67	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.63	\$ 8,107.31	\$ 100,609.71
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE							
Liabilities: Due to General Fund							
Fund Balances:							
Reserved for Endowment			\$ 12,329.81	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.63	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 24,031.44
Designated for Future Use	16,139.48	34,380.62	22,950.86			3,107.31	76,578.27
Total Fund Balances	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 34,380.62	\$ 35,280.67	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.63	\$ 8,107.31	\$ 100,609.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND							
FUND BALANCES	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 34,380.62	\$ 35,280.67	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.63	\$ 8,107.31	\$ 100,609.71
TOWN OF GRAFTON							
FUNDS IN TRUSTEESHIP-KIM A. RECORD, TREASURER							
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (Cash Basis)							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022							
	Cemetery	Sales-Lots	Wilson	Village	S. B. Jones	Grafton	Totals
	Care	and Graves	Park	Park	Library and	Fund	
REVENUE:					Church		
Interest on Investments	\$ 3.21	\$ 6.70	\$ 4.67	\$ 17.88	\$ 0.13	\$ 15.24	\$ 47.83
Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Investments			(7,861.79)				(7,861.79)
Common Stock Dividends			82.02				82.02
From Sales or Other Sources		1,425.00					1,425.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3.21	\$ 1,431.70	\$ (7,775.10)	\$ 17.88	\$ 0.13	\$ 15.24	\$ (6,306.94)
EXPENDITURES:							
Transfers to General Fund				17.88			17.88
Transfers to Other Organizations			\$641.30				\$641.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$641.30	\$ 17.88			\$ 659.18
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF							
REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES							
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/21	\$ 16,136.27	\$ 32,948.92	\$ 43,697.07	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.50	\$ 8,092.07	107,575.83
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/22	\$ 16,139.48	\$ 34,380.62	\$ 35,280.67	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 701.63	\$ 8,107.31	\$ 100,609.71

TOWN OF GRAFTON			
TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUALS			
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CAREY TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2022			
	Campbell Fund	Woolson Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS			
Cash-Business Money Market	\$ 5,703.52	\$ 3,927.49	\$ 9,631.01
Certificate of Deposit-People's United	2,557.44		2,557.44
Money Market-Community BANK	9,072.67	6,042.51	15,115.18
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,333.63	\$ 9,970.00	\$ 27,303.63
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for Endowment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Unrestricted			
Total Fund Balances	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	12333.63	\$7,970.00	\$20,303.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 17,333.63	\$ 9,970.00	\$ 27,303.63
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES			
RONALD F. CAREY, TREASURER			
For the year ended June 30, 2022			
REVENUE:			
Interest on TD Bank Money Market	\$ 4.57	\$ 3.17	\$ 7.74
Interest on Comm Money Market	1.81	1.21	3.02
Interest on Peoples Certificate of Deposit	6.39		6.39
Previous Year			
Payment of Loan			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 12.77	\$ 4.38	\$ 17.15
EXPENDITURES:			
Grants to Beneficiaries			
Grant			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
EXCESS(DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES			
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/21	\$ 17,320.86	\$ 9,965.62	\$ 27,286.48
FUND BALANCES, 6/30/22	\$ 17,333.63	\$ 9,970.00	\$ 27,303.63
David R.Campbell left \$5000 to the town in 1876 f/b/o individuals in need			
Amas Woolson left \$2000 to the town in 1924 f/b/o individuals in need			

Grafton Cares 2023

Grafton Cares was established in 1993 by a group of townspeople concerned with providing help and support to their neighbors.

Meals Program

The Wednesday Lunch Program is twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at the Grafton Chapel. There are two Community Suppers, the first Friday of each month in Athens and the third Friday in Grafton.

Financial Assistance Committee

This committee, often working in collaboration with other organizations, offers a helping hand to those with a variety of temporary or long-term needs, ranging from transportation to medical appointments, to financial assistance for families or individuals with urgent needs. Grafton Cares also offers, for temporary or long-term use, a variety of medical equipment for special health needs. A Fuel Assistance Program. This program has filled an important niche by providing emergency fuel aid for those with a temporary need or who are awaiting more long-term support from other agencies.

Gas Card Program

The gas card program began many years ago with the generous contribution of gas cards from Old Tavern guests, via the Windham Foundation. Grafton Cares now funds this program. We distribute these cards to community members to meet emergency needs involving medical transportation issues or financial hardship.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels are available from the Dam Diner. Delivered by Grafton Cares' volunteer drivers. Meals On Wheels, is available through Senior Solutions (formerly the Council On Aging). Call Bill Toomey at 802-843-2397 for more information.

Sunshine Baskets

Sunshine Baskets, filled with fresh fruit, are given to our older neighbors and to those who have had surgery just to give a boost to all. Board members enjoy visiting with these people as much as delivering the baskets.

Strong Living

Strong Living is a popular program where participants ages 40 and up attend two, one hour sessions per week. Led by trained folks through a series of stretching and weightlifting exercises, this program has become a fixed date on many participants' calendars and a great way to catch up on the local news. A donation is suggested to cover the cost of equipment and facilities.

Welcome Bags

The Welcome Bag Program has been greatly appreciated by recipients who are new to Grafton and Athens. It contains a variety of "goodies" and all kinds of information to welcome new folks to town.

Grafton Cares Knitters

A group of local knitters keeps busy with various projects such as beautiful shawls for those in need of comfort and baby blankets, which are combined with board books and a book bag from the Grafton Library, to welcome little ones born to area families.

Rides Coordinator

To facilitate the coordination of transportation needs, a rides coordinator can help with rides for medical appointments. If you or a family member requires transportation to medical appointments, you can give this program a try.

Additional Events

80+ Luncheon. Each Fall, we invite all 80+ year olds and guests from Grafton and Athens to our annual luncheon at the Chapel. Our goal is to celebrate their contributions to the quality of life in our two towns. The Sixth Grade joins us to help serve the meal and visit with guests. This year, because of the virus, we cancelled the luncheon and delivered over 40 “goodie bags” to the 80+ folks.

Christmas Day Dinner. For the last few years we have sponsored a Christmas Day Dinner at 12:00 in the Chapel building. A good number of residents have attended this special meal. This dinner is also cancelled due to the virus.

For more information about Grafton Cares or any of its programs, contact, Kate Bova, President of Grafton Cares at 869-1527.



GRAFTON CARES

June 30, 2022

	Budget 2021-22	Actual 2021-22	Proposed 2023
OPENING BALANCE		\$25,716.34	
INCOME			
Town of Grafton	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Athens Organizations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Living Strong Donations	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,187.00	\$ 500.00
Donations-Wed Lunch	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,102.77	\$ 4,000.00
Donations-Comm. Supper	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Other Fundraising	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Interest earned	\$ 10.00		\$ 15.00
Interest on CD	\$ 5.00		
Memorials	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -
Welcome Center Fundraiser	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
General Income	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 15,478.21	\$ 1,200.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Reimbursements	\$ -		\$ -
Memorials			
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,765.00	\$ 19,767.98	\$8,815.00
EXPENSES			
Community Supper			
Food-Grafton	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Food-Athens	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Chapel Rent & fuel	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Paper products	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Total Community Supper	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ 2,700.00
Wednesday Lunches			
Food	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 273.60	\$ 1,000.00
Paper products	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Equipment	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Chapel Rent & Fuel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 566.67	\$ 2,500.00
Total Wednesday Lunches	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 840.27	\$ 4,400.00
Living Strong			
Chapel Rent & Fuel	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Instructor's Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,475.97	\$ 1,200.00
Total Living Strong	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,575.97	\$ 1,700.00

GRAFTON CARES

June 30, 2022

	Budget 2021-22	Actual 2021-22	Proposed 2023
Administration			
Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 972.64	\$ 1,000.00
Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 83.43	\$ 250.00
Athenian office supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Federal filing fee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,015.00
Misc. expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Total Administration	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,141.07	\$ 2,815.00
Other Expenses			
Personal Assistance Expense	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,166.89	\$ 4,000.00
Community Outreach-gas cards	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 4,500.00
Community Outreach-children	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 2,000.00
Food Shelf	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Community Donations	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	500
Welcome Center Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Welcome Basket Expenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 190.80	\$ 200.00
Memorial Bereavement Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Community special events	\$ 600.00	\$ 284.32	\$ 600.00
Knitters Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Sunshine baskets	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fire Victims	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Reconciliation Disc.	\$ 619.00		
Misc. expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 16,369.00	\$ 14,707.01	\$ 15,950.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,738.00	\$ 19,767.98	\$8,815.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	-\$27,169.00	-\$19,264.38	-\$27,565.00
Net income or loss: **	-\$2,431.00	\$503.60	-\$18,750.00
Transfer from B. Rogers Fund		\$1,000.00	
Checking 6/30/2022		\$27,219.94	
BALANCES			
Operating Checking --#6654		\$ 27,219.94	
Fin Asst MMA --#4334		\$ 24,113.42	Transfer \$1,000 to ck
CD		\$ -	Matured, moved to MMA
B. Rogers Mem. Fund --#0146		\$ 49,362.49	
Total Funds		\$ 100,695.85	

Grafton Public Library – Report of the Trustees Fiscal Year 2021-2022

As the impact of COVID has waned, our library has returned to providing more normal in-person services. We have also embraced some of the changes COVID imposed. We continue to offer curbside services for those who continue to find it safer or more convenient. We continue to hold our board meetings and many programs in a hybrid format, using both Zoom and in-person attendance for convenience and to foster increased participation.

This flexibility continues to broaden the reach of our programs. Patrons near and far have been able to connect to the library, and more importantly, to each other. Through the Nature and Books Discussion series co-sponsored with The Nature Museum, The Page Turner's Book group, Bill Toomey's Storytelling Sessions, the Spanish Language Group, and various family programs, we hosted more than 800 attendees at library programs for adults and children. During this reporting year, 2,081 people have visited the library, 3,166 items circulated to patrons, over 600 audiobooks and e-books were downloaded, and more than 240 inter-library loans requests were fulfilled.

The library continues to be an active participant in community events as well. We host the annual Memorial Day Observance and Veterans Day Observance, as well as Grafton Coronet Band concerts. We coordinate with the Grafton Elementary School's Summer School program, offering weekly summer reading programs and summer performers. The library hosts trick-or-treaters at the library for Halloween, using our chute to distribute candy when needed. Community groups, such as the Grafton Investment Group and Town Party Planning Committee use the library for meetings. In addition, the library continues to provide Baby Book Bags to all newborns in town, in a cooperative effort with Grafton Cares and supported by funding from the Russell/Paulsen family.

We are immensely grateful for the support the library receives from the Grafton community. Grants from the Grafton Improvement Association, The Grafton Fund and the Vermont Department of Libraries have made possible the purchase of an Owl camera, a smart TV and equipment, air purifiers and upgraded computer hardware—all which add value to our library services. Generous financial contributions from donors and the dedicated support of our library volunteers allow us to offer more and reach farther than we would without your help. Along with providing exceptional programming opportunities, we take stewardship of our stately building very seriously. This year we replaced lighting in the adult fiction room and bathroom with energy efficient fixtures. With an eye to the future, we are planning for interior painting and, as fuel costs go up, a most needed upgrade to our insulation and heating systems. We continue to explore options for improvements in our fire alarm systems as well as options to prevent snow accumulation on our handicapped access ramp.

The Library Board remains committed to keeping as many services as possible available to our patrons and to providing strong community connections that are so important. Together we always find a way. The library is here for you.

Thank you all for your continuing support.
Respectfully Submitted,

The Grafton Public Library Board of Trustees
Mary Beth Culver, Chair
Lucia Corwin, Kathleen Pajcic, Jay Maciejowski and John Saroff

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Treasurer's Report
For Year Ended June 30, 2022

Operating Account

OPENING BALANCES July 1, 2021

Checking Acct	\$41,710.55
Petty Cash Acct	\$161.70
	<hr/> \$41,872.25

RECEIPTS

Transfer from TIAA-CREF Trust	\$42,840.00	
Transfer from TIAA-CREF JLS Memorial Fund	\$7,535.00	
Transfer from TIAA-CREF Bond Fund	\$0.00	
Directed Donations and Grants	\$4,766.74	
Annual Appeal	\$16,020.00	
Book Sale (Ongoing)	\$1,572.95	
Special Events Income (Plant Sale)	\$450.00	
Copier, Overdue books, Coffee, Postcard Fees	\$318.23	
Town of Grafton Tax Support	\$5,500.00	
Town of Grafton Trust Funds	\$286.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$297.83	
Petty Cash Adjustment	\$38.15	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$79,624.90
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TOTAL: Beginning Balance Plus Receipts		\$121,497.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Gross Salaries	\$34,179.43	
Health Insurance	\$6,835.62	
Payroll Taxes, Unemployment Insur. & Workers Comp	\$2,877.72	
Total Payroll, Taxes and Benefits Expense		\$43,892.77

Collection Expenses

Books	\$5,228.93	
Periodicals	\$198.00	
Audio-Visual (includes downloadable audio & ebooks)	\$812.28	
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Total Collection Expense		\$6,239.21

Library Services Expenses		
Adult Programs	\$1,621.69	
Children's Program	\$397.58	
Office Supplies	\$26.76	
Postage (Inter-Library Loan Expenses)	\$1,482.47	
Misc. & Gifts	\$5.29	
Copier/ Printers, Coffee Station Supplies & Maint.	\$464.18	
Computer Software, Hardware and Subscriptions	\$2,658.90	
Automation Service and Supplies	\$630.00	
Total Library Services Expense		\$7,286.87

Building Expenses		
Cleaning Services & Supplies	\$1,014.16	
COVID19 related equipment and supplies	\$710.18	
Grounds	\$542.50	
Services and Supplies	\$309.89	
Snow Removal	\$455.00	
Repairs/ Improvements	\$909.00	
Electricity	\$346.33	
Heat (Fuel) & Service Contract	\$5,338.88	
Telephone	\$579.68	
Furniture and Fixtures	\$100.00	
Building Insurance (VLCT)	\$1,933.50	
Total Building Expenses		\$12,239.12

Other Expenses		
Annual Appeal Expenses	\$671.80	
Accounting Expenses	\$186.44	
Grafton Promotional Association Dues	\$100.00	
Total Other Expenses		\$958.24

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$70,616.21
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)	\$50,880.94
DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFER	

Checking Account Balance 6/30/22	\$50,728.29
Petty Cash Balance 6/30/22	\$152.65

TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE 6/30/22

\$50,880.94

LIBRARY ASSETS

	6/30/2021	6/30/2022
TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND	\$1,101,257.40	\$909,080.18
TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND	\$191,651.77	\$155,918.60
TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)	\$13,562.43	\$13,086.18
Total Library Investments	<u>\$1,306,471.60</u>	<u>\$1,078,084.96</u>
End of Year Operating Account Balance	<u>\$41,872.25</u>	<u>\$50,880.94</u>
End of Year Total Library Assets	<u>\$1,348,343.85</u>	<u>\$1,128,965.90</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST MAIN FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/21	\$1,101,257.40
Change in Market Value	-\$179,221.45
Income	\$36,416.39
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$42,840.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$6,532.16
TIAA-CREF Trust Market Value 6/30/22	<u>\$909,080.18</u>

TIAA-CREF TRUST JLS MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Market Value 7/1/21	\$191,651.77
Change in Market Value	-\$32,950.41
Income	\$5,880.53
Transfer to Operating Account	-\$7,535.00
Financial Management Fees	-\$1,128.29
JLS Memorial Fund Market Value 6/30/22	<u>\$155,918.60</u>

TIAA-CREF MUTUAL FUNDS (Bond Fund)

Beginning Market Value 7/1/21	\$13,562.43
Change in Market Value	-\$692.22
Transfer to Operating Account	\$0.00
Income	\$215.97
TIAA-CREF Bond Fund Market Value 6/30/22	<u>\$13,086.18</u>

Grafton Fire Department
Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022

I would like to start out this report by thanking everyone in the community of Grafton for their continued support of the Fire Department.

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022, the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 42 911 generated emergency calls for the Town of Grafton and surrounding areas for Mutual Aid. We also participated in other non-emergency events throughout the year such as standby at the VSO concert and State Championship sports parades to name a few.

Your Firefighters continue to stay dedicated to their volunteerism by attending monthly inhouse trainings and monthly trainings with the West River Group, which includes some of our Mutual Aid partners, Saxtons River, Townshend, Newbrook, East Dover, Wardsboro and Jamaica. Along with the training, there are the weekly truck and equipment checks to make sure that everything is working order.

There is always upkeep being done at the Firehouse and in July of 2021, a group of firefighters did some major repairs and upkeep to the radio repeater building on Bear Hill. This building houses a radio repeater that is used by Fire, Rescue and the Highway Department for better communications.

As always, be safe and don't hesitate to call 911.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robbie Sprague, Chief

Active Member Roster as of June 30, 2022

Robbie Sprague, Chief/FF1	David Rogers, Ext. FF
Nathaniel Noyes, Asst. Chief/FF1	Keltsey Rushton, Ext. FF
Ivor Stevens, Captain/FF1	Mark Rushton, Ext. FF
Rob Hallock, Lieutenant/FF1	Sam Rushton, Ext. FF
Matt Haseltine, Lieutenant FF1	Delano Schmidt, Jr. FF
Mike Field, Ext. FF	Tyler Sprague, Jr. FF
Keith Hermiz, Ext. FF	Eric Stevens, Past Chief
Stan Mack, Past Chief	Lain Stevens, Ext. FF
Raymond Plummer, Jr. FF	Rich Thompson, Past Chief
Austin Powers, Ext. FF	Bill Watson, Ext. FF
Jim Roberts, Ext. FF	

Grafton Firefighters Association as of June 30, 2022

Bill Watson, President	Sam Battaglini, Trustee
Mike Field, Vice President	Jim Milbauer, Trustee
Chappy Matt, Treasurer	Noralee Hall, Trustee
Maureen Fletcher, Secretary	Amber Stevens, Auxiliary President

GRAFTON FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
OPERATING STATEMENT, as of FY 2021 ended June 30, 2022

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

	2021-2022	2021-2022		2022-2023	2023-2024	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget	Budgets passed by the GFA
RECEIPTS:						
Town of Grafton-Operating Budget	\$29,950	\$29,950	\$0	\$29,950	\$29,950	General Fund
Town of Grafton-Truck Fund	\$16,500	\$15,000	(\$1,500)	\$16,000	\$17,000	Specific to Truck Replacement
Annual Fundraising	\$15,000	\$34,773	\$19,773	\$15,000	\$20,000	Appeal Letter now recorded to 12/31
Auxiliary Donation	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500	Specific to Truck & Building Reserves
Donations	\$20,000	\$6,125	(\$13,875)	\$4,650	\$5,000	Donations now recorded after 12/31
Grafton Rescue Squad, Inc	\$4,300	\$7,000	\$2,700	\$3,500	\$3,500	Half was paid in FY 2021 for FY 2020
Reimbursements	\$0	\$298	\$298	\$0	\$0	
Sales and Other Income	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	Athens coverage begins in 2023
Grants	\$0	\$10,230	\$10,230	\$0	\$0	
Interest	\$1,800	\$1,389	(\$411)	\$1,500	\$1,300	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$94,050	\$111,765	\$17,715	\$77,100	\$83,250	
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Vehicle Fuel, Service & Maint.	\$10,000	\$11,697	(\$1,697)	\$10,000	\$12,000	Expences Rising Due to Aging Trucks
Equipment Maintenance- Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Heat for Building	\$2,000	\$3,461	(\$1,461)	\$2,500	\$3,500	
Electricity	\$1,300	\$1,577	(\$277)	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Telephone / Internet	\$1,700	\$1,775	(\$75)	\$1,700	\$1,700	
Communications, Radio	\$1,300	\$1,601	(\$301)	\$800	\$1,000	
Repeater Site Maintenance	\$500	\$3	\$497	\$500	\$500	
Repeater Battery - Reserve	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	
PPE Equipment	\$6,000	\$827	\$5,173	\$3,000	\$5,000	Needs will Rise / Older Equipment
Building, Grounds	\$2,000	\$2,641	(\$641)	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Building - Reserve	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Truck - Reserve	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$12,000	
Staff Training	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$500	\$500	
Fund Raising Expense	\$3,500	\$996	\$2,504	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Fire Extinguishers & Testing	\$400	\$1,310	(\$910)	\$400	\$900	
Dues & Donations	\$500	\$837	(\$337)	\$600	\$800	
Office Expenses	\$800	\$709	\$91	\$700	\$700	
Loose Equipment	\$3,000	\$492	\$2,508	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Volunteer Recognition	\$400	\$1,526	(\$1,126)	\$700	\$1,000	
Compensation	\$3,000	\$2,775	\$225	\$3,000	\$2,775	
Wireless Tech Support	\$1,000	\$1,426	(\$426)	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Insurance	\$4,000	\$4,379	(\$379)	\$4,100	\$4,400	
Grant Spending	\$0	\$6,892	(\$6,892)	\$0	\$0	Grants and Donations not budgeted
Other	\$0	\$9,707	(\$9,707)	\$0	\$0	Knox Boxes, Memorial Purchases Etc
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$64,700	\$71,131	(\$6,431)	\$44,500	\$57,775	
NET	\$29,350	\$40,634	\$24,146	\$32,600	\$25,475	

Albert C Matt, Treasurer

* Less Holt Grant



Grafton Rescue Squad

Annual Report for the Year Ending June 2022

Your Grafton Rescue Squad responded to 87 911 calls and participated in an additional 23 non-emergency events for the year ending June 2022.

Medical related	55	Service calls	10
Trauma related	14	Training	14
Fire and police standby	8	Events	9

As always, we appreciate the generous financial and moral support from the Grafton community for the Squad.

Last year we noted that the State had introduced a new, entry-level responder license designed to get more community members involved in emergency medical services (EMS) and to supplement responders who are trained to a higher level of care. We thank the four new Vermont Emergency First Responders (VEFR) below for stepping forward, going through the training, and completing their probationary period. The Squad mourns the untimely passing of Russ Campbell, who completed his VEFR training and would be among those listed.

COVID-19 remains a concern. Outwardly “just the flu”, it is associated with a host of lingering, long-term effects that the medical community is still assessing. Our protocol for responding to calls will remain the same for the foreseeable future. We will take precautions to protect ourselves and our patients by wearing masks and limiting the number of responders in the room. We will ask our patients and bystanders to mask or remove themselves from the room when we feel that is necessary.

While this report reflects Squad activity through June 2022, we need to add one forward looking item. In late Fall of 2022, we were asked by the Town of Athens to consider becoming their primary EMS service provider. This raised a host of issues, too numerous to discuss here. However, in the end, the consensus of the Squad members was that we should agree to cover them because it was the right thing to do. The decision to proceed will be made by the Athens Selectboard in late December. If they choose to have us cover their town we will provide an update in The Grafton News and address this topic in detail at Town Meeting.

We thank our volunteers who demonstrate their commitment and concern for others every time a tone goes out.

Respectfully,
Keith Hermiz, AEMT
President

Members:

Lynn Field, EMR
Rachel Laliberté, AEMT
Stephen Keegan, VEFR
Maureen Parker, EMT
Cathy Siano-Goodwin, EMR
Robbie Sprague, EMT, Vice President
Eric Stevens, EMR
Jessa Westclark, EMT

Mike Field, EMR
Jean Lix, VEFR
Laura Mayer, AEMT, Secretary
Austin Powers, VEFR
Darcie Sprague, VEFR
Amber Stevens, EMR
Bill Watson, EMR

Associate members:

Mary Ann Kearns, Treasurer

Dave Ross

RESCUE 2021 - 2022

	<u>21-22 Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>22-23 Budget</u>	<u>23-24 Budget</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>					
Town of Grafton	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Donations - Annual	\$ 14,050.00	\$ 30,123.00	\$ 16,073.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 15,700.00
Windham Foundation	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Grants: Ames Holt	\$ 24,550.00	\$ 9,995.00	\$ (14,555.00)		
Pollio Family		\$ 3,000.00			
Repeater Site Income from Town	\$ 600.00		\$ (600.00)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Interest Income		\$ 6.83	\$ 6.83		
Misc (sale of books)		\$ 648.50			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 44,700.00	\$ 49,273.33		\$ 23,100.00	\$ 23,300.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>					
Vehicle Operations/Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 457.01	\$ 1,042.99	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Occupancy GFA shared	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,250.00
Communications	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Medical Supplies & Equipment	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 6,707.41	\$ (3,207.41)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Grants	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,249.17	\$ (1,199.17)	\$ 354.00	
Safety & Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,572.92	\$ 427.08	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Grants	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,641.87	\$ (3,141.87)	\$ 3,500.00	
Community Awareness	\$ 200.00	\$ 58.68	\$ 141.32	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<u>Insurance:</u>					
Life	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,862.45	\$ 137.55	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town/PACIF	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,277.00	\$ 723.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Workman's Comp		\$ 175.82	\$ (175.82)	\$ 700.00	\$ 250.00
Uniforms	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,085.10	\$ (585.10)	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Office Expenses					
Misc	\$ 500.00	\$ 788.95	\$ (288.95)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Annual Appeal Letter	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,193.37	\$ (443.37)	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Volunteer Recognition	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Books		\$ 340.27			
Misc		\$ 420.49			
Repeater Site Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,216.27	\$ (616.27)	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 28,850.00	\$ 39,046.78		\$ 26,104.00	\$ 23,300.00
		<i>Analysis of Accounts</i>			
	<u>Bal 7/1/21</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Withdrawn</u>	<u>Bal 6/30/22</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 60,786.19	\$ 49,273.33	\$ 39,046.78	\$ 71,012.74	
CD	\$ 77,477.36	\$ 86.42		\$ 77,563.78	
TOTALS	\$ 138,263.55			\$ 148,576.52	

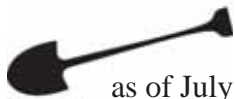
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The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Grafton's representative is Cynthia Gibbs; Kim Record is the alternate.



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



The District constructed a permanent, seasonal household hazardous waste (HHW) depot in Springfield which opened on June 2, 2022. It was open, by appointment, for up to six hours a week for four months. The Depot will re-open in May 2023. We accept a long list of products, which can be read on our website.



This is the “reuse” symbol - that is what we do with glass bottles and jars that are brought to the Springfield, Weathersfield, and Ludlow transfer stations. After collecting at least 500 tons, the glass is ground up and made available to contractors and residents as a substitute for gravel in construction and drainage projects.



Two retailers in Springfield accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty – bring unlabeled, leaky, or rusty cans to the HHW Depot).



The District is working with commercial organics collectors to increase the diversion of organics from the landfill with a focus on increasing the participation from large commercial entities. We also help schools and businesses comply with diverting food scraps and recycling from the trash.



AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are accepted at the Rockingham Transfer Station. Batteries are “special recycling” and do NOT go in with other recycling (fire hazard). There is also a convenient collection bucket at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kennedy
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson
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Grafton Report

This year, the Windham County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with towns and stakeholders to consider how we deliver policing service. I believe Windham County can harness a system that provides better service that makes more efficient choices of how our taxes are used. Taking a step back to look at how Vermont intends to provide law enforcement (and other public safety systems), we often find members of the public confused by what agencies do, how various systems of government work, and ultimately leads to frustration when a person needs help. I'll be inviting towns into a discussion about how we could collectively build a better service replacing and improving the current construct. Together, we can endeavor to provide access to full-service law enforcement, while being mindful of the burden on taxpayers' shoulder. It will take work, and this is work worth doing.

Calls	Count	
Accident - LSA	1	The most harrowing discussion members of the public have sought me out for in the last year is personal safety and crime. A casual reader might think this to be a standard topic for a person like me (and it is); the volume at which I'm having this discussion is unlike anything I've experienced. As of this writing, WCSO has been asked to provide roughly 26,480 deputy hours with requests targeting issues surrounding violence, aggression, and an increase in aggressive driving in communities. For reference, our three-year average of annual patrol hours deputies worked throughout the county is approximately 14,000. While we work to support the increased demand, we must call out the nearly twelve months of time to adequately recruit, hire, train, and assign deputies to these assignments.
Accident - Property damage	1	
Animal - Registration	1	
Animal - Vicious	1	
Animal - Welfare	2	
Assist - Motorist	1	
Suspicious Event	1	
Traffic Stop	29	
Grand Total	37	

I'm pleased to share that we have moved our office to 185 Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro. Our departure from our location in Newfane was bittersweet, as the former county jail offered a geographically central, historically exhilarating location on one of the most photographed commons in Vermont. It also came with the burden of a two-hundred-year-old structure that didn't meet modern day standards and required significant investment to cure. Our new facility offers us space to grow our Regional Communications facility, provides improved air management, fire suppression, ADA access, a modern electrical system, and more. I must emphasize that the location of our office doesn't impact our ability to deliver services to communities through Windham County as our cruisers serve as "rolling" offices with in-car computers, access to our electronic records, and integrated communications equipment. As we've strived toward modernizing our systems, we've been intentional on keeping deputies present in your community.

Last year, I shared about our Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which Grafton is a member of. The initial work of the member towns has been a remarkable success, addressing animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected; unregistered; and in need of quarantine.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Grafton and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheriff Mark R. Anderson

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIP**), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law by six months of age.** 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 as well as humane societies during the month of March. 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 an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your 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 registration. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,649.11. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

REPORT OF THE WINDHAM SUPERVISORY UNION OF SCHOOLS

The Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, or WNESU, remains a vibrant association of member school districts serving the communities of Athens, Grafton, Rockingham, and Westminster Vermont.

Operationally, this SU acts as a service organization supporting four closely affiliated school districts. These are the Westminster School District, and the Athens/Grafton or WNUESD, who operate elementary schools and provide tuition and various support services to middle school students; the Rockingham School District which operates two elementary schools and a middle school; and the Bellows Falls Union High School which operates the high school for area students and who coordinates trade school services with schools in Springfield and Brattleboro.

The WNESU is a growing and vital interconnect between districts. SU administrators provide transportation, food services, and planning and financial support. The SU, with district support, develops our common curriculum. It helps districts provide supervisory and support services for our teachers and principals, and it operates our various special education and student support services. Increasingly, it is supporting a variety of facilities management functions, and coordinates early education programming. The Board of the SU, comprised of board members of the various districts, provides oversight and community input on SU operations, and develop and approves its budget. Over the last year we have developed SU or inter-district committees to coordinate functions such as the development of model policies; the improvement of our planning, finance, and budget development processes; and making similar improvements to our labor and personnel relations function. Although our communities successfully rejected forced consolidation into a single district, our districts continue to search for additional ways to work together and to better coordinate our efforts to benefit our communities.

This year the WNESU has continued its efforts to offset the educational damage caused by the recent Covid pandemic and to address the deficiencies in programming and facilities that were exposed by that episode. We have made use of federal funds to provide additional educational support and are planning to make use of funds earmarked for facilities renovation. These grants are extensive, amounting to what we forecast to be over 10 million dollars next year. But these funds must be dedicated to facility improvement to improve health and safety and to provide additional, and presumably temporary educational support to bring student performance to pre-pandemic levels. They cannot be used to lower tax rates or to pay for programs we had in place before the pandemic.

We have also begun a project to figure out how to better provide better early education and preschool services to our youngest residents and their parents. These students have been affected by the pandemic too, and every working parent of young children can tell you how difficult it is to access preschool services. There are a variety of competing visions as to how we should approach the issue. Please consider participating in the planning process this coming year, especially if you are the parents of preschoolers.

This year we have also gone a long way to address the fiscal problems exposed by the dysfunctional e-finance system that have put us in the headlines on multiple occasions. We have

made a number of improvements in staffing and oversight. This year you will see that we have replaced our nearly impenetrable financial reports with a more businesslike “functions based” budget that can help an average citizen figure out such basic questions such as “How much do we spend on teachers?” We have taken steps to replace the e-finance software with a system that generates better reports and catches errors before they become big problems. Replacing this system will not be cheap but we could not tolerate another year of payroll errors, audits that went on forever, and the chaos being generated by the old system.

We also dealt with a lingering personnel problem, particularly with our support staff. The Labor and Personnel Relations Committee negotiated a settlement with our paraprofessional and support team that will provide workers with a living wage. It better reflects their contributions to our children’s education, and it should make it easier to compete in what has been an extremely tight labor market. We also kept our teaching costs in line with regional averages and negotiated an agreement that will make it easier for our finance team to forecast our costs over the next several years.

Despite the fiscal challenges generated by that settlement, other costs, and the recent bout of inflation that has affected everyone, the SU Budget has been kept largely under control. Overall, SU costs together with state and grant monies we distribute on behalf of state and federal agencies will amount to what we estimate to be \$20,290,557. However, programs like our food services generate enough money to largely pay for themselves and the amount the SU expects to charge member districts will be \$5,510,478 which compares to the \$5,348,180 we charged last year.

Credit is due to the efforts of Superintendent Andrew Haas, our outstanding Finance Director, Jim Vezina, and the work of our Board Finance Committee. They have done tremendous work, as have all Board members this year.

Submitted respectfully,

Jack Bryar

Chair, WNESU

WINDHAM NORTHEAST UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

It has been an eventful year at the Grafton Elementary School this year. We are still recovering from the impacts of the Covid pandemic, but we have made great impressive changes to our teaching staff and much of the building has been given a fresh coat of paint. Frustratingly, we have encountered numerous delays upgrading the playground area, but it is my hope that we will begin to see improvements before summer vacation.

In addition to this brief note, you should look at a much more detailed financial report in our Supervisory Union's report to the community. There you will see the final Athens/Grafton Budget, scheduled to be approved a few days from now, a report on the SU Budget (which constitutes roughly a third of our overall costs) and a discussion of the impacts on taxes that various state decisions, most still pending, will have on local taxes. My Board colleague Hardy Merrill has made a serious effort to investigate the impacts of these decisions on our final bottom line costs to taxpayers, and I anticipate we will discuss them in detail at the community pre-town meeting in February.

Our biggest challenge going forward will be to stabilize the student count in the coming years. Small schools can experience wide swings in student populations and in schools as small as ours, even a few additional students can make a major difference to school finances. Over the long term we will need to see a growth in student populations if we are going to sustain a program that can compete with any elementary school in New England. I encourage those considering a move to Grafton to pay a visit to the school. I think they will be impressed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Bryar
Chair
Athens Grafton School District
(WNUESD)
Jack Bryar



Grafton Elementary School
Angela Cartier, Principal
Sarah Noble, Administrative Assistant
<https://ges.wnesu.org/>

January 10, 2023

Dear Grafton and Athens Communities,

This year has been nothing short of amazing and rewarding for all of us here at Grafton Elementary School. We welcomed the most phenomenal staff to GES for the 2022-2023 school year, some new and some that have been at GES for a number of years. Our team finds joy in watching our students grow and progress through their challenges and gain new skills each and everyday. Teachers continue to utilize the social emotional approach and strategies of Responsive Classroom as a way of connecting with students and building relationships within the classroom. With our focus being on social-emotional learning, academic achievement, and student engagement, we continue to utilize a restorative approach to discipline and skill building.

All of us at GES are fortunate to have the beautiful outdoor spaces around our building that are conducive to outdoor learning. We remain committed to outdoor learning each week. Students practice their creativity outdoors and apply learning concepts in new ways. We are thankful to the Windham Foundation for the use of the pond, the fields and the stream to enhance our love of learning outdoors. With the strong partnership we have with The Nature Museum, our students and teachers have been able to participate in unique and engaging outdoor learning experiences.

Grafton Elementary has been able to access ESSER funds as a way to boost programming, professional development for staff and to make facility improvements. GES staff had the opportunity to attend a WNESU Nature-Based professional development institute this past August through Antioch University. This was fully funded through ESSER and was a way for our educators to develop skills in the area of outdoor learning. WNESU added a Restorative Practices teacher through ESSER funds. Restorative practices is a process that brings people together to restore well-being after harm and build pro-social skills. This process is inclusive and shifts the focus of student discipline from punitive to reflection and learning. Through Restorative practices, an individual takes responsibility for their actions, acknowledges wrongdoing and makes amends with those that were harmed. This is a process that values dialogue and

relationships. WNESU conducted a facilities safety audit this past fall. By the end of this school year, we hope to update our main entrance doors and replace our key lock with a key fob system. In addition, we are looking forward to having more cameras throughout the building. These upgrades will provide increased security for our students and staff. ESSER funds are also being used to make upgrades to our existing playground space. A playground committee has chosen appropriate equipment for students in grades K-6. We are hopeful that by the fall of 2023, we will have the new equipment installed.

We are fortunate to have a bustling Parent Teacher Organization. With the PTO's support and our generous community, we are able to raise money for our students to provide additional learning experiences and resources. Our PTO meets once a month to plan and organize events. The zoom link is sent out with the meeting agenda from the PTO Secretary via email.

Our entire staff remains focused on teaching the whole student everyday. Our students are fortunate to have such a solid team of educators by their side! Our educators put students first and the choices our team makes are students centered, always. We are proud to be a part of the great communities of Grafton and Athens.

Thank you to Grafton and Athens for always supporting our school. It is a privilege to be able to lead such a tremendous school community, the staff and most importantly, our students. Go Panthers!

Warmest Regards,
Angela Cartier



**COMPARISON OF SCHOOL POPULATION FOR GRAFTON
GRADES K - 12**

YEAR	GRAFTON K-6	ATHENS K-6	GRAFTON 7 & 8	GRAFTON 9 - 12
2016-2017	43	47	L&G 0 GM 8 BF 5 OTHER 2	3 11 7 2
			15	23
2017-2018	38	35	L&G 1 GM 5 BF 5 OTHER 4	2 9 13 3
			15	27
2018-2019	39	35	L&G 1 GM 5 BF 5 OTHER 3	2 9 14 1
			14	26
2019-2020	23 1 Westminster	26	L&G 4 GM 5 BF 9 OTHER 2	0 2 21 5
			20	28
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LETTER SENT TO SENIOR SOLUTIONS / COUNCIL ON AGING
FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT on September 15, 2017

RE: Successful Aging Award Nomination

Greetings with a smile- because that is how our nominee Joan Lake of Grafton Vt lives her life- giving the gift of a smile and lending an ear to every one she communicates with each and every day.

It is with sincerest enthusiasm and excitement that we present to you our very own Gem of Grafton as a nominee for the Successful Aging Award, Joan Lake.

As an avid gardener- the mastery of the skills Joan sows is evidenced not only in the beautiful gardens she independently maintains on her own property but through a nurturing growth of our community members -both young and old- that she impresses upon as a steward of community, government, church and wellness.

To maintain a garden - you must be delicate in touch, understanding of individual growth, generous with your time and Joan exceeds all these qualities. Her vivacious independence is evidenced by her strong commitment to our community. As an active member of the Women's Community Club, Grafton Cares and Grafton Cares Knitters, Joan provides leadership, sustenance and compassion to all ages in our community. Joan often can be found giving rides to individuals, stopping in and visiting people shut in, making knit hats for new babies, shawls and lap throws to others who might need something of comfort during a difficult time. As one of our most talented Grafton quilters - you can often find her quilts as donations for fundraisers to support the community. She has spent countless hours volunteering her time for the church bazaars, organizing and working the Chapel's Christmas Day Dinner for years and a hardworking member of the committee for the Grafton Summer Community Picnic. As a member of the Firemen's Women's Auxiliary she gives of herself to make the Fall Firemen's Festival a continued successful fundraiser for the Grafton Fire Department.

In her spare time- because she is always on the go -you can find her at the Grafton Town Office in her role as lister or as a Ballot Clerk at every town meeting. If there is something to be done in town...Joan is always there- her compassion, optimism, dependability and authentic New England charm- (which means a bit of stubbornness with a smile) is what sets her above the average 80 plus year female. We choose to not call her old because as evidenced by the above she truly wears the title "80 plus years young" - very well.

As we ponder the significance that Joan Lake has to the history of the Town of Grafton and its community- it is easy to see how her ability to sow, nurture, grow and sustain the "Garden of Grafton"- though not a physical garden to meander through- she has a grown the garden with grace and dignity by being a mentor and role model to us all- on how life is really meant to be. Life is a precious gift we are given and without a doubt you can easily see the impact that our Grafton Gem - our humble Gardner- has had on hearts of the people of our community and beyond.

We thank you for allowing us the opportunity to recognize and honor one of Grafton's most cherished community members. We believe she is a well deserving nominee for the Successful Aging Award and we sincerely thank you for your time and consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

Kim Record (Town Clerk), Michelle Dolloph (Asst. Town Clerk), Wendi Faulkner (Community member)

