

2022 Annual Report  
**Town of Jamaica**  
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022



Prepared for the March 7, 2023 Town Meeting

# Town Meeting 2022



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<p>Report compiled by the Jamaica Town Clerk, with assistance from the Selectboard &amp; Treasurer. Thank you to Karen Ameden for the pictures!</p>
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## **Elected Town Officers** (\* denotes Chair)

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**Moderator:** Greg Joly – *1-year term to March 2023*

### **Selectboard:**

Tom Tolbert – *1-year term to March 2023*

\*Greg Meulemans- *3-year term to March 2023*

Jessica Pollack - *3-year term to March 2024*

Andy Coyne - *1-year term to March 2023*

Kate Ullman - *3 year term to March 2025*

### **Listers:**

Valerie Pantorno - *3-year term to March 2024*

Karen Ameden - *3-year term to March 2025*

Patricia Meulemans - *3-year term to March 2023*

**First Constable:** Robert Willis - *1-year term to March 2023*

**Second Constable:** Ben Williams – *1-year term to March 2023*

**Town Grand Juror:** Robert Willis - *1-year term to March 2023*

**Town Agent:** Peter Andrus - *1-year term to March 2023*

**Trustee of Public Funds:** Rob Willis- *1-year term to March 2023*

**Agent to Deed Land:** Rob Willis - *1-year term to March 2023*

### **Library Trustees:**

Janet Hamilton - *5-year term to March 2023*

Bonnie West - *2-year term to March 2023*

\*Alice Abraham - *2-year term to March 2023*

Greg Joly - *5-year term to March 2024*

Clara Robinson - *5-year term to March 2025*

Jennifer Dorta-Duque - *5-year term to March 2026*

Michael Connor - *5-year term to March 2027*

### **West River Modified Unified Union School Directors:**

Dana West - *3-year term until March 2025*

Drew Hazelton - *2 year of a 3-year term until March 2024*

### **Cemetery Commissioners:**

Selectboard - *one year term to March 2023*

## **Appointed Town Officials** (*One-year terms unless otherwise noted*)

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**Fence Viewer:** Tom Tolbert

**Animal Control Officer:** Robert Willis, 1<sup>st</sup> Constable

**Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal:** Tom Tolbert

**Tree Warden:** Ben Williams

**Cemetery Sextons:** East Jamaica - L. Bruce Chapin  
 Jamaica Village - L. Bruce Chapin  
 South Windham - L. Bruce Chapin  
 West Jamaica - Karen Ameden  
 South Hill - Karen Ameden  
 Pikes Falls - Karen Ameden  
 Rawsonville - Nelson Coleman

**Health Officer:** The Selectboard

**Deputy Health Officer:** vacant

**Emergency Management Director:** Paul Fraser

**Rescue Inc. Rep:** Stewart Barker

**Energy Coordinator:** Tom Tolbert

**Flood Zone Administrator:** Michael Tuller

**Windham Regional Commissioners:** Joel Bluming and Andy Coyne

**Planning Commissioners & Zoning Board of Adjustment:** \*  
 Brian Zieroff, Christopher Robbins, Patrick McQuillan, Charlie Peck and John Van Hoesen

**Recreation Committee:** Bob Johnson and Kate Ullman

**Village Beautification Committee:** Karen Ameden, Alexandra Clark, Joe Dumas and Kate Ullman

**Justice of the Peace (terms end 2024):** Karen Ameden, Greg Joly, Clara Robinson, Robert Willis, and Anne Reynolds

**Fire Warden:** Stewart Barker

**Assistant Fire Warden:** Domenic Mangano

**911 Address Coordinator:** Sara Wiswall

**Senior Solutions Rep:** Jeannine Stone

**WSWMD Rep:** Jessica Pollack **Alternate:** Kate Ullman

**WRC Transportation Committee Rep:** Joel Bluming, Andy Coyne

## Meeting Schedules

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### Selectboard: 802-874-4681

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

### Planning Commission:

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

### West River Modified Unified Union School District:

Board meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. at LGUHS

### Jamaica Library Trustees Meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Library

## Town Offices 28 Town Office Road, PO Box 173

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### Town Clerk & Treasurer: 802-874-4681

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Town Clerk:** Sara Wiswall

**Treasurer:** Terri Garland

**Town Administrator:** Mike Tuller

### Listers: 802-874-4908

Wednesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Animal Licensing Notice to Dog Owners

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Vermont State Law requires all dogs 3 months or older to be licensed by the municipality on or before April 1st of each year with a valid rabies certificate. (Title 20 V.S.A. Section 3581)

*Please notify the Town Clerk if you no longer have your dog.*

### January 1<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Spayed or Neutered \$9.00

Other (Female or Male) \$13.00

### After April 3<sup>rd</sup>

\$11.00

\$17.00

## Post Office Locations

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Jamaica Post Office, 3912 VT Route 30.....802-874-4242

Bondville Post Office, 43 VT Route 30.....802-297-1671

South Londonderry Post Office, 67 Main St....802-824-6800

West Townshend Post Office..... 802-874-7092

## Emergency Services

**Emergency Number** for Fire (Mutual Aid) Rescue/ Ambulance, Windham County Sheriff, Vermont State Police, Police (TTD)

**DIAL 911**

### Non-Emergency Numbers

Fire Warden: 802-874-4515

Assistant Fire Warden: 802-379-1826

Constable: 802-896-6391

2nd Constable: 802-874-4441

Windham County Sheriff: 802-365-4942

## Town Services

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### Jamaica Memorial Library: 802-874-4901

Monday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Tuesday 3-7 p.m.

Thursday 3-7 p.m..

Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Librarian:** Susan Ahl

**Library Assistant:** Carrie Lane & Laura Molinelli

### Waste Disposal Transfer Station: 802-874-7171

Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Tuesday & Wednesday, Town Meeting, Easter, Christmas, & New Year's

**Attendant:** Ernie Holder

Alternate : Al Lake

### Jamaica Town Garage: 802-874-4265

**Road Crew:** Keith Hazard (foreman)

Bill Flood, Dennis Palmer

## Websites of Local Interest

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**Official website:** [jamaicavermont.org](http://jamaicavermont.org)

Jamaica Historical Foundation: [jamaicahf.info](http://jamaicahf.info)

Jamaica Library: [jamaicavtlibrary.wordpress.com](http://jamaicavtlibrary.wordpress.com)

Jamaica Village School: [jamaicavillageschool.org](http://jamaicavillageschool.org)

Leland and Gray: [lg.windhamcentral.org](http://lg.windhamcentral.org)

WCSU: [windhamcentral.org](http://windhamcentral.org)

# WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in said town of Jamaica, on the first Tuesday of March, March 7th, 2023, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Article 2: To review the town report.

Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.

- a. Selectperson for a term of three years (by ballot)
- b. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)
- c. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)
- d. Lister for a term of three years (by ballot)
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable for a term of one year
- f. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable for a term of one year
- g. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year
- h. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year
- i. Library Trustee for a term of five years
- j. Library Trustee for four years of a five-year term
- k. Library Trustee for a term of two years
- l. Library Trustee for a term of one year

Article 5: Shall the town assess a one percent (1%) tax on sales pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138(b)?

Article 6: Shall the town assess a one percent (1%) tax on meals and alcoholic beverages, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138(b)?

Article 7: Shall the town assess a one percent (1%) tax on rooms pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138(b)?

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.

Article 9: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 10: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

Article 11: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2024.

Article 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Article 13: To Adjourn.

Approved as the legal town warning for the town of Jamaica for March 7, 2023, on this 26th day of January, 2023.

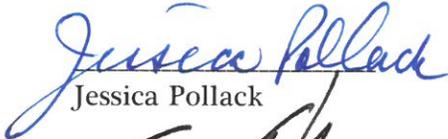
Selectboard, Town of Jamaica, Vermont



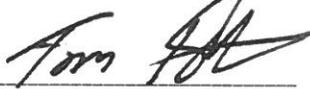
Greg Meulemans, Chair



Andy Coyne, vice-chair



Jessica Pollack

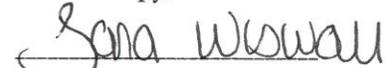


Tom Tolbert



Kate Ullman

A true copy, Attest: \*

  
Sara Wiswall, Town Clerk

Town Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2022

Greg Joly called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Greg read the warning, "The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Garage in said town of Jamaica, on the first Saturday of April, April 2nd, 2022, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles."

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

Paul Fraser nominated Greg Joly for moderator, seconded by Jessica Pollack. All in favor.

**Article 2: To review the town report.**

Alice Abraham moved to review the town report, seconded by Dana West.

Dana West said that on page 31, the Fire and EMS totals are reversed. The total is the same, but the numbers were reversed. On article 3, the 2 two-year terms were done last year and are not needed. Article 10 was also voted last year and does not need to be voted this year.

Bob Stomski said on page 2 it has him as the assistant fire warden, but he no longer holds that position. Paul Fraser called the question. All in favor.

**Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.**

*a. Selectperson for a term of three years.*

Tom Tolbert nominated Kate Ullman for Selectperson for three years, seconded by Dana West. All in favor.

*a. Selectperson for a term of one year.*

Jessica Pollack nominated Tom Tolbert for Selectperson for one year, seconded by Greg Meulemans. All in favor.

*b. Selectperson for a term of one year.*

Lexa Clark Nominated Andy Coyne for Selectperson, seconded by Jessica Pollack. Andy Coyne nominated Paul Fraser, Paul Fraser declined. All in favor.

c. *Lister for a term of one year.*

Valerie Pantorno nominated Karen Ameden for Lister, seconded by Lexa Clark. All in favor.

d. *1st Constable for a term of one year.*

Erica Bowman nominated Rob Willis for 1st Constable, seconded by Paul Fraser. All in favor.

e. *2nd Constable for a term of one year.*

Rob Willis nominated Ben Williams for 2nd Constable. All in favor.

f. *Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year.*

Tom Tolbert nominated Rob Willis for Trustee of Public Funds, Clara Robinson nominated Steve Clark. Steve declined. All in favor.

g. *Agent to deed land for a term of one year.*

Erica Bowman nominated Rob Willis for Agent to deed land. All in favor.

h. *Library Trustee for a term of five years.*

Patti Dickson nominated Sue Stomski for Library Trustee, Sue declined. There were no other nominations.

i. *School Director for West River Modified Union Education District for a term of three years.*

Bonnie West Nominated Dana West for school director. All in favor.

j. *School Director for West River Modified Union Education District for two years of a term of three years.*

Dana West Nominated Drew Hazelton for school director, Andy Coyne nominated Anne Connor.

Drew-32

Anne-24

Drew Hazelton won the School Director for two years remaining of a three-year term.

**Article 4: Shall the town allocate \$25,000 to pursue hiring a Town Administrator?**

Dana West moved to hire a Town Administrator, seconded by Patrick McQuillan. The Selectboard would like to pursue hiring a Town Administrator to help the Selectboard and Planning Commission. The main reason the Selectboard is pursuing this is because

there is a lot of funds available that could be beneficial to the town. Andy Coyne added that he did not support this decision but supports what the town decides.

C.J. King asked if it is to pursue or to hire.

The money is not being used in pursuit of the position. This money would cover the salary of this position.

Paul Fraser asked if the money was to pursue hiring or if it is to pay the Town Administrator. The board said it is for a part-time Town Administrator. They came up with the \$25,000 as a salary for a part-time position. The board will not spend any money to hire someone. Dana West suggested hiring a full time Administrator and having a smaller Selectboard.

Erica Bowman said she understands the confusion of the word pursue but she would like to put faith in the Selectboard.

Clara Robinson asked if there is a job description? The Selectboard has drafted a job description.

Sue Stomski asked if it could be taken out of the budget and then added back?

Jeff Dickson asked about the job description as well and wanted to know the time period of the position. Is it for one year? Five years?

Jessica Pollack said the Planning Commission has been working on what the priority grants are.

Stephanie Amyot said she thinks it's clear that they plan to use the money to pay the salary of the Town Administrator.

Alice Abraham said that the way this is written is murky. If things are getting shifted, the number of people on the Selectboard needs to be decreased.

Nannette Roina asked what happens when there is no surplus? What happens when we get all the grants, is the person then fired?

Greg Meulemans said this would be a permanent position in the town.

Chris Healy said she was told it would not affect our taxes but where would the money come from?

Christopher Robbins said there is a lot of money that is available. We cannot get the money if we do not go after it.

Dan Cummins asked where the money comes from?

Greg Meulemans said it is in the budget now and is covered by taxes.

Drew Hazelton wants to clarify that if this passes, the money could not be used for salary.

Drew Hazelton called the question.

Paper ballot: 61 votes

Yes-46

No- 15

**Article 5: Shall the town assess a one percent (1%) tax on sales, meals and alcoholic beverages and rooms, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. 138b?**

Dana West moved the motion, seconded by Paul Fraser.

This would be applied to anything there is sales tax on including retail cannabis.

Chrissy Haskins said this does apply to anything you have shipped to your house. She asked if there is any type of estimate of what this might bring in for the town?

Patti Dixon asked if it would be on all things? It would be anything that is taxable.

Drew Hazelton said all of the towns that have the 1% tax are ski towns. He said it would be hard on citizens who are already struggling.

Andy Coyne would like to keep the tax down so people do not have to leave Jamaica.

Greg Meulemans spoke with other business owners in Jamaica. He supports this as a business owner. He thinks it is a higher return than burden.

Sue Stomski called the question, seconded by John Beagan.

Paper Ballot: 57 votes

Yes- 26

No- 31

Revote: 54 votes

Yes-25

No-29

**Article 6: Shall the voters in the Town of Jamaica appropriate the sum of \$3,105 to be raised by taxes for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.**

Dana West moved, seconded by Patrick McQuillan.

SeVEDS mission is to support economic development primarily in Windham County.

They are asking every community to give them \$3 per voter for an appropriation.

Kate Harris spoke about SeVEDS.

Dana West, as a school board member, said \$25,000 for the school budget was given to this organization already.

Chris Robbins said SeVEDS has been helpful with all the work he has been doing with DVFiber. Bob Johnson called the question.

The article passes by a show of hands.

**Article 7: To see what sum of money the voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.**

Bonnie West made a motion to raise the sum \$1,138,186 by taxation for the running expenses of the town and this along with anticipated receipts of \$328,472, equal a budget of \$1,466,658 to be expended. Taxes will be paid to the treasurer on or before October 4, 2022 with an 8% penalty added by state law on October 5, 2022 plus interest at the rate of 1% will be added monthly starting December 1<sup>st</sup> until paid in full. Patrick McQuillan seconded.

Jessica Pollack called the question.

Article 7 passes.

**Article 8: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.**

Dana West made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, seconded by Patrick McQuillan.

Patti Dickson called the question. All in favor.

**Article 9: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts, and/or interest?"**

C.J. King made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest, seconded by Dana West.

Jessica Pollack called the question.

All in favor.

**Article 11: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2023 at the Town Hall.**

Dana West made a motion to have Town Meeting on the first Tuesday in March 2023, seconded by C.J. King.

Jeff Dickson would like to have next year's town meeting back at town hall.

Paul Fraser wanted to know if the location must be set now.

Jeff Dickson moved the article to have the location at the Town Hall.

Vote on whether to add the location. The amendment passes.

Dana West made an amendment to change the article to have the time as 10:00 a.m.

Seconded by Paul Fraser.

Patti Dickson called the question.

All in favor for the amendment.

**Article 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

Rob Willis reminded people that dog licenses are due. All dogs must be registered.

Karen Ameden- Jamaica Day Saturday, September 17, 2022.

The Historical Foundation will be opening in May.  
Kitty Toll will be at the Town Hall tomorrow.  
Redistricting is happening and we are losing Kelly Pajala as our representative.

Alice Abraham said looking at the vital statistics, please don't list as bride and groom, it should be Party A and Party B.

Fran Janik said that medical cannabis patients are having to fight for caregivers.

Dana West said the school board is tackling long term planning. This does affect the future of our schools and our taxes. He would like to see more participation and hear more voices for the concerns of the school.

Senior Solutions representative said they have services for people over 60.

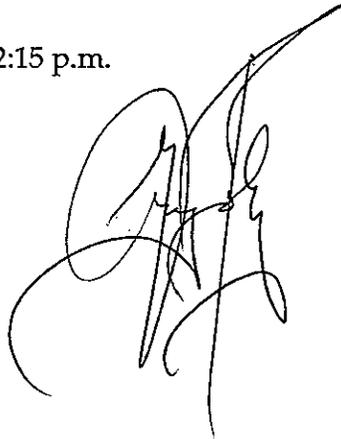
Reminder Green up is May 7th, bags are available at the town office.

Thank you to Anne Connor for serving on the school board.

Reminder, don't dump trash on the side of the road.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by Sara Wiswall

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sara Wiswall', written in a cursive style. The signature is located to the right of the text 'Submitted by Sara Wiswall'.

## Homestead Declaration Reminder

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In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either nonresidential or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

- You are a Vermont resident
- You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2023

**You must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) annually by the April 17<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

*If you file after April 17<sup>th</sup>, your municipality may assess one of the following penalties:*

- Up to a 3% penalty if the nonresidential rate is higher than the homestead education property rate
- Up to 8% if the nonresidential rate is lower than the homestead education property tax rate.

### Property Tax Adjustment Claim

The Vermont Property Tax Adjustment assists many Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements:

- Your property qualifies as a homestead, and you have filed a Homestead Declaration for the 2022 grand list
- You were domiciled in Vermont for the full prior calendar year
- You were not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer
- You have the property as your homestead as of April 1; and
- You meet the household income criteria.

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## Dog Licenses Due by April 1, 2023

Please register all dogs by April 1st.

Spayed or Neutered-	\$9.00	After April 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$11.00
Other (Female or Male)-	\$13.00	After April 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$17.00

We will need a copy of your valid rabies certificate if one is not already on file. Please call or email with any questions.

(802)874-4681

[townclerk@jamaicavermont.org](mailto:townclerk@jamaicavermont.org)

	2022			2023	2024
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
<b>~General Revenue~</b>					
Current & Delinquent Tax Revenue(Gen)	415,984.38	(430,103.05)	(14,118.67)	1,138,186.00	1,336,558.00
Delinquent Tax Interest	5,000.00	(6,256.08)	(1,256.08)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Delinquent tax penalty	25,000.00	(30,269.46)	(5,269.46)	25,000.00	25,000.00
Current Use	25,000.00	(36,332.00)	(11,332.00)	30,000.00	35,000.00
Ed Billing Fee Retained	8,000.00	(9,119.99)	(1,119.99)	8,000.00	8,000.00
PILOT	16,000.00	(15,686.72)	313.28	16,000.00	16,000.00
Traffic Fines	10,000.00	(11,530.85)	(1,530.85)	15,000.00	3,500.00
Town Clerk Fees	17,000.00	(22,429.21)	(5,429.21)	17,000.00	17,000.00
911 Fees		(50.00)	(50.00)		200.00
Dog Licenses	750.00	(382.00)	368.00	750.00	750.00
Liquor License	500.00	(510.00)	(10.00)	500.00	500.00
Marriage license fees	150.00	(100.00)	50.00	150.00	150.00
Town Hall Rental	500.00	(75.00)	425.00		500.00
Sign Permit		(75.00)	(75.00)		200.00
Transfer Station Revenue	18,000.00	(25,690.25)	(7,690.25)	18,000.00	20,000.00
PAYT Revenue	35,000.00	(39,804.00)	(4,804.00)	35,000.00	35,000.00
Earned Interest	3,000.00	(1,054.55)	1,945.45	1,500.00	3,000.00
CT River Loss Revenue	2,272.00	(2,272.00)	-	2,272.00	2,272.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	(6,725.25)	(6,725.25)	-	
Library Grant Revenue		(2,800.00)	(2,800.00)		
Transfer in from Reserve	39,413.62	(39,413.62)	-		200,000.00
FY21 Surplus				30,000.00	
Transfer in from ARPA funds					51,000.00
Total General Fund Revenue	621,570.00	(680,679.03)	(59,109.03)	1,342,358.00	1,759,630.00
<b>~Highway Revenue~</b>					
Taxes - Highway	673,860.00	(673,860.00)	-		
Permit Fees	300.00	(185.00)	115.00	300.00	200.00
State Aid To Highways	94,000.00	(106,426.17)	(12,426.17)	94,000.00	98,000.00
Grant Revenue	-	(9,336.61)	(9,336.61)	-	
Interest Income Bond	-	(1.97)	(1.97)	-	
Misc. Revenue		(6,529.74)	(6,529.74)		
FY21 Surplus			-	30,000.00	
Total Highway Revenue	768,160.00	(796,339.49)	(28,179.49)	124,300.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,389,730.00</b>	<b>(1,477,018.52)</b>	<b>(87,288.52)</b>	<b>1,466,658.00</b>	<b>1,857,830.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
<b>~PAYROLL &amp; BENEFITS~</b>					
Bookkeeper	3,500.00	(3,743.79)	(243.79)	3,675.00	3,990.00
Lister Salary	12,000.00	(10,212.89)	1,787.11	20,000.00	20,000.00
Town Office Salary	69,700.00	(68,287.48)	1,412.52	73,200.00	86,250.00
Emergency Management	500.00	(222.98)	277.02	500.00	500.00
Selectboard Salaries	5,500.00	(5,500.00)	-	5,500.00	7,000.00
Salaries, Clerk	1,300.00	(1,292.20)	7.80	1,365.00	1,365.00
Elections Expense	500.00	(233.79)	266.21	500.00	250.00
BCA	500.00	(121.53)	378.47	200.00	250.00
Flood Zoning Admin.	250.00		250.00	250.00	250.00
Town Administrator				25,000.00	26,250.00
Health Insurance	16,000.00	(10,230.86)	5,769.14	14,000.00	20,000.00
Employers FICA	12,000.00	(11,338.16)	661.84	14,000.00	16,000.00
Employers Retirement	6,100.00	(6,147.70)	(47.70)	6,900.00	8,100.00
Insurance Unemployment	500.00	(777.00)	(277.00)	500.00	1,000.00
Insurance Workman's Comp	4,000.00	(3,363.00)	637.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Training	500.00	(55.00)	445.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Total Payroll &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>132,850.00</b>	<b>(121,526.38)</b>		<b>170,090.00</b>	<b>195,705.00</b>
<b>~OFFICE OPERATIONS~</b>					
Attorney	3,000.00	(565.33)	2,434.67	4,000.00	3,000.00
Computer Support/Software	6,500.00	(8,682.45)	(2,182.45)	6,500.00	10,000.00

	2022			2023	2024
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
Phone/Cable	4,000.00	(4,655.99)	(655.99)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Postage	2,600.00	(2,362.68)	237.32	2,600.00	2,600.00
Advertising	900.00	(1,467.50)	(567.50)	900.00	900.00
Listers Expense	2,000.00	(1,471.47)	528.53	2,000.00	2,200.00
Listers Support	2,900.00	(1,500.00)	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,650.00
Listers Contracted Services	4,500.00	(3,100.00)	1,400.00	4,500.00	4,900.00
Yearly outside Audit	17,000.00	(17,800.00)	(800.00)	17,800.00	18,300.00
Printing Town Report	2,000.00	(2,049.76)	(49.76)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	(3,084.54)	(1,084.54)	2,000.00	2,500.00
Office Equipment	1,500.00	(561.94)	938.06	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Machines Maint.	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Copier lease			-	-	2,056.00
Mileage	250.00	(61.43)	188.57	250.00	250.00
<b>Total Office Operations</b>	<b>49,650.00</b>	<b>(47,363.09)</b>		<b>50,050.00</b>	<b>56,356.00</b>
<b>~TOWN BUILDINGS~</b>					
Town Office Janitor	500.00	(30.00)	470.00	500.00	-
Emergency Generator	500.00	(340.00)	160.00	500.00	500.00
Town Office Repairs/Maint	1,500.00	(1,295.73)	204.27	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs/Maint.	4,000.00	(1,277.70)	2,722.30	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bank Bldg.Repairs/Maint.	500.00	(1,561.80)	(1,061.80)	500.00	500.00
Rawsonville repairs/maint	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town Office Supplies	700.00	(1,005.63)	(305.63)	500.00	750.00
Town Hall Supplies	300.00	(93.32)	206.68	300.00	300.00
Town Office Electricity	1,700.00	(1,777.81)	(77.81)	1,700.00	1,700.00
Town Hall Electricity	1,000.00	(1,108.63)	(108.63)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Bldg.Electricity	500.00	(380.74)	119.26	500.00	500.00
Rawsonville school house	250.00	(233.72)	16.28	250.00	250.00
Town Office Fuel	3,600.00	(3,399.26)	200.74	3,600.00	5,000.00
Town Hall Fuel	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Town Buildings</b>	<b>16,250.00</b>	<b>(12,504.34)</b>		<b>16,050.00</b>	<b>17,200.00</b>
<b>~Public Safety &amp;Emergency Services~</b>					
Salaries,Constables	350.00	(350.00)	-	350.00	350.00
Salaries - Health Officer	350.00	(350.00)	-	350.00	350.00
Windham Co.Sheriff's Dept	52,000.00	(41,000.04)	10,999.96	50,000.00	60,000.00
Ambulance Service	31,000.00	(30,532.50)	467.50	29,648.00	31,000.00
Fire Department	99,750.00	(99,750.00)	-	99,750.00	99,750.00
<b>Total Public Safety &amp; Emergency Services</b>	<b>183,450.00</b>	<b>(171,982.54)</b>		<b>180,098.00</b>	<b>191,450.00</b>
<b>~STREET LIGHTING~</b>					
Village Street Lights	4,000.00	(4,800.60)	(800.60)	4,000.00	4,500.00
Rawsonville Street Lights	600.00	(574.10)	25.90	600.00	600.00
<b>Total Street Lighting</b>	<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>(5,374.70)</b>		<b>4,600.00</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>
<b>~MISCELLANEOUS EXP~</b>					
Windham County Tax	22,500.00	(23,266.00)	(766.00)	24,000.00	24,000.00
VLCT Liab.&Property Ins.	30,000.00	(22,692.00)	7,308.00	28,000.00	25,000.00
Western Surety Bonding	145.00	(143.00)	2.00	145.00	145.00
VLCT Dues	2,400.00	(2,590.00)	(190.00)	2,600.00	2,400.00
WRC Dues	2,400.00	(3,123.04)	(723.04)	3,200.00	2,600.00
BCA Tax Appeals/abatement	100.00		100.00	100.00	100.00
VillageBeautification	700.00	(1,261.98)	(561.98)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Village Flags	300.00	(627.02)	(327.02)	300.00	300.00
Tax Sale Expense		(550.00)		-	
Tax mapping		(2,080.00)		9,900.00	4,900.00
Planning Expenses	-	(2,870.00)	(2,870.00)	-	
WCHS Contract	350.00	(350.00)	-	350.00	385.00
Ballantine Field Maintenance					600.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Expense</b>	<b>58,895.00</b>	<b>(59,553.04)</b>		<b>69,595.00</b>	<b>61,430.00</b>

	2022			2023	2024
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
<b>~WASTE DISPOSAL~</b>				-	
Caretaker	27,514.00	(27,295.00)	219.00	28,900.00	34,000.00
Sub Caretaker	2,785.00	(2,879.82)	(94.82)	2,900.00	3,300.00
Water/Septic	1,080.00	(1,710.00)	(630.00)	1,080.00	1,080.00
PAYT Expense	40,000.00	(61,051.05)	(21,051.05)	45,000.00	50,000.00
Recycling Disp. Exp	18,000.00	(28,113.84)	(10,113.84)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Organics Disposal	5,600.00	(5,460.00)	140.00	5,600.00	5,600.00
Maintenance/Repairs	500.00	(60.00)	440.00	200.00	200.00
WSWMD Assessment	5,500.00	(6,811.16)	(1,311.16)	6,305.00	6,934.00
Supplies	200.00	(348.18)	(148.18)	200.00	350.00
Electricity	1,000.00	(1,220.99)	(220.99)	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Wase Disposal</b>	<b>102,179.00</b>	<b>(134,950.04)</b>		<b>111,185.00</b>	<b>122,464.00</b>
<b>~CEMETERY MAINT~</b>				-	
Stone Maintenance	-	(217.00)	(217.00)	-	
Cemetery Maint.	6,000.00	(6,805.00)	(805.00)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Flags	300.00	(300.00)	-	300.00	300.00
<b>Total Cemetery Maintenance</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>	<b>(7,322.00)</b>		<b>5,300.00</b>	<b>5,300.00</b>
<b>~LIBRARY~</b>					
Librarian Salary	19,271.00	(14,815.32)	4,455.68	20,300.00	20,000.00
Library Repairs/Maint	500.00	(525.00)	(25.00)	5,500.00	4,500.00
Library Electric	700.00	(845.22)	(145.22)	700.00	700.00
Library Fuel	2,000.00	(1,888.79)	111.21	2,000.00	2,000.00
Library Programs/Books	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Library World	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Library Grant Expense		(2,300.00)			
<b>Total Library Expense</b>	<b>28,471.00</b>	<b>(26,374.33)</b>		<b>34,500.00</b>	<b>33,200.00</b>
<b>~Appropriations~</b>					
Gathering Place	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00
Neighborhood Connections	750.00	750.00		750.00	1,500.00
VT Center for Independent Living	250.00	250.00		250.00	250.00
Women's Freedom Center	900.00	900.00		900.00	900.00
Red Cross	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00
Healthcare & Rehab Services	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00
Valley Cares	1,604.00	1,604.00		1,604.00	1,604.00
Preservation Trust of VT	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00
VT Art Council	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00
Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050.00	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,050.00
Visiting Nurse Service	3,236.00	3,236.00		3,236.00	3,236.00
Windham County Youth Services	395.00	395.00		395.00	395.00
L&G Educational Foundation	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Senior Solutions	600.00	600.00		800.00	825.00
Mt. Valley Health Clinic	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00
CT River Transit	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00
Windham County Historical Society	250.00	250.00		250.00	250.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00
SEVCA	950.00	950.00		950.00	950.00
Windham County Humane Society	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	2,500.00
So VT Watershed Alliance	240.00	240.00		240.00	240.00
Jamaica Historical Foundation	750.00	750.00		750.00	750.00
Village Cemetery	900.00	900.00		900.00	900.00
Recreation Club	1,700.00	(750.00)	950.00	500.00	500.00
Vermont Green Up	50.00	(50.00)	-	50.00	50.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00
BCTV	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
SEVEDS				3,105.00	3,015.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>23,625.00</b>	<b>21,075.00</b>		<b>25,730.00</b>	<b>27,415.00</b>

	2022			2023	2024
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Budget
				-	
<b>~CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS~</b>				-	
Town Buildings Reserve Fu	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Transfer Station Reserve	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
Office Equipment Reserve	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Re-appraisal Reserve	6,800.00	(6,800.00)	-	6,800.00	6,800.00
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds</b>	<b>15,300.00</b>	<b>(15,300.00)</b>		<b>15,300.00</b>	<b>15,300.00</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>621,570.00</b>	<b>(581,175.46)</b>		<b>682,498.00</b>	<b>730,920.00</b>
<b>Highway</b>					
Garage Bond	55,000.00	(53,013.92)	1,986.08	55,000.00	55,000.00
<b>~PAYROLL &amp; BENEFITS~</b>	-			-	
Labor	200,500.00	(204,474.18)	(3,974.18)	211,000.00	240,000.00
Health Insurance	20,000.00	(15,779.94)	4,220.06	18,000.00	18,000.00
Employers FICA	15,500.00	(14,322.84)	1,177.16	16,200.00	18,000.00
Employers Retirement	12,500.00	(12,966.18)	(466.18)	14,300.00	16,000.00
Insurance Workmans Comp	15,000.00	(11,430.25)	3,569.75	13,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Payroll &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>263,500.00</b>	<b>(258,973.39)</b>		<b>272,500.00</b>	<b>307,000.00</b>
TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE				-	
Town Garage Repairs/Maint	500.00	(747.60)	(247.60)	500.00	500.00
Town Garage Supplies	200.00	(528.07)	(328.07)	200.00	200.00
Town Garage Electricity	1,500.00	(2,220.57)	(720.57)	1,500.00	2,000.00
Town Garage Fuel	3,000.00	(3,431.69)	(431.69)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Garage Internet	1,100.00	(996.61)	103.39	1,100.00	1,100.00
<b>Total Town Garage Expense</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>	<b>(7,924.54)</b>		<b>7,300.00</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>
<b>~ HIGHWAYS GENERAL~</b>				-	
Mileage	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Mowing/Sweeping	15,000.00	(9,322.65)	5,677.35	15,000.00	25,000.00
Contracted Town/Townshend	7,200.00	(4,800.00)	2,400.00	6,200.00	6,200.00
Contracted Town/Windham	6,200.00	(6,468.88)	(268.88)	5,200.00	5,200.00
Contracted Old Cheney Rd	4,500.00	(4,475.00)	25.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
Materials-Winter	70,000.00	(66,284.26)	3,715.74	70,000.00	100,000.00
Materials-Summer	55,000.00	(73,904.37)	(18,904.37)	55,000.00	75,000.00
Mud Season 2022		(52,700.51)			
Signs	750.00	(5,463.42)	(4,713.42)	750.00	1,500.00
Radio Expense	2,160.00	(1,760.00)	400.00	2,160.00	2,160.00
New Equipment Purchase		(10,658.26)	(10,658.26)	7,500.00	10,000.00
Permit Fees	1,350.00	(1,350.00)	-	1,350.00	1,350.00
Culvert 48 Pikes Falls Road		(89,000.00)			
Bridge 32 Depot Street		(11,046.82)			51,000.00
South Hill Paving					200,000.00
<b>Total Highways General</b>	<b>162,360.00</b>	<b>(337,234.17)</b>		<b>167,860.00</b>	<b>482,610.00</b>
<b>~HIGHWAY EQUIP MAINT~</b>				-	
Equipment Parts/Supplies	50,000.00	(45,514.85)	4,485.15	50,000.00	40,000.00
Equipment Repairs	12,000.00	(15,718.15)	(3,718.15)	12,000.00	15,000.00
Gas	4,000.00	(7,308.10)	(3,308.10)	4,500.00	4,500.00
Diesel	25,000.00	(41,004.40)	(16,004.40)	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Highway Equipment Maintenance</b>	<b>91,000.00</b>	<b>(109,545.50)</b>		<b>91,500.00</b>	<b>84,500.00</b>
<b>~HWY RESERVE FUNDS~</b>				-	
Highway Reserve Fund	75,000.00	(75,000.00)	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
Highway Equipment Reserve	80,000.00	(80,000.00)	-	80,000.00	80,000.00
Sidewalk Reserve Fund	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
FEMA Repayment	25,000.00	(25,000.00)		25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>Total Highway Reserve Funds</b>	<b>190,000.00</b>	<b>(190,000.00)</b>		<b>190,000.00</b>	<b>190,000.00</b>
<b>Total Highway Budget</b>	<b>768,160.00</b>	<b>(956,691.52)</b>		<b>784,160.00</b>	<b>1,126,910.00</b>
<b>Total General &amp; Highway</b>	<b>1,389,730.00</b>	<b>(1,581,616.98)</b>	<b>(191,886.98)</b>	<b>1,466,658.00</b>	<b>1,857,830.00</b>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 755,512
Restricted Cash	1,839
Investments	2,400
Deposits with Insurance Company	8,184
Due from Fiduciary Fund	330
Total Assets	768,265
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to Others	200
Total Liabilities	200
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Prepaid Property Taxes	8,516
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	8,516
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Restricted:	
Non-Expendable:	
Cemetery	23,220
Expendable:	
Eligible ARPA Uses	153,655
Other	89,705
Unrestricted	492,969
Total Net Position	\$ 759,549

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs:				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ 273,582	\$ 40,137	\$ 26,746	\$ (206,699)
Public Safety	173,483	11,531	0	(161,952)
Highways and Streets	1,278,418	185	115,763	(1,162,470)
Culture and Recreation	27,124	0	2,800	(24,324)
Solid Waste	134,950	65,494	0	(69,456)
Debt Service	53,014	0	0	(53,014)
	<u>\$ 1,940,571</u>	<u>\$ 117,347</u>	<u>\$ 145,309</u>	<u>(1,677,915)</u>
Total Governmental Activities				
General Receipts:				
Property Taxes				1,103,605
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes				36,525
General State Grants				54,291
ARPA Funds				153,655
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				1,911
Other				6,888
				<u>1,356,875</u>
				Change in Net Position (321,040)
				Net Position - July 1, 2021 1,080,589
				Net Position - June 30, 2022 \$ 759,549

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Flood Damage Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$ 149,719	\$ 532,408	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 73,385	\$ 755,512
Restricted Cash	1,839	0	0	0	0	1,839
Investments	0	0	0	0	2,400	2,400
Deposits with Insurance Company	8,184	0	0	0	0	8,184
Advances to Other Funds	0	256,273	0	0	0	256,273
Due from Other Funds	35,072	0	0	572,700	666,777	1,274,549
Total Assets	<u>\$ 194,814</u>	<u>\$ 788,681</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 572,700</u>	<u>\$ 742,562</u>	<u>\$ 2,298,757</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Advances from Other Funds	\$ 256,273	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 256,273
Due to Other Funds	0	396,933	877,283	0	3	1,274,219
Due to Others	200	0	0	0	0	200
Total Liabilities	<u>256,473</u>	<u>396,933</u>	<u>877,283</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1,530,692</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	8,516	0	0	0	0	8,516
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>8,516</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,516</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES/(DEFICIT)</u>						
Nonspendable	312,566	0	0	0	23,220	335,786
Restricted	1,839	0	0	0	241,521	243,360
Committed	0	391,748	0	572,700	363,806	1,328,254
Assigned	0	0	0	0	114,012	114,012
Unassigned/(Deficit)	(384,580)	0	(877,283)	0	0	(1,261,863)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	<u>(70,175)</u>	<u>391,748</u>	<u>(877,283)</u>	<u>572,700</u>	<u>742,559</u>	<u>759,549</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 194,814</u>	<u>\$ 788,681</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 572,700</u>	<u>\$ 742,562</u>	<u>\$ 2,298,757</u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Flood Damage Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>						
Property Taxes	\$ 1,103,605	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,103,605
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	36,525	0	0	0	0	36,525
Intergovernmental	179,579	0	0	0	165,976	345,555
Charges for Services	74,689	0	0	0	300	74,989
Permits, Licenses and Fees	23,731	0	0	0	7,096	30,827
Fines and Forfeits	11,531	0	0	0	0	11,531
Investment Income	1,064	164	23	350	310	1,911
Donations	0	0	0	0	7,700	7,700
Other	6,888	0	0	0	0	6,888
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>1,437,612</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>181,382</b>	<b>1,619,531</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>						
General Government	273,582	0	0	0	0	273,582
Public Safety	173,483	0	0	0	0	173,483
Highways and Streets	602,973	0	564,740	0	0	1,167,713
Culture and Recreation	27,124	0	0	0	0	27,124
Solid Waste	134,950	0	0	0	0	134,950
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	110,705	0	0	0	0	110,705
Debt Service:						
Principal	37,500	0	0	0	0	37,500
Interest	15,514	0	0	0	0	15,514
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>1,375,831</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>564,740</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,940,571</b>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	61,781	164	(564,717)	350	181,382	(321,040)
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>						
Transfers In	0	75,000	25,000	80,000	25,300	205,300
Transfers Out	(205,300)	0	0	0	0	(205,300)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>	<b>(205,300)</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>25,300</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(143,519)</b>	<b>75,164</b>	<b>(539,717)</b>	<b>80,350</b>	<b>206,682</b>	<b>(321,040)</b>
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2021</b>	<b>73,344</b>	<b>316,584</b>	<b>(337,566)</b>	<b>492,350</b>	<b>535,877</b>	<b>1,080,589</b>
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ (70,175)</b>	<b>\$ 391,748</b>	<b>\$ (877,283)</b>	<b>\$ 572,700</b>	<b>\$ 742,559</b>	<b>\$ 759,549</b>

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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2022

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Fund
	William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund	Education Tax Fund
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 790	\$ 0
Investments	10,000	0
Total Assets	10,790	0
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Due to Other Funds	330	0
Total Liabilities	330	0
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Restricted:		
Held in Trust for Individuals	10,460	0
Total Net Position	\$ 10,460	\$ 0

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 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION  
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund	Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund
<u>ADDITIONS</u>		
Investment Income	\$ 18	\$ 0
Education Taxes Collected for Other Governments	0	3,987,277
Total Additions	18	3,987,277
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>		
Education Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	0	3,987,277
Total Deductions	0	3,987,277
Change in Net Position	18	0
Net Position - July 1, 2021	10,442	0
Net Position - June 30, 2022	\$ 10,460	\$ 0

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### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

#### A. Cash and Investments

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2022 consist of the following:

Unrestricted Cash:	
Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$755,945
Cash on Hand	<u>357</u>
Total Unrestricted Cash	<u>756,302</u>
Restricted Cash:	
Money Market Mutual Fund – U.S. Government Securities – Unspent Bond Proceeds	<u>1,839</u>
Investments:	
Mutual Funds – Mixed Holdings	2,400
Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,000</u>
Total Investments	<u>12,400</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$770,541</u>

The Town has one (1) certificate of deposit in the amount of \$10,000 with an interest rate of 0.18%. The certificate of deposit will mature during fiscal year 2023.

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are in the name of the Town and are not exposed to custodial credit risk. The following table shows the custodial credit risk of the Town's cash and certificate of deposit.

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	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC Insured	\$336,088	\$336,088
Uninsured, Collateralized by U.S. Government Agencies Securities Held by the Pledging Financial Institution's Agent	<u>429,857</u>	<u>451,888</u>
Total	<u>\$765,945</u>	<u>\$787,976</u>

The difference between the book and the bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

The book balance is comprised of the following:

Unrestricted Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$755,945
Investments – Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u>\$765,945</u>

### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to interest rate risk. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, exempt from interest rate disclosure. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to interest rate risk disclosure.

### **Credit Risk**

Generally, credit risk that is the risk an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to credit risk. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are open-ended and therefore, exempt from credit risk disclosure. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to credit risk disclosure.

### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk that a large percentage of the Town's investments are held within one security. The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are open-ended and therefore, exempt from the concentration of credit risk analysis. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to concentration of credit risk disclosure.

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**B. Interfund Balances and Activity**

Interfund balances as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ 35,072	\$ 0
Highway Capital Fund	0	396,933
Flood Damage Fund	0	877,283
Highway Equipment Fund	572,700	0
Non-Major Governmental Funds	666,777	3
Private-Purpose Trust Fund – William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>330</u>
Total	<u>\$1,274,549</u>	<u>\$1,274,549</u>

In fiscal year 2014, the General Fund borrowed \$415,000 from the Highway Capital Fund in order to finance the Town's current expenses. As of June 30, 2022, the remaining balance is \$256,273. This is shown as an advance to other funds in the Highway Capital Fund and an advance from other funds in the General Fund. The Town intends to repay this loan when the funds become available.

Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2022 were as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	\$ 75,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Flood Damage Fund	25,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	80,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Reappraisal Fund	6,800	Appropriation
General Fund	Town Buildings Fund	2,500	Appropriation
General Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	2,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Transfer Station Fund	4,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Sidewalk Fund	<u>10,000</u>	Appropriation
Total		<u>\$205,300</u>	

**C. Fund Balances**

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

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Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Selectboard's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

Special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Amounts constrained to stabilization (rainy-day funds) will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. The Town does not have any minimum fund balance policies.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

The purpose for each major special revenue fund, including which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each, are described in the following section.

The fund balances in the following funds are nonspendable as follows:

Major Fund

General Fund:

Nonspendable Interfund Loan	<u>\$312,566</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Permanent Funds:

Nonspendable Muzzy Legacy Fund Principal	5,000
Nonspendable Cemetery Fund Principal	<u>18,220</u>

Total Non-Major Funds	<u>23,220</u>
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Total Nonspendable Fund Balances	<u>\$335,786</u>
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The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Restricted for Town Garage Expenditures by Unspent Bond Proceeds (Source of Revenue is Bond Proceeds)	\$ <u>1,839</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Emergency Management Expenses by Grant Agreements (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	9,095
Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute (Source of Revenue is Restoration Fees)	26,206
Restricted for Eligible Uses of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding by Grant Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	<u>153,655</u>

Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>188,956</u>
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Permanent Funds:

Restricted for Muzzy Legacy Expenses by Trust Agreement – Expendable Portion	13,818
Restricted for Cemetery Expenses by Trust Agreement – Expendable Portion	<u>38,747</u>

Total Permanent Funds	<u>52,565</u>
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Total Non-Major Funds	<u>241,521</u>
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Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$243,360</u>
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The fund balances in the following funds are committed as follows:

Major Funds

Highway Capital Fund:

Committed for Highway Capital Expenditures by the Voters	\$ <u>391,748</u>
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Highway Equipment Fund:

Committed for Highway Equipment Expenditures by the Voters	<u>572,700</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Capital Projects Funds:

Committed for Town Buildings Expenditures by the Voters	\$ 121,244
Committed for Town Office Equipment Expenditures by the Voters	31,015
Committed for Transfer Station Expenditures by the Voters	56,502
Committed for Sidewalk Expenditures by the Voters	<u>155,045</u>

Total Non-Major Funds 363,806

Total Committed Fund Balances \$1,328,254

The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Assigned for Planning Expenses	\$ 9,489
Assigned for HRA Expenses	7,992
Assigned in Excess of Available Fund Balance	<u>(17,481)</u>

Total General Fund 0

Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Assigned for Reappraisal Expenses	110,072
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Capital Projects Funds:

Assigned for Town Buildings Expenditures	<u>3,940</u>
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Total Non-Major Funds 114,012

Total Assigned Fund Balances \$114,012

The unassigned deficit of \$384,580 in the General Fund will be funded by the repayment of the interfund loan and with future property taxes.

The unassigned deficit of \$877,283 in the Flood Damage Fund will be funded with the collection of grant revenue and future property taxes.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS  
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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,089,844	\$ 1,103,605	\$ 13,761
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	6,256	1,256
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000	30,269	5,269
Education Billing Fee Retained	8,000	9,120	1,120
Current Use	25,000	36,332	11,332
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,000	15,687	(313)
Traffic Fines	10,000	11,531	1,531
Highway State Aid	94,000	106,426	12,426
Town Clerk Fees	17,000	22,429	5,429
Dog Licenses/Fines	750	382	(368)
Liquor Licenses	500	510	10
Marriage/Civil Union Fees	150	100	(50)
Sign Permit Fees	0	75	75
911 Fees	0	50	50
Highway Permits	300	185	(115)
Town Hall Rental	500	75	(425)
Transfer Station Fees	18,000	25,690	7,690
Pay as You Throw Fees	35,000	39,804	4,804
Investment Income	3,000	1,064	(1,936)
CT River Loss Income	2,272	2,272	0
Grants-in-Aid Grant Income	0	9,337	9,337
Hazard Mitigation Grant Income	0	6,725	6,725
Library Grant Income	0	2,800	2,800
Transfer In	39,414	0	(39,414)
Other	0	6,888	6,888
	<u>1,389,730</u>	<u>1,437,612</u>	<u>47,882</u>
Total Cash Receipts			
Cash Disbursements:			
Payroll & Benefits:			
Bookkeeper	3,500	3,744	(244)
Lister's Salary	12,000	10,213	1,787
Town Office Salary	69,700	68,287	1,413
Emergency Management	500	223	277
Selectboard Salaries	5,500	5,500	0
Clerks Salaries	1,300	1,292	8
Elections Expense	500	234	266
BCA Salaries	500	121	379
Flood Zoning Administrator Salary	250	0	250
Social Security	12,000	11,338	662
Retirement	6,100	6,148	(48)
Unemployment Insurance	500	777	(277)
Workman's Compensation	4,000	3,363	637
Health Insurance	16,000	10,231	5,769
Miscellaneous	0	55	(55)
	<u>132,350</u>	<u>121,526</u>	<u>10,824</u>
Total Payroll & Benefits			

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Office Operations:			
Advertising	\$ 900	\$ 1,467	\$ (567)
Legal Fees	3,000	565	2,435
Computer Support	6,500	8,682	(2,182)
Office Equipment	1,500	0	1,500
Office Equipment Maintenance	500	0	500
Printing Town Report	2,000	1,900	100
Telephone	4,000	4,656	(656)
Postage	2,600	2,363	237
Supplies	2,000	3,085	(1,085)
Outside Audit	17,000	17,800	(800)
Listers	2,000	4,571	(2,571)
Listers Computer Support	2,900	1,500	1,400
Lister Contracted Services	4,500	0	4,500
Training	500	0	500
Mileage	250	61	189
Miscellaneous	0	150	(150)
Total Office Operations	<u>50,150</u>	<u>46,800</u>	<u>3,350</u>
Town Buildings:			
Town Office Janitor	500	30	470
Emergency Generator	500	340	160
Town Office Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	1,296	204
Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	1,278	2,722
Bank Building Repairs & Maintenance	500	1,562	(1,062)
Rawsonville Repairs & Maintenance	200	0	200
Town Office Supplies	700	1,006	(306)
Town Hall Supplies	300	93	207
Town Office Electricity	1,700	1,778	(78)
Town Hall Electricity	1,000	1,109	(109)
Bank Building Electricity	500	381	119
Rawsonville School House Electricity	250	234	16
Town Office Fuel	3,600	3,399	201
Town Hall Fuel	1,000	0	1,000
Total Town Buildings	<u>16,250</u>	<u>12,506</u>	<u>3,744</u>
Police Support:			
Salaries, Constables	350	350	0
Salaries, Health Officer	350	350	0
Windham County Sheriff's Department	52,000	41,000	11,000
Humane Society	350	350	0
Total Police Support	<u>53,050</u>	<u>42,050</u>	<u>11,000</u>
Emergency Services:			
Ambulance Service	31,000	30,533	467
Fire Department	99,750	99,750	0
Total Emergency Services	<u>130,750</u>	<u>130,283</u>	<u>467</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Street Lighting:			
Village	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,801	\$ (801)
Rawsonville	600	574	26
Total Street Lighting	<u>4,600</u>	<u>5,375</u>	<u>(775)</u>
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Windham County Tax	22,500	23,266	(766)
Liability & Property Insurance	30,000	22,692	7,308
Bonding	145	143	2
VLCT Dues	2,400	2,590	(190)
WRC Dues	2,400	3,123	(723)
Planning Expenses	0	2,870	(2,870)
BCA Tax Appeals	100	0	100
Village Beautification	700	1,262	(562)
Village Flags	300	927	(627)
Tax Mapping	0	2,080	(2,080)
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>58,545</u>	<u>58,953</u>	<u>(408)</u>
Waste Disposal:			
Attendant	27,514	27,295	219
Sub-Attendant	2,785	2,880	(95)
Water & Septic	1,080	1,710	(630)
Pay as You Throw Expenses	40,000	61,051	(21,051)
Recycling Disposal	18,000	28,114	(10,114)
Organic Disposal	5,600	5,460	140
Repairs and Maintenance	500	60	440
Windham Solid Waste Management District	5,500	6,811	(1,311)
Supplies	200	348	(148)
Electricity	1,000	1,221	(221)
Total Waste Disposal	<u>102,179</u>	<u>134,950</u>	<u>(32,771)</u>
Cemetery Maintenance:			
Cemetery Maintenance	6,000	6,805	(805)
Miscellaneous Flags	300	0	300
Total Cemetery Maintenance	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,805</u>	<u>(505)</u>
Library:			
Library Programs/Books	5,000	5,000	0
Library Salary	19,271	14,815	4,456
Library World	1,000	1,000	0
Library Repairs & Maintenance	500	525	(25)
Library Electric	700	845	(145)
Library Fuel	2,000	1,889	111
Library Grant Expenses	0	2,300	(2,300)
Total Library	<u>28,471</u>	<u>26,374</u>	<u>2,097</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS  
GENERAL FUND  
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Transfers:			
Transfer to Town Buildings Fund	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 0
Transfer to Transfer Station Fund	4,000	4,000	0
Transfer to Office Equipment Fund	2,000	2,000	0
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	6,800	6,800	0
Transfer to Highway Capital Fund	75,000	75,000	0
Transfer to Flood Damage Fund	25,000	25,000	0
Transfer to Highway Equipment Fund	80,000	80,000	0
Transfer to Sidewalk Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0
	<u>205,300</u>	<u>205,300</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Transfers			
Appropriations:			
Gathering Place	500	500	0
Neighborhood Connections	750	750	0
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250	250	0
Women's Freedom Center	900	900	0
Red Cross	500	500	0
Health Care & Rehabilitation	1,200	1,200	0
Valley Cares	1,604	1,604	0
Preservation Trust of VT	100	100	0
Vermont Art Council	100	100	0
Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050	1,050	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance - VT & NH	3,236	3,236	0
Windham County Youth Services	395	395	0
L&G Educational Fund	2,000	2,000	0
Senior Solutions	600	600	0
Mountain Valley Health Clinic	1,500	1,500	0
CT River Transit	500	500	0
Windham County Historical Society	250	250	0
Community Food Pantry	500	500	0
S.E. VT Community Action	950	950	0
Windham County Humane Society	500	500	0
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500	1,500	0
Southern Vermont Watershed Alliance	240	240	0
Jamaica Historical Foundation	750	750	0
Green Up	50	50	0
Village Cemetery	900	900	0
VT Rural Fire Protection	100	100	0
Recreation Club	1,700	750	950
BCTV	1,000	1,000	0
	<u>23,625</u>	<u>22,675</u>	<u>950</u>
Total Appropriations			
Highway Payroll & Benefits:			
Labor	200,500	204,274	(3,774)
Health Insurance	20,000	15,780	4,220
Social Security	15,500	14,323	1,177
Retirement	12,500	12,966	(466)
Workman's Compensation	15,000	11,430	3,570
	<u>263,500</u>	<u>258,773</u>	<u>4,727</u>
Total Highway Payroll & Benefits			

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GENERAL FUND  
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Town Garage:			
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 500	\$ 748	\$ (248)
Electricity	1,500	2,221	(721)
Fuel	3,000	3,432	(432)
Supplies	200	528	(328)
Internet	1,100	997	103
Total Town Garage	6,300	7,926	(1,626)
General Highway:			
Contracted - Townshend	7,200	4,800	2,400
Contracted - Windham	6,200	6,469	(269)
Contracted - Old Cheney Rd	4,500	4,475	25
Mowing	15,000	9,323	5,677
Road Signs	750	5,463	(4,713)
Radios	2,160	1,760	400
Mileage	200	0	200
Materials - Winter	70,000	66,284	3,716
Mud Season Expenses	0	52,701	(52,701)
Materials - Summer	55,000	73,904	(18,904)
Miscellaneous	0	200	(200)
Garage Bond	55,000	53,014	1,986
New Equipment Purchase	0	10,658	(10,658)
Permit Fees	1,350	1,350	0
Total General Highway	217,360	290,401	(73,041)
Highway Equipment Maintenance:			
Parts/Supplies	50,000	45,515	4,485
Repairs	12,000	15,718	(3,718)
Fuel	4,000	7,308	(3,308)
Diesel	25,000	41,004	(16,004)
Total Highway Equipment Maintenance	91,000	109,545	(18,545)
Total Cash Disbursements	1,389,730	1,480,242	(90,512)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	\$ 0	(42,630)	\$ (42,630)
Adjustment to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting:			
HRA Fund Expenses		(842)	
Unbudgeted Pike Falls Culvert Expenses		(89,000)	
Unbudgeted Depot Street Bridge Expenses		(11,047)	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(143,519)	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2021		73,344	
Fund Balance/(Deficit) - June 30, 2022		\$ (70,175)	

The reconciling items are due to combining three (3) funds, the Stabilization Fund, the Planning Fund and the HRA Fund, with the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54 and unbudgeted capital expenditures.

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	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 73,385	\$ 73,385
Investments	0	0	2,400	2,400
Due from Other Funds	<u>299,028</u>	<u>367,746</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>666,777</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 299,028</u>	<u>\$ 367,746</u>	<u>\$ 75,788</u>	<u>\$ 742,562</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Due to Other Funds	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	0	0	23,220	23,220
Restricted	188,956	0	52,565	241,521
Committed	0	363,806	0	363,806
Assigned	<u>110,072</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>114,012</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>299,028</u>	<u>367,746</u>	<u>75,785</u>	<u>742,559</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 299,028</u>	<u>\$ 367,746</u>	<u>\$ 75,788</u>	<u>\$ 742,562</u>

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 AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES  
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
Cash Receipts:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 165,976	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 165,976
Charges for Services	0	0	300	300
Permits, Licenses and Fees	7,096	0	0	7,096
Investment Income	98	183	29	310
Donations	0	0	7,700	7,700
Total Cash Receipts	<u>173,170</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>8,029</u>	<u>181,382</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	<u>173,170</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>8,029</u>	<u>181,382</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers In	<u>6,800</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,300</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>6,800</u>	<u>18,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,300</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	179,970	18,683	8,029	206,682
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	<u>119,058</u>	<u>349,063</u>	<u>67,756</u>	<u>535,877</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 299,028</u>	<u>\$ 367,746</u>	<u>\$ 75,785</u>	<u>\$ 742,559</u>

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	Reappraisal Fund	Emergency Management Fund	Records Restoration Fund	ARPA Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Due from Other Funds	\$ <u>110,072</u>	\$ <u>9,095</u>	\$ <u>26,206</u>	\$ <u>153,655</u>	\$ <u>299,028</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>110,072</u></u>	\$ <u><u>9,095</u></u>	\$ <u><u>26,206</u></u>	\$ <u><u>153,655</u></u>	\$ <u><u>299,028</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	0	9,095	26,206	153,655	188,956
Assigned	<u>110,072</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,072</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>110,072</u>	<u>9,095</u>	<u>26,206</u>	<u>153,655</u>	<u>299,028</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u><u>110,072</u></u>	\$ <u><u>9,095</u></u>	\$ <u><u>26,206</u></u>	\$ <u><u>153,655</u></u>	\$ <u><u>299,028</u></u>

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	Reappraisal Fund	Emergency Management Fund	Records Restoration Fund	ARPA Fund	Total
Cash Receipts:					
Intergovernmental	\$ 12,321	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 153,655	\$ 165,976
Permits, Licenses and Fees	0	0	7,096	0	7,096
Investment Income	<u>82</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>12,403</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,112</u>	<u>153,655</u>	<u>173,170</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	<u>12,403</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,112</u>	<u>153,655</u>	<u>173,170</u>
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers In	<u>6,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>6,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	19,203	0	7,112	153,655	179,970
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	<u>90,869</u>	<u>9,095</u>	<u>19,094</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>119,058</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 110,072</u>	<u>\$ 9,095</u>	<u>\$ 26,206</u>	<u>\$ 153,655</u>	<u>\$ 299,028</u>

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 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2022

	Town Buildings Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Sidewalk Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Due from Other Funds	\$ <u>125,184</u>	\$ <u>31,015</u>	\$ <u>56,502</u>	\$ <u>155,045</u>	\$ <u>367,746</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>125,184</u></u>	\$ <u><u>31,015</u></u>	\$ <u><u>56,502</u></u>	\$ <u><u>155,045</u></u>	\$ <u><u>367,746</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Fund Balances:					
Committed	121,244	31,015	56,502	155,045	363,806
Assigned	<u>3,940</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,940</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>125,184</u>	<u>31,015</u>	<u>56,502</u>	<u>155,045</u>	<u>367,746</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u><u>125,184</u></u>	\$ <u><u>31,015</u></u>	\$ <u><u>56,502</u></u>	\$ <u><u>155,045</u></u>	\$ <u><u>367,746</u></u>

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 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Town Buildings Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Sidewalk Fund	Total
Cash Receipts:					
Investment Income	\$ <u>77</u>	\$ <u>19</u>	\$ <u>25</u>	\$ <u>62</u>	\$ <u>183</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>77</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>183</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	<u>77</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>183</u>
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers In	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>18,500</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>18,500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,577	2,019	4,025	10,062	18,683
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	<u>122,607</u>	<u>28,996</u>	<u>52,477</u>	<u>144,983</u>	<u>349,063</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 125,184</u>	<u>\$ 31,015</u>	<u>\$ 56,502</u>	<u>\$ 155,045</u>	<u>\$ 367,746</u>

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 JUNE 30, 2022

	Muzzy Legacy Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 18,815	\$ 54,570	\$ 73,385
Investments	0	2,400	2,400
Due from Other Funds	3	0	3
Total Assets	\$ 18,818	\$ 56,970	\$ 75,788
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 3	\$ 3
Total Liabilities	0	3	3
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	5,000	18,220	23,220
Restricted	13,818	38,747	52,565
Total Fund Balances	18,818	56,967	75,785
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 18,818	\$ 56,970	\$ 75,788

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 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Muzzy Legacy Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Investment Income	6	23	29
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>7,700</u>	<u>7,700</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>6</u>	<u>8,023</u>	<u>8,029</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	6	8,023	8,029
Fund Balances - July 1, 2021	<u>18,812</u>	<u>48,944</u>	<u>67,756</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 18,818</u>	<u>\$ 56,967</u>	<u>\$ 75,785</u>

**STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED & ACCOUNTED FOR  
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**

		Tax Rates: X Grand List = Taxes to Raise		
Non Resident Ed.	1.6672	1,944,859.16		3,242,469.09
Homestead Ed	1.8796	632,306.89		1,188,484.04
Municipal	0.4256	2,579,876.00		1,097,994.67
<b>Total Taxes to be collected 8/17/2021</b>				<b>5,528,947.80</b>
Taxes accounted for:				
Municipal Taxes Collected				1,074,546.32
Payments from the State				459,739.46
<b>Payment to WRMUED</b>				<b>1,064,915.31</b>
<b>Payment to WRMUED</b>				<b>1,364,115.26</b>
<b>Education taxes paid to State of Vermont</b>				<b>1,558,245.96</b>
Delinquent/Uncollected				7,385.49
<b>Final Taxes Accounted for 2021</b>				<b>5,528,947.80</b>

**Delinquent Tax Report**

Owner Name	Parcel ID				Tax Year
Biercuk Amanda	000MH-P-27.5				2021 *
Brown, Edward	00R-27		2019	2020	2021
Brox, Daniel	00S-65-7				2021
Coburn, Gary	000J-9-1				2021 *
Durkin, Roderick	000I-2				2021
Fritz, Kathleen	00G-21				2021
Jeffers, Cody	00S-48-4	2018	2019	2020	2021 *
Sage Hill Camp Inc.	000L-1				2021
Sage Hill Camp Inc.	00H-26				2021
Warner, Molly	00L-26			2020	2021
Wilkins, Daniel	MH-P-27.8	2018	2019	2020	2021
Zira, Bruce	00R-L7-1				2021 *

\* - Paid after 6/30/22

Total Delinquent tax due:

	Principal	Penalty	Interest
Tax year	194.22	15.54	70.20
Tax year	304.05	24.32	72.96
Tax year	732.81	58.64	139.21
Tax year	<u>7,385.49</u>	<u>785.16</u>	<u>785.25</u>
	8,616.57	883.66	1,067.62

(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	545	116,641,000	31,966,443	84,674,557	116,641,000
Residential II R2	272	103,623,900	26,970,488	76,653,412	103,623,900
Mobile Homes-U MHU	36	794,300	177,300	617,000	794,300
Mobile Homes-L MHL	17	1,341,500	585,200	756,300	1,341,500
Seasonal I S1	30	1,966,500	73,500	1,893,000	1,966,500
Seasonal II S2	34	4,055,900	288,100	3,767,800	4,055,900
Commercial C	31	8,819,100	0	8,819,100	8,819,100
Commercial Apts CA	1	569,400	0	569,400	569,400
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	4	10,203,300	0	10,203,300	10,203,300
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	1	450,200	450,200	0	450,200
Other O	54	5,830,600	0	5,830,600	5,830,600
Woodland W	41	1,237,900	0	1,237,900	1,237,900
Miscellaneous M	170	12,771,300	0	12,771,300	12,771,300
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>268,304,900</b>	<b>60,511,231</b>	<b>207,793,669</b>	<b>268,304,900</b>
P.P. Cable	1	94,608		94,608	94,608
P.P. Equipment	0	0			0
P.P. Inventory	0	0			0
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>94,608</b>		<b>94,608</b>	<b>94,608</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>268,399,508</b>	<b>60,511,231</b>	<b>207,888,277</b>	<b>268,399,508</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	8/8	80,000	70,000	10,000	80,000
Veterans >10K		240,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>320,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	1	94,608			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	342,100	0	342,100	342,100
Non-Apprv(voted)	1/1	173,100			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>609,808</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>342,100</b>	<b>342,100</b>
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			
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	62/62	8,528,700	1,605,300	6,923,400	8,528,700
Special Exemptions	1		0	377,800	377,800
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>9,458,508</b>	<b>1,675,300</b>	<b>7,653,300</b>	<b>9,328,600</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>9,458,508</b>	<b>1,675,300</b>	<b>7,653,300</b>	<b>9,328,600</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>2,589,410.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>588,359.31</b>	<b>2,002,349.77</b>	<b>2,590,709.08</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>					

60 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

Selectboard letter to the residents of Jamaica 2023

Every year brings with it challenges but also great opportunities. We see many things to be thankful for and to look forward to.

People remain the most valuable asset to our town. The office staff, the road crew, the librarians, the transfer station attendants and all those who contribute many hours as volunteers, we thank you. Jamaica would not be what it is without each one of them. This past year we had two long-time employees retire; Richard Thomas from the Road Crew and Dan Miller from the Transfer Station. We thank them for their years of service.

We have also hired Mike Tuller as our Town Administrator. He brings with him a strong background in transportation and town planning along with an understanding of Vermont's state and town regulation. We're excited to have him on board to help us work through some of our more ambitious projects and to seek out new opportunities for improving our community.

The Town of Jamaica has received a little over \$300,000 in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA.) The Jamaica Planning Commission proposed a set of recommendations and as part of this we have obligated a portion of the money to digitize our town land records and to use for increased salaries for employee retention. We are still evaluating our options for the remaining funds but will most likely be earmarking them for infrastructure improvements to our roads and buildings.

Several larger highway projects will also come to fruition this year. We anticipate the start of site work for the rehabilitation of the bridge leading to the State Park. We will also be replacing one of the large culverts on Pikes Falls Road and planning to pave a section on the southern end of South Hill Road.

After several years of holding our budget fairly flat, we are now seeing upward pressure on costs in several areas. These increased costs along with several projects will contribute to an increase in the town budget. We are proposing various budget adjustments to help offset these costs as much as possible. We will continue to use ARPA funds to cover the retention pay increase for our staff to the extent we can, and will use \$200,000 from the Highway Reserve Fund for the paving on South Hill Road.

We are also again proposing a Local Options Tax. Last year we heard from the townspeople that there was interest in implementing this tax, but wanted to be sure that it did not place an increased burden on our residents. In that regard we have included three separate articles in this Warning in order to allow our residents to choose which options work best for Jamaica.

We thank everyone for their support and we look forward to another wonderful year for the town of Jamaica.

Greg Meulemans

Chair, Jamaica Selectboard

Jamaica Planning Commission Annual Report  
Prepared for the 2022 Annual Report  
TOWN MEETING – March 7, 2023

The Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) continued to press forward with ongoing projects and picked up a few new ones throughout 2022. Highlights included preparation of recommendation documents for proposed road reclassifications in Town and Town use of federal ARPA and IIJA funds, continuing the progress of the Jamaica Communications Committee under the Deer Valley Communication Union District (DVFiber) to provide fiber optic internet connections to every home in Jamaica, helping the town to obtain funding for a (now ongoing) community wastewater feasibility study, and reviewing/responding to applications under Act 250 and other State agencies.

The road reclassification work included an exhaustive review of each considered road, and the potential impact to landowners, stakeholders, and town maintenance requirements to provide a recommendation that we felt best served the Town and its people. The recommendation for use of available ARPA/IIJA funds focused on several issues including road system improvements, water supply and wastewater disposal issues, high speed internet access for all of Jamaica, the digitization of Town land records. The work by DVFiber (a district of 24 towns, including Jamaica) continued with first set of fiber optic cable installations, the first live internet hook-up, and will continue until all 24 towns are served. Connections in Jamaica are included in the second of three phases of installation. The wastewater feasibility study kicked off in Spring 2022 and has proceeded through a 60% completion report that includes an alternatives analysis. It's anticipated that the wastewater study will be moving toward 90% completion at the time of Town Meeting. The application reviews included an endorsement for a Certificate of Public Good for a 500 kW AC solar array in Jamaica, that will generate enough renewable energy to power approximately 130 homes and meet over 50% of our Town Plan 2050 renewable source generation goal.

Please attend a JPC meeting if you have any questions and we'll be glad to tell you all we can about these efforts. The JPC Regular Meeting now takes place on the third Monday of every month. You can also reach us at [jpc@mamaicavermont.org](mailto:jpc@mamaicavermont.org). And a special thanks to Chris Robbins, Charlie Peck, John Van Hoesen, and Patrick McQuillen for continuing to volunteer their time to handle these tasks.

Bryan Zieroff  
Chair, Jamaica Planning Commission

## 2023 LISTERS

The Listers are excited to be working together to take care of the assessments for Jamaica. You may see us from time to time, out and about updating properties. Our car will be posted with Lister signs so that you know who we are. There is Land Use Registration form on the Town website (under documents then forms) to fill out for us if you are doing more than \$500.00 of building or renovation.

Something to note, Jamaica is on the list of towns from the State Tax Department that needs to do a reappraisal. We are currently getting started with this process.

The following is a quote from the Tax Department: *“The preliminary results of the 2022 Equalization Study indicate that 165 of the 254 municipalities analyzed (for the Equalization Study the 6 unorganized gores in Essex County are treated as one municipality) have a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) or Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) that fall outside of the statutory bounds and will be subject to a reappraisal order (CLA <85%, CLA>115% or COD>20%). 36 of these 165 municipalities were previously under reappraisal order, and 42 have reappraisals planned for 2023 - 2027. This leaves 123 towns in need of a reappraisal work. Over the past 10 years, reappraisal contractors in Vermont have averaged 16 municipal reappraisals per year (approximately 6% of towns per year).”*

Our office hours are Wednesday, 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM,

Property information can be accessed through the Town of Jamaica website: <https://www.jamaicavermont.org> or we can be contacted directly.

Town of Jamaica Listers

Valerie Pantorno, Pat Meulemans, Karen Ameden

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I began working as Librarian in November, 2022. I'm enjoying meeting more neighbors, and look forward to serving this community, which we have grown to love as home for the last three years. As I've adapted to this new role, I've begun networking and planning, to increase engagement with our library patrons and visitors: increasing programming online and in person, upgrading technology, partnering with other libraries and community organizations, and continually adding fresh books to our collections.

The Board and I offer thanks to Cassidy Menard, the former Librarian, for her service over the past five years.

Starting in 2023, the Library Trustees have adjusted the hours to support the school's and working families' schedules. We look forward to increased after school and early evening patronage and programs.

**Jamaica Memorial Library's hours:**

**Monday 10am - 6pm, Tuesday & Thursday 3 - 7pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm.**

**Services:**

- It is free and easy to get your own Jamaica Memorial Library (JML) card.
- Our website is currently being re-built, and will host our online catalog and a tutorial for accessing it
- We are looking for volunteers to help with many tasks, from covering new books to helping us weed and update our collection, and more! Contact [librarian@jamaicavtlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@jamaicavtlibrary.org) or stop in
- Our board needs new members! If you are interested in helping set and support the vision for our library, please reach out!
- Our Interlibrary Loan Services requests have increased as part of the courier service with the Winhall Memorial Library and help us connect to more libraries throughout Vermont.
- Our social media continues to engage and inform with the latest events, activities and library information. [https://www.instagram.com/jamaica\\_vt\\_library/](https://www.instagram.com/jamaica_vt_library/)  
<https://www.facebook.com/JamaicaVT>
- JML offers a State Park pass & an Historic Site pass for families to borrow so they can visit state parks and historic sites throughout Vermont for free.
- During the winter months Jamaica has Snowshoes available for loan.
- Storytime continues on Saturdays at 11am. Thanks to Carrie Lane, our Saturday Librarian, for the past year of storytimes and crafts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Ahl, Librarian  
[librarian@jamaicavtlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@jamaicavtlibrary.org) or call 802-874-4901

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## Our Library at a Glance

- 6401 items valued at \$103,753.00
- Snowshoes for adults & children, games, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks
- 499 Patrons, including Adults, Children, Inter-Library Loan Partners, residents and visitors
- Summer kids' camp
- Adult reading group
- Storytimes for children

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### **Rawsonville Schoolhouse Committee**

This Committee was formed in the fall of 2022.

We will start meeting in the spring of 2023.

If you are interested in joining, call or text 802.275.3635

Karen Ameden

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### **Jamaica Beautification Committee**

This group organizes the flowers on the Rick Hube bridge and buckets in the Village each year.

There are some new plans in the work for the holiday and winter season.

## Jamaica Village School Principal's Report

January 16, 2023

Jamaica Village School is a dynamic learning community. It is a place where respect for self and others is expected, taught and rewarded. It is a place where personal responsibility is modeled and nurtured; where taking ownership of successes and challenges allows us to reflect and grow. It is a place that is safe, where making mistakes is part of the learning process. And, it is a place where being ready to learn means "I am engaged. I am curious. I am setting goals and I am achieving them." I am proud of the students and staff who fill our halls; they are learners.

The 2022-23 school year is my first time serving as principal of the Jamaica Village School (JVS), and my sixth year as a teacher at Jamaica Village School. The Jamaica Village School children are kind, hard-working, and community-minded, and their families are supportive and involved in their school life. The staff of the Jamaica Village School share the same vision and value system which enables the learning community to be strong and successful. I feel grateful to work in a school and be a part of a supervisory union that attracts such high quality and student-centered staff.

The Jamaica Village School currently serves 20 students in two multi-grade classrooms, one grades K-2 and one grades 3-5. Our school is part of the West River Education District and our students tend to reside here in the town of Jamaica.

In our school, we believe:

- All children can and want to learn, and it is our responsibility to teach to each student's learning style;
- Everyone deserves a safe and respectful environment;
- Knowing the families of the children we teach is as important as knowing the children, as we believe active family involvement is key to student learning;
- High expectations for academic and social skills lead to lifelong learning; and
- Student-focused professional development maximizes student learning.

Our days at Jamaica Village School are busy! Our students know our routines and are ready for our rigorous Math and English/Language Arts blocks. Additionally, we dedicate a daily skills block to provide intervention and enrichment for our students in small groups with similar needs. We utilize many universal tools to meet the needs of students including Engage NY (K-5 math) and Foundations (K-3 literacy).

Our student-focused professional learning this year includes literacy, mathematics, and implementation of a robust Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for our school in addition to our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) program.

We are proud to offer the students at Jamaica Village School a broad array of academic and social experiences. Our students' "specials" schedule includes a weekly guidance class, social-emotional learning (SEL), general music, physical education, health, and art. Students also participate in a weekly "JVS is Green" all-school event with focus on environmental and outdoor education. Our students also participate in field study opportunities including local performances, local farms, and nature walks within neighboring Jamaica State Park. Other experiences include guest musicians, guest speakers, puppet shows, and an annual circus residency. Community service is important at Jamaica Village School and our students are involved in various activities including Green Up Day. Also, our 5th graders continue our tradition of volunteering monthly at Jamaica's senior Luncheon, serving and sharing a meal, and visiting with seniors in our community.

As part of our "JVS is Green" initiative, students explore environmental issues, engage in problem solving, and take action to improve the environment. As a result, students develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues and have the skills to make informed and responsible decisions. At Jamaica Village School, along with composting students are doing their part with actions including refusing to use plastic, reducing waste, reusing washable eating utensils and trays and recycling paper and other products. Also, Jamaica Village School intentionally supports local businesses and we serve local foods often. We have been awarded the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant which enables us to serve a healthy snack for all students. We also offer universal free breakfast and lunch to all children daily to ensure our students are "ready to learn".

The L'After program at Jamaica Village School is robust, garnering nearly 75% of our school population each session in an extended day enrichment program. Our L'After program provides enrichment opportunities as well as after-school meals, a safe warm place to be, and caring adults to keep students actively engaged in school.

Here at Jamaica Village School, we are grateful for our community partners. Our School Club continues to support our students' education. They fund field study experiences, performances, and more. The Stratton Foundation partnership with Blessings in a Backpack makes our weekend backpack program (breakfasts, lunches, snacks) possible for all of our students. The Stratton Foundation also coordinates a winter clothing distribution, BOOTS4VTKIDS and KICKS4VTKIDS distributions, and generously funds other unique family needs.

Communication and interaction with our extended community is important to us. We update our website ([jamaicavillageschools.org](http://jamaicavillageschools.org)) and Facebook page regularly with posts that include celebrations, announcements, photos and other important dates. Please like us on Facebook to keep in touch.

I am grateful to the entire West River Educational District community for all of the support I have received as the Jamaica Village School principal. Because of your commitment, we are able to thrive and foster a positive school climate each school day. We will continue to move forward as a school, providing our students with the essential skills for success in today's world. I encourage you to learn more about our school; to ask questions; to attend meetings, concerts, and events; to experience our learning community; and to be involved.

Together we make a difference!

Your partner in education,  
Monica Deuse



## Jamaica Historical Foundation

After a couple of slower years with Covid, the Jamaica Historical Foundation had a busy year. We were open from Memorial Day weekend through Indigenous Peoples' weekend on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

We are constantly receiving donations of photos and Jamaica items. It can be a single item or a carload from Grandma's house. These treasures are greatly appreciated.

We have a great team who works on entering data from the Jamaica Town Office into our data base.

We are scanning hundreds of new photos and working on and connecting them to our Jamaica families.

We are always working on the Museum and displays.

We plan this year to have hikes to places of interest in Jamaica, to go on metal detecting trips, to work on the Rawsonville Schoolhouse, to have more events like Dowsing and Native American talks. To work on cemeteries, interviews, family gatherings, Jamaica Old Home Day, thinking about Jamaica's 250th in a few years and so much more.

We are excited about all this and have a great team. We are always looking for folks to join our team. It can be a project that you are interested in or helping overall.

Our history is important to preserve and so appreciated by the many folks who stop by the Museum or who get in touch with us with family or property questions and requests all year long.

Please contact us at [jamaicahistoricalfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:jamaicahistoricalfoundation@gmail.com)  
802.275.2635

Or contact one of our team:

Karen Ameden, Greg Joly, Alice Abraham, Michael Abrams, Enrique Chavez, Steve Clark, Judy Brown, Cathy Crawford, Travis Theile, Kevin Polhemus, Herb and Sylvia Burton.

Check out our website at [www.jamaicahf.info](http://www.jamaicahf.info)

## 2022 JVFR Chief Report

Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue 2022 year has continued to see a favorable culture shift as the agency grows and shapes into a stronger department. However, JVFR is still not without challenges, coming into the 2023 season we are lacking volunteers and seeking new members. Anyone that is curious about the department is encouraged to stop by the fire house, “anytime you see the lights on” and say hello. No experience or obligation is necessary and free training is provided. Consider requesting an application today, [jamaicafireandrescue@gmail.com](mailto:jamaicafireandrescue@gmail.com). All ages are encouraged to apply and including junior members 16 years and older. If you are unable to donate your time, consider a monetary contribution as there are several improvements in the works that require your offerings.

JVFR received 181 calls in 2022. The break down is 70% medical, with the balance being service calls including automatic fire alarms, carbon monoxide, motor vehicles accidents and downed trees. This represents a 30% increase over last year, however 82 calls were to the same address.

2022 year saw covid-19 dwindle from the limelight, although still a viable threat the department has learned and expanded from the experience of a wide-reaching pandemic virus affecting us all.

As a reminder to prevent delays in 911 responses we ask that all households review the address signs on homes. A simple reflective green sign with white numbers is the preferred, as it is the universal design and easily identifiable. Many response times are delayed because of poor lighting and placement of address signs. Additionally pertaining to vacation homes, forced entries can be prevented by simply including your caretakers name and phone number on the front door. If your alarm company tones us out for a response, we will request a keyholder name before breaking into your home. Consider giving your caretaker’s name to your alarm company.

A handful of calls stand out from the almost 200 calls we had last year, one of them was in December when flash floods arose just before Christmas. Water was careening off the mountains in places it has never been seen before. The deluge flooded basements and washed-out guardrails along route 30. No one was injured and the roads were repaired, but it could not be prevented to bring back memories of Irene which hit the town on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. A cautionary note about keeping possessions out of low-lying areas and away from creeks and streams.

Domenic Mangano

1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief

47-C2



From Left to Right: Chief Daniel Kunesch, Rescue Captain Scott Gordon, Derek Ahl, Greg Lakis, Shawn Howard, Lexa Clark, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief

Domenic Mangano, Top Row: Coryn Britton, Ed Dorta-Duque

## Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Expenses (09/01/2022 - 01/26/2023)

Date	No.	Payee	Category	Memo	Total
01/03/2023	Check #528	Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc.	Air Compressor Maintenance	Fire Tech invoice #209887	\$1,147.50
<b>Air Compressor Maintenance Total</b>					\$1,147.50
10/08/2022	Check #505	Community First National Bank	Air-Pak Loan	Annual lease payment	\$15,963.64
<b>Air-Pak Loan Total</b>					\$15,963.64
01/04/2023	Check #527	SWNH District Fire Mutual Aid	Association Assessment/Dues	SWNH Mutual Aid invoice #9135	\$23,279.00
<b>Association Assessment/Dues Total</b>					\$23,279.00
10/26/2022			Bank fees & service charges	CHK ORDERS HARLAND CLARKE PPD G	\$30.82
<b>Bank fees &amp; service charges Total</b>					\$30.82
10/17/2022	Check #510	Powers Generator	Building Maintenance and Repairs	Powers Generator invoice	\$350.00
<b>Building Maintenance and Repairs Total</b>					\$350.00
10/05/2022	Check #504	Ed Dorta-Duque	Building Supplies	Cleaning supplies, flags from Amazon Norton LifeLock subscription for FD computer	\$130.97
<b>Building Supplies Total</b>					\$130.97
01/05/2023	Check #523	Ed Dorta-Duque	Clerical supplies	Dymo label maker receipt	\$37.98
10/20/2022	Check #507	Ed Dorta-Duque	Clerical supplies	New printer, dry erase markers, printer cartridge.	\$325.28
<b>Clerical supplies Total</b>					\$363.26
09/08/2022	Check #503	Green Mountain Power	Electricity		\$119.94
10/04/2022		Green Mountain Power	Electricity	September electric bill - confirmation # 8880049	\$103.61
11/01/2022	ACH	Green Mountain Power	Electricity	GrMtnPwr GrMtnPower WEB	\$92.91
11/28/2022	ACH	Green Mountain Power	Electricity	Green Mountain Power Invoice 6004264	\$157.45
12/27/2022	ACH	Green Mountain Power	Electricity	GMP Invoice - December 2022 6004264	\$140.75
<b>Electricity Total</b>					\$614.66
01/09/2023	Check #525	West River Provisions	Fire & Rescue Training	Food for the West River Training Group	\$104.68
09/06/2022	Check # 501	Greg Lakis	Fire & Rescue Training	Training reimbursement approved at August 2022 business meeting.	\$60.00
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Training Total</b>					\$164.68

## Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Expenses (09/01/2022 - 01/26/2023)

Date	No.	Payee	Category	Memo	Total
01/04/2023	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	Cota&Cota Statement - 2022-12-28 Diesel - 47Engine1 Diesel - 47Rescue1 Gas - 47Brush1	\$150.51
01/08/2023	Check #524	Shawn Howard	Gas/Diesel	Shawn Howard gas receipt	\$16.00
01/23/2023	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	Cota & Cota Invoice	\$77.79
09/29/2022	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	WEBPAYMENT COTACOTAINC WEB	\$61.21
10/13/2022	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	WEBPAYMENT COTACOTAINC WEB	\$115.67
11/14/2022	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	Fuel - Brush 1	\$40.06
12/01/2022	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	Diesel - Rescue 1	\$102.37
12/26/2022	ACH	Cota & Cota	Gas/Diesel	Cota & Cota invoice - Diesel for Engine 2	\$52.58
<b>Gas/Diesel Total</b>					\$616.19
09/01/2022	Check # 500	Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance, LLC	Landscape Maintenance/Plowing	Invoice #1226	\$140.00
10/11/2022	Check #506	Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance, LLC	Landscape Maintenance/Plowing	Invoice #1279	\$210.00
11/02/2022	1312	Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance, LLC	Landscape Maintenance/Plowing	New invoice 1312 from Chapin Logging and Property Maintenance, LLC	\$120.00
12/29/2022	Check #520	Rural Septic and Drain Services LLC	Landscape Maintenance/Plowing	Snow plowing	\$625.00
<b>Landscape Maintenance/Plowing</b>					\$1,095.00
01/19/2023	ACH - Debit	Vermont Secretary of State	Legal fees	DBT CRD 1520 01/18/23 39313888 V	\$25.00
<b>Legal fees Total</b>					\$25.00
12/15/2022	Check #516	Town of Jamaica	Liability Insurance	Insurance invoice from the town	\$8,213.00
<b>Liability Insurance Total</b>					\$8,213.00
10/09/2022	Check #508	Greg Lakis	Miscellaneous/Awards	Electronic tax filing fee	\$84.99
11/01/2022	Check #512	Ed Dorta-Duque	Miscellaneous/Awards	Sodas for the fire station	\$60.00
11/01/2022	Check #511	Ed Dorta-Duque	Miscellaneous/Awards	Snacks for department meetings, work details and Halloween candy	\$207.73
<b>Miscellaneous/Awards Total</b>					\$352.72
01/04/2023	Check #522	Northeast Municipal, LLC	New Equipment	Invoices 6697 and 7463 from Northeast Municipal LLC.	\$12,798.80
10/08/2022	ACH	Northeast Municipal, LLC	New Equipment	Invoice #6937	\$459.84
11/11/2022	Check #513	Northeast Municipal, LLC	New Equipment	Invoice 7112 from Northeast Municipal LLC.	\$637.60

## Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Expenses (09/01/2022 - 01/26/2023)

Date	No.	Payee	Category	Memo	Total
11/11/2022	Check #514	Northeast Municipal, LLC	New Equipment	Invoice 7101 from Northeast Municipal LLC.	\$153.49
12/24/2022	Check #518	Ed Dorta-Duque	New Equipment		\$2,736.86
			<b>New Equipment Total</b>		<b>\$16,786.59</b>
01/09/2023	ACH	Brimar Industries, LLC	Parts/Repairs/Supplies	Replacement battery for traffic sign	\$38.66
09/02/2022	Check# 502	Greg Lakis	Parts/Repairs/Supplies	(2) 20 amp plugs (1) black spray paint	\$46.61
12/28/2022	Check #530	Pete's Tire Barn	Parts/Repairs/Supplies	(6) new winter tires for 47Brush1	\$2,708.40
			<b>Parts/Repairs/Supplies Total</b>		<b>\$2,793.67</b>
01/20/2023	Cash	Greg Lakis	Postage/Box Rent	Postage stamps	\$12.00
			<b>Postage/Box Rent Total</b>		<b>\$12.00</b>
12/07/2022	ESO-98215		Software & apps	Invoice ESO-98215 From ESO Solutions	\$3,055.60
12/23/2022	Check #519	Symposium Technologies USA	Software & apps	CAD integration, EOS software	\$500.00
			<b>Software &amp; apps Total</b>		<b>\$3,555.60</b>
01/25/2023	ACH - Debit	Intuit QuickBooks	Subscriptions	Invoice #10001205334924	\$30.00
09/25/2022	Check #509	Ed Dorta-Duque	Subscriptions	Quick Books subscription for August and September	\$30.00
10/25/2022	Invoice # 10000118811	Intuit QuickBooks	Subscriptions	Quick Books subscription October	\$15.00
11/28/2022	10001193588219	Intuit	Subscriptions	DBT CRD 0617 11/25/22 27253960 I	\$30.00
12/27/2022	10001199415261	Intuit	Subscriptions	DBT CRD 0730 12/25/22 04190686 I	\$30.00
			<b>Subscriptions Total</b>		<b>\$135.00</b>
01/02/2023	Check #521	Scott Gordon	Supplies/Repairs	(1) - glucometer	\$69.45
01/10/2023	Check #526	Lexa Clark	Supplies/Repairs	New AED batteries and pads	\$960.00
11/11/2022	Check #515	Lexa Clark	Supplies/Repairs	Hand warmer	\$25.98
			<b>Supplies/Repairs Total</b>		<b>\$1,055.43</b>
01/01/2023	ACH	Comcast Business	Telephone/Internet/Computer	Comcast invoice - January 2023	\$91.51
01/19/2023	M230126	International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA)	Telephone/Internet/Computer	IMSA - frequency coordination associated with our FCC license	\$600.00
09/01/2022	ACH	Comcast Business	Telephone/Internet/Computer	Billing date: September 1, 2022	\$91.51
11/04/2022	ACH	Comcast Business	Telephone/Internet/Computer	Billing date: November 1, 2022	\$91.51
11/07/2022	ACH	Comcast Business	Telephone/Internet/Computer	CABLE COMCAST WEB - November 2022 statement	\$91.51
12/01/2022	ACH	Comcast Business	Telephone/Internet/Computer	Comcast invoice - December 2022	\$91.51
			<b>Telephone/Internet/Computer Total</b>		<b>\$1,057.55</b>
			<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$77,742.28</b>

**JAMAICA VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE BUDGET**

	<b>2021-2022 Budgeted</b>	<b>2021-2022 Actual</b>	<b>2022-2023 Budgeted</b>	<b>2023-2024 Proposed</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Tax Appropriation	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00
Fire Donations		\$ 2,000.00		
Rescue Donations		\$ 300.00		
Miscellaneous		\$ 110.00		
Interest earned on General Fund Money Market		\$ 77.81		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 99,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 102,237.81</b>	<b>\$ 99,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 99,750.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Association Assessments/Dues	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,823.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,300.00
Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,935.75	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
Postage/Box Rent	\$ 300.00	\$ 108.70	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fundraising Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
Clerical Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 256.08	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Telephone/Internet/Computer Updates	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,458.72	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Misc./Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Subscriptions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40.00
Software and Apps	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00
Legal Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 29,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,582.25</b>	<b>\$ 29,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,650.00</b>
<b>Building Maintenance</b>				
Electric Service	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,489.68	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,450.00
Propane/Service	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,265.48	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,183.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,200.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 99.62	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 3,391.08	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,000.00
Landscaping/Plowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,428.86</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,150.00</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>				
Truck Loan #1	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 12,606.83	\$ -	\$ -
Air-Pak Loan	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 16,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,606.83</b>	<b>\$ 17,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>
<b>Fire/Rescue Vehicle Maintenance</b>				
Gas/Diesel	\$ 1,000.00	968.16	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Parts/Repairs/Supplies	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,068.76	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,935.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,900.00

**JAMAICA VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE BUDGET**

	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 2.80	\$ -	\$ -
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 14,974.72	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 12,600.00
<b>Fire Equipment Maintenance</b>				
New Equipment	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,612.05	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Supplies/Parts/Repairs	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 180.42	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
Air Compressor Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Sub Total	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 2,792.47	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 18,200.00
<b>Rescue Equipment Maintenance</b>				
New Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 126.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies/Repairs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 25.49	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Sub Total	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 151.49	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Incident Expenses</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 141.27	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
<b>Training</b>				
Fire/Rescue	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,350.00
Purchase of Trailer	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fire Prevention	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.00
Sub Total	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 1,450.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 99,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,477.89</b>	<b>\$ 99,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 99,750.00</b>

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

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

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

### **Thank You**

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

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

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

Contact Christopher Robbins, Anne Connor, and Jessica Pollack if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get involved. They can be reached at [jamaica@dvfiber.net](mailto:jamaica@dvfiber.net).



## WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Jamaica 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.

Top 10 Call Types	Count	
Accident - Property damage	4	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.
Alarm	4	
Assist - Agency	8	
Assist - Citizen	3	
Directed Patrol	31	
Suspicious Event	5	
Traffic Stop	142	
VIN verification	5	
Welfare Check	4	
<b>All Calls</b>	<b>225</b>	

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 started with four member towns in need of animal control service. It has grown to seven member towns, with two more towns indicating interest in joining. This is a service that we've built separate from our law enforcement capacity, with the hope that one day all towns in Windham County join as members. If your town would like to learn more about becoming a member, your town's leadership can contact my office.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Jamaica 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



### ***Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health***

*"I was taken to the Grace Cottage ER after a serious bicycle accident. The doctor and staff wasted no time in getting me comfortable and attending to my injuries with X-rays and stitches. They were all so knowledgeable and caring. We are so fortunate to have Grace Cottage and its excellent care team so nearby."* **Greg Underwood, Jamaica, VT**

**Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital** has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 70 years. In 2022, Grace Cottage was named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Doctors," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

**Grace Cottage Hospital** is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2022, Grace Cottage contracted with Dartmouth Health to add TeleEmergency and TeleNeurology services.

**Grace Cottage Family Health** offers expanded hours for the convenience of both returning and new patients. In most cases, provider appointments are immediately available. More than 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. In 2022, Grace Cottage was one of two Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer on the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation's LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. We also received an IMPACT award from the Boston Red Sox and the Ruderman Family Foundation for our mental health services, which were expanded in 2022 to meet demand, with the addition of a second psychiatric nurse practitioner and a licensed social worker.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers essential, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, care coordination, substance abuse assessment, and help with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** offers exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with 14 physical and occupational therapists on staff. Expanded services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women's health, and pelvic health physical therapy.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness through classes in our **Community Wellness Center**. We encourage area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Various support groups are offered throughout the year.

**Messenger Valley Pharmacy**, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

#### **Fiscal Year 2022, by the numbers:**

<b>31,376:</b> Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health
<b>3,765:</b> Patient days in hospital
<b>3,477:</b> Emergency Dept. visits
<b>7,981:</b> Outpatient Rehab visits
<b>2,036:</b> Diagnostic Imaging visits
<b>2,958:</b> Community Health Team visits
<b>3,568:</b> Covid-19 tests
<b>2,111:</b> Individual donations to Grace Cottage

**Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization.** Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

**Green Up Day**  
**May 6, 2023**



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (**VSNIIP**), 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 VSNIIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9" Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNIIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIIP.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. VSNIIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they'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 VSNIIP (1-844-448-7647)

### **LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES** 😊

Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT

Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT

Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT

The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)

Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT

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

**Request Amount: \$250.00**

For over 43 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'22 (10/2021-9/2022) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **158** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **172** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **91** individuals with information on assistive technology; **39** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **454** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **29** people and provided **16** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

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

During FY'22, **2** residents of **Jamaica** received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(over **\$3,700.00** spent on home modifications)
- RISE Fund  
(over **\$2,000.00** spent on pandemic related needs)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)



**Detailed Report to the Town of Jamaica**  
**from**  
**SENIOR SOLUTIONS**

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

Our mission and vision have guided us throughout the COVID crisis. All our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. Throughout this public health emergency, we expanded our cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We continue to collaborate closely with local aging-in-place, Cares and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We partner with local and statewide organizations to promote and operate programs that provide financial resources, rest, and relief for those taking care of dementia patients and older adults with serious health conditions. We encourage counseling for caregivers and host memory cafes where caregivers and their loved ones can relax and socialize in a safe and supportive setting. This year, Senior Solutions obtained a Public Health AmeriCorps grant to train and support volunteers who will provide respite to families caring for individuals with conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and dementia.

As we all know, the population of older adults in Vermont is increasing, as are the costs of goods and services across the board. For Senior Solutions, this means that both the cost of each service and the total number of people requesting each service is going up. Although we continually seek funding from new sources, financial support from the towns we serve is critical to enabling us to do more for the older Vermonters we serve.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. Our Friendly Visitor program continues to provide older Vermonters with companionship and assistance with meal preparation, light housekeeping, errands, and more— all of which are often unmet needs of families caring for loved ones with serious health conditions. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches older veterans with volunteers who are also veterans.

This past year, we trained volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects. We provided financial support for training volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs remain available to anyone 60 and over in Jamaica and throughout our service area of greater Windsor and Windham counties.

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

**Information and Assistance:** 20 Calls or Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources, and obtain assistance with benefits. We also provide assistance completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our website at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

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

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 5 seniors with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 15 hours) to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with adults in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the individual's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes if not for these services. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and assists those facing challenges of abuse, neglect, or exploitation using a community collaboration approach.

**Nutrition services and programs:** 9 residents received 1,477 Meals on Wheels provided by The Dam Diner. We financially supported these home-delivered meals. We have also supported community meals at Jamaica Community Church, but please note that most community senior meal sites have been closed since the advent of COVID-19.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that we provide to local organizations to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program and does not benefit from any funds given by the town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director*

**Women's Freedom Center's  
Statement of Services  
And  
Report to the Town of Jamaica**

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,800 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 128 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **936 people** (546 women, 3 non-binary individuals, 18 men, and 369 children) who had been abused. These figures include 5 survivors and their 4 children from Jamaica. In addition, we provided 38 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 600 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling  
Executive Director  
Women's Freedom Center



2022  
**ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS**  
**Bob Spencer, Executive Director**  
**John Fay, Programs Manager**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP):** All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2022 was the third year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington.; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to all District residents and small businesses. In 2022, the WSWMD operated the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot and sponsored special one-day events in Readsboro and Wilmington. This year, 355 households were served by the program, a slight increase from last year. The HHW Depot is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. The average cost per user at the Depot is \$75, which is covered by a user fee of \$10, a Vermont DEC grant program, and operating costs of the District. At the special one-day events, costs are much higher, typically about \$200 per user. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

**Community Outreach & Technical Assistance:** The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2022, WSWMD's programs were expanded by a grant of \$68,000 from the US Department of Agriculture. Under the grant project, the District has been able to provide member town transfer stations with new signage and technical assistance; recycling and composting workshops at schools in Guilford, Marlboro, Vernon, Newfane/Brookline, and Brattleboro; assistance in how to improve waste management in over 40 businesses; and new videos and other educational resources available on our website. A \$5,000 grant from the Windham Foundation was instrumental in establishing food scrap collection in four downtown Brattleboro buildings with a mix of retail, office, and residential tenants.

**Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance:** WSWMD has 20 sets of bins for collecting recyclables, food scraps, and trash at special events. They are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.



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. Jamaica is currently represented by Joel Bluming and Andrew Coyne. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org).

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

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

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

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$2,561.33. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."

## Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

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

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease, including protecting communities from COVID-19:** We've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. These collaborations have enabled us to host over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provide over 6,300 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Vital Statistics 2022

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### Deaths

Name	Date
William H. Scaplen Jr.	January 8, 2022
Geraldine Shannon	February 21, 2022
Gerald Teeke	May 21, 2022
Alexander Columbus	August 2, 2022
Peter Lewis Kramer	September 26, 2022
Carl Marcus Crowninshield	October 14, 2022
Barbara Lou Jones	December 21, 2022

### Births

Name	Parents
Frankie June Chapin	Jodie Masterman & Samuel Chapin
Noah Reid Dunleavy	Kirshna Mercier

### Marriages

Party A	Party B	Date
Paige Gargett	Cameron Jeffries	March 19, 2022
Jason Kass	Sara Zalanyi	May 11, 2022
Victoria Smith	Timothy Brown	June 27, 2022
Holly O'Donnell	Jonathan McNamara	July 30, 2022
Rebecca Scott	Dylan Blake	August 14, 2022
Christopher Kelly	Ginette Norwood	August 14, 2022
Michael Schubert	Brittany Fitch	August 22, 2022
Brendan Quane	Cara Stapleford	September 3, 2022
Sarah Antel	Domenic Mangano	August 20, 2022
Mitchell Smith	Deanna Case	September 18, 2022
Michael Miller	Nicole Milstead	October 8, 2022
Jenna Bisnett	Robert Brown	October 15, 2022
Bea Maglalang	Veronica Villapando	November 11, 2022
Ronald Crouse	Alyssa Moody	November 16, 2022

# Tommyfest 2022



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Town Meeting is Tuesday, March 7, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Please bring this report with you.