

The 2023 Annual Report

TOWN of BRIDPORT

Vermont, USA



Bridport Village school - circa 1910

Education Tax Rates:

Homestead: \$1.7749 Non-Resident: \$1.7543

Municipal Tax Rate: \$0.7409

Grand List: \$1,503,074

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Town of Bridport Website: <https://bridportvt.org>

Bridport Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/bridportvermont>

Bridport Town Clerk's Office - Crown Point Road

Bridport Department of Public Works (DPW) - Short Street

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- a. Contact one of the Bridport Selectboard Members.
- b. Contact the Bridport Town Clerk's Office at **802-758-2483**.

Please leave a message if you are unable to speak with a member of the Staff and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

We wish our residents and visitors continued good health.



Respectfully,
The Bridport Selectboard

DEDICATION of the 2023 Bridport Town Report



We dedicate this year's Town Report to Valerie Bourgeois.

Valerie is a life-long resident of Bridport whose family roots grow deep. She served Bridport for over 20 years, first as assistant to the Town Clerk and then as Town Clerk. She was the face of the town, the voice on the telephone, the organizer of elections, the person whom everyone interacted with at one time or another. She was thrust into the job of Town Clerk suddenly when Chuck Huestis, the prior Town Clerk, became ill. She, along with treasurer Tom Charbonneau, stepped up and helped out at a time of need. She learned on the job and over the years, took many classes to learn how to best serve our Town. Valerie and her husband Steve both are 'community' people. For many years, together they hand delivered the Town Reports to each house. Valerie's work ethic and her love of family, friends and community are strong and we dedicate this report to her in thanks.

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2023 TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES IN</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>
Moderator	1 year	2024	Tim Howlett
Selectboard	2 years	2024	Robert Sunderland
	3 years	2024	David Bronson
	2 years	2025	Drexel Wheeler
	3 years	2025	Pierre Bordeleau
	3 years	2026	Tim Howlett
Auditors	3 years	2024	Irene Zaccor
	3 years	2025	Jennifer Sullivan
	3 years	2026	-
Listers	3 years (elected 2 years)	2024	Eric Conroy
	3 years	2025	Vicki Major
	3 years	2026	Suzanne Buck
First Constable	1 year	2024	Richard Shimel
Second Constable	1 year	2024	Bruce Stocker
Water Commissioners	3 years	2024	Drexel Wheeler
		2025	Darwin Pratt
		2026	Ernest Audet
Cemetery Commissioners	5 years	2024	Paul Wagner
		2025	Francis Bronson
		2026	David Basque
		2027	David Bronson
		2028	Mark Pumiglia

Justices of the Peace-

Elected at General Election for 2 years:

Michael Bordeleau	Chris Goodrich	Joan Huestis	Stephen Huestis
Judd Markowski	Margaret Sunderland		Phil Wagner

Board of Civil Authority:

Selectmen
Justice of the Peace
Town Clerk

Board of Abatement:

Board of Civil Authority
Board of Listers
Town Treasurer

APPOINTED

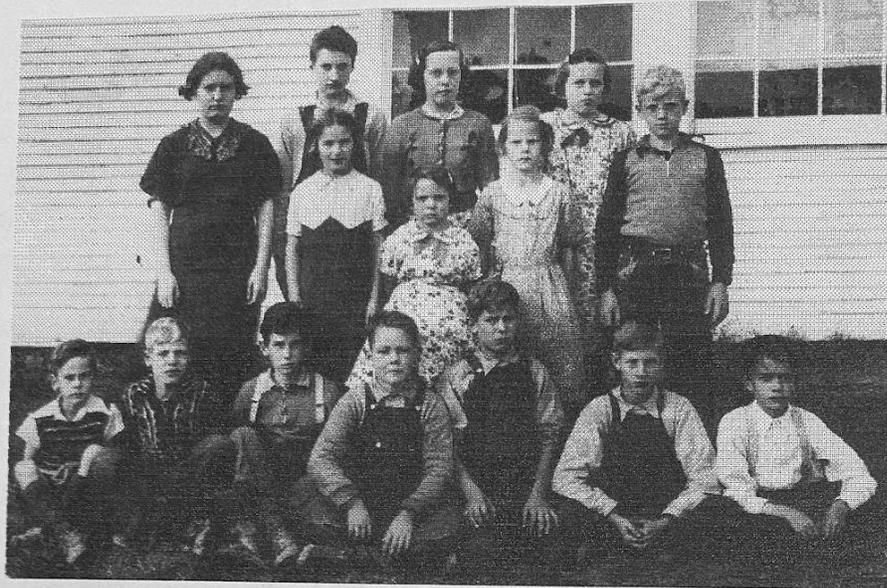
<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES IN YEAR</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>
Town Clerk	1 year	2024	Julie Howlett
Town Treasurer	1 year	2024	Kathleen Shimel
Zoning Administrator	1 year	2024	Michael Wojciechowski
Tree Warden	1 year	2024	David Basque
Fire Warden	5 years	2026	Bruce Stocker
Dog Warden	1 year	2024	Jerry Forbes
Health Officer	3 years	2024	Barbara Wagner
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year	2024	Kathleen Shimel
Planning Commission	4 years	2024	Sharron Macklin
		2024	Steve Decarlo
		2024	Andrew Manning
		2025	Adam Broughton
		2026	Renee Brodeur
		2026	Pierre Bordeleau
		2027	Drexel Wheeler
		2027	Edward Payne (alternate)
FEMA/Civil Defense	1 year	2024	Tim Howlett
Board of Adjustment	4 years	2024	Jim Craig
		2024	Cindy Myrick
		2025	Paul Wagner
		2026	Steve Brodeur
		2026	Denise Corey
		2027	Diana Bain
		2027	Al Zaccor
Solid Waste District Rep.		2024	Edward Payne
Solid Waste District Alternate Rep.		2024	Andrew Manning
Addison County Regional Planning		2024	Edward Payne
		2024	Andrew Manning
Addison County Regional Planning Alt.		2024	Steve Decarlo
		2023	-
Town Service Officer		2024	Eric Warren
911 Coordinator		2024	Dusty Huestis
		2024	Kathleen Shimel
Town Agent		2024	Irene Zaccor

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
(2 year terms or until replaced)

Diana Bain
Judd Markowski

Addison County Communications Union District
(1 year or until replaced)

Rick Scott
Mike Sheets (alternate)



Students at Pratt School
1938 - Bridport, VT

Front Row: 1 Everett Delphia, 2 Leonard Holbrook,
3 Richard Quenneville, 4 Raymond Mohan, 5
Bernard Andrews, 6 Lester Delphia, 7 Warren Pratt.
Middle Row: 1 Frances Quenneville, 2 Eveline
Quenneville, 3 Verna Mohan (Rosebrough), 4 Marie
Delphia (Provencher), 5 Bill Holbrook. Back Row:
1 Art LaPlante, 2 Elsie M Beers (Delphia), 3 Thelma
Beers (Denett)

Town of Bridport Minutes of Annual Town Meeting March 7, 2023

The Legal Voters of the Town of Bridport are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bridport Masonic/Community Hall on Tuesday March 7, 2023 to transact the following business. The polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The business meeting will be open at 10:30 AM.

Article 1. Results of elected Town Officers.

Town Moderator for a term of one year.
Tim Howlett was elected.

Selectboard member for a term of three years.
Tim Howlett was elected.

Selectboard member for a term of two years.
Drexel Wheeler was elected.

Auditor for a term of three years.
No one was elected.

Lister for a term of three years.
Suzanne Buck was elected.

Water Commissioner to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Tri-Town Water District #1 for a term of three years.
Darwin Pratt was elected.

First Constable for a term of one year.
Richard Shimel was elected.

Second Constable for a term of one year.
Bruce Stocker was elected.

Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years.
Mark Pumiglia was elected.

Article 2. Motion made by Cindy Myrick, seconded by Rosemary Payne to approve the reports of the Town Officers. Motion passed.

Article 3. Motion made by Darwin Pratt, seconded by Sue Pratt to approve \$20,000.00 for the Bridport Fire Department? Motion passed.

Article 4. Motion made by Paul Miller, seconded by Les Foshay to approve \$10,000.00 for Townline First Response. Motion passed.

Article 5. Motion made by Rosemary Payne, seconded by Lynne Boie to approve \$1,900.00 for Addison County Central Teens. Motion passed.

- Article 6. Motion made by Charlie Bain, seconded by Sharron Macklin to approve \$608.00 for Addison County Economic Development Corporation. Motion passed.
- Article 7. Motion made by Rosemary Payne, seconded by Linda Waterman to approve \$2,500.00 for Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. Motion passed.
- Article 8. Motion made by Sharron Macklin, seconded by Bill Hadley to approve \$500.00 for Addison County Humane Society. Motion passed.
- Article 9. Motion made by Vicki Major, seconded by Charlie Bain to approve \$1,600.00 for Addison County Parent/Child Center. Motion passed.
- Article 10. Motion made by Maryanne Manning, seconded by Charlie Bain to approve \$350.00 for Addison County Readers, Inc. Motion passed.
- Article 11. Motion made by Chris Goodrich, seconded by Lynne Boie to approve \$400.00 for Addison County Restorative Justice Services. Motion passed.
- Article 12. Motion made by Dusty Huestis, seconded by Rosemary Payne to approve \$500.00 for American Red Cross of Northern New England. Motion passed.
- Article 13. Motion made by Rosemary Payne, seconded by Darwin Pratt to approve \$600.00 for Bridport Seniors. Motion passed.
- Article 14. Motion made by Linda Waterman, seconded by JoAnne Kenyon to approve \$1000.00 for Charter House Coalition. Motion passed.
- Article 15. Motion made by JoAnne Kenyon, seconded Dinah Bain to approve \$1,750.00 for Counseling Service of Addison County. Motion passed.
- Article 16. Motion made by JoAnne Kenyon, seconded by Sharron Macklin to approve \$700.00 for Elderly Services. Motion passed.
- Article 17. Motion made by Linda Waterman, seconded by Charlie Bain to approve \$1,250.00 for HOPE. Motion passed.
- Article 18. Motion made by Sharron Macklin, seconded by JoAnne Kenyon to approve \$700.00 for John Graham Emergency Shelter. Motion passed.
- Article 19. Motion made by Dusty Huestis, seconded by Paul Miller to approve \$12,180.00 for Middlebury Regional EMS. Motion passed.
- Article 20. Motion made by Lynne Boie, seconded by Paul Miller to approve \$850.00 for Open Door Clinic. Motion passed.
- Article 21. Motion approve by Linda Waterman, seconded Dinah Bain to approve \$3000.00 for Platt Memorial Library. Motion passed.
- Article 22. Motion made by Charlie Bain, seconded by Cindy Myrick to approve \$320.00 for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Motion passed.

Article 23. Motion made by JoAnne Kenyon, seconded by Sharron Macklin to approve \$760.00 for Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR). Motion passed.

Article 24. Motion made by Ed Payne, seconded by Chris Goodrich to approve \$1,000.00 for Turning Point Center of Addison County. Motion passed.

Article 25. Motion made by Sharron Macklin, seconded by Bill Hadley to approve \$500.00 for Vermont Adult Learning. Motion passed.

Article 26. Motion made by Darwin Pratt, seconded by Sharron Macklin to approve \$500.00 for Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Motion passed.

Article 27. Motion made by Lynne Boie, seconded by Bill Hadley to approve \$190.00 for Vermont Center for Independent Living. Motion passed.

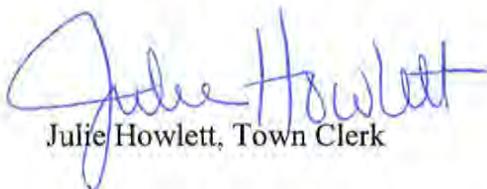
Article 28. Motion made by Jennifer Sullivan, seconded by Bill Hadley to approve \$250.00 for Vermont Family Network. Motion passed.

Article 29. Motion made by Paul Miller, seconded by JoAnne Kenyon to approve \$1,250.00 for WomenSafe. Motion passed.

Article 30. Motion made by Sharron Macklin, seconded by Charlie Bain to approve the sums of \$ 1,204,843.00 and \$342,043.00 for the proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of \$1,546,886.00; with up to \$1,376,274.00 to be raised by property taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts; with each of these last three amounts being reduced by the respective amount from any of Articles 3 to 29 that are not approved; and with all property taxes to be paid its Treasurer in two equal installments on or before November 8, 2023 and on or before May 10, 2024? Motion amended by Bob Huestis, seconded by Cindy Myrick to have property taxes paid to the treasurer in two equal installments on or before November 13, 2023 and on or before May 10, 2024. Motion passed.



Tim Howlett, Moderator & Selectboard Chair



Julie Howlett, Town Clerk

Selectboard Report 2023

With recent completion of the Rattlin Bridge Road upgrade, the Town was able to compile all the details necessary in the early months of our fiscal year to be substantially reimbursed for the project. This was a monumental task given FEMA requirements. Once this was complete, we were thinking that our project list of road repairs was getting down to just a couple left over the next few years. Little did we know the wrath of Mother Nature would strike the east side of Bridport with fury in early August. With 6 inches of rain falling in a single storm, many roads were impassable due to washouts along ditches that were deep enough to hide a car in some cases. Our road crew attacked it head on with the help of L.R. Provencher and his crew along with trucking help from several nearby towns. Within a few days, all roads were passable by relining ditches with large stone, culvert, and general road repair. This has also been declared a FEMA event so we will be seeking reimbursement for a sizeable portion of the costs associated with repairs.

Our Town Office got some needed upgrades completed to make our space more efficient and accommodating. Bathroom access has now been moved to the back room so Julie and Katie can each have separate desks without being crowded in the same work surface. This also allowed us to upgrade wiring within the office as well.

On the Fire Dept. end of the building, asbestos abatement along with insulation, wiring, and paint got done in the upstairs meeting room and attic.

The Town would like to say thank you to Rick Coursey for his 7 years of service to the Town as a member of the Dept. of Public Works. We would also like to thank Steve DeCarlo for his 3 years of service as our Zoning Administrator. We now share a ZA with the Town of Addison as Mike Wojciechowski was appointed several months ago.

The ARPA Committee has been moving forward on several projects to enhance community spirit and involvement. A pavilion will be erected this spring adjacent to the firehouse and the gazebo will be relocated to its final resting spot within the green. The tennis courts will be resurfaced and pickle ball will be incorporated onto the playing surface as well. We have also used ARPA funds to digitize town records and have invested in Maple Broadband to help the town-wide high speed internet initiative.

As always, the Board welcomes anyone to our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Annual Report 2023

As with any year, there was lots of work to do. Gravel was put down, roads were graded, and chloride was sprayed.

But there are always projects to do. Parent Construction was hired to install a headwall on an aging culvert on Rattlin Bridge Road west of Frosty Lane. The cradle wall was becoming detached from the pipe. We are looking into stream alterations, and researching pouring a concrete bottom in this same pipe in the near future.

Behind the new fire station was another project that was able to be completed because of the generosity of the adjacent property owners. The foundation and frost wall were starting to fail. A simple repair was made by installing many loads of fill, raising the back lawn by 5 feet, and putting a mowable slope on it.

Then the rains came. And with the rain came more rain.

In August it finally caught up to us with a dumping of nearly 6 inches in about an hour, causing major damage on some of our roads. Forrest Road was washed away. Thanks to our neighboring towns we had a lot of help getting roads passable. Randy Provencher was hired to clean some ditches of debris. Over 200 truckloads were moved to the stump dump. Briggs Trucking then dozed, leveling it off.

FEMA has come in and is working with us as this event has been declared a disaster and there is much more work to be done. We are planning on bidding this out.

Cross culverts were replaced on Lovers Lane and Market Road with the use of grants and aid monies. This is to help improve runoff water quality as part of the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) program.

Repairs were made on Payne Drive. We stone-lined one of the ditches to keep the ditch from washing out.

Paving was done in the village parking lots and park and rides. The Town Clerk's parking lot was expanded at the same time to allow for easier parking. Also paved were 2 miles of Middle Road. We were able this year to get lines painted on all of Middle Road.

Three trees that were dying in the village were removed and ground. Work in the park was done for a pad for our new pavilion that will be coming soon.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past year and for people's patience and understanding toward our workers.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusty Huestis, Road Foreman

(Modified Cash Basis)

**APPROVED
BUDGET 7/1/22
to 6/30/23**

**ACTUAL 7/1/22
to 6/30/23**

**APPROVED
BUDGET 7/1/23
to 6/30/24**

**PROPOSED
BUDGET 7/1/24
to 6/30/25**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECEIPTS

Property Tax Allocation	\$ 967,255	\$ 967,255	\$ 1,071,343	\$ 1,136,082
State Aid Class 2 Roads	57,000	58,291	57,000	58,291
State Aid Class 3 Roads	69,000	70,995	69,000	70,995
Services-Work Done	3,600	700	500	-
Cemetery Mowing	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Grants	-	1,646,923	-	-
Receipts - Other	-	200	4,000	-
Sale of Assets	-	2,400	-	-
Adjustments	-	(12,592)	-	-
Loans or Other \$ Received	-	1,984,350	-	275,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,099,855	\$ 4,721,522	\$ 1,204,843	\$ 1,543,368

EXPENDITURES

Personnel Expenses

Wages	\$ 157,280	\$ 160,186	\$ 178,713	\$ 212,150
Medicare Expense	3,400	2,316	4,100	3,100
Social Security Paid by Town	11,200	10,249	11,500	13,155
Retirement % Paid by Town	8,500	7,715	10,730	11,669
SUTA Unemployment	3,900	1,351	4,000	900
Child Care Contribution (CCC)	-	-	-	700
Medical Stipend	2,775	-	-	-
Health Insurance	24,000	26,427	28,900	33,120
Workers' Comp Insurance	12,500	7,133	8,500	11,320
Subtotal	\$ 223,555	\$ 215,377	\$ 246,443	\$ 286,114

Services and Supplies

Legal Advertising & Permits	\$ 450	\$ 1,125	\$ 450	\$ 500
MRGP General Permit	12,000	11,935	14,000	14,000
Contracted Services-Lawn Mowing	12,000	6,670	12,000	12,000
Contracted Services - Other	7,500	3,770	10,000	12,000
Gravel And Stone	65,000	67,719	70,000	75,000
Winter Sand	25,000	20,217	27,000	27,000
Road Base	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Road Reclamation / Grinding	23,000	12,680	-	25,000
Paving/Hot Mix/ Cold Patch	220,000	326,265	275,000	275,000
Culvert Purchase	20,000	21,352	16,000	15,000
Chloride	30,000	35,164	40,000	40,000
Salt	60,000	59,673	60,000	60,000
Road & Street Signs	3,000	728	3,000	3,000
Road Sealant	1,000	2,008	1,500	1,500
Road Lines Painted	10,000	-	15,000	15,000
Road Fabric	1,200	-	1,000	2,400
Uniforms & Rags	5,300	5,848	8,400	7,000
Office Supplies	500	809	750	900

(Modified Cash Basis)	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25
Office Equipment	500	50	1,500	500
Training	500	45	400	400
Subtotal	\$ 499,950	\$ 576,058	\$ 559,000	\$ 589,200
<u>Maintenance</u>				
Middle Road Bridge	\$ -	\$ 1,839	\$ -	\$ -
Rattlin Bridge	-	2,025,827	-	-
Culvert/Bridge Other Repairs	32,000	2,750	15,000	15,000
2020 Mack Dump	2,000	5,680	5,000	6,000
2015 Mack Dump Truck	4,000	4,940	10,000	8,000
2017 John Deere Loader	1,500	4,246	4,000	4,000
2019 Chevy 1ton	1,200	2,228	1,500	2,000
2025 Dump Truck	-	-	-	275,000
Chainsaw	400	191	500	800
Snow Plows	1,500	1,040	1,500	1,500
2010 Mack Truck	8,000	4,613	8,000	8,000
Roadside Mower - Tractor Attachment	3,000	863	2,500	1,000
2012 Kubota Tractor	1,000	12,338	2,000	3,000
Other Equipment	3,500	3,319	3,500	4,000
Generator (School)	300	232	300	300
Generator	300	-	300	300
Wood Chipper	200	-	200	200
2016 Grader	8,500	1,411	2,000	4,000
Salt Shed - Building Maintenance	500	-	500	2,500
Garage - Building Maintenance	2,500	-	25,000	5,000
Grounds Maintenance	1,000	597	1,000	1,000
New Tractor Attachment	-	-	1,500	1,500
Subtotal	\$ 71,400	\$ 2,072,114	\$ 84,300	\$ 343,100
<u>Other Expenses</u>				
CDL, Certification, Exams	\$ 1,500	\$ 603	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
Equipment Rental	4,000	950	4,000	4,000
Diesel Fuel	30,000	40,999	60,000	60,000
Gasoline	5,000	5,751	7,500	7,500
Grease, Oil, Anti-Freeze	5,500	4,921	7,500	8,000
DPW Shop Supplies	7,000	10,764	9,000	12,000
Blades & Chains	8,000	10,929	10,000	15,000
Hydroseeder	3,000	802	1,500	1,500
Heat Garage	3,000	5,895	6,000	6,000
Trash & Junk Disposal	1,000	852	1,000	1,000
Electricity Salt Shed	400	379	700	450
Electricity Garage	2,500	2,385	2,500	2,650
Telephone Garage	750	1,467	1,200	1,500
Internet DSL - Garage	600	516	700	600
New Equipment	23,500	21,500	2,500	12,000
Septic Pumping	1,200	1,300	1,500	1,500
Fire Alarm Garage	1,500	932	1,000	1,000

(Modified Cash Basis)	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25
Property Insurance	10,000	9,812	3,000	12,254
Federal Audit	-	-	15,000	-
Subtotal	\$ 108,450	\$ 120,757	\$ 136,100	\$ 147,954
<u>Loan Payments</u>				
2020 Mack Truck Loan	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000	\$ 43,000
2019 Chevy 1-Ton	15,000	15,000	-	-
DPW Garage Building Loan	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Construction Loan #1	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Construction Loan #2	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Grant Anticipation Loan	-	1,467,694	-	-
Interest Expense	18,500	16,611	16,000	14,000
Subtotal	\$ 196,500	\$ 1,662,305	\$ 179,000	\$ 177,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,099,855	\$ 4,646,611	\$ 1,204,843	\$ 1,543,368
"Net Income" for the Year	\$ -	\$ 74,911	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Summary</u>				
DPW Fund Surplus Beginning of Year	\$ 123,506	\$ 123,506	\$ 198,417	\$ 198,417
"Net Income" for the Year	-	74,911	-	-
Transfers from General Fund	-	-	-	-
DPW Fund Surplus End of Year	\$ 123,506	\$ 198,417	\$ 198,417	\$ 198,417

(Modified Cash Basis)

APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Taxes

Current Year Taxes Collected		\$2,820,031		
Hold Harmless Payment		298,190		
Delinquent Taxes Collected		101,862		
State Payment- Municipal		36,623		
Gross Tax Receipts	\$2,999,531	\$3,256,706		
Less: Paid to School	(1,738,413)	(1,975,171)	-	-
Tax Funds Available to Town	\$1,261,118	\$1,281,535	\$1,376,274	\$1,428,354
Less: Allocated to DPW	(967,255)	(967,255)	(1,071,343)	(1,136,082)
Taxes to General Fund	\$293,863	\$314,280	\$304,931	\$292,272

Regular Income

Masonic/Community Hall Revenue	\$500	\$1,425	\$1,275	\$1,500
Copier Receipts	1,500	906	2,000	1,000
Interest Income	300	1,459	160	1,000
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	2,000	5,183	2,000	2,000
Beverage License	70	70	70	70
Light House Lease	50	-	50	25
Zoning Regs Sold	20	-	20	5
Land Rental	-	602	602	602
VT PILOT Money	5,000	6,647	6,600	6,800
Subtotal	\$9,440	\$16,292	\$12,777	\$13,002

Fees

Tax Collector Fees	\$2,000	\$7,545	\$2,000	\$2,000
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	5	-	5	5
Vital Records	300	245	400	250
Recording Fees (PTR Fees)	10,000	12,540	10,000	10,400
Subdivision Fees	250	505	500	-
Board of Adjustment Fees	300	-	250	-
Road Weight Permits	1,000	910	950	900
Dog Licenses	1,000	1,401	2,300	2,000
Vault Search Fees	700	1,035	1,000	1,000
PTR Recording Fee	700	495	600	-
Zoning Admin Fees	2,000	4,590	3,000	4,750
Land Posting	-	40	-	40
Green Mountain Passport	20	28	30	30
Subtotal	\$18,275	\$29,334	\$21,035	\$21,375

Other Revenues

Civil/Road Fines	\$100	\$-	\$100	\$-
Municipal Fines	-	4,296	100	2,000
911 House Numbers	100	-	100	-
Other	602	210	3,000	200
Subtotal	\$802	\$4,506	\$3,300	\$2,200

Net General Fund Receipts	\$322,380	\$364,412	\$342,043	\$328,849
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(Modified Cash Basis)

APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25

EXPENDITURES

Personnel Expenses

Town Clerk	\$35,880	\$37,279	\$41,000	\$-
Town Treasurer	28,000	31,228	32,054	-
Town Office Salaries	-	-	-	78,171
Delinquent Tax Collector	2,000	7,448	2,000	2,000
Zoning Administrator	2,400	566	5,000	5,000
Other Payroll	2,000	950	1,500	1,500
Board of Civil Authority	2,400	2,295	2,000	3,500
Listers	30,000	12,451	20,000	15,000
Auditors	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Selectboard	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
Dog Warden	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Planning Commission	400	-	400	1,000
Board of Adjustment	500	-	500	500
Moderators	50	50	50	50
Board of Abatement	150	551	150	1,000
Poll & Election Workers	2,000	1,357	500	500
Medicare	1,000	1,348	1,750	1,135
Social Security Taxes	4,500	6,108	5,000	4,847
Child Care Contribution (CCC)	-	-	-	258
Retirement % paid by Town	3,000	3,437	2,700	4,300
SUTA Unemployment	1,000	1,891	2,500	469
Direct Deposit Fees	250	333	200	400
Seminars/ Education	1,500	837	500	500
Mileage	1,200	1,044	1,200	1,200
Town Workers' Comp Insurance	500	2,277	1,000	716
Subtotal	\$125,130	\$117,850	\$126,404	\$128,446

Utilities

Water-Town Office	\$144	\$144	\$150	\$160
Electricity Town Office	1,500	1,502	1,680	1,900
Electricity Street Lights	1,600	1,495	1,800	1,800
Electricity Skating Rink	300	268	300	300
Telephone Town Office	4,200	2,678	4,300	3,000
Internet Service - Town	565	516	650	920
Heat Town Office	2,500	3,044	2,500	2,500
Subtotal	\$10,809	\$9,647	\$11,380	\$10,580

Office Expenses

Supplies Land Records	\$1,400	\$954	\$1,500	\$1,500
Supplies Office	2,550	2,683	3,000	3,000
Supplies Other	300	-	500	500
Postage & Delivery	3,000	3,056	3,000	4,000
Copier	2,000	2,991	1,920	2,500
Flowers & Honorarium	1,000	552	1,000	1,000

(Modified Cash Basis)	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25
Legal Advertising	1,000	631	1,000	1,000
Microfilming	5	5	5	5
Printing Town Reports	1,650	1,312	1,800	1,800
Printing Other	1,500	280	1,500	1,000
Other	1,000	1,721	500	1,500
NEMRC	15,000	2,224	21,000	3,000
Tax Map Update	2,700	2,900	3,000	3,400
Website	150	857	150	150
Legal Fees	6,000	-	6,000	6,000
Subtotal	\$39,255	\$20,166	\$45,875	\$30,355
Town Property Insurance	\$9,000	\$8,235	\$9,000	\$10,013
<u>Repairs and Maintenance</u>				
911 House Signs	\$100	\$-	\$100	\$-
Cemeteries	1,500	682	1,500	1,500
Town Office	1,500	24,748	1,500	2,000
Town Grounds	2,200	-	2,000	2,000
Recycling Building & Hearse House	150	-	200	500
Port-A-Let	3,100	2,555	4,000	3,500
Subtotal	\$8,550	\$27,985	\$9,300	\$9,500
<u>Dues & Assessments</u>				
Software	\$1,650	\$1,999	\$1,650	\$7,000
Dues, VLCT et al	2,700	2,626	2,850	2,850
Regional Planning Dues	1,600	1,654	1,600	1,800
Otter Creek Natural Resources	126	-	126	126
Addison County Tax	8,200	8,483	8,200	9,706
Subtotal	\$14,276	\$14,762	\$14,426	\$21,482
<u>Support Services</u>				
Mosquito Control	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Middlebury Regional EMS	12,180	12,180	12,180	15,925
Town Line First Response	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Addison County Humane Society	500	450	500	500
Green Up Day	250	250	100	250
Rural Fire Protection	100	100	-	-
Subtotal	\$29,030	\$28,980	\$28,780	\$32,675
<u>Social Services</u>				
Addison Central Teens	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$-
Addison County Econ Dev Corp	608	608	608	608
Addison County Home, Health and Hospice, Inc.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Addison County Humane Society	500	500	500	500
Addison County Parent Child Center	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Addison County Readers	350	350	350	350
Addison County Restorative Justice Services	400	400	400	400
Tri Valley Transit	760	760	760	760
Age Well	2,000	2,000	-	2,000

(Modified Cash Basis)	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25
American Red Cross - NH VT	-	-	500	500
Bridport Senior Citizens, Inc.	-	-	600	600
Charter House Coalition	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
Elderly Services/Project Independence	700	700	700	700
HOPE	-	-	1,250	1,250
J.W.Graham Emergency Shelter	700	700	700	700
Open Door Clinic	850	850	850	850
Platt Memorial Library	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,900
R & S Volunteer Program	320	320	320	320
Turning Point Center	-	-	1,000	1,000
Vermont Adult Learning	500	500	500	500
Vermont Assoc for the Blind....	500	500	500	500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	190	190	190	-
Vermont Family Network	250	250	250	-
Atria Collective (WomenSafe)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Subtotal	\$21,628	\$21,628	\$22,978	\$23,538
<u>Purchases</u>				
Office Equipment	\$2,500	\$4,840	\$5,000	\$2,500
Town Office Modifications	7,500	8,732	8,500	2,000
Flags	500	392	1,000	1,000
Office Computer	1,000	1,110	3,000	1,000
Software	2,550	1,365	2,250	500
Subtotal	\$14,050	\$16,439	\$19,750	\$7,000
<u>Loan Payments</u>				
Interest Expense	\$2,000	\$-	\$-	\$-
Subtotal	\$2,000	\$-	\$-	\$-
<u>Masonic/Community Hall</u>				
Supplies	\$500	\$159	\$600	\$500
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	6,069	2,000	5,000
Water	152	144	150	160
Electricity	700	583	1,000	1,000
Heat	2,000	1,910	2,000	2,000
Subtotal	\$5,352	\$8,865	\$5,750	\$8,660
<u>Fire Department</u>				
1996 Fire Truck-Pumper	\$2,500	\$1,230	\$2,500	\$2,500
1949 Antique Fire Truck	200	-	200	200
2015 Fire Truck Pumper	3,000	1,420	3,500	3,500
Renovation to BFD building	-	3,315	-	-
Support	20,000	20,000	20,000	25,000
Electricity	1,200	1,012	1,200	1,400
Telephone	1,200	1,092	1,200	1,200
Heat	1,600	2,131	2,200	2,400
Water & Septic Pumping	500	931	500	1,000
Repair & Maintenance	1,000	406	3,000	600

(Modified Cash Basis)	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	ACTUAL 7/1/22 to 6/30/23	APPROVED BUDGET 7/1/23 to 6/30/24	PROPOSED BUDGET 7/1/24 to 6/30/25
Insurance - Vehicles	4,100	544	4,100	7,500
Insurance - Workmen's Comp	6,000	9,046	8,000	1,300
Insurance	2,000	-	2,000	-
Subtotal	\$43,300	\$41,127	\$48,400	\$46,600
Total Expenditures	\$322,380	\$315,684	\$342,043	\$328,849
General Fund "Net Income"	\$-	\$48,728	\$-	\$-
DPW Fund "Net Income"	-	74,911	-	-
Total Town "Net Income "	\$-	\$123,639	\$-	\$-

SUMMARY

General Fund Surplus Beginning	\$289,369	\$289,369	\$338,097	\$-
"Net Income" for the Year	-	48,728	-	-
Transfer to DPW				
General Fund Surplus End of Year	\$289,369	\$338,097	\$338,097	\$-
DPW Fund Surplus Beginning	\$123,506	\$123,506	\$198,417	\$-
"Net Income" for the Year	-	74,911	-	-
Transfer from General Fund				
DPW Fund Surplus End of Year	\$123,506	\$198,417	\$198,417	\$-
Total Town Accumulated Surplus	\$412,875	\$536,514	\$536,514	\$-

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Bridport hereby certify that we have audited the year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 of the several Town offices and the related financial information and statements included in this annual report. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting revenue, expenditures, and account balances included in the financial statements. In our opinion, the financial statements audited by us are fairly stated in all material respects.

Irene Zaccor

Jennifer Sullivan

**GENERAL AND DPW FUNDS COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)**

	6/30/2023	6/30/2022
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank (net of uncleared items) *	\$ 536,905	\$ 412,959
Other	-	195
Total Assets	\$ 536,905	\$ 413,154
LIABILITIES		
Payroll Withholdings	\$ 391	\$ 278
Total Liabilities	\$ 391	\$ 278
FUND BALANCES		
<u>General Fund</u>		
Balance at Start of Year	\$ 289,369	\$ 561,000
Net "Income" for the Year	48,728	(185,385)
Transfer	-	(86,246)
Balance at End of Year (see below)	\$ 338,097	\$ 289,369
<u>DPW Fund</u>		
Balance at Start of Year	\$ 123,506	\$ 119,375
Net "Income" for the Year	74,911	(82,114)
Transfer	-	86,246
Balance at End of Year	\$ 198,417	\$ 123,507
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 536,514	\$ 412,876
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$ 536,905	\$ 413,154

* Included in these funds are school taxes that have been collected as of June 30, 2023 but have not been paid.

2022-2023 TAXES BILLED
(As of 1/17/2023)

	Grand List	Tax Rate	Taxes Billed
Non-Residential Education	\$ 581,498	\$ 1.6185	\$ 941,155
Homestead Education	877,475	1.6647	1,460,733
Exempt Cost	1,503,074	0.0037	5,561
Municipal	1,503,074	0.6431	966,627
 TOTAL 2023 TAXES BILLED			\$ 3,374,075

2022 - 2023 TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

2022-2023 taxes collected by 11/10/2022	1,788,817
2022 - 2023 taxes collected by 5/10/2023	1,006,356
* Delinquent taxes as of 6/30/2023	6,402
* Late/delinquent taxes collected	142,644
2022 - 2023 State Payments	427,513
Late homestead penalty	2,268
Other reconciling items	75
TOTAL 2023 BILLED TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR	\$ 3,374,075

At the March 2, 2021 Town Meeting, the Voters approved the billing of property taxes in two installments; 67% being due on or before November 10, 2022 and 33% being due on or before May 10, 2023.

* Note that 2022-23 Unpaid Billed Taxes will not be considered delinquent unless they remain unpaid after May 10, 2023.

BRIDPORT TOWN INDEBTEDNESS at JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Principal Paid</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>
<u>2022 Grant Anticipation Note for \$175,000 from NBM at 2.69% Interest</u>			
Original Borrowing			\$ 175,000
FY22 Payments	-	-	175,000
FY23 Payments. Paid in full.	175,000	981	-
<u>2021 Cemetery Funds \$60,000 Loan for NBM Loan at 3.65% Interest (Garage and 2nd Firehouse)</u>			
Original Borrowing			\$ 60,000
FY22 Payments	-	-	60,000
FY23 Payments	-	2,190	60,000
FY24 Payments	-	2,190	60,000
FY25 Payments	-	2,190	60,000
FY26 Payments	30,000	2,190	30,000
FY27 Payments	30,000	1,095	-
<u>2021 Capital Improvement Note for \$90,000 from NBM at 3.65% Interest (remainder of Garage Loan)</u>			
Balance at December 31, 2020			\$ -
January 2021 through June 2022 Borrowings	\$ 89,986		89,986
January 2021 through June 2022 Payments	-	-	89,986
FY23 Payments	30,000	3,075	59,986
FY24 Payments	30,000	2,189	29,986
FY25 Payments	29,986	-	-
<u>2021 Capital Improvement / Road Construction Note (#2) for \$200,000 from NBM at 3.25% Interest</u>			
Original Borrowing			\$ 113,770
FY2023 Payment	50,000	1,146	63,770
FY2024 Payment	50,000	2,073	13,770
FY2025 Payment	13,770	448	-

BRIDPORT TOWN INDEBTEDNESS at JUNE 30, 2023

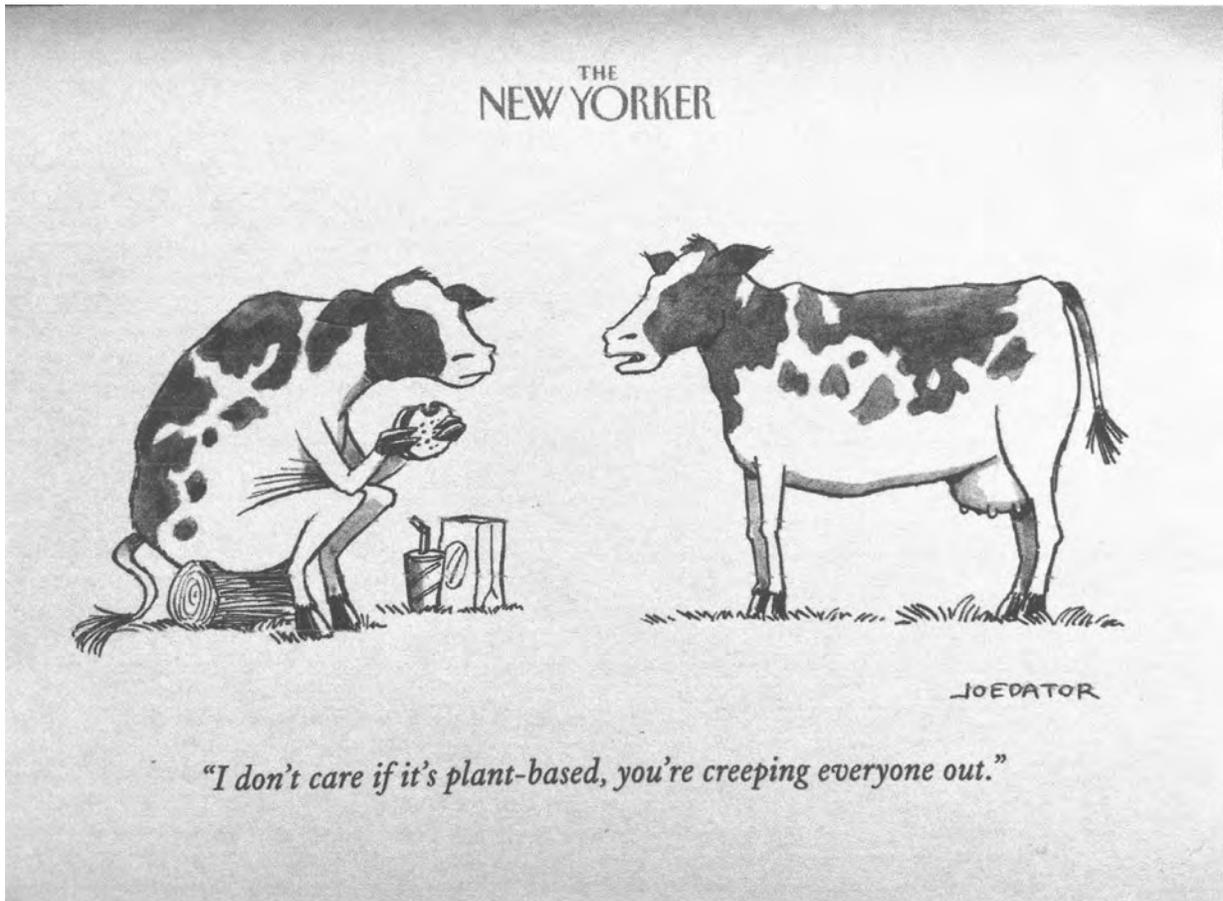
	<u>Principal Paid</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>
2020 Mack Truck \$215,000 NBM 5 Year Loan at 3.25% Interest			
Original Borrowing			\$ 215,000
Principal Payments through December 31, 2020	\$ 43,000		172,000
January 2021 through June 30, 2022 Payments	43,000	5,668	129,000
FY2023 Payment	43,000	4,251	86,000
FY2024 Payment	43,000	2,795	43,000
FY2025 Payment	43,000	1,398	-
2020 NBM \$200,000 Construction Line of Credit (#1) at 3.25% Interest, Expiring in 11/2025			
Borrowings in 2020			\$ 20,091
Additional Borrowings in January 2021 through June 2021	179,909		200,000
January 2021 through June 2022 Payments	40,000	3,137	160,000
FY2023 Payment	40,000	4,512	120,000
FY2024 Payment	40,000	3,900	80,000
FY2025	40,000	2,600	40,000
	40,000	1,300	-
2019 Chevy 1-Ton Truck \$45,000 NBM 3 Year Loan at 3.01% Interest			
December 31, 2020 Balance			\$ 45,000
January 2021 through June 2022 Payment	30,000	2,287	15,000
FY2023. Paid in full.	15,000	457	-
2022 \$1,878,000 Rattlin Bridge Road 1 Year Loan at 3.09% Interest			
Original Borrowing			\$ 1,878,000
FY2023 Payment **	1,292,694	-	585,306
FY2024 Payments	585,306	33,714	-

** Loan was refinanced in August 2023 with interest rate of 5.76% due in full February 2024

BRIDPORT TOWN INDEBTEDNESS at JUNE 30, 2023

	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Principal Balance
LOAN PRINCIPAL BALANCE SUMMARY as of JUNE 30, 2023			
2021 Cemetery Funds \$60,000 Loan			60,000
2021 Capital Improvement Note for \$90,000			59,986
2021 Capital Improvement Note #2 for \$200,000			63,770
2020 Mack Truck \$215,000 Loan			86,000
2020 NBM \$200,000 Construction Line of Credit (#1)			120,000
2022 Rattlin Bridge Road			585,306
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOAN PRINCIPAL as of JUNE 30, 2023			\$ 975,062

Actual 2023 Interest (all DPW)	\$ 16,612
Estimated 2024 Interest (all DPW)	\$ 45,561



SEPARATE FUNDS as of JUNE 30, 2023 (unaudited)
(Excluding Cemetery Funds)

REAPPRAISAL FUND

6/30/2022 Balance	\$ 53,335
State Payment	11,543
Payments made to Town for reappraisal	(35,220)
Interest Earned	5
6/30/2023 Balance	<u>\$ 29,663</u>

LISTERS' EDUCATION FUND

6/30/2022 Balance	\$ 2,078
State payment	680
6/30/2023 Balance	<u>\$ 2,758</u>

SCRAP FUND

6/30/2022 Balance	\$ 1,939
Sales of Scrap Metal	1,041
Purchases	(170)
Interest Earned	1
6/30/2023 Balance	<u>\$ 2,811</u>

VIRGINIA LAWTON MEMORIAL FLAG FUND

6/30/2022 Balance	\$ 130
Activity	-
6/30/2023 Balance	<u>\$ 130</u>

PRESERVATION FUND

6/30/2022 Balance	\$ 4,747
Deposits	5,945
Interest Earned	2
6/30/2023 Balance	<u>\$ 10,694</u>

ARPA FUND - Checking and Savings

6/30/2022 Balance	\$ 115,787
Federal Funds Forwarded to Town By State	175,208
Checking account balance	860
Expenditures	(15,141)
Interest	3,216
6/30/2023 Balance	<u>\$ 279,930</u>

TOWN OF BRIDPORT DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION POLICY

1. All property taxes are due and payable to the Town Treasurer as voted by the Town.

2. Only the following tax payments will be treated as being paid on time: (i) payments actually received at the Town Office on or before the due date, or (ii) mailed payments postmarked on or before the due date. There will be no grace period allowed for payments that are not made on time as defined under this paragraph.

3. As soon as possible after the May due date of each fiscal year, the Town Treasurer shall prepare the list of owners whose taxes are delinquent (the "Delinquent Taxpayer List"), and shall provide the list to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

4. Once the Collector of Delinquent Taxes receives the Delinquent Taxpayer List, then at that time the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may extend a warrant on the land which is the subject of the Delinquent Taxpayer List (32 V.S.A. §5252).

5. If the Collector of Delinquent Taxes extends the warrant as provided above, then the Collector of Delinquent Taxes shall file in the Office of the Town Clerk for record a copy of the warrant, which shall include the following:

- the amount of the tax bill committed to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes for collection;
- a description of the land levied upon; and
- a statement that the Collector of Delinquent Taxes has levied upon the described land. (32 V.S.A. §5252(1))

6. As a courtesy, but not as a required step, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may (either with or without assistance of counsel) deliver a demand requesting that the taxpayer pay the amount due (principal, interest, penalty, and attorney's fees (if applicable)).

7. Following the issuance of the tax collection warrant, ALL delinquent taxes shall be remitted only to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

8. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes may, in his/her discretion, enter into a written "payment plan" agreement with the delinquent taxpayer, but if so, such agreement shall provide for payment of the delinquent tax obligation (including all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and fees) in full within one year of the establishment of the agreement. As long as the taxpayer remains current with all payments under the agreement, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will refrain from initiating tax sale proceedings. If the

taxpayer fails to make the full amount of any payment called for under the agreement, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes shall be free to initiate tax sale proceedings.

9. Partial payments on account of delinquent taxes (whether through a “payment plan”, or otherwise) shall be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between (i) the principal amount of the tax, and (ii) the 8% penalty and any other fees or charges due from the taxpayer.

Partial payments shall not constitute a “cure” or an “accord and satisfaction” with respect to the delinquent taxes owed.

10. Except in the case of a taxpayer who is in compliance with the terms of a written “payment plan” agreement, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes, in his/her discretion, may begin the tax sale process pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5252 as soon as the Collector of Delinquent Taxes extends his/her warrant as provided above. The foregoing notwithstanding, however, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes may, in his/her discretion, delay the initiation of the tax sale proceedings under 32 V.S.A. §5252 but such discretion on the part of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes shall be permitted only with respect to those delinquent tax obligations which are less than two years past due.

11. Once the Collector of Delinquent Taxes determines the tax sale process should begin, then the Tax Collector shall (either with or without counsel):

- follow the notice provisions set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5252 (advertisement, certified mail notice to taxpayer/mortgagees/lienholders, posting of notice);
- prepare an advertisement of the notice of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5253;
- conduct the sale of the property pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5254;
- prepare a report of sale pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5255;
- collect fees permitted pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5258;
- provide for redemption pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5260;
- prepare and deliver a deed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §5261; and
- comply with all other required statutory provisions.

12. If no one purchases the property at tax sale, or if, in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector may, in his/her discretion, collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the other methods permitted by law.

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT
Delinquent Taxes Collected in FY23

Year	Beginning Balance	Taxes Collected in FY23	Balance on 6/30/2023
2018	\$ 11,759	\$ 6,880	\$ 4,879
2020	324	-	324
2021	12,913	12,681	232
2022	# 88,703	(1) 82,301	6,402
Totals	\$ 113,699	\$ 101,862	\$ 11,837

Delinquent Taxpayer List - 6/30/2023

* Boudreau, Albert	* Upson, Penny
Curler, Mark & Andrea	* Blodgett, William T
* Ciempa, Michael & Blissful Dairy LLC	* Larsen, Lauritz
Huestis, Stacy	* Chamberlain, Bruce
	* McCarty, Sandra

* Current as of 12/31/2023

Unpaid property taxes for this period will not be deemed delinquent unless unpaid after May 10, 2023

(1) Tax warrant states beginning balance is \$85,932. Warrant incorrectly included prior years and interest and penalties

Bridport Listers' Report 2023

The Bridport Listers have received the report from the Vermont Division of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) of the Equalization Study Results for 2022.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Education Grand List	\$146,888,100	\$145,868,800
Equalized Education Grand List	\$207,848,668	\$183,979,046
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	70.67% or 0.7067	79.29 or 0.7929
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD)	26.09%	20.41%

The Education Grand List is reported to the state as the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax. The Equalized Education Grand List represents Property Valuation and Review's statutorily mandated estimate of the total fair market value of the education grand list in town. A CLA number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than fair market value. Our high COD means that within our town 26.09% of taxpayers are paying more than their fair share or less than their fair share.

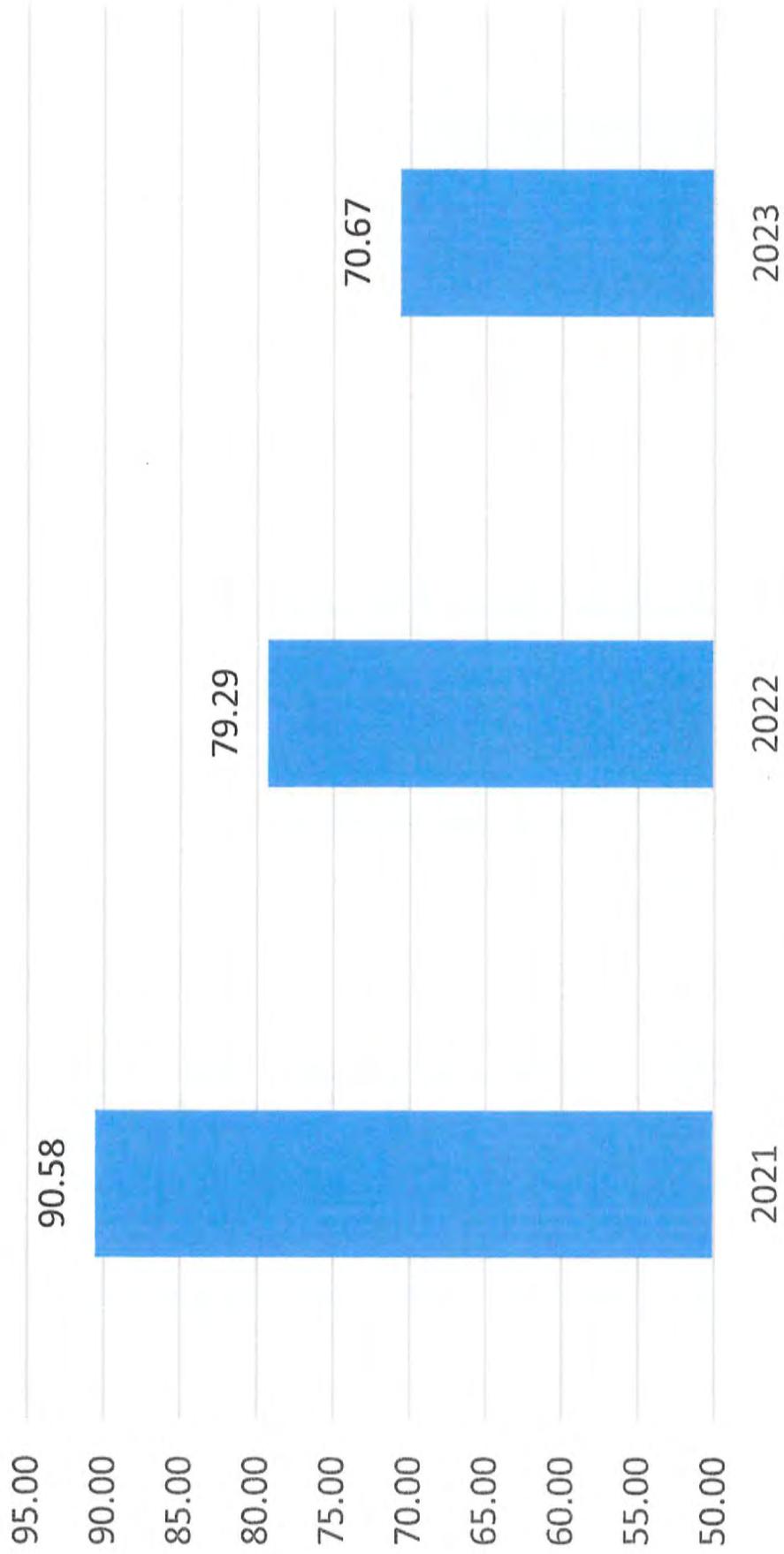
The goal of reappraisal is to establish accurate and equitable property values. The results do not produce any additional tax revenue for the town. You, the voters, approved the municipal, school budgets as well as special articles. Those approved spending items will not change regardless of the property values that are assigned. The reappraisal company and the Listers have nothing to do with the tax dollars that are raised. The reappraisal process will reapportion the burden to tax payment in a manner that reflects real estate market conditions on April 1, 2024.

The New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) will complete the town wide reappraisal this year. Information on the reappraisal is found at www.bridportvt.org by clicking "*Reappraisal*" part way down on left. The town wide reappraisal information will be sent out to all parcel *owners* during May 2024 for review. Before the new Grand List is filed, you can request a Pre Hearing to have an opportunity to review your new value with an assessor from NEMRC. Once the new Grand List is filed, the formal grievance hearing process will begin. After all the formal grievance hearings are complete, the 2024 tax bills will be based on the new Grand List values.

You may contact us at 802-758-2485 or e-mail at bridportlister@gmavt.net. Our regular office hours are Tuesday 9–12. If those hours do not work for you, an appointment can be set up.

Bridport Board of Listers
Suzanne Buck Eric Conroy Vicki Major

Bridport CLA



PVR

Town of Bridport YEAR-END ZONING REPORT CALENDAR YEAR 2023

The numbers and the distribution by type of the zoning applications that were received and processed in calendar year (CY) 2023 can be summarized as follows:

<i>New dwellings</i>	
<i>Permanent/seasonal houses</i>	1
<i>Mobile homes</i>	1
<i>Accessory dwellings/apartments</i>	0
<i>Replacements</i>	1
<i>Renovations/additions</i>	
<i>Major (addition of occupiable living space)</i>	7
<i>Minor (including decks)</i>	5
<i>Accessory outbuildings</i>	31
<i>Changes of use</i>	0
<i>Exempt agricultural outbuildings</i>	1
<i>Towers/telecommunications facilities</i>	0
<i>Ponds/dams/other land development</i>	0
<i>Fences</i>	0
<i>Temporary uses</i>	0
<i>Signs</i>	0
<i>Certificates of compliance</i>	8
<i>Certificates of occupancy</i>	2
<i>Notices of Violation</i>	0
<i>Renewals of permit</i>	0
Bridport Planning Commission	
<i>Subdivisions</i>	
<i>Minor (two-lot minimum)</i>	7
<i>Major (four lots or more)</i>	1
<i>Resubdivisions (boundary adjustments)</i>	1
<i>Planned unit developments (PUDs)</i>	0
<i>Bridport Zoning Board of Adjustments</i>	
<i>Conditional uses</i>	2
<i>Variances</i>	5
<i>Waivers</i>	0
<i>Appeals</i>	0

55 applications were received and processed during the calendar year 2023

During CY2023 for the period from 1 January 2023 through 31 December 2023, the direct costs associated with the Town’s zoning and planning administration involved a total invoiced cost of **\$1,425.00** in man-hours and expenses for the Administrative Officer’s services,

charged against a total of **\$2,965.00** in permit application fees that were assessed and collected, resulting in a net of **\$1,540.00** for the calendar year.

These figures do not include attorneys' fees, if and when the Town elects to retain their services (as, for instance, to pursue litigation in zoning violation cases, or to defend appeals of the Board's decisions in the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court). For a complete summary of the Town's officially-posted zoning and planning administration costs, please refer to the Treasurer's Report on the General Fund in the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Wojciechowski
Administrative Officer
22 January 2024



Prep work for pavillion - gazebo move



Prep work for pavillion - grading

BRIDPORT PLANNING COMMISSION 2023

The Bridport Planning Commission convened at the town office a total of 12 times throughout 2023. Along the way we heard from several public attendees. Opinions were expressed and ideas were discussed. Most of these visits involved questions on the “ins and outs” of the whole business of subdivisions. Navigating the subdivision process may seem daunting to some. Yet detailed maps and surveys provide us clear direction in making applicants’ intentions become a reality. More lots were created in 2023 than in years past. The Planning Commission has been diligently committed to digesting various materials presented at meetings, all while still running effective and productive hearings along the way.

During the spring of 2023, we lent our attention to some of Vermont’s Rural Development Programs. After seeing what some other towns in Vermont have done, we learned these programs can be modified and tailored to individual towns desires supporting community engagement with new or improved spaces as well as events sparking healthy neighborly involvement and interactions.

As the year moved on, Drexel Wheeler handed the pen to Renee Brodeur as our newly elected secretary. We have been blessed and have appreciated all her efforts both during our meetings and work from home supplying us with detailed reports and correspondence.

To spread out the load, member Sharron Macklin our “master of maps” teamed up with Steve DeCarlo and new Zoning Administrator Mike Wojciechowski to review many regulations. Their findings were freely shared and discussed at our table. Meanwhile, Drexel Wheeler did his homework and provided us with his knowledge from a different angle. Dr. Wheeler sits on many boards and his insight and perspective remains invaluable.

A sincere Thank You also goes out to “Mr. Steady” Andrew Manning. He always seems to find his way to the meetings even on those snowy Tuesday nights. These extra efforts do not go unnoticed. Even a short stint on a team or committee helps our board tremendously and with Pierre Bordeleau stepping away from our commission, we wish him well in his concentrations.

Finally, we never count out Ed Payne. His past leadership and years of experience have provided a voice from the “old guard” that needs to be sounded at times and we enjoy it.

Back at the table more topics and discussions were presented throughout the year such as State of Vermont land acquisitions and CV (Community Visit) programs all connecting back to our towns’ rural development, future, and eventual endorsement of a new comprehensive Town Plan due in 2025. The pressures of this endeavor will require more meetings and subcommittees than in previous years. With our plate full we’ll pursue the resources, help, and grants if needed to get the job done.

In 2024 the Bridport Planning Commission will move forward by updating the Town Plan. This document will stand as Bridport’s first source of guidance and direction as we will go on to review regulations and their cohesiveness to the plan. As always, the Bridport Planning Commission Thanks You for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Broughton, BPC Chair

INVENTORY of REAL PROPERTY

Town Offices and Fire House
Masonic/Community Hall
Fire Sub-Station
Hearse House
Town Green
Barrows Park
Tennis Court
Roscoe Pratt Horseshoe Pits
Jones Dock Road Lighthouse Lot
Jones Dock Road & 1 acre site at top of the hill
Recycling Shed & 10 acres
1 acre on Lover's Lane
Central Cemetery
Pine Hill Cemetery
Town Line Cemetery
Wells Cemetery
16 acres on Crown Point Road/Short Street
Sand/Salt Building on Crown Point Road/Short Street
Town Garage (DPW) and meeting facility

INVENTORY of TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT

1958 V-Snow Plow	2015 Mack Dump Truckw/Plow & Sander
1960 V Plow	2015 Ford F550 Firetruck
1973 V-Snow Plow Grader Blade	2016 John Deere 672G Grader w/Wing
1978 Viking Plow	2016 WR90 Walk & Roll Roller
1980 Tenco Plow	2016 Tractor Wood Chipper
1985 V Plow Loader	2017 John Deere 524K2 Loader
1987 Dozer Blade for Grader	2019 Chevy 3500HD (with 8' Salt Dogg Drop-In Sander and 9' Fisher highway plow)
1996 Tenco Plow	2020 Mack truck w/Plow & Sander
1996 Peterbilt Fireturck	2022 Ferri 6' Mover
2001 Power Eagle Steam Cleaner	Buffalo Turbine Leaf Blower
2003 Kauf Trailer	Turf Maker Straw Blower
2004 Utility Trailer with ramps	5' Pallet Forks Loader
2005 1050 Gallon Spray Tank for Chloride	14' Pusher for Loader
John Deere Generator (at school)	6000 Gallon Chloride Tank
Cumming 5450 Generator	Wacker Neuson Plate Compactor
Generac 22KW Generator (DPW)	2000 Gallon Chloride Tank on Trailor
2007 Ingersoll Rand 71/2 HP Air Compressor	All Angle Plow Loader
2007 Miller Matic 212 Welder	8' Broom Loader
2010 Mack Truck w/Plow & Sander	
2012 Kubota Tractor & Mower	
2012 Fisher Xetreme V Plow	

BRIDPORT BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT FOR 2023

The Town takes care of the Central Cemetery, Town Line Cemetery, Pine Hill Cemetery and Wells Cemetery. There are approximately 2,400 gravestones in these Cemeteries. Many of the gravestones are very old with some having an age of about 200 years and/or do not have an adequate base to support them. The result is a continuing need to mostly repair gravestones and to replace some that have deteriorated too much. The respective gravestone owners and/or their families should be doing the maintenance thereon. The lack of such maintenance by them leaves it up to the Town to do so. Attached as a part of this Report is an overall CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023.

We have made and plan to continue to make significant progress in improving our Cemeteries. Thanks go to the Town for all of its support of the Cemeteries, without limitation including its contracting out for the mowing/trimming of grass in the Central Cemetery, Pine Hill Cemetery and Wells Cemetery, the appropriating of other money for the Cemeteries and doing any needed removal of brush and tree limb debris. In the fall of 2023, we had the following done in the Central Cemetery:

- Ten new marble gravestone monuments were engraved for \$2,250.00. These were installed by David and Kim Bronson to replace gravestones either deteriorated or only marked with at most a number thereon.
- The Maple Tree by the Congregational Church has been dying. A few years ago the dead portions were removed but significant new portions had since died off. It was decided to take it down at a cost of \$2,000.00 which was shared equally by the Cemetery and the Town.
- We had the stump of this tree and another large stump of a dead tree previously taken down, ground down and grindings removed at a cost of \$875.00.
- David and Francis Bronson took out the deteriorating concrete walkway.

The Board had other usual maintenance done regarding cutting of brush, picking up tree limb debris and trimming of bushes. Funds from the 2023-24 Town Budget Cemetery Expense Account paid Craig L'Heureux \$1,153.00 for mowing, trimming and clean up in Town Line Cemetery for 2023. For the 2023-24 fiscal year, \$3,000.00 of the Central Cemetery funds are being paid to the Town towards the cost of mowing/trimming of grass therein.

Lot owners and family members are asked to please remove old and/or faded plastic flowers or other such items which can become brittle and fall apart and be blown around and be subject to being torn into multiple pieces by a lawn mower or grass trimmer. Glass items are not allowed for reasons that include they can break and create a hazard.

Cemetery lots continue to be available for purchase. If you wish to purchase any lot, please contact the Sexton, David Bronson at (802) 758-2546. In 2023 two lots were sold in the Central Cemetery.

Bridport Board of Cemetery Commissioners, January 2024
David Bronson, Paul Wagner, Mark Pumiglia, David Basque, Francis Bronson

CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR July 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

CENTRAL CEMETERY

NOT-SPENDABLE FUNDS

Perpetual Care Fund – beginning and ending balance	\$46,407.01
Hilda Hunt Water Fund	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total Not-Spendable Funds - end balance	\$46,907.01

SPENDABLE FUNDS

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning balance			\$17,279.78
Interest on Hilda Hunt Water Fund	\$ 3.44		
Interest on other Bank Accounts	\$ 27.20		
Interest on Town Construction Debt Loan	\$1,934.43		
Sale of 5 Lots	\$2,500.00		
	Total Income		\$ 4,465.07
Mowing/Trimming expense paid to Town		\$3,000.00	
		Total Expenses	<u>(\$ 3,000.00)</u>
Total Spendable Funds - end balance (of which \$4.07 is Hilda Hunt Water Money)			\$18,744.85

BANK ACCOUNT AND TOWN CONSTRUCTION DEBT LOAN ASSETS

Hilda Hunt Water Fund - VT Federal Credit Union CD	\$ 501.55
VT Federal Credit Union Share Account	\$ 25.00
VT Federal Credit Union Central Cemetery Account (VFCUCCA)	\$ 6,655.84
VT Federal Credit Union Central Cemetery Checking Account	\$ 5,469.47
Perpetual Care Funds of principal of Town Construction Debt Loan	\$46,407.00
Spendable Funds of principal of Town Construction Debt Loan	<u>\$ 6,593.00</u>
Total of all Funds - end balance	\$65,651.86

TOWN LINE AND PINE HILL CEMETERIES

NOT-SPENDABLE FUNDS

Perpetual Care Fund - beginning balance	\$4,325.00
Total Not-Spendable Funds - end balance	\$4,325.00

SPENDABLE FUNDS

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning balance			\$3,563.85
Interest on Bank Account	\$ 1.02		
Interest on Town Construction Debt Loan	\$255.57		
	Total Income		\$ 256.59
Total Spendable Funds - end balance			<u>\$3,820.44</u>

BANK ACCOUNT AND TOWN CONSTRUCTION DEBT LOAN ASSETS

VT Federal Credit Union Business Money Market Account (VFC-UBMMA)	\$1,145.44
Perpetual Care Funds of principal of Town Construction Debt Loan	\$4,325.00
Spendable Funds of principal of Town Construction Debt Loan	<u>\$2,675.00</u>
Total of all Funds – end balance	\$8,145.44

2023 Dog Licenses Issued

149 Spayed Females and neutered Males	@\$9.00	\$1,341.00
27 Females and Males	@\$13.00	\$351.00
66 Spayed Females and neutered Males (late fee)	@\$11.00	\$726.00
15 Females & Males (late fee)	@\$17.00	\$255.00
1 Spayed Females and neutered Males (after Oct 1)	@\$8.00	\$8.00
9 Working dog	@\$5.00	\$45.00
1 Kennel Permit (variable)		\$45.00
 TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		 \$2,771.00

License **fees for 2024 will be \$9.00** for a spayed female or neutered male dog.
 \$13.00 for a female or male dog.
 \$11.00 for a spayed female or neutered dog after April 1, 2024.
 \$17.00 for a female or male dog after April 1, 2024.
 \$5.00 for a working dog.
 Pet Dealer- dog license and additional \$25.00 before April 1, \$37.50 after April 1.
 Breeding License- dog license and additional \$30.00 before April 1 for 1-10 dogs, \$45.00 after April 1. Over 10 dogs additional \$3.00 each before April 1, \$4.50 after April 1.

Dog licenses run from April 1st to March 31st of a given year.

Rabies Clinic March 2, 2024
10am-12pm at Bridport Town Clerk's Office
 \$20.00 per animal, Cash or Check

**REMEMBER, THERE IS A LEASH LAW IN
 THE TOWN OF BRIDPORT**

Failure to register your dog could result in fines, impoundment or both.
 Visit www.bridportvt.org for our new Dog Policy and Ordinance.



TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE DOGS

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VVSA). Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, resources are limited by the number of dogs licensed as required by law by 6 months of age. A rabies vaccination is required to license. The first vaccination can be given at 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a vet office, Community Animal Aid (free to those on public assistance: 734-0259 at the E. Barre Fire Station) & Tractor Supply host monthly clinics. After vaccinating, contact your Town Clerk to license your dog. By statute, unlicensed dogs can be seized. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly.

Licensing identifies your dog and is proof the dog is protected in the event bitten by an animal, but would still need immediate medical attention. Vaccinations and licensing protect if they bite another animal or person, which could result in the quarantine of the animal or euthanized. If not proven by being licensed to be currently vaccinated, testing for rabies requires the brain to be examined.

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

Facts: Female cats as young as 4 months can become pregnant. The "mom" cat can/will become pregnant when nursing is finished. Males travel for miles to find a female in heat, often not returning. Cats and dogs (naturally) mark their territory if not neutered. Resolve Carpet Cleaner and a single moth ball in its place will help deter from repeat markings. (Do not use moth balls with young children in the house.) 70% of cats and 15% of dogs using VSNIP are reported as strays or abandoned, which is cruel and illegal. Please do promote VSNIP, helping those that cannot afford to neuter, that will otherwise reproduce over and over. Repeat litters can cause uterine infection, mammary tumors, kidney failure, etc., leading to death. "Farm" cats are especially at risk. Be wary of any seller of animals that won't allow you to see how they are kept before acquiring and want to meet in a parking lot. Animals are often used as a means of making money, and their lives may be the inside of a room or cage. Please be the voice for those that cannot speak. Purchasing does not 'save' one, it 'enables' those to continue to misuse animals for money. Thank you for promoting this time proven program.

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!

Together We Truly Do Make a Difference!

800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA

Bridport Dog Warden - Annual Report

It was a good year. Five Bridport dogs were reunited with local owners. One Weybridge dog, one Middlebury dog and believe it or not, an Oregon dog were reunited with their owners. The Oregon dog left its owner on the Snake Mountain trail and was picked up on 22A near the Blue Spruce Farm. I managed to contact the friend of the owner who helped arrange for the dog to be flown back to Oregon! All dogs were returned within 24 hours because each one had a registration tag. Thank You for registering your dogs and having their tags on their collars! I get a lot of calls from people who hear barking. There is not much to be done, dogs are going to bark. However, please remember, if you can hear your dog barking outside, your neighbors can hear them too. Please be respectful of your neighbors.

The law of Vermont and of Bridport is that **all dogs must be licensed/registered.**

Dog owners who do not register their dogs will be fined.

Remember to put dog tags on your dogs. The tags are required and help us find you, their owner. It really does work!

All dogs must be licensed by **April 1st of every year.**

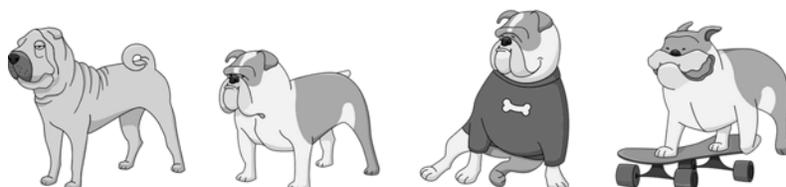
If you no longer want your dog, do not call the Town nor the dog warden. It is your responsibility to find a new owner for your dog.

Please read the town ordinance regulating dogs and wolf-hybrids. It is on the town website: www.bridportvt.org

Jerry Forbes, Dog Warden

TEXT works best: 802-458-2270

Or call the Town Office 802-758-2483



Tree Warden Report

There was some concern regarding the tree in the cemetery next to the Bridport church. There was more evidence of decay and more compromised branches since it was last pruned, along with a split in the major arteries coming from the main portion of the tree. For safety, it was decided to remove it. A second tree was removed from the Town Green to make way for the proposed Town Pavillion. In addition, pruning was done on certain trees throughout the town center including the Memory tree and quite a bit in Barrows Park particularly along the roadside to remove unhealthy branches and non-native species

David Basque - Tree Warden



Fire Warden Report

2023 was a busy year. We approved 87 Burn Permits. We want to thank everyone in Bridport for their cooperation. Keep working together and help your neighbors. **Always call for a permit before you burn.** The volunteers in the Bridport Fire Department appreciate knowing whether a fire is permitted or an actual fire emergency.

Thank You - Corey Pratt & Bruce Stocker, Fire Wardens
Call for permit at 802-349-2528

Bridport Historical Society

Annual Report 2023

We have had a busy year, with work continuing on maintenance of our building and several members keeping up with lead paint issues.

We conducted a “Bridport History Tour” on June 1 with classes from the Bridport Elementary School. We provided the bus and the teachers were very helpful in preparing the children to observe the history that has happened right here in Bridport.

Our programs for the year started with “Bridport from the Air”. This was a drone view of Bridport, presented by Zach Welch. It was a delightful and well-received presentation. Other programs have included, “Potash production in Bridport” and “Bridport School Houses”. In addition, we hosted the Crown Point Military Road Association at our Annual Meeting and heard Barry Griffith, President of the organization tell the history of the Road. In October speakers from Middlebury College presented a talk entitled “Merino sheep Mania”.

Our annual Christmas Open House featured a recent donation from the Jim and Meredith Anderson family. It included Jim’s collection of tools, and an exquisite tool box. Also included were many artifacts found by Jim and his family over the years of Re-enactment activity. There were musket balls, other found items and very exciting, was an 8000-year-old stone axe.

Members have been working on projects relating to the up-coming celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. We will continue to work on locating where some of the families who settled here early and soldiers who served as part of the “Green Mountain Boys” lived. Hillary Messier has already completed a photo collection of the grave markers of the soldiers of the Revolution.

We have been meeting weekly with a Grade 7 History Club, with the end goal being a presentation by the Club at the 2024 Vermont History Day, hosted by the Vermont Historical Society.

We will meet in February to start working on plans for programs and our first meeting will occur in April. Meetings are the third Thursday of each month, April through November. We usually meet at the Bridport Historical Society on Route 22A, but when we anticipate a large crowd we make arrangements to use the Community/Masonic Hall. Our Christmas Open House is the first Sunday afternoon in December.

President: Charlie Bain
Vice President: Claire Huestis
Secretary: Irene Zaccor
Treasurer: Margaret Sunderland
Trustees: David Bronson, Andrew Manning & Bob Huestis



If you want to explore the collection or do some research, contact Margaret Sunderland at 802-758-2654. I am always glad to open the collection to anyone who is interested.

GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day **May 6, 2023**



Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, 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 for 2024.

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

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting 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 online at www.greenupvermont.org.

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

Join Us on MAY 4, 2024 to Green Up Bridport

Lemon Fair Insect Control District (LFICD) 2023 Annual Report

Despite active surveillance and targeted treatments in the Lemon Fair Insect Control District, this was a difficult mosquito season, not just in our district and Vermont, but all over the Northeast. Some of the most sustained flood conditions we've seen on the Lemon Fair River made tracking and identifying new hatches of mosquito larvae difficult. The valley sustained the longest period of floodwater since the LFICD has been keeping records. Repeated rain events generated sustained hatches everywhere, in upland puddles, lawns, woods, gardens, woodpiles, tire bunkers, not just limited to the Lemon Fair floodplain and Cornwall Swamp. Aerial treatments using larvicide are only effective in wetland areas within the floodplains.

Unfortunately, mosquitoes don't hatch all at the same time. Only selective acreages (1 to 30 acres) in the Lemon Fair floodplain had large larval counts and many areas didn't yield any larval activity. Given these small and scattered areas of larva in standing water, helicopter treatment could not be justified, since our helicopter provider requires a minimum of 1,000 acres for aerial treatment. However, we undertook eight ground treatments of up to 13+ acres each. Post treatment surveillance proved these treatments were 90% effective. We also deployed 8 fixed-location mosquito traps for surveying adult mosquitoes, which were set up on a weekly basis. We surpassed 2021's highest trap year for counting and identifying 64,827 mosquitoes. In 2023 we counted and identified 128,473 mosquitoes.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets (VAA) provides a grant up to a maximum of \$70,000 to support aerial and ground larvicide treatment (the LFICD does not treat adult mosquitoes) and Integrated Pest Management work to survey, count and identify mosquito larva and adults. The State "Permit to Conduct Larvicide Treatment", under which LFICD operates, specifies that all treatment must be approved by the VAA, based on biological assessments for mosquito larva, but the permit also states that "larval threshold requirements may be waived upon implementation of an IMM program, submitted to and accepted by the State". Because of previous years of Integrated Pest Management work and field data collection conducted by our field coordinator and summer interns, LFICD believes the VAA is willing to relax the thresholds for treatment in the future.

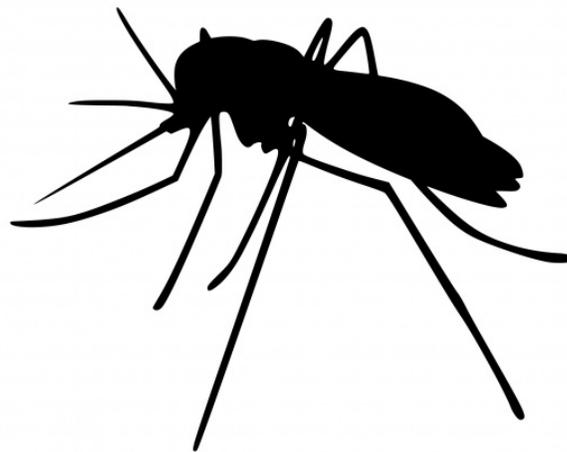
Because of the large numbers of mosquitoes experienced in 2023, we believe that we are likely to see another boom in mosquitoes in 2024. We will need aggressive surveillance and treatment when weather and field conditions warrant. We look forward to partnering with the VAA to tackle mosquito control in the Lemon Fair District next season. With \$70,000 in funding from the State and \$6,000 contributed by each of our three towns, the LFICD will have the ability to conduct 2 aerial floodplain treatments next season if the conditions warrant.

The LFICD employed two college interns as field/lab technicians, as it has for the last three years, Audrey Maxwell from Middlebury College and Ramsey Anis from UVM. The district benefited, not only from conducting "boots on the ground" field and lab work, but also in applying their data collection skills. They also represented the LFICD at a table set up in the Home and Garden Pavilion at the Addison County Fair & Field Days. A total of 237 people stopped by the exhibit.

The general public have a role to play in mosquito management, which is why we maintain an outreach program to help address mosquito abatement on private property. In 2023, the LFICD Hotline registered 33 complaint calls. We responded either in person or by phone and email, with the goal of helping property owners mitigate mosquito habitat on their properties and empower them to treat areas as appropriate using larvicides or barrier sprays for adult mosquitoes.

Moving forward, we need the ability to treat small areas (up to 100/200 acres) in a day. At best, our backpack sprayer can treat only 15-25 acres a day. The ideal solution is a drone capable of carrying 40 lbs. of granular larvicide at a time and treating up to 200 acres in a day. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”), the LFICD’s Grant Administrator, has expressed support for using a drone for larvicide treatment. However, before a treatment drone can be used, there are several hurdles that need to be addressed, including VAA funding, establishing applicable regulations, pilot identification, training, and licensing. We look forward to working with the VAA to make this a reality. In 2023, the VAA also purchased a sidewall tire cutter to help reduce the mosquito habitat from farm tire bunkers. The VAA is working out how and where the tire cutter will be deployed, but we anticipate it will be available for use in the district soon.

LFICD Board: Our current board members are: Bridport: Dinah Bain and Judd Markowski; Cornwall: Chris Chapline, Bob Cluss and David Zarowin; Weybridge: Gary Rodes. We need one additional board member in Bridport and two additional board members in Weybridge. Our Field Coordinator/Biologist is Craig Zondag. We thank outgoing board members Alissa Shethar and Wendy Lynch and outgoing chair David Dodge for their service ending in 2023.



Lemon Fair Insect Control District	Budget Calendar Year 2023	Actuals Calendar Year 2023*	Budget Calendar Year 2024
See Accompanying Budget Notes			
Beginning Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 118,061.01	\$ 107,161.64	\$ 109,752.61
INCOME			
LFICD FY2023/ VT FY2023 REIMB	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 29,238.86	\$ -
LFICD FY2023/ VT FY2024 REIMB	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ -
LFICD FY2024/ VT FY2024 REIMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00
LFICD FY2024/ VT FY2025 REIMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00
Total VAA Reimbursement	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 61,738.86	\$ 70,000.00
Member town assessments:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bridport	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cornwall	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Weybridge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Interest	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.92	\$ 9.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 88,006.00	\$ 79,747.78	\$ 88,009.00
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 206,067.01	\$ 186,909.42	\$ 197,761.61
EXPENSES			
Payroll incl workers comp	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 57,321.83	\$ 60,000.00
Mileage	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,058.84	\$ 2,100.00
Lab Exp, supplies	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 5,762.26	\$ 6,300.00
Software	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -
Treatment	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Larvicide	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
NMCA Conference	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Trailer operations: electricity, repairs	\$ 750.00	\$ 763.21	\$ 750.00
Larvicide loaders, trucking - treatment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Trailer: airport lease	\$ 118.63	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Misc. - public outreach	\$ 900.00	\$ 962.99	\$ 1,000.00
Admin - stamps, PO box, checks, offc supp	\$ 230.00	\$ 78.00	\$ 106.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 135.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 1,000.00
REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 124,333.63	\$ 69,694.75	\$ 122,846.00
			\$ -
Legal fees and services	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Review of accounts - FY2020/2021	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 1,400.00
Insurance: Operations, Supervisory Board	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,787.06	\$ 5,000.00
UNREIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 5,950.00	\$ 7,462.06	\$ 6,650.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 130,283.63	\$ 77,156.81	\$ 129,496.00
	\$ -		
Ending Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 75,783.38	\$ 109,752.61	\$ 68,265.61

*2023 reflect actuals from 1/1/23 to 9/18/23 and estimates from 9/19 to 12/31/2023

Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2024 Budget Notes

Background: The LFICD provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided on the ground or aerially following an analysis of conditions with reimbursement from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”). Additional information is available on our website (<https://www.lfcd.org/>).

Fiscal Year: The VAA fiscal year (“FY”) is 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.

Treatment Acreage: The LFICD’s 2024 budget assumes two full aerial treatments for the Lemon Fair Valley (1,000 acres) in Cornwall, Bridport, and Weybridge. 2023 had significant mosquito activity and we expect that we will have an early treatment and perhaps a second one. Previous years’ actual aerial treatment acreage: none from 2018 to 2023, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.

Larviciding: We will continue to use 3rd party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct treatment on the ground when and where necessary.

Grant Agreement: We operate under a 12-month VAA Grant Agreement which is renewed annually effective July 1 of each year. The current Grant Agreement expires June 30, 2024. While we have received no formal commitments from the VAA, we anticipate that our Grant Agreement will be renewed effective July 1, 2024. All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.

Revenue: Our revenue comes from two sources: the VAA Grant Agreement and the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. We are requesting \$6,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. VAA revenue is a function of the amount available from the VAA under our annual Grant agreement (\$70,000) and how much we incur in reimbursable expenses, e.g., cost of aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and species identification and capital expenditures.

Expenses: Because of the increase in mosquitoes in the 2023 season, the FY 2024 budget assumes two 1,000-acre aerial treatments at a cost of \$60,000 with replacement larvicide purchases of \$40,000. Payroll is budgeted for \$60,000 compared to 2023’s (estimated) actual of \$57,231.83.

Otter Creek Watershed Mosquito Control District (“OCW”): Whenever possible, we attempt to coordinate same aerial day treatments with the OCW (formerly known as the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury Goshen Insect Control District, “BLSG”).

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

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Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2023

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2023 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Worked with Orwell, Waltham, Ferrisburgh, and Vergennes on Municipal Planning Grants.
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln, and Shoreham on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation: Cornwall, Ferrisburgh.
- Designed and conducted a Regional Housing Survey.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials, and flood resiliency bylaws.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Helped communities create Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs) & Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs)
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for Public Works Departments.
- Administered two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Administered one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response.

Energy Planning:

- Helped all towns access capacity grants and energy assessments through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Provided energy scorecards for municipalities to track progress on state and local energy efficiency goals.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

Transportation Planning

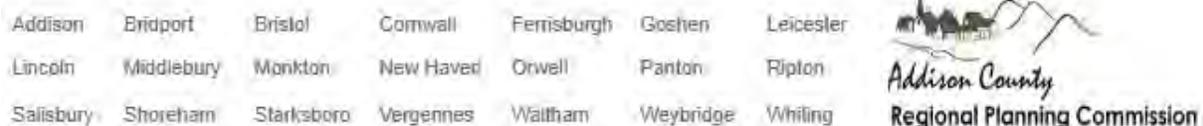
- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee’s regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for projects in Middlebury, Vergennes and New Haven.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Provided local oversight for a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for Vergennes and surrounding communities.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Served as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Brownfields Planning

- Administered EPA-funded Community-Wide Assessment grant for brownfield sites





ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board holds hybrid meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board at 4:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost-effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling, and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333

Fax: (802) 388-0271

Website: www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices can be found on the District's website.

2023 Highlights

New Regional Residential Drop-off. The ACSWMD is developing a new regional residential solid waste transfer station at 65 Campground Road in New Haven, Addison County, VT. This regional facility will serve all 21 member towns of the District. District surveys and experience over the past 30 years have demonstrated that the hub and spoke system of town drop-offs feeding into the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, VT lacks a substantive depot, open some weekdays and on Sats., that can accept a variety of recyclables along with residential bagged Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). This new facility, while not intended to replace the small-town drop-offs, is intended to offer a sustainable system to provide more comprehensive and accessible service for residents. All relevant environmental and solid waste permits have been obtained by the District. The District contracted with Champlain Construction for Phase 1 construction. The scope of the work in Phase I, to be completed in early 2024, includes some site work: erosion control, concrete pads, paving, storm drain, buried retaining wall, driveway, landscaping, gate, and two concrete bunkers. The District will arrange for a private vehicle to park during Phase 1. In Phase 2, with a goal toward CY2025 construction, the new regional residential transfer station will be constructed and fully staffed, and will accept residential single stream recyclables, food scraps, leaf & yard debris, scrap metal, electronics (E-Waste), MSW, fluorescent light bulbs, tires, books, plastic film/bags, and confidential documents for shredding/ recycling. A new regional HazWaste (HHW) Center is planned for Phase 3 in CY2026.

HHW Extended Producer Responsibility Law. In 2023, Vermont enacted the first-in-the nation Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Extended Producer Responsibility Law. H.67 requires producers of hazardous household products to safely collect and dispose of them. It is the eighth Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law enacted in Vermont, second only to California with its number of successful EPR programs. EPR is a legislative tool that extends a manufacturer's responsibility for its product throughout all lifecycle stages. Under an EPR program, financial and management responsibility for products is shifted away from local governments and back to the manufacturer. The District has been participating in numerous planning sessions to obtain an EPR law for HHW since 2017 and will continue these efforts in the coming years along with the VT Department of Environmental Conservation and other solid waste planning entities to ensure successful implementation of this critical program. The program goals include a reduction in public sector costs for managing HHW, increased education and outreach about safe management and reduction in generation of HHW, and incentives for producers to design products that are less toxic in the future.

2024 Annual Budget

The ACSWMD Board of Supervisors adopted its 2024 Annual Budget, including the Rate Schedule for CY2024, on Nov. 16, 2023. The new rates will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024. As with prior years, the 2024 Annual Budget will be funded by a combination of: (1) tip fees collected at the Transfer Station; (2) a per-ton District Fee on all waste generated within the District and destined for disposal; (3) donations or fees at special events sponsored by the District; (4) the sale of items such as compost bins; (5) grants, if available; (6) profit sharing of scrap metal; and (7) manufacturer EPR reimbursements. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in CY2024.** The new tip fee for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Construction/Demo Debris (C&D) at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury will be \$148/ton, a \$3/ton increase. Rates on a few other items will have nominal changes. For a copy of the 2023 Annual Report and/or adopted CY2024 Rate Sheet, please call the District at 802-388-2333, or e-mail the office at acswmd@acswmd.org. Both are also available on the District's website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Maple Broadband 2023 Annual Report

Maple Broadband is one of ten Communications Union Districts in Vermont. Our mission is to enhance the economic, educational, and medical well-being of our 20 Addison County member towns, by ensuring that EVERY on-grid address has access to affordable, high-speed, fiber-optic, broadband. Maple Broadband has partnered with Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) whereby both organizations are building fiber-optic networks concurrently, ensuring that all member towns receive service as rapidly as possible. As a local not-for-profit, unlike the big, commercial internet providers, we don't have shareholders; we have stakeholders: the residents and businesses of Addison County. All members of the Maple Broadband Governing Board are appointed annually by their respective member towns: Addison, **Bridport**, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting.

2023 Accomplishments and Plans for 2024

- After several years of planning, and since breaking ground in October 2022, we officially launched service in February 2023.
- Demand for Maple Broadband's services is strong with early subscriptions exceeding the estimates in the business plan.
- The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved a total of \$3.39 million in new grant funding for Maple Broadband this year.
- Maple Broadband is on target to offer services across over 125 miles by early 2024, finishing our Phase 1 build.
- As a result of Maple Broadband's support of its application to the VCBB, partner WCVT is on target to offer services across 225 new miles by the end of 2023, following its 2022 construction grant award.
- WCVT has funding in place for its 2024 build, including underserved portions of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro.
- Maple Broadband has funding in place to bring service to portions of Vergennes, Ferrisburgh, Waltham, Monkton, New Haven, and additional portions of Orwell in 2024, and is seeking up to \$3M in funding to bring service to additional areas.

The rollout of service to every home and business in Maple Broadband's service area takes time and money. We know that reliable access to the internet is key to meeting the current and future needs of all our communities. We SO appreciate the support, encouragement, and donations we've received from towns and individual community members across Addison County. Additional contributions are always welcome.

For additional information, including a map of current and future build plans; information on availability by specific address, internet package options, and more, please visit our website: maplebroadband.net OR call 877-49-MAPLE (877-496-2753).

MAPLE BROADBAND
2024 Budget - FINAL 12/12/2023

Income:	<u>Budget 2023</u>		<u>2023 Pro Forma</u>		<u>Budget 2024</u>	
Revenue						
Subscriber Payments	\$	380,000	\$	63,284	\$	382,610
Installation Fees	\$	75,000	\$	17,094	\$	73,480
Dividend Revenue	\$	-	\$	10,562	\$	500
Interest Income	\$	-	\$	3,000	\$	60,000
Less Low-Income Installation Subsidies	\$	(4,948)	\$	(300)	\$	(9,447)
Less Low-Income Subscription Subsidies	\$	(7,920)	\$	(40)	\$	(9,677)
Less Allocation for Buried Subsidies	\$	(7,920)	\$	-	\$	(10,000)
Grants						
Pre-Construction	\$	500,000	\$	672,611	\$	733,749
Construction	\$	8,816,480	\$	4,592,750	\$	4,223,730
USDA	\$	21,845	\$	21,845	\$	-
Town ARPA Contributions	\$	100,000	\$	-	\$	35,000
VCBB ARPA Match	\$	480,000	\$	-	\$	415,000
BEAD	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Financing						
Financing	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,000,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	10,352,537	\$	5,380,806	\$	8,894,946
EXPENSES:						
Operating Expenses						
Auditing Expense	\$	20,000	\$	15,540	\$	20,000
Financial Administration	\$	24,000	\$	6,557	\$	25,000
Bad debt	\$	7,000	\$	466	\$	11,478
Insurance	\$	24,500	\$	21,744	\$	25,000
Legal Expense	\$	10,000	\$	16,496	\$	10,000
Marketing	\$	157,740	\$	106,115	\$	130,000
Misc./Admin/Other	\$	28,000	\$	21,820	\$	46,978
Pole rentals	\$	68,000	\$	20,663	\$	59,000
Payroll	\$	135,000	\$	162,750	\$	170,778
Costs related to obtaining debt	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50,000
Construction						
Pre-Construction Services	\$	640,000	\$	471,422.16	\$	240,000
Make Ready	\$	1,650,000	\$	745,476.40	\$	400,000
Construction Costs	\$	7,700,500	\$	3,527,700.19	\$	6,461,500
Construction Oversight	\$	-	\$	181,772.83	\$	287,500
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	18,760,000	\$	5,133,479	\$	7,937,235
NET CASH FLOW:	\$	(8,407,463)	\$	247,327	\$	957,711
Beginning Cash					\$	2,791,147.34
Plus: Net Cash Flow					\$	957,711.15
Ending Cash					\$	3,748,858.49

For the purposes of this report we were required to make estimates. These estimates may depend upon the outcome of future events and may need to be revised as circumstances change.

MAPLE BROADBAND

Pro Forma 12/31/23 - FINAL 12/12/2023

	Actual 1/23 - 10/31/23	Forecast 11/1/23 - 12/31/23	Total 1/1/23 - 12/31/23
Income:			
Subscriber Payments	\$ 43,194.05	\$ 20,090.00	\$ 63,284
Installation Fees	\$ 14,095.30	\$ 2,999.00	\$ 17,094
Dividend Revenue	\$ 10,561.69	\$ -	\$ 10,562
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000
Less Low-Income Installation Subsidies	\$ -	\$ (300)	\$ (300)
Less Low-Income Monthly Subsidies	\$ -	\$ (40)	\$ (40)
Grants			
Pre-construction	\$ -	\$ 672,611.02	\$ 672,611.02
Construction	\$ 3,945,749.73	\$ 647,000.00	\$ 4,592,749.73
USDA	\$ 21,845.16	\$ -	\$ 21,845.16
ARPA - Towns	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,035,446	\$ 1,345,360	\$ 5,380,806
Expenses			
Auditing Expense	\$ 15,540.00	\$ -	\$ 15,540.00
Financial Administration	\$ 5,056.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,556.70
Insurance	\$ 16,244.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 21,744.00
Legal Expense	\$ 13,996.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 16,496.00
Marketing	\$ 86,115.07	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 106,115.07
Misc./Admin/Other	\$ 18,820.10	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 21,820.10
Pole Rentals	\$ 15,163.28	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 20,663.28
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 131,649.61	\$ 31,100.00	\$ 162,749.61
Pre-Construction Services	\$ 481,422.16	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 471,422.16
Make Ready	\$ 510,476.40	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 745,476.40
Construction Costs	\$ 2,283,042.19	\$ 1,244,658.00	\$ 3,527,700.19
Utilities	\$ 1,574.37	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,874.37
Construction Oversight	\$ 131,772.83	\$ 50,000	\$ 181,772.83
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,710,873	\$	\$ 5,299,931
NET CASH FLOW:	\$ 324,573	\$	\$ 80,875
Beginning Cash:			
	\$ 2,710,272	\$	\$ 2,710,272
Plus Net Cash Flow	\$ 324,573	\$	\$ 80,875
Ending Cash:	\$ 3,034,845	\$	\$ 2,791,147

For the purposes of this report we were required to make estimates. These estimates may depend upon the outcome of future events and may need to be revised as circumstances change.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Middlebury Local Health Office | 156 S. Village Green, Suite 102, Middlebury VT
802-388-4644 | AHS.VDHMiddlebury@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The Middlebury Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Addison County.** Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/middlebury



WIC Welcomes Clients In-Person

When the COVID-19 waivers ended, the Middlebury District Office was able to resume in-person Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) services.

This kickoff event was successful, drawing over 100 attendees eager to reconnect. At this event staff met participants, taught about nutrition and shared VT state park passes. Since the start, the WIC team has been meeting clients by phone and in person. They also continue to reach out to families to educate them about WIC services.



802 Smiles

The 802 Smiles initiative is working to improve dental care access, education and prevention.

Our office is working with Vermont's 802 Smiles program and local schools to improve oral health services for students. We will be collaborating to improve infrastructure and increase capacity, making it easier for students to get care. Including oral health in schools ensures students understand the importance of dental health and have access to necessary resources.



Emergency Preparedness

Our office works with community partners to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.

During the recent flood emergency, our office distributed important information and resources. We distributed water test kits and promoted safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers through education and reflector distribution. We worked with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to offer "Stop the Bleed" training at various locations, including local farms. To learn more about "Stop the Bleed" or to request training, please contact us!



BRIDPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2023, Bridport Fire responded to 35 fire calls or auto accidents, we responded to 57 town line first response calls as well as responded to 11 mutual aid calls in Addison and 3 calls in the town of Shoreham in total the department recorded 808 hours responding to calls.

Our current officers are Chief Dusty Huestis, Assistant Chief Chris Gordon, and Second Assistant Chief Chuck Welch Captains Rayne Plante, Morgan Huestis, Corey Pratt and Treasurer Chuck Welch and Secretary Dan Thomas.

The department would like to thank Townline First Response for responding to all our calls as well as keeping us safe during our incidents. Thank you to our neighboring departments for offering mutual aid as well. A special thanks to Shelburne dispatch and Missy Audet for dispatching our calls.

We strive to provide the best possible protection for our town while trying to keep our costs down as low as possible. We fundraised nearly half of our budget through chicken barbecues, raffles, pools, and drawings as well as generous donations from members of our town.

The cost of protecting our town continues to rise every day. The current cost of outfitting our members in protective gear is \$3112 as well as \$9800 for an SCBA. That is nearly \$13,000 to outfit one fireman. To keep all gear in compliance, we must buy 3 sets of gear and 1 air pack each year at a current cost of 19,136 and each year the costs continue to rise not to mention all other expenses you can see why we do so many fundraisers.

We would like to welcome four new members to our department Gary Novosel, Craig Duddles, Obadiah Ranney, and Silas Ranney. We also were fortunate enough to purchase a 'new to us' 2004 utility truck to replace our previous utility truck that was 28 years old and formerly stationed at the World Trade Center. By purchasing this used vehicle, we inherited a need to do upgrades such as new LED lights, customized roll out trays, and new hand tools that were necessary to outfit the truck properly. Hundreds of hours were donated by our members to accomplish this endeavor, much thanks to Dusty and Morgan for all their help getting this truck into service.

As for training our department took part in over 1500 hours of training both in town as well as county training, online training, and regional fire school where we had a few 2-day trainings. Two members completed firefighter 1 training, a nearly 200-hour course. Richard Shimel and Levi Gordon thank you for your commitment to Bridport Volunteer Fire Department.

We are always looking for new members. If interested contact Corey Pratt at the store or attend one of our monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of every month.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief - Dusty Huestis

Secretary - Dan Thomas



BRIDPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Total Funds Available 1-1-2023 32,103.75

Income:

Town Funds	20,000.00
Work detail	6,534.96
Fire Extinguisher Sales	0.00
Fundraising	18,293.00
Donations (Memorials, Memory Tree, Pool Fills, Other)	12,623.88
75th Anniversary Celebration	2,300.00
New Utility truck loan	36,100.00
Sale of old Utility truck	7,570.00
Interest Income	4.14
	103,425.98

Expenses:

Equipment Purchased (FF Personal Protective Equipment)	19,149.63
Communications	4,274.00
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	9,781.52
Building Repairs & Maintenance	873.04
Dues	1,460.00
Education & Training Expenses	1,776.00
Operation Expenses	24,246.05
75th Anniversary Celebration Expenses	6,500.00
New Utility truck	41,533.24
Interest Expense (NBM truck loan)	4,281.75
	113,875.23

Total Funds Available 12-31-2023 21,654.50
(Includes 1035.00 in Chuck Huestis Training Fund)

This is the cost of personal protective equipment for one firefighter to be protected:

<u>Jacket</u>	<u>Pants</u>	<u>Boots</u>	<u>Helmet</u>	<u>Nomex Hood</u>	<u>Gloves</u>	per person
\$1775	\$1265	\$300	\$400	\$175	\$79	3,112.00
SCBA - Breathing Apparatus cost of one						9,800.00
Total Cost						12,912.00



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December 27, 2023

Town of Bridport Selectboard
82 Crown Point Road
Bridport, VT 05734

Dear Members of the Bridport Selectboard:

Middlebury Regional Emergency and Medical Services (MREMS) is currently updating the agreement sent to you in August to simplify the language and incorporate any agreed upon changes and/or edits received. While we work through finalizing the service agreement for FY 2024, below is an annual synopsis of the past year's activity for inclusion in your town report.

MREMS is requesting to be included in the Town of Bridport FY 2024 Budget at a rate of \$13 per capita, or \$15,925. During fiscal year 2023 we responded to the Town of Bridport 69 times.

Best wishes for continued good health and safety,


Kate Rothwell NRP, I/C
Email - krothwell@middleburyems.com

As we reflect on the past year, we at Middlebury Regional EMS (MREMS) are proud to have served our community. We are writing to provide you with an update on our activities and share some exciting news about the growth of our organization.

During the last fiscal year MREMS had 3,244 calls, provided EMS coverage for 48 events, and our Heavy Rescue responded to 70 incidents. We responded to 69 calls to the Town of Bridport.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Walker Randall to the role of Deputy Director and Training Officer. In his new role, Walker will play a key part in the leadership team, contributing to the continued development and improvement of our emergency medical services. He has a background in both rural and urban EMS systems, a degree in Emergency Services Management and passion for education and exceptional patient care.

Matt Abare, one of our most talented and dedicated dispatchers, has been promoted to the position of Director of Communications. Matt has been an integral part of our team for the past 10 years, consistently demonstrating skills, dedication, and a passion for serving our community. In his new role, Matt will lead our communication/dispatch center, ensuring that it provides efficient, accurate, and professional dispatching to all we serve.

Middlebury Regional EMS remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of emergency medical care. We are dedicated to the ongoing improvement of our services to better meet the needs of our community through training and technology. Including the recent acquisition of new battery powered vehicle extrication tools that are more powerful than our previous set. We have also implemented new high-tech medication pumps that will improve patient care through the ease of use and technological safeguards.

In the coming year, we are excited to start a community education and preparedness campaign revolving around CPR, Stop The Bleed, and Stroke identification.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support. It is because of the trust and cooperation of our community that we are able to make these positive strides forward. We look forward to serving you in the coming year and beyond. Thank you for allowing Middlebury Regional EMS to be your trusted partner in emergency medical care.

Respectfully,
Kate Rothwell, Executive Director

Townline First Response Squad 2023 Annual Report

As this new year starts we look forward to continuing our service to the citizens of Addison and Bridport as their first responding Emergency Medical Service. TLFRS added a new member last year trained at the EMT level to provide patient care.

The field of EMS is ever changing. 2023 brought changes to our statewide protocols and patient care procedures by Vermont State Board of EMS. Training to maintain skills and learning new skills is essential to ensure that we are using best practices for the citizens we serve in our communities. We train as a squad 25 hours a year. Our training includes Hands On Training as well as lectures. TLFRS meets once a month for training. We make our class sessions available to any surrounding rescue squads that wish to participate. EMS providers from surrounding communities in Addison County regularly attend classes.

EMS agencies are having a tough time recruiting new members to squads. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact any member of our squad.

Now I wish to express how much we appreciate and depend on the help and support our squad receives from the Addison Fire Department and the Bridport Fire Department. They respond to our calls. Our equipment is carried on their utility trucks. AFD and BFD are there to provide much needed support to our patients and our squad.

Lastly, we are thankful for the support and encouragement we get from our families when are away training and responding.

With Appreciation,
Bill Taylor, President TLFRS

Townline First Response Squad

P.O.Box 82 Bridport VT 05734
 ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023

Beginning Balance **\$37,754.85**
 Savings & Checking

	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
INSURANCE	\$3,400.00	\$3,383.00	\$3,400.00
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>			
COMMUNICATION & REPAIR	\$1,000.00	\$2,217.52	\$3,000.00
DEFIB & CPR SUPPLIES	\$10,000.00	\$830.49	\$8,000.00
<u>MEDICAL SUPPLIES</u>			
OXYGEN SUPPLIES	\$10,000.00	\$382.24	\$8,000.00
AIRWAY SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$871.52	\$1,000.00
COVID-19 SUPPLIES		\$382.24	\$500.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$300.00	\$494.82	\$500.00
DISTRICT DUES	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
TRAVEL / EDUCATION / TRAINING	\$2,000.00	\$879.99	\$1,000.00
UNIFORMS & PROTECTION	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
<u>ADMINISTRATION / OPERATING</u>			
FUNDRAISING	\$500.00		\$500.00
DISPATCH COMMUNICATION	\$3,500.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,500.00
MISC EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	\$1,621.63	\$2,000.00
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$34,350.00	\$13,028.45	\$32,550.00
<u>INCOME FOR 2023</u>			
DONATIONS	\$705.00		
FUNDRAISING / MEMORIAL DONATIONS			
ADDISON TOWN SUPPORT	\$10,000.00		
BRIDPORT TOWN SUPPORT		\$10,000.00	Deposited 1/3/24
	\$0.00		
TOTAL CHECKING BALANCE	\$3,083.15		
TOTAL SAVINGS BALANCE	\$38,550.98		
LESS INSURANCE DUE MARCH 10TH	\$3,400.00		
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TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING FOR THE 2024 OPERATIONS	\$38,234.13		

REQUESTED INCOME FOR 2024: ADDISON = \$10,000.00 BRIDPORT = \$10,000.00

Ending Balance **\$41,634.13**
 Savings & Checking

Social Service Requests for Inclusion on Town Warning *

*Additional information about these agencies
is available at the Town Clerk's Office and directly from the agencies.

Addison County Economic Development Corp (ACEDC)

1590 RT 7 South, Suite 8, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$608**, same as in 2023

ACEDC is Bridport's economic and community development resource. We offer expertise and resources to businesses, organizations, and municipalities throughout Addison County. We not only serve businesses located in Bridport; we serve businesses in neighboring communities where Bridport citizens work or may own a business. ACEDC works with businesses to find solutions to their problems. Our mission is to create an entrepreneurial and innovative environment, nurturing businesses to launch, grow, and thrive. We do this through direct assistance, as with our revolving loan funds, and through our network of partners and collaborators locally and at the state and federal levels. Since 1993, ACEDC has loaned over \$5.3 million to over 115 projects, creating or retaining more than 1600 jobs in Addison County.

Income: \$335,000

Expenses: \$288,615+

Dozens of residents are impacted by our services when you add up those attending our workshops, receiving referrals to resources, and those Bridport residents who own or are employed by the Addison County businesses we assist.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.

PO Box 754, RT 7 North, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$2,500**, same as in 2023

Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc. (ACHHH) is a community-focused non-profit home health care and hospice care agency that has been providing care for Addison County residents for fifty-five years. We provide an array of services that help our neighbors receive care in their own homes where they are most comfortable and where they often experience the best quality of life. Our services are offered to all Addison County residents who need them, regardless of their ability to pay. To ensure the future of these vital programs, we turn to our community for support.

Our clinicians provide skilled nursing; medical social work; rehabilitative therapies including occupational, speech, and physical therapy; hospice and

palliative care; maternal-child health care; IV therapy; Telemonitoring; Chronic Care Management, and care of complicated wounds. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we opened an Outpatient Therapy Practice, providing speech-language pathology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy services for our community members close to their homes. Our Personal Care Attendants and Homemakers help patients with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, and cooking.

ACHHH serves many patients who are coping with chronic illnesses such as congestive heart failure, COPD, and diabetes. Some patients face life-limiting illnesses including cancer, ALS, and Alzheimer's. ACHHH strives to help patients and families enjoy the best quality of life possible, in all life stages. We serve patients from birth to end-of-life.

We appreciate the long-term support from the Town of Bridport. Your financial support makes it possible for our expert team to provide high-quality compassionate care to ALL of our patients and families.

Income: \$7.8 million

Expenses: \$8.5 million

Number of Bridport residents served: **63 patients, 764 visits**

Addison County Humane Society

236 Boardman Street, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$500**, same as in 2023

Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, was founded in 1975. We are a private open-admission animal shelter with a mission to be a community-centered shelter that supports the human-animal bond through compassionate care, adoption, education, and advocacy.

We serve an average of 1000 animals per year, including those who enter the shelter and those who receive services in the community. Our community services are designed to combat pet overpopulation, provide support to low-income pet owners, and enhance the human-animal bond through education and outreach.

We operate the following community programs:

Pets in Crisis, Humane Investigations, Microchipping, Lost & Found Referral, Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), PetFIX, PetCORE (Community Outreach, Resources and Education) which is a safety-net program for income-eligible pet owners. Services available through the HUB include parasite preventatives, supplemental food, facilitated access to affordable spay/neuter services, and basic wellness veterinary care.

Income: \$825,000

Expenses: \$739,000

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **34**

Addison County Parent/Child Center

PO Box 646, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$1600**, same as in 2023

The mission of the Parent/Child Center is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young children get off to the right start, with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive. The Center provides parenting education classes and workshops (on-site and in neighboring communities), community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation, and childcare.

Income: \$2,440,067

Expenses: \$2,364,637

Estimated number of Bridport children served in 2023: **35**

Addison County Readers, Inc.

2657 Hemenway Road, Bridport

Request for 2024: **\$350**, same as in 2023

Since 2008, Addison County Readers, Inc. an entirely volunteer organization, has sponsored the *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program*, which mails a free quality book monthly to the homes of registered children. The annual cost to Addison County Readers, Inc. is approximately \$30 per child. The program is open to any child from age 0 to 5 who resides in Addison County. We currently send books to almost 1000 children from all 23 Addison County towns.

Having books in the home has been demonstrated to improve children's readiness and achievement in school. The National United Way website, as part of its education initiative, cites studies that show that reading is an essential gateway for children on the path to success in school and later in the workplace. It is the mechanism through which many other vital life skills are acquired and improved. Reading to children even before they can hold a book on their own is one of the smartest choices parents and caregivers can make. Speaking to an 8-month-old infant improves vocabulary at age three (Hart and Risley, 1995).

Income: \$37,245

Expenses: \$26,345

Estimated number of Bridport children served in 2023: **41**

Addison County Restorative Justice Services

282 Boardman Street, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$400**, same as in 2023

Our programs are designed with a Restorative Reparative focus: repairing harm and reducing recidivism. Our agency provides Court Diversion for Youth and Adult, Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, Civil Driving License Suspended Program, Pretrial Services, Tamarack Services, Circles of Support and Accountability Programs (COSA), Reentry Program, Reparative Program, & Safe Driving Program.

Income: \$401,335

Expenses: \$401,335

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **7**

Age Well

875 Roosevelt Hwy, Suite 210, Colchester, VT 05446

Request for 2024: **\$2000**

For nearly 50 years, Age Well has provided services that allow aging Vermonters to stay independent and remain healthy in their homes, where they want to be. We excel at integrating in-home and community resources, health services, and wellness programs to enhance and improve the quality of life for Bridport residents. We offer care & service coordination, Meals on Wheels, Grab & Go meals, community meals, wellness programs, social activities, transportation services, expertise on Medicare, insurance, long and short term care options, and the Helpline to residents in need.

Income: \$9,002,108

Expenses: \$8,882,530

Estimated number of Bridport children served in 2023: **89**

American Red Cross of Northern New England

32 N.Prospect St., Burlington VT 05401

Request for 2024: **\$500**, same as in 2023

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires. We serve Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine populations, including all Bridport residents. Disaster Response, Blood Drives, service to the Armed Forces, and safety and lifesaving training classes are among our services. 57 blood drives were held in Addison County.

Income: \$ 8,249,897

Expenses: \$8,249,897

Number of Bridport residents served in FY2023: **6 disasters in Addison County.**

Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)

PO Box 67, Middlebury VT 05753.

Request for 2024: **\$1,250**, same as in 2023

Atria Collective works to respond to and reduce domestic, sexual, and dating violence. We do this through advocacy and supervised visitation services, presentations, education, and outreach and with our 24-hour hotline.

Income: \$1,062,439

Expenses: \$1,099,876

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023; at least **7**, including adults and children. For safety, some people do not share their town of residence. 113 total prevention education programs to 52 adults and 685 students at MUMS and MUHS.

Bridport Seniors Citizens Inc. (not affiliated with Age Well)

Group run by local folks including; J. Sheldon, J. Demers, S. Many & P. Whitteman

Request for 2024: **\$600** same as in 2023

Mission: to help combat social isolation and loneliness by providing our residents over 60 years of age with a welcoming place to gather and exchange ideas and to plan a variety of activities and meals to enrich and bring together our area senior citizens. Serves folks from all around Addison County.

Income: \$4072

Expenses: \$2096

Number of Bridport residents served: **49**

Charter House Coalition

27 North Pleasant Street, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$1,000**, same as in 2023

Charter House Coalition has provided a consistent resource for neighbors in need since 2005. Our emergency shelter is open year-round with onsite staff 24 hours/day. In addition to our 25-cot temporary shelter, we offer a nightly warming shelter serving 5-7 individuals, night by night, first come first served basis. CHC provided 8200 bed nights to persons in need between 7/1/2022 and 6/30/2023. More than 23,000 meals are provided annually. Two meals per day are available to all community members. Our social services meet the needs of individuals and families throughout Addison County as we help to identify and overcome barriers to end homelessness. Our community outreach program provided essential support to approximately 590 adults and children in Addison County.

Income: \$735,208

Expenses: \$735,626

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **22**

Counseling Service of Addison County

89 Main Street, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$1,750**, same since 2012

The Counseling Service of Addison County offers individuals and families mental health, substance use, and developmental services. CSAC joins many community partners to maximize resources, improve communication, and energize our community. CSAC envisions a compassionate and resilient community that honors everyone's full potential. Recent projects include a peer-run center, a state-wide mobile crisis unit set to start Jan 2024, same-day appointments with Rapid Access, community workshops, group activities, and restructured Youth & Family services.

Income: \$32,923,543

Expenses: \$27,791,350

Number of Bridport residents served in FY2023: **17337 hours of service**. (We do not disclose the specific number of people served in order to ensure client confidentiality.)

Elderly Services, Inc. / Project Independence

112 Exchange Street, Middlebury

Request for 2024; **\$700**, same as in 2023

For more than 40 years, Elderly Services has been caring for some of the most vulnerable members of our community through our nationally recognized adult day care program (Project Independence) with nursing oversight, social support network, care coordination, transportation to our center, hot meals and therapeutic activities. Elderly Services offers the residents of Bridport the following services:

Project Independence: Medical/social adult day center providing a closely supervised therapeutic environment for people living with stroke, chronic illness, advanced age, dementia, or social isolation.

Eldercare: Consultations, advice, and counseling for family members who care for a loved one.

ESI College: Lifelong learning classes.

Caregiver Support: Support group and education.

Income: \$ 2,198,988

Expenses: \$2,204,842

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023; **13**

H.O.P.E. (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)

282 Boardman Street, Suite 1A, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$1250**, no request received in 2023

H.O.P.E. seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. H.O.P.E. provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs, and more. H.O.P.E. works to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives. HOPE operates one of the largest food shelves in the state. H.O.P.E is also seeing a record number of unhoused people.

Income: \$867,210

Expenses: \$823,067

Bridport Residents served in 2023: **78**

John Graham Housing & Services, Inc.

69 Main Street, Vergennes

Request for 2024: **\$700**, same as in 2023

John Graham Housing & Services has provided shelter, housing, and services to individuals and families in Addison County for 42 years. We serve households impacted by domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health disorders, economic hardship, and disability. With seven properties spread across the county, we do this work in collaboration with our community partners. Vermont and our nation are facing a serious housing crisis and many Addison County families are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of losing their homes.

Income: \$967,459

Expenses: \$1,511,629

Estimated number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **1**

Open Door Clinic

100 Porter Drive, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$850**, same as in 2023

The Open Door Clinic provides access to health care services, free of charge, to uninsured and under-insured community members. We provide high-quality health care until each patient can obtain insurance and find a permanent medical care home. We hold 7-10 clinics per month in Middlebury, provide help with health insurance, and through our outreach program, provide medical visits, education, health screenings, and vaccines on 40-50 farms throughout Addison County. Services provided include preventive, acute, and chronic care of illnesses, dental screenings, preventive and restorative care, physical therapy, chiropractic

services, and dietary counseling, free lab work and x-rays through an agreement with Porter Medical Center, and enrollment in Vermont Health Connect (VHC) via our Navigator.

Income: \$749,816

Expenses: \$528,421

From January 1 – November 30, 2023, **74** Bridport residents received our services through 103 medical visits, 15 dental visits, 19 consults, 34 case management services, and 23 Navigator assists for insurance options.

Platt Memorial Library

279 Main Street, Shoreham

Request for 2024: **\$3,900**, \$900 increase from 2023 (30%)

The Platt Memorial Library is a small, rural public library. We have focused this year on increasing our offerings of high-quality events for children and families. We provide a wide selection of books, audiobooks, DVDs, puzzles, and other items for borrowing by cardholders. Our collection of over 14,000 items includes fiction and nonfiction for patrons of all ages. Summer Reading offerings this year were a return to pre-COVID enthusiasm and participation. We held 28 in-person which were attended by 284 kids and adults. We also provided 5 take and make projects which were enjoyed by 145 kids and adults. We renewed our relationship with Cabot Co-op and Champlain Orchards to provide a “snack fridge”. Our operating costs have increased and we are working hard to offer robust programming, including more outreach to Bridport. Since Bridport does not have a public library, we are happy to help serve the community’s needs. The Little Free Library at the Bridport Town Offices is a success. We drop off and stock books throughout the year.

Income: \$56,457

Expenses: \$56,457

Number of Bridport residents served by Platt Memorial Library in 2023: **110 card holders** and uncounted patrons who attend programs and borrow e-books.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Addison County

79 Court Street Suite 7, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$320**, same as in 2023

RSVP is a volunteer management program which offers individuals the opportunity to share their experience, skills and time by volunteering for local non-profit organizations. RSVP also oversees several free community outreach programs that benefit local residents. These include *Bone Builders* health and osteoporosis prevention classes offered twice per week at many locations

throughout Addison County; the *Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program* which places volunteers in our schools; the *Warm Hearts Warm Hands Initiative* which distributes clothing items to local schools, hospitals, shelters, nursing homes, and social service agencies; the *RSVP/AARP Tax Program* which provides income tax return preparation services to low-income residents; and the *Peaceful Packs Program* which provides essential items to children/families in crisis.

Income: \$165,213

Expenses: \$141,434

Approximate number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **55**. Through RSVP, Bridport residents volunteered **1093 hours** to support the community.

Tri-Valley Transit (TVT)

297 Creek Road, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$760**, same as in 2023

Tri-Valley Transit's mission is to enhance the economic, social, and environmental health of the region by providing public transportation services for everyone that are safe, reliable, accessible and affordable. Although many Tri-Valley Transit services are available to the general public, our primary constituents in Bridport are elders, persons with disabilities, and Medicaid recipients who have no ability to self-transport.

Income: \$6,595,000

Expenses: \$6,595,000

In FY23 TVT provided **574 rides** to Bridport residents by volunteer drivers and wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles. We served **15** unique Bridport residents. Additionally, Bridport residents coming into Vergennes or Middlebury have access to an extensive shuttle bus system that can take them around the county, north to Burlington and south to Rutland.

Turning Point Center of Addison County

54A Creek Road, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$1000**, received no request in 2023

The Turning Point Center of Addison County (TPCAC) provides peer-supported coaching and recovery services to all residents of Addison County suffering from substance abuse disorder (SUD), and their families and allies. The primary focus is known as harm reduction. Our staff provides participants with the tools they need to achieve recovery.

Income: \$601,324

Expenses: \$494,652

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **25 estimated**

Vermont Adult Learning - Addison

99 Maple Street, #18 Marbleworks, Middlebury

Request for 2024: **\$500**, same as in 2023

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math, and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes. In addition, VAL is contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

Income: \$532,133

Expenses: \$481,325

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **8**

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

60 Kimball Avenue, South Burlington VT

Request for 2024: **\$500**, same as in 2023

Our mission is to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. An estimated 14,000 Vermonters are currently blind or visually impaired and as the “Baby Boomer” generation ages, this number is expected to increase. Our services include rehabilitation, orientation and mobility training, assisted technology, peer support meetings, and a volunteer transportation program. SMART device training program, PALS (Peer-assisted learning and support), HAPI (Helping adolescents prepare for Independence), IRLE Summer Camp, and community outreach are current initiatives.

Income: \$3,412,118

Expenses: \$3,500,894

Number of Bridport residents served in 2023: **1** and we served 1082 other clients in **Vermont**. Our services are based on the location of the clients requesting them. If any Bridport resident requests our services, we would assist them. We have served Bridport residents in the past.

Message from the Superintendent

Schools everywhere are contending with budget challenges, mostly brought on by the end of ESSER funding. In Vermont, those challenges are even more pronounced with the state's new funding mechanism – Act 127. Addison Central is not alone in grappling with Act 127's new funding formula, which provides less funding for ACSD while providing more funding for other schools. ACSD's decrease in state funding, the cessation of ESSER funds, and increasing employee costs (health care alone is increasing 16.4%) make it more difficult to provide the same level of programming for students.

The ACSD board and administration have worked hard to produce a budget that maintains programming while complying with Act 127. The results of those efforts are found within this budget book. We have worked to find efficiencies so that we may maintain services for students. This will be a multi-year process as we do not anticipate increased funding in future years.

The ACSD board recently adopted a [new five-year strategic plan](#) to guide the District. The plan will be at the center of future budget development. The plan's opening paragraph provides an overview of the plan and the District's path forward:

This 5-year Strategic Plan was deliberately rooted in equity and designed to prioritize the success of every student PreK-12 in the Addison Central School District (ACSD). Informed by a district-wide equity audit and a community-based examination of equity issues, the three foundational Board goals focus on students' **access** to resources, sense of **belonging**, and academic **success**. In concert, these goals are crucial to reaching our vision that all ACSD students reach their full learning potential, have a sense of belonging in our schools, and enrich our community and the communities where they live in the future.

The three bolded words – **access**, **belonging**, and **success** – are at the heart of the plan. I encourage you to read through the plan (posted on our website) so that you may learn more about the three goals associated with those three words. District leaders are eager to work on the three goals in concert with ACSD's next Superintendent, Dr. Wendy Baker.

Dr. Baker will be visiting with the ACSD school community over the next few months in preparation for her official start date of July 1, 2024. She will lead the District through the Strategic Plan and beyond. Dr. Baker is a proven leader who is up to the task of implementing the 2024-25 budget and leading ACSD through the challenging years ahead.

I look forward to watching the District continue with its mission of providing "high-quality, equitable, and varied learning environments that inspire a passion for learning and growth among our students." With a greater emphasis on efficiencies and fiscal responsibility, ACSD can navigate future challenges; our students deserve no less.

Sincerely,
Timothy P. Williams, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent

Message from the Board Chair

This past year has been a busy one for the Board with a considerable amount of time focused on hiring a new superintendent. Since we were not able to find the right candidate during our initial search, we hired interim superintendent Dr. Tim Williams and then relaunched our search in the fall. In early December, we successfully hired Dr. Wendy Baker, who will be working with the Board and District leaders during the spring to prepare for her official start in July 2024.

In the meantime, the Board is very grateful for the leadership and guidance that Dr. Tim Williams has provided to the District as interim superintendent for the current school year. Over the past year, the Board has focused on board development with a major emphasis on planning and governance to help improve our effectiveness as a board. And in December, the Board passed the 2024-2029 ACSD Strategic plan, which will guide the District over the next 5 years. This 5-year Strategic Plan was deliberately rooted in equity and designed to prioritize the success of every student PreK-12 in the Addison Central School District (ACSD).

The budget presented was developed to preserve stability during our leadership transition and also responds to multiple financial drivers, each of which has significant impacts on next year's finances.

First, the Vermont Legislature enacted Act 127 in 2022 to improve student equity across the State by adjusting the school funding formula. Quoting from the enacted bill (S.287), "The legislation is designed to ensure that the financial resources available to local school districts for educating students living in poverty, English learners, students in small rural schools, students in sparsely populated school districts, and students in middle and high schools are sufficient to meet the cost of educating these students."

As a result of Act 127, ACSD will receive a reduced portion of the State Education Fund starting with FY25. The State also set a lower per pupil property yield. The combination of these two factors will reduce ACSD's portion of the state's education fund by roughly \$4.5M compared to FY24, resulting in a significant increase to our local tax rate. Luckily, the new legislation has provisions to ease this burden and cap the tax rate impact at 5% over the next 5 years. The 5% cap is available to districts that limit annual increases in education spending per LTWADM (Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership) to be under 10%. The Board is committed to keeping increases in education spending under the 10% threshold and will be working with the new Superintendent to address the impact that Act 127 has on our District over the next several years.

In addition to Act 127, this budget also responds to several other factors, including the expiration of Federal ESSER funding next year. Despite the loss of these funds the Board is committed to providing all students with the necessary tools and resources they need to be successful and supports carrying forward several critical positions which were previously funded through ESSER funds in FY24. This investment in student wellness and success continues to be a critical need and priority. Finally, the budget also responds to a 16.4% increase in healthcare premium costs, anticipated wage increases due to contract negotiations, and a decline in "non-tuition" student enrollment.

Due to the above drivers, the ACSD 2024–2025 budget sees an increase in education spending of 8.2%. Our estimated cost per Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTWADM) pupil spending will be \$16,099 which is up 9.9% over the previous year. Given the impact of Act 127 and the escalating increases in healthcare and other uncontrolled expenses, the Board will be forced to make difficult choices about the District’s operational budget in the future. In addition, strategies that have emerged from our Strategic Plan may require realignment of priorities and resources to ensure more equitable support and resources for our most vulnerable students and marginalized populations of our learning community. The Board is committed to engaging with the ACSD community as we take on the hard work that is ahead of us to ensure that the District is able to support all students and continue to offer robust learning opportunities for all. It is the Board’s responsibility to secure long-term financial viability to ensure continued delivery of a great education for our students. It is with that in mind that we prepare for the work of 2024-2025.

It is with confidence and genuine commitment to our community that we present this budget to you for your support.

There will be many opportunities to be involved in the work of our schools and district in the year to come. Stay up-to-date with all aspects of Board and Committee work at [About the Board -Addison Central School District](https://www.acsdvt.org/about-the-board) (acsdvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Wilson
ACSD Board Chair

Year to Year Budget Summary

The following table shows all of the anticipated FY25 ACSD Expenditures and their offsetting Revenues. Expenditures other than those associated with the General Fund are color matched to show the link between those expenses and their revenue source. We have also included actual FY23 numbers for comparison purposes.

In order to perform the calculations which ultimately lead to the District Tax Rate, we subtract all Revenues from all Expenses to arrive at our Local Education Spending amount. This is the amount which the Vermont Agency of Education will provide to ACSD from the State Education Fund in FY25 and is the amount that the District's Towns will contribute to that fund through taxes.

Year to Year Budget Summary - Notes

Most of the components in the budget summary are detailed in the subsequent detail sections. The items below summarize changes in the few areas that do not have an expanded section.

- **Expenditures**
 - We have added detailed “% of General Fund” info to all expense categories to help track relative fluctuations in specific cost centers.
 - Other expenses: the FY24 Budget was revised to reflect the proper presentation of general fund expenses based on State reporting guidelines. “Other expenses” are those previously listed as Food Service expenses. There was no change to education spending or per pupil spending.
 - The FY25 Budget also lists other expenses. These represent the projected costs of three items:
 - The new Child Care payroll tax on wages.
 - Additional costs from the Mary Hogan ESSER-funded HVAC project.
 - The normal shortfall between Food Service grant revenue and expense.

- **Revenues**
 - Under Act 127, schools with fewer than 26 English Language Learner students are entitled to receive a \$25,000 ELL Grant. We anticipate that we will receive this as a new funding source and have added it into the Revenues section.

EXPENSE	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 BUDGET	% of Total GF	FY25 PROPOSED	% of Total GF	Difference	% Diff.
General Fund:							
Student Instruction, Regular Education	\$ 23,538,325	\$ 24,581,951	58%	\$ 25,642,838	55%	\$ 1,045,887	4%
Student Services, Special Education	\$ 4,129,732	\$ 5,625,631	13%	\$ 7,826,464	17%	\$ 2,200,833	39%
Universal PreK	\$ 455,343	\$ 489,320	1%	\$ 508,893	1%	\$ 19,573	4%
Technical/Career Center Education	\$ 1,218,261	\$ 1,416,919	3%	\$ 1,615,287	3%	\$ 198,368	14%
Transportation	\$ 1,359,709	\$ 1,303,269	3%	\$ 1,361,916	3%	\$ 58,647	5%
Facilities and Maintenance	\$ 3,733,797	\$ 4,247,280	10%	\$ 4,307,252	9%	\$ 59,972	1%
Technology and IT	\$ 1,190,060	\$ 1,386,936	3%	\$ 1,418,472	3%	\$ 31,536	2%
School Board and District Administration	\$ 2,039,071	\$ 2,391,208	6%	\$ 2,600,009	6%	\$ 208,801	9%
Professional Development/Curriculum	\$ 682,128	\$ 703,776	2%	\$ 1,002,596	2%	\$ 273,820	39%
Debt Service	\$ 166,856	\$ 172,073	0.4%	\$ 172,073	0.4%	\$ -	0%
GenFund Subtotals	\$ 38,513,282	\$ 42,318,363		\$ 46,455,800		\$4,097,437	9.7%
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,046,197		\$ 420,000			
Fund Balance Transfer	\$ 2,323,099	\$ 1,520,974		\$ 2,033,842	<i>preliminary</i>		
Other Funds:							
Consolidated Federal Grant Program	\$ 952,771	\$ 856,460		\$ 856,460		\$ -	0.0%
Special Education Federal Grant Expenditures	\$ 615,229	\$ 586,106		\$ 586,106		\$ -	0.0%
ESSER	\$ 1,750,052	\$ 917,313		\$ -		\$ (917,313)	-100.0%
Medicaid/MAC	\$ 148,864	\$ 191,707		\$ 191,707		\$ -	0.0%
Special Funds	\$ 51,133	\$ 60,165		\$ 60,165		\$ -	100.0%
Total Other Funds:	\$3,518,049	\$2,611,751		\$1,694,438		-\$917,313	-35.1%
Total Expense:	\$44,354,430	\$47,497,285		\$50,604,080		\$3,106,795	6.5%

REVENUE					
	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 BUDGET	FY25 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	% DIFF
General Fund (Tuition, State & Local Grants)	\$ 2,616,971	\$ 3,599,042	\$ 3,599,042	\$ -	0.0%
Special Ed Block Grant	\$ 2,349,758	\$ 2,768,282	\$ 3,185,246	\$ 416,964	15.1%
Federal Grant Funds	\$ 1,568,000	\$ 1,442,566	\$ 1,442,566	\$ -	0.0%
ESSER	\$ 1,750,052	\$ 917,313	\$ -	\$ (917,313)	-100.0%
Medicaid/MAC	\$ 148,864	\$ 191,707	\$ 191,707.31	\$ 0.31	0.0%
Special Funds	\$ 51,133	\$ 60,165	\$ 60,165	\$ -	0.0%
ELL Grant	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	100.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 10,807,877	\$ 10,500,049	\$ 10,562,568	\$ (450,349)	-4.3%
Fund Balance Transfer	\$ 2,323,099	\$ 1,520,974	\$ 2,033,842		
	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 BUDGET	FY25 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	% DIFF
Total Expenses	\$44,354,430	\$47,497,285	\$50,604,080	\$3,106,795	6.5%
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Offsetting Revenues	\$10,807,877	\$10,500,049	\$10,562,568	\$62,519	0.6%
Education Spending	\$33,546,553	\$36,997,236	\$40,041,512	\$3,044,276	8.2%
Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership	na	2524.92	2487.15	-37.77	-1.5%
Ed Spending/LTWADM	na	\$14,653	\$16,099	\$1,447	9.87%

Notes: *Because FY23 used Equalized Pupils instead of LTWADM, it is not possible to compare spending per weighted pupil on the same basis.

Tax Rate Considerations

The proposed FY25 budget includes net local education spending of \$40,041,512 (+8.2%); and an education cost per weighted pupil of \$16,099(+9.9%).

There remain a number of unknown variables that will affect the final figures and ultimately, our tax rates:

- Federal funding revenue via grants are not awarded until Spring 2024. Budget figures are based on estimates. Although these revenues are offset by their expenses, they have the ability to impact the dollar figure we ultimately receive from the state education fund.
- The State legislature has the ability to adjust the property yield rate to adjust tax revenue throughout the legislative session. Yield reductions increase tax rates.
- Special education costs and associated reimbursements are based on estimates of eligible expenses. As student needs change, expenditures also change, which results in more or less reimbursement.

We have a preliminary balance of \$2,033,842 in undesignated funds from FY23. We propose that the undesignated fund balance be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation of addressing substantial deferred maintenance.

The proposed FY25 budget results in a projected equalized district-wide tax rate (EDTR) of \$1.47, a \$0.07 increase from the current year. This rate does not include Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) adjustments for each Town. Town specific tax rates adjusted for CLA can be found on page 23.

Bridport Central School



Bridport Central School serves students in PK-5th grade and follows the Primary Years Program (PYP) curriculum. Bridport is a schoolwide Title 1 school. It was built in 1955 and is 18,000sf.

Bridport students are served by one part-time principal and one part-time assistant principal. The staffing below represents the minimum staff allocation based on enrollment. Additional FTE allocations are found in the Student Services cost center (p.) or supplemental grant funding (p.) based on student need. All student enrollment numbers are projected. Depending on enrollment, grades may be combined. PK students and staff are not included in the total projected enrollment.

2024-2025 Projected Enrollment + Staffing

Students

K: 7 students
 1st: 9 students
 2nd: 10 students
 3rd: 7 students
 4th: 7 students
 5th: 9 students

Total K-5 enrollment: 49

PK: 15 spaces available

Staff

1.0 Administrator
 1.0 Admin Assistant
 4.0 Classroom Teachers
 0.2 Counselor
 1.5 Paraprofessionals
 0.2 Spanish Teacher
 0.4 PE Teacher
 0.3 Music Teacher
 0.3 Art Teacher
 0.2 Librarian
 0.1 Nurse



Share of FY25 District Expenses

Transportation	\$41,839
Board + Central Office	\$67,586
PD + Curriculum	\$30,801
Facilities	\$185,705
Technology	\$42,906

FY 2025 TOTALS

Share of District Expenses	\$368,838
School Budget	\$1,148,934
Total Operational Cost	\$1,517,772

The full budget and staffing for Student Services is found on page () and for PreK on page (). Find historical budget expenses on page ()

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Middlebury Union High School

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muhs.acsdvt.org



Middlebury Union High School (MUHS) serves students in 9th-12th grade and follows the Middle Years Program (MYP) curriculum through 10th grade. In 11th-12th grade students have flexible pathways which include courses at the Hannaford Career Center and the Diploma Program (DP). MUHS was built in 1956 and is 142,000sf.

MUHS students are served by one principal, one assistant principal, and one activities director. The staffing below represents the minimum staff allocation based on enrollment. Additional FTE allocations are budgeted in the Student Services cost center (p.) based on student need. All student enrollment numbers are projected.

2024-2025 Projected Enrollment + Staffing

Students

9th: **136** students
10th: **119** students
11th: **128** students
12th: **143** students

Total enrollment: 526

This includes an estimated 17 students who tuition from districts without a high school.

Staff

2.0 Administrator
5.0 Admin Assistant
27 Classroom Teachers
2.0 Counselors
4.0 Paraprofessionals
6.0 Language Teachers
3.0 PE/Health Teachers
2.0 Music Teachers
2.0 Art Teachers
2.0 Librarian
1.0 Nurse



Share of FY25 District Expenses

Transportation	\$420,956
Board + Central Office	\$680,003
PD + Curriculum	\$309,893
Facilities	\$1,772,664
Technology	\$3,067,463

FY 2025 TOTALS

Share of District Expenses	\$3,067,463
School Budget	\$ 8,162,546
Total Operational Cost	\$11,230,010

The full budget and staffing for Student Services is found on page () and for PreK on page (). Find historical budget expenses on page ()

Learn more about MUHS:



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MUMS Profile

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 Middlebury, VT 05753
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Middlebury Union Middle School



Middlebury Union Middle School (MUMS) serves students in 6th-8th grade and follows the Middle Years Program (MYP) curriculum. MUMS was built in 1998 and is 65,000sf.

MUMS students are served by one full-time principal, one full-time assistant principal, and one full time activities director. The staffing below represents the minimum staff allocation based on enrollment. Additional FTE allocations are budgeted in the Student Services cost center (p.) based on student need. All student enrollment numbers are projected.

2024-2025 Projected Enrollment + Staffing

Students

6th: 118 students
 7th: 127 students
 8th: 126 students

Total enrollment: 371

This includes an estimated 23 students who tuition from districts without a middle school.

Staff

2.0 Administrator
 4.0 Admin Assistant
 18 Classroom Teachers
 2.0 Counselors
 4.0 Paraprofessionals
 3.0 Language Teachers
 3.0 PE/Health Teachers
 2.0 Music Teacher
 1.0 Art Teacher
 1.0 Librarian
 0.8 Nurse



Share of FY25 District Expenses

Transportation	\$330,446
Board + Central Office	\$533,795
PD + Curriculum	\$243,263
Facilities	\$888,047
Technology	\$ 334,140

FY 2025 TOTALS

Share of District Expenses	\$1,904,451
School Budget	\$ 5,092,271
Total Operational Cost	\$ 6,996,722

The full budget and staffing for Student Services is found on page () and for PreK on page (). Find historical budget expenses on page ()

Learn more about MUMS:



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Annual Meeting Notice for February 27, 2024

WARNING ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Member Districts are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vermont on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM, to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect the following officers: a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a new ACSD at large member for the Patricia Hannaford Career Center.
- ARTICLE 3:** To hear and act upon the reports of the school district officers.
- ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of the Addison Central School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.
- ARTICLE 5:** To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING

FEBRUARY 27, 2024

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vermont on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM, for a Public Information meeting to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Addison Central School District.



Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District



Barbara Wilson, Chair
Addison Central School District

The Addison Central School District Annual Report will be available in the following manner:
<https://www.acsdvt.org/district-link/annual-report-and-budget/annual-report-and-budget> or
call 802-382-1274 to request a copy.

Special Meeting Notice for March 5, 2024

WARNING

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 5, 2024

Member Districts are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the following polling places on March 5, 2024 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

Town	Location	Polling Hours
Bridport	Bridport Community/Masonic Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Middlebury Recreation Center/Gym, 154 Creek Road	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Community House	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to expend \$50,604,080, which represents a 6.5% increase in Total Spending and is the amount the ACSD school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to appropriate \$2,033,842 of the FY 2023 Unassigned Fund Balance to the ACSD Capital Reserve Fund?

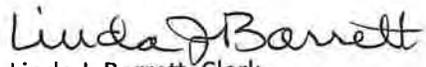
ARTICLE 3: To elect four (4) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Addison Central School District Board for the following terms:

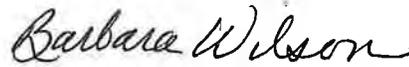
One (1) who is a resident of Cornwall for a three-year term.

Two (2) who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.

One (1) who is a resident of Shoreham for a three-year term.

Ballots shall be commingled and counted at Middlebury Union High School by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the District Clerk of Addison Central School District.


Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District


Barbara Wilson, Chair
Addison Central School District

WARNING TOWN OF BRIDPORT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Bridport are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bridport Masonic/Community Hall on Tuesday March 5, 2024 to transact the following business. The polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The business meeting will be open at 10:30 AM.

Article 1. To elect the following officers by Australian ballot:

- Town Moderator for a term of one year.
- Selectboard member for a term of three years.
- Selectboard member for a term of two years.
- Auditor for a term of three years.
- Auditor for a term of two years.
- Auditor for a term of one year.
- Lister for a term of three years.
- Water Commissioner to the Board of Water Commissioners of the Tri-Town Water District #1 for a term of three years.
- First Constable for a term of one year.
- Second Constable for a term of one year.
- Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years.

Article 2. Will the Voters approve of the reports of the Town Officers?

Article 3. Will the Voters appropriate **\$25,000.00** for the **Bridport Fire Department**? *pg 49*

Article 4. Will the Voters appropriate **\$608.00** for **Addison County Economic Development Corporation**? *pg 53*

Article 5. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,500.00** for **Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.**? *pg 53*

Article 6. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Addison County Humane Society**? *pg 54*

Article 7. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,600.00** for **Addison County Parent/Child Center**? *pg 55*

Article 8. Will the Voters appropriate **\$350.00** for **Addison County Readers, Inc.**? *pg 55*

Article 9. Will the Voters appropriate **\$400.00** for **Addison County Restorative Justice Services**? *pg 56*

Article 10. Will the Voters appropriate **\$2,000.00** for **Age Well**? *pg 56*

Article 11. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for the **American Red Cross**? *pg 56*

Article 12. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,250.00** for **Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)**? *pg 57*

Article 13. Will the Voters appropriate **\$600.00** for **Bridport Seniors**? *pg 57*

Article 14. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** for **Charter House Coalition**? *pg 57*

Article 15. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,750.00** for **Counseling Service of Addison County**? *pg 58*

Article 16. Will the Voters appropriate **\$700.00** for **Elderly Services**? *pg 58*

Article 17. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,250.00** for **HOPE**? *pg 59*

Article 18. Will the Voters appropriate **\$700.00** for **John Graham Emergency Shelter**? *pg 59*

Article 19. Will the Voters appropriate **\$15,925.00** for **Middlebury Regional EMS**? *pg 50*

Article 20. Will the Voters appropriate **\$850.00** for **Open Door Clinic**? *pg 59*

Article 21. Will the Voters appropriate **\$3,900.00** for **Platt Memorial Library**? *pg 60*

Article 22. Will the Voters appropriate **\$320.00** for **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program**? *pg 60*

Article 23. Will the Voters appropriate **\$10,000.00** for **Townline First Response**? *pg 52*

Article 24. Will the Voters appropriate **\$760.00** for **Tri-Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)**? *pg 61*

Article 25. Will the Voters appropriate **\$1,000.00** for **Turning Point Center of Addison County**? *pg 61*

Article 26. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Vermont Adult Learning**? *pg 62*

Article 27. Will the Voters appropriate **\$500.00** for **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**? *pg 62*

Article 28. Will the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend up to **\$275,000.00** for a new tandem dump truck with equipment to be financed over a five year period?

Article 29. Will the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend up to **\$25,000.00** from the accumulated Department of Public Works Fund Balance towards the cost of a heat recovery ventilation system for the Town's Highway Garage?

Article 30. Shall the Town of Bridport vote on whether to withdraw from the Lemon Fair Insect Control District by Australian ballot with the vote to be held at a later date set by the Selectboard?

Article 31. Will the Voters authorize the Selectboard to have a salary or other compensation paid to the collector of delinquent taxes for collecting taxes in lieu of statutory fees and commissions, with such fees and commissions instead belonging to the Town?

Article 32. For its July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 fiscal year, will the Voters approve the sums of **\$1,543,368.00** and **\$328,849.00** for the proposed expenses of the Department of Public Works and General Fund, respectively, for a total of **\$1,872,217.00**; with up to **\$1,428,354.00** to be raised by property taxes in addition to other non-tax receipts; with each of these last three amounts being reduced by the respective amount from any of Articles 3 to 27 that are not approved; and with all property taxes to be paid its Treasurer in two equal installments on or before November 12, 2024 and on or before May 12, 2025?

NOTICE of AVAILABILITY of 2023 Bridport Annual Town Report

At the March 3, 2015 Town of Bridport Annual Town Meeting, the Voters authorized the Selectboard to give at least thirty days advance notice before the date of the Annual Town Meeting of the availability of the Bridport Annual Town Report.

The 2023 Town Report will be available for review and/or download on the Town of Bridport website (www.bridportvt.org) on or before February 22, 2024. In addition, printed copies of the Town Report will be made available at the Town Clerk's Office on or before February 22, 2024. Any Town Voter or resident may request to receive a printed copy of the Town Report by requesting it at the Bridport Town Clerk's Office. Residents may call 758-2483, email bridporttown@gmavt.net, mail a request to P.O. Box 27, Bridport, VT 05734.

Dated January 30, 2024 by the Selectboard members of the Town of Bridport.

Tim Howlett- Chair



Pierre Bordeleau



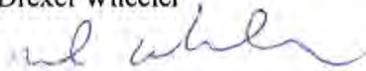
David Bronson



Robert Sunderland



Drexel Wheeler



Vital Records 2023

Vital records are public records and are available for viewing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Names and dates of vital records are no longer included in the Town Report due to privacy and identity theft concerns.

Marriages 4

Births 5

Deaths 9

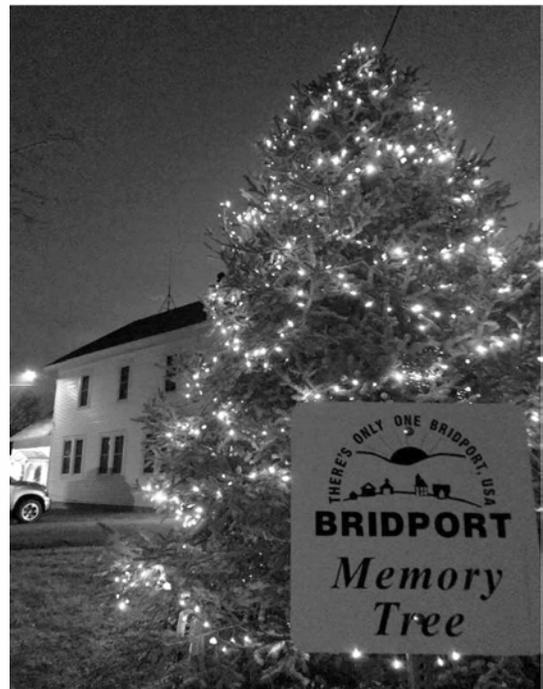


MEMORY TREE 2023

Richard Lilly -2
Shirley Lilly -2
Robert Tracy
Dorothy Tracy
Brian Forbes
Kathy Lafromboise
Donna Gaboriault -2
Grace Sunderland
Lyle Sunderland
Olive Sunderland
Earl Sunderland
Anna Howlett
Carey Howlett
Steve Howlett
William Keyes -2
Carl Norton -2
Beverly Norton
Nate Ketchum
Nicholas Warren -4
Sandra Warren
Roscoe Pratt-2
Patricia Pratt -2
Emily Widewake
Charlotte Pratt
Sara Pratt
Reg Ferson
Ruth Ferson
Olwyn Hancock
Donald Pratt

Jean Plouffe -2
Mary Plouffe -2
Leonne Plouffe
Agenor Plouffe
Joan Korda
Faith Huestis Angier -2
Rollie White
Patti White
Howard Welch
Marian Welch
Jim Basque -2
Thelma Basque
Kathleen Myrick
Fred Myrick
Helen Giard
Walter Giard
Louise Johnston
Paul Nocca
Norman Audet
Mary Rose Audet
Steve Cooke -2
Midge Cooke
George Marshall
Kelly Marshall
Barbara Marshall
Tyler Marshall
Edla Browne

Buster Browne
Bernard Bronson
Ellen Bronson
Frank Rother
Joan Myrick
Tom Myrick
Art Provencher
Whitney Wagner
Leola Deering
Howard Huestis
Ralph Piper
Rita Piper
Richard Denett Sr.
Thelma Denett
Bernice Fucile
Vincenzo Fucile
Herbert M. Oliver
Cleo B. Oliver
Gene Alan Oliver
Tim Hodgdon
Lucian Pickett
Cora Ethier
Tyler Brouillard



Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thursday & Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Holiday Closings for 2024

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 15 - Martin Luther King Day

February 19 - President's Day

March 4-6 Town Meeting Day

May 27- Memorial Day

June 19 - Juneteenth

July 4 - Independence Day

August 12-14 General Election

August 16 - Bennington Battle Day

September 2- Labor Day

October 14-Columbus Day

November 4-6 Presidential Election

November 11- Veterans Day

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

December 25 – Christmas Day

December 31- New Year's Eve

Bridport Town Green Reservations

April 8 – Platt Memorial Library, eclipse viewing

June 15-16, 2024 – BFD 75th Anniversary Celebration & BBQ

Masonic/Community Hall Reservations

The Masonic/Community Hall is available for use by local groups and residents for meetings and functions. The cost is \$75.00/day for residents and \$125.00/day for non-residents plus a \$100.00 security deposit. No alcohol or smoking is allowed in the building. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for reservations.

Recycling Center

The recycling center is open on Saturdays from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.
For 'Stump Dump' access, get the key from Town Clerk's Office.