

The Town of
Pownal, Vermont
Annual Report for Year Ending
June 30, 2023



A special THANK YOU to Bill Goodman and Anthony Leo of Stateline Drive for the seasonal caretaking and decoration of our 'Welcome to Pownal Vermont' sign. This lovely display has caught the attention, and has become known to many near and far. As it has become one of the most popular state line photo locations in the state, Bill and Anthony's hard work, and dedication to a fresh set up each season, is truly appreciated by the Town of Pownal; its staff and community, as well as the travelers that pass through our small town.

Town Meeting – March 4, 2024 at 7:30pm
Election – March 5, 2024 10am – 7:00pm



. THIS REPORT IS DEDICATED.
TO THE MEMORY OF
~ **MARGARET E. LILLIE** ~

January 2, 1924 – December 4, 2023



Margaret was born in Bennington on January 2, 1924, the daughter of Daniel F. and Winifred (Flannery) Lillie. She was a 1940 graduate of Bennington High School, a graduate of the University of Vermont in 1944, and graduated from Boston College Law School in 1956.

Margaret served in the United States Navy (WAVE) at Quonset Naval Base in Rhode Island from 1945-47. She was the second woman selected to that position.

Margaret was an attorney in Bennington with Clark, Lillie, and Holden. She was a former Probate judge in Bennington and served for a time as Bennington County State's Attorney. While living in Pownal, Margaret helped establish the Pownal Racetrack in the 60s and the Pownal Historical Society in 1994. She was the Town Agent in 1974.

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Community Contact Information

Pownal Town Offices are located at 511 Center Street

All Emergencies.....911

Town Office.....townofpownal.org.....802.823.0116

Town Office Fax: 802.949.7071

Town Clerk:

Julie Weber..... town.clerk@townofpownal.org.....Ext 101

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Administrative Assistant:

Hannah Darling.....admin.assistant@townofpownal.org..... Ext 102

Treasurer:

Ellen Strohmaier..... town.treasurer@townofpownal.org.....Ext 106

Assessor Clerk:

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Animal Control:

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E911 Coordinator:

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Highway Dept:

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Transfer Station:

Tom Shuey.....pownal.transferstation@townofpownal.org.....802.379.1470

Wastewater Plant:

Darcy Pruden..... pownal.wwtf@townofpownal.org.....802.823.9814

Zoning Administrator:

Mike Gardner.....zoning@townofpownal.org.....802.558.6133

Constable:

Eddie Pascucci.....constable@townofpownal.org.....

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Craig O’Dell.....802.733.8019

Fire Departments other than reporting a fire:

Forest Fire Warden: Craig O’Dell.....802.733.8019

Deputy Forest Fire Warden: Justin Olansky.....802.379.3531

Pownal Fire Protective Association, Inc.....802.823.7907

Pownal Valley Fire Departments:

Center Station.....802.823.7703

East Station..... 802.442.8411

North Station..... 802.823.5497

Other Important Town Contacts:

Pownal Rescue Squad.....802.823.5200

Bennington County Sheriff’s Department.....802.442.4900

Vermont State Police.....802.442.5421

Pownal Elementary School.....802.823.7333

North Pownal Post Office..... 802.823.5622

Pownal Post Office..... 802.823.7922

Solomon Wright Public Library.....802.823.5400

Town Information

Hours of Operation

Town Office 511 Center Street	Monday – Friday 8:30am-3pm (or by appointment)
Town Clerk	Monday – Friday 9:30am-4:30pm (or by appointment)
Treasurer	Monday – Friday 8am-1pm (or by appointment)
Delinquent Tax Collector	Monday – Friday 8am-1pm in office (or by appointment contact (802)379-5610)
Assessor Clerk	Monday – Friday 9am-1pm (or by appointment)
Transfer Station 645 Maple Grove Road	Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8am-4pm
Highway Department 981 Maple Grove Road	Monday - Friday 7am-3:30pm
Waste Water Treatment Facility 52 Dean Road	Monday – Friday 7am-3:30pm

Meeting Schedules

Selectboard	Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm
Development Review Board	First and third Wednesday of the month at 7pm, as needed. Public hearings as needed, as warned
Planning Commission	First and third Tuesday of the month at 6pm
Parks and Rec	First Tuesday of the month at 6pm
Board of Health	As needed, as warned
Sewer Commission	Fourth Thursday of the month, as needed, as warned
Board of Abatement	As needed, as warned
Board of Civil Authority	As needed, as warned

Elected Officers

TITLE	TERM	OFFICIAL	TERM EXPIRATION
Selectboard	3 years	Angie Rawling	2024
	3 years	Mike Gardner	2026
	1 years	Bob Jarvis	2024
	1 year	Bryan Harris	2024
	3 years	Harry “Jamie” Percy	2025
Town Clerk	3 years	Julie Weber	2024
Treasurer	3 years	Ellen Strohmaier	2024
Del Tax Collector	3 years	Ellen Strohmaier	2026
Constable	2 years	Eddie Pascucci	2025
Moderator	1 year	Tim Holbrook	2024
Justice of the Peace	2 years	Alonzo Bisson	2025
	2 years	Pamela Bolus	2025
	2 years	Cindy Brownell	2025
	2 years	Nelson Brownell	2025
	2 years	Bryan Harris	2025
	2 years	Leslie Morgenthal	2025
	2 years	Harry Percey	2025
	2 years	Harry “Jamie” Percey Jr.	2025
	2 years	Megan Randall	2025
	2 years	Jim Winchester	2025

Appointed Positions

TITLE	TERM	OFFICIAL	TERM EXPIRATION
Development Review Board	3 years	John Bushee	2026
	3 years	Cindy Legge	2025
	3 years	Olden Dwyer	2025
	3 years	Karl Strohmaier	2026
	3 years	Matt Gardner	2024
	3 years	Cody Gardner	2025
	Alternate		
	Alternate	Jim Winchester	
Planning Commission	4 years	Megan Randall	2025
	4 years	James Winchester	2027
	4 years	Bryan Harris	2024
	4 years	Fred Miller	2025
	4 years	John Bushee	2026
	4 years	Stacy Boxer	2025
	4 years	Michelle Pekrol	2025
Health Officer	3 years	Samantha Mroz	2024
Animal Control Officer		Leonard Cote	
Town Forest Fire Warden	5 years	Craig O'Dell	2025
Deputy Forest Fire Warden	5 years	Justin Olansky	2025
E-911 Coordinator	2 years	Priscilla Maxon	2025
Assistant Town Clerk		Priscilla Maxon	
Conservation Commission	4 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
	4 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
	4 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
	4 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
Fence Viewers	3 years	David Dence, Jr.	2026
	3 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
	3 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
Pound keepers	1 year	<i>Vacant</i>	
	1 year	<i>Vacant</i>	
Surveyor of Wood	3 years	David Dence, Jr.	2026

Inspector of Lumber and Shingles	3 years	David Dence, Jr.	2026
Tree Warden	3 years	David Dence, Jr.	2026
Home Health Rep.	1 year	<i>Vacant</i>	
VT Emergency Mgt. Coordinator	3 years	Craig O'Dell	2026
Zoning Administrator	3 years	Mike Gardner	2026
BCRC Delegates	3 years	Walter Klinger	2025
	3 years	<i>Vacant</i>	
Town Office Employees			
Executive Assistant		Tara Parks	
Administrative Assistant		Hannah Darling	
Assessor Clerk		Wendy Jordan	
Highway Department Employees			
Road Foreman		Joel Burrington	
		Michael Belville	
		Bruce Burrington	
		Christopher George	
		Alan Lampman	
Buildings and Grounds		William Cottrell	
Seasonal		Paul Bratcher	
Transfer Station Employees			
Department Supervisor		Tom Shuey	
		Howard O'Brien	
Waste Water Treatment Facility			
Chief Operator		Darcy Pruden	
Assistant Chief Operator		Carl Dickinson	
		Jeffrey Burrington	

Transfer Station Rules

PTS IS A NO SMOKING FACILITY

STYROFOAM AND STYRENE ARE NOT RECYCLABLE IN VERMONT.

THEY SHOULD BE BAGGED AND PLACED IN TRASH.

DO NOT GO BEHIND TIPPING SHED WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM STAFF.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS DOWN AT TIPPING SHED; THEY NEED TO BE PAID FOR.

NON-COVERED ELECTRONICS ARE TO BE DECLARED AND PAID FOR AT THE WINDOW. NON-COVERED INCLUDE: DVD AND VCR PLAYERS, RADIOS, TURNTABLES, ELECTRONIC GAME DEVICES, ELECTRONIC MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, PHONES, AND PHONE SYSTEMS. CELL PHONES TURN IN AT OFFICE FREE OF CHARGE. SPEAKERS ARE NOT ELECTRONICS AND ARE TO BE DISPOSED OF IN TRASH BAGS.

COVERED ELECTRONICS, SUCH AS TVS, REMOTES, COMPUTER AND COMPUTER PERIPHERALS- SUCH AS PRINTERS, SCANNER, MONITORS, EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLIES, AND ALL- IN- ONE UNITS, ARE STILL FREE.

COFFEE MAKERS, VACUUMS, AND SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES ARE NOT ELECTRONICS AND NEED TO BE PAID FOR AND DISPOSED OF IN TRASH.

LAST LOAD IN IS 3:50 PM. THIS IS TO ALLOW TIME FOR STAFF TO CLOSE COVERS AND SAFETY CHAINS AND SECURE ORGANICS. PATRONS SHOULD LEAVE PTS NO LATER THAN 4:10 PM.

FOOD SCRAPS ARE FORBIDDEN IN TRASH. PLACE FOOD SCRAPS IN ORGANICS CONTAINER NEAR THE FIRST DUMPSTER. ONLY CLEARLY MARKED AS COMPOSTABLE BAGS ALLOWED.

ONLY CLEAN CARDBOARD AND PAPER IN CARDBOARD CONTAINER. NO PAPER PLATES, NAPKINS, OR BOXES WITH STYROFOAM IN THEM. PLACE STYROFOAM IN TRASH. PLEASE FOLD CARDBOARD FLAT IF POSSIBLE.

BAGS FULL OF PLASTIC BAGS GO INTO THE TRASH AT NO CHARGE.

10 FLUORESCENT TUBES PER DAY MAXIMUM. DO NOT TAPE TUBES TOGETHER.

SMALL CHILDREN AND PETS MUST REMAIN IN VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON PTS PROPERTY.

COMPOST ALL FOOD SCRAPS.

What to Compost

Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, bones
Eggs & eggshells, cheese, dairy products
Bread, baked goods, pasta, rice, beans, nuts, seeds
Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags
Vegetable & fruit peels
Table scraps, leftovers, spoiled food
Soups & other liquids
Paper napkins, paper towels, soiled cardboard & pizza boxes

What NOT to Compost

Plastics such as wrappers, bags, straws, packaging
Fruit and vegetable PLU stickers

Commercial flowers, lawn clippings, or plant debris from roadsides
Cat and dog manure and kitty litter

PTS DOES NOT ACCEPT PENNIES.

BRUSH IS LIMITED TO 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 8 FEET IN LENGTH. ANY WOOD PIECES OVER 4 INCHES WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO 12 INCHES IN DIAMETER TRIMMED OF ALL BRANCHES WITH 16 INCH MINIMUM AND 36 INCH MAXIMUM AND WILL BE PLACED IN A SEPARATE AREA. THIS CAN BE USED BY ANY PERMIT HOLDER FOR FIREWOOD FREE OF CHARGE.

BRUSH IS TO BE DROPPED OFF IN FIELD WEST OF PTS OFFICE AND WILL BE CHARGED AT THE RATE OF \$2.00 PER HEAPING PICKUP LOAD. TRAILERS AND OTHER TRUCK LOADS WILL BE PRO-RATED BASED ON A PICKUP LOAD.

PLEASE PLACE ELECTRONICS ON THE CONCRETE PAD AT THE REAR OF THE TIPPING SHED. DO NOT PLACE ANYTHING INTO CARDBOARD GAYLORDS. PTS STAFF NEEDS TO SORT OUT THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF ELECTRONICS AND PLACE THEM IN THE APPROPRIATE BINS.

ANY UPHOLSTERED ITEMS, CUSHIONS, CHAIRS, COUCHES AND SUCH SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE INSIDE C&D DUMPSTER #3. MATTRESSES, SHEETROCK, AND FIBERGLASS INSULATION SHOULD ALSO BE PLACED IN THIS CONTAINER.

USED MOTOR OIL IS TO BE DISPOSED OF AT THE FRONT OF THE RIGHT STORAGE CONTAINER IN FRONT OF LEFT DOOR. NOTHING IS TO BE PLACED BY THE OLD OIL TANK LOCATED AT THE END OF THE TIPPING SHED. PTS DOES NOT ACCEPT BRAKE FLUID OR ANTIFREEZE—THAT MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT ONE OF THE HAZARDOUS COLLECTION DAYS.

REGULAR DRY CELL BATTERIES, HEARING AIDS, AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES UP TO 4.5 LBS. ARE TO BE HANDED IN AT OFFICE- FREE OF CHARGE. RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES OVER 4.5 LB., LEAD WET CELL, AND JUMPER BATTERIES ARE FREE AND WILL GO TO BATTERY STORAGE IN SHED IN FRONT OF OFFICE.

EMPTY DRY PAINT CANS WITH LIDS OFF ARE TO BE DISPOSED OF AS METAL OR PLASTIC RECYCLABLES.

DO NOT BRING ANY PAINT STRIPPERS, PAINT, GASOLINE, OR ANTIFREEZE ON PREMISES. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE DISPOSED OF ON HAZARRODOUS DAY COLLECTIONS OFF- SITE. ANYONE FOUND TO BE PLACING ANY HAZARDOUS ITEMS ON PTS PROPERTY MAY HAVE PERMIT REVOKED.

PROPANE TANKS WITHOUT VALVES ARE FREE. PROPANE TANKS WITH VALVES ARE CHARGED AT \$5.00.

DISHWASHERS, RANGES, MICROWAVES, WASHERS, AND CLOTHES DRYERS ARE FREE.

MOWERS TO BE DISPOSED OF ARE TO HAVE ALL OIL AND GASOLINE REMOVED.

Transfer Station Fees

<u>UNDESIGNATED HOUSEHOLD TRASH</u>	
13 GAL PLASTIC BAG AND VACUMS	\$3.00
20 GAL	\$4.25
25 GAL BARREL	\$4.50
30 GAL	\$5.00
39 GAL	\$5.75
45 GAL	\$6.25
55 GAL	\$12.00
.25 CY UNPACKED TRASH	\$11.50
1 CY UNPACKED TRASH	\$46.00
<u>CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION DEBRIS</u>	
1/8 CY DEMOLITION / CONSTRUCTION	\$9.00
.25 CY DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION	\$18.00
1/2 CY DEMOLITION/ CONSTRUCTION	\$36.00
1 CY DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION	\$72.00
<u>TIRES</u>	
SMALL REC AND GARDEN TIRES EA	\$5.00
CAR/LIGHT TRUCK UP TO 16"	\$5.50
CAR/ TRUCK TIRES 17" -20"	\$5.00
LARGE TRUCK TIRES	\$20.00
OVERSIZED TRUCK TIRES	\$35.00
OFF ROAD LESS THAN 300LB NO TIRES OVER 300LB	\$50.00
RIMS ARE ALLOWED ON TIRES AT NO CHARGE	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS FURNITURE</u>	
MATTRESSES	\$40.00
BOX SPRINGS, SOFAS ROOM SIZED RUG	\$20.00
CONVERTIBLE SLEEPER COUCHES	\$30.00
TABLES, CHAIRS, BED FRAMES, AND TOILETS	\$6.25
<u>WHITE GOODS</u>	
REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS,A/C UNITS, DEHUMIDIFIERS, WATERCOOLERS	\$12.00
PROPANE TANKS WITH VALVES	\$6.00
PROPANE TANKS WITHOUT VALVES	FREE
STOVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, AND WATER HEATERS FREE	FREE
<u>LEAF AND BRUSH</u>	
BRUSH- LEVEL PICKUP LOAD- SEE RULES	\$1.00
BRUSH--HEAPING PICKUP LOAD	\$2.00

LEAF AND BRUSH UNDER 1' IN DIAMETER	FREE
<u>RECYCLE MATERIALS</u>	
DRYCELL BATTERIES--TURN IN AT OFFICE	FREE
RECHARGABLE BATTERIES--TURN IN AT OFFICE	FREE
AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES AND JUMP CHARGE	FREE
CARDBOARD/PAPER	FREE
RECYCLE MARKED PLASTICS	FREE
FLOURESCENT TUBES AND BULBS-TURN IN AT OFFICE	FREE
PERMIT REPLACEMENT FEE	\$5.00
COMPOST BIN 1.9 GAL	\$8.00
REPLACEMENT RULES	\$0.50
PERMIT FEE	\$50.00
E-WASTE COVERED	FREE
NON-COVERED UNDER 4 LBS AND EVERY 4 LBS OVER	\$1.25
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, ASK ATTENDENT	

Free Dump Day

MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 30 2025, 4:00 P.M.

ONE LOAD ONLY

NO VEHICLES LARGER THAN 8 FOOT

PICKUP BED OR EQUIVALENT

ITEMS ALLOWED:

4 TIRES WITH OR WITHOUT RIMS

CAR OR LIGHT TRUCK

1 REFRIGERANT UNIT

REFRIGERATOR

FREEZER

AIR CONDITIONER

DEHUMIDIFIERS/ WATER COOLERS

2 TWO SOFAS OR LARGE CHAIRS NO SOFA BEDS

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

RANGES/WASHERS/DRYERS

PROPANE TANKS WITHOUT VALVES

BATTERIES

NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS ALLOWED ON FREE DUMP

Rabies Clinic

The Town of Pownal **will be having a**
Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic this year

Saturday, March 23, 2024 (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)



at the (OLD) Pownal Town Office 467 Center Street, Pownal
prices of vaccinations will come at a later date (You don't have
to be a resident)

Licenses are available to be purchased at this time

However, Licenses are still due by April 1st 2024

The fees are the following:

\$13.00 for Spayed and Neutered

\$15.00 for Non- Spayed or Neutered

This is going to be the same as last year, please make a Check or Money Order payable to the Town of Pownal and mail it to Town of Pownal 511 Center Street, Pownal, VT. 05261 Attn: Town Clerk with your current rabies certificate. If it's a new one, I will make a copy and send it back with your license.

Thank You,

Julie M. Weber, Town Clerk

Reports from Town Officials

Selectboard

Fiscal Year 2023 has seen a continuation of changes and improvements for the Town of Pownal. The teamwork has continued to grow and we were able to host our first Town Employee Holiday Celebration party at the Town Office Building. We continued work on the purchase of the 300 plus acres on West Mountain to tie the previously bought 750 acres together as the Pownal Town Forest. The new Town Office has been more than we hoped for. The board is also excited that the Pownal Historical Society has been able to successfully move their office into the lower level of the building.

Thank you for your continued support,

Pownal Selectman

Planning Commission

The past year has been relatively quiet for the Pownal Planning Commission (PPC). Meeting on an average of once per month, the commission members discussed a number of planning topics. In early April, we had a brief introductory discussion on the controversies facing many rural Vermont towns regarding short term rentals (such as air bnb). The discussion included comments pro and con from members of the public in attendance, and while the discussion was tabled on that evening, the commission acknowledges the need for further discussion as more information is developed State-wide on the topic.

During a second meeting in April, the PPC met with Jonathan Cooper and Scott Grimm-Lyon of Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) to review their preliminary mapping work as they progressed on the municipal planning study they were hired to do through a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). The members of the commission answered specific questions and offered some guidance and support to help them focus on the study.

In August, the members of BCRC presented their preliminary report to the PPC, which was well received. Members commented on the level of professionalism and the scope of what they had achieved with the study.

The PPC is encouraged by the possibilities that were presented in the BCRC's final report to the Select Board, and is anticipating a busy year ahead as we examine the report in depth, and begin to determine what opportunities can and should be gleaned from the report.

Commission members are as follows: Fred Miller (Chairman), Bryan Harris (Vice Chairman), Stacey Box (Scribe), Megan Randall, Jim Winchester, and Michelle Pekrol, and John Bushee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Miller, Chairman

Development Review Board

Hello Residents of Pownal

2023 was another year of positive forward progress in town. The Development Review Board had three public hearings, two training sessions and continued dialogue and discussions with the governing boards in town, along with the state, on issues that needed clarification.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Matt Gardner

Development Review Board Chair

Parks and Recreation

The Pownal Parks & Rec Committee is proud of its accomplishments over the last year which will continue to improve outdoor recreation, enrich the quality of life for residents, and foster a sense of community. A few highlights from the last year were:

Completing skatepark and other improvements at Center Street Park (including a new shed and other non-skating amenities) made possible by a \$10,000 grant from The Collaborative. A community Open House showcasing the improvements was well-attended by residents of all ages. Special thanks to Cliff Dayton for his tireless efforts on this project.

Hosting the Town Picnic as part of the “Celebrate Pownal” event, where Parks & Rec served burgers & hot dogs to more than 300 participants. Many thanks to our local businesses & organizations for your donations to the picnic.

Helping to coordinate the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event after purchasing a new, permanent tree for Town Hall. Several hundred residents of all ages enjoyed the festivities. Thanks to Pownal Historical Society for championing this event along with the many volunteers who contributed to its success.

In early 2023 Parks & Rec was awarded a Stewarts Shops Holiday Match grant that allowed us to install a picnic table and trash receptacle at Strobridge Park in North Pownal, and also a Municipal Planning Grant that will help us shape the future of Center Street Park. The Committee was also selected to participate in the Vermont Health Equity and Community Design Technical Assistance Pilot Program that provided professional services and helped us garner community input through a survey.

Parks & Rec had interactions/touchpoints throughout the year with many local organizations, including Bennington County Child Advocacy Center, Bennington County Regional Commission, The Collaborative, Faith Church, Pownal American Legion, Pownal Elementary PTG, Pownal Historical Society, Pownal Youth Sports, Solomon Wright Library, Vermont Department of Health, and the Vermont Community Foundation.

In 2024, the Committee’s primary focus will be implementing the recreational components of the VOREC grant. We are excited for residents to enjoy outdoor recreation in the newly accessible Pownal Town Forest that has grown to 1,000+ acres with the recent land purchase facilitated by the Vermont Land Trust.

In closing, Parks & Rec is grateful for community support and we are in need of volunteers to join the Committee in order to continue to build on our successes. We encourage community input by participating in our monthly meeting, or by sending your ideas to us via e-mail at: parks.recreation@townofpownal.org.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Boucher, Chair

Highway Department

The Highway Department is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the town owned highways, bridges, culverts, and buildings. We have 5 full time employees, plus a building, and grounds maintenance worker, who we share with town offices and a seasonal employee.

In the past summer we completed the replacement of the Mount Anthony culvert at the cost of \$285,000.00 with a state grant covering \$200,000.00 of it. We reclaimed the blacktop on Montgomery Road and Mason Hill south and repaved, and paved Valley View Road. We did some bank stabilization work on the slope on Furlong Road along with a lot of ditching on others. Along with the Wastewater Department we dug and repaired manholes before we blacktopped. We screened 5,000 yards of gravel, 1,000 yards of stone and screened 3,500 yards of sand, and spring and fall grading.

This coming year I will be putting in for grant monies for a culvert on Barbers Pond Road and for paving on Maple Grove Road. Also still working on getting some infrastructure money for the renewal of the Main Street Bridge. We have a project on upper Tubbs Road which washed out during the last heavy rains, which we have also secured the funds for already.

I look forward to work for the town and townspeople another year. The road crew did a great job this year. Also, it has been good working with the Waste Water Department, The Transfer Station Department, and the new office staff they all did a great job.

Thanks, Joel Burrington

Pownal Road Foreman

Waste Water Treatment Facility

I'd like to thank the board members, town hall staff, road crew and transfer station employees for working together with us throughout the year to accomplish our goals successfully. Your help and support are always greatly appreciated!

The WWTF treated 36.61 million gallons of raw wastewater from January 2023 through December 2023. Biosolids continue to be composted at the Hoosac Water Quality District in Williamstown, MA.

The WWTF's state permit includes a yearly requirement that laboratory personnel undergo proficiency testing, which ensures all proper testing procedures are being met. The WWTF received a Certificate of Excellence for its laboratory performance in 2023.

Over 2,000 preventative maintenance activities were performed in 2023. As a result, the town's 23 pump stations, sewer infrastructure and the WWTF continue to operate at optimal efficiency.

An ARPA funded upgrade to station PV1 was initiated in 2022 and will be completed in 2024. All of the mechanical system upgrades were completed in 2023, and have resulted in major safety, maintenance, and cost saving benefits. The extreme rain events we experienced throughout 2023 delayed the completion of the new entrance, but we anticipate completion in 2024.

“Flushable” wipes and tampons remain one of the major causes of clogged sewer lines, pumps and check valves. Do not flush baby wipes, adult wipes or feminine items. If you want your home's sewer service to flow freely, toilet paper only!

Also prohibited are flammable, explosive or toxic materials, such as gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, antifreeze, or any other type of chemicals. Do not flush any items that could plug pumps and cause clogs such as needles (sharps), ashes, sand, mud, straw, metal, glass, rags, sanitary napkins, tampons, containers, hair, cigarette butts, kitty litter and garbage that is not properly shredded. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

Darcy Pruden, Chief Operator

Phone: 802-823-9814 - Email: pownal.wwt@townofpownal.org

Animal Control

Pownal Residents,

In the year 2023, Pownal Animal Control responded to 106 calls. Between strays and surrenders, the town took custody of 11 dogs and puppies as well as 5 cats that were all successfully adopted out through Second Chance Animal Shelter and Berkshire Humane Society.

Pownal Animal Control and the Selectboard also updated the Animal Control ordinance this year.

Please get all your dogs licensed by April 1st, 2024.

Assessor Clerk

Grand List

The 2023 Grand List was filed with the State in May. As of the as-billed date, the *Municipal Grand List* was 2,830,109 (up 13,751) and the *Education Grand List* was 350,148,000 (up 73,036,500). There were 1716 taxable parcels listed and 880 homesteads declared.

Throughout the year we continued to witness the upward trends in housing market prices and property values resulting in an increased coefficient of dispersion (COD). COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within a town. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A. §4041a) Our COD increased from 20.35% to 23.96% which has mandated the town wide reappraisal process for Pownal. It will begin as soon as 2025 and should conclude by June 2027.

Pownal's 2023 Equalization Study resulted in a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 79.63% (↓14.40%); this multiple will be applied to your 2023 state education portion of your tax bills. CLA is town specific and is applied to each town's education tax rate to adjust listed value to Equalized value statewide.

Homestead Declarations and State Adjustments

State statute (32 V.S.A. § 5410) requires all residents as of April 1st to declare a homestead annually. **Even if you do not file a federal or State income tax form, you are required to file a homestead if you own the property you live in. To be considered timely, both Homestead Declarations (HS-122) and State Property Tax Adjustments (HI-144) must be filed on or before Monday, April 15, 2023.** Filing after this date will result in penalties. In the event you are filing an extension for your income taxes, please be aware **your Homestead Declaration can be filed independently of your Income Tax Return.**

A Homestead is defined as the principal dwelling and parcel of land owned by a resident individual on April 1 and occupied as individual's domicile. If you occupy your homestead for at least 183 days out of the calendar year it may still be declared as your homestead.

Please visit the Vermont Department of Taxes website for more information (<http://tax.vermont.gov>).

In closing, I would like to personally thank everyone for their support and help in the restructuring of our department and to the new municipal office location.

Respectively submitted,

Clerk to the Assessor,

Wendy Jordan

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is open 8:00 to 4:00 with last load of trash in by 3:50 every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Items collected that do not have to have permits are: Covered electronics are TV's, Computers, printers, scanners, and any related attachments. Batteries-household and lead acid. We will accept most tool batteries also.

We accept all fluorescent bulbs and tubes and mercury thermostats.

Household Hazardous Waste will be turned in at a permanent facility at the Bennington Transfer Station. It will be open 8 hrs. a week and you will have to schedule a time to use the facility. The BCSWA hopes to have the unit up and running in June.

The permit fee has increased to \$60.00 to cover some of the increases we are going to experience. With that Permit you may also use a free dump day any day we are open until the end of June.

Respectfully,

Tom Shuey

Financial Reports

General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023

ACCOUNT	FUND DESCRIPTION	BALANCE	BUDGET	EXPENSES	REDEMP	INTEREST	state/federal	CHANGE	BALANCE
116 fund	Voter Machine Fund	\$2,350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$2,350.00
117 fund	Audit Fund	\$19,181.94	\$10,000.00	\$0.00				\$10,000.00	\$29,181.94
118 fund	Reappraisal Fund	\$193,578.92	\$10,000.00	\$0.00		\$174.08		\$10,174.08	\$203,753.00
123 fund	Listers State Education	\$1,009.88	\$0.00	\$1,009.88				(\$1,009.88)	\$0.00
121 fund	Capital Fund	\$120,562.13	\$5,000.00	\$67,311.55	\$1,257.24			(\$61,054.31)	\$59,507.82
105 fund	Municipal Office Fund Phase 1	(\$10,000.00)	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00				\$10,000.00	\$0.00
122	Restoration Fund								\$13,231.22
110 fund	ARPA Wastewater PV1 upgrade	\$289,618.50	(\$39,410.00)	\$181,209.08				(\$220,619.08)	\$68,999.42
	ARPA Wastewater heating system						\$39,410.00	\$39,410.00	\$39,410.00
	ARPA Town Hall Phase II	\$77,363.53	\$0.00	\$198,181.78			\$150,000.00	(\$48,181.78)	\$29,181.75
	ARPA Environmental Study			\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00
	ARPA Hazard Pay			\$53,339.69			\$53,339.69	\$0.00	\$0.00
	ARPA Equipment			\$74,107.78			\$74,107.78	(\$74,107.78)	\$0.00
	ARPA Un-designated/state split239.62				\$1,800.00		\$229,540.48	\$231,340.48	\$231,340.48
119 fund	Legal Fund	\$1,560.38	\$10,000.00	\$0.00				\$10,000.00	\$11,560.38
102 fund	Transfer Station Building Fund	\$22,759.54	\$10,000.00	\$1,631.18				\$8,368.82	\$31,128.36
102 fund	Transfer Station Equipment Fund	\$56,028.46	\$4,000.00	\$187.65				\$3,812.35	\$59,840.81
120 fund	Timber Sale Fund (20303.37)	\$38,571.02	\$0.00	\$38,571.43		\$0.41		(\$38,571.02)	\$0.00
		\$812,584.30	\$59,590.00	\$658,050.02	\$0.00	\$174.49	\$0.00	(\$122,938.12)	\$779,485.18
	Designated for FY 22/23 Taxes	\$167,483.63						(\$167,483.63)	\$0.00
	Designated for FY 23/24 taxes							\$208,513.63	\$208,513.63
	Undesignated 6/30/22	\$208,513.63							
	TOTAL DES GEN FUND BALANCE	\$1,188,581.56							\$987,998.81
	TOTAL GEN FUND BALANCE	6/30/2023							\$1,203,697.74
	DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	6/30/2023							\$987,998.81
	UNDESIGNATED FUND BAL	6/30/2023							\$215,698.93
	Contingency for FY 23 is 50,000.00								
	Liability: Sewer System Bond	6/30/2023	\$1,164,788.80						
		Final Payment	2035						
11/1 payment due	Liability: Municipal Office Bond Final Payment 2041		\$570,000.00						

General Fund Comparative Report

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
TAXES -GENERAL FUND					
CURRENT GENERAL TAXES	604,081.37	-4,765,865.24	536,586.37	-4,455,406.30	578,219.63
BALLOT ARTICLES-TAXES	324,740.00	0.00	291,740.00	0.00	301,740.00
SEWER BOND FEE	121,000.00	0.00	121,000.00	0.00	121,000.00
LOCAL AGREEMENT EDU-TAX	8,500.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
SW VTUESD HOMESTEAD	0.00	774,565.29	0.00	694,824.99	0.00
SW VT uesd NON RESIDENTIA	0.00	827,140.34	0.00	934,446.34	0.00
MAU HOMESTEAD TAX PD	0.00	763,491.28	0.00	620,135.24	0.00
MAU NON RESIDENTIALTAX PD	0.00	815,314.66	0.00	833,998.66	0.00
COLLECTION FEE PD TOWN	0.00	7,803.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROAD TAXES PAID	0.00	851,391.00	0.00	876,967.03	0.00
Total TAXES -GENERAL FUND	1,058,321.37	-726,158.82	957,326.37	-495,034.04	1,008,959.63
DELINQUENT TAXES PAID					
DELINQUENT TAXES	0.00	-335,661.57	0.00	-243,489.98	0.00
Total DELINQUENT TAXES PAID	0.00	-335,661.57	0.00	-243,489.98	0.00
RECORDING FEE REVENUE	30,000.00	-23,308.00	28,000.00	-10,696.00	25,000.00
CONSTABLE REVENUE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INT. DELINQUENT TAXES	22,000.00	-24,818.38	23,000.00	-7,325.60	23,000.00
INTEREST EARNED					
GENERAL INTEREST	2,000.00	-15,156.13	2,500.00	-23,699.16	32,000.00
Total INTEREST EARNED	2,000.00	-15,156.13	2,500.00	-23,699.16	32,000.00
BOND REFINANCE PROCEEDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEVERAGE LICENSES TOWN	200.00	-535.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE TOWN	300.00	-160.00	300.00	-145.00	300.00
ANIMAL LICENSE TOWN	1,200.00	-2,030.00	1,200.00	-276.00	2,000.00
BUILDING PERMITS	2,700.00	-6,510.00	5,000.00	-2,600.00	6,000.00
VERIFICATION FEE	1,000.00	-425.00	1,000.00	-75.00	500.00
ZONING VIOLATION FEES	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
CANNABIS LOCAL FEES	0.00	-300.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
ADMINISTRATION FEES	11,200.00	-11,200.00	11,200.00	0.00	11,200.00
SEPTIC PERMITS	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
ANIMAL CONTROL					
BOARDING/ANIMAL FEES	0.00	-20.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
BALLOT ARTICLE/MISC	0.00	-14,119.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total ANIMAL CONTROL	0.00	-14,139.66	200.00	0.00	200.00
TIMBER SALE					
TIMBER SALES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST TIMBER SALE FUND	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total TIMBER SALE	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PILOT PAYMENTS					

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
NATIONAL FOREST(PILT FEDS	11,500.00	-13,007.00	12,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
PILOT FISH & GAME STATE	500.00	-335.47	400.00	-335.47	400.00
Total PILOT PAYMENTS	12,000.00	-13,342.47	12,400.00	-335.47	13,400.00
INTEREST EARNED					
MISCELLANEOUS	1,000.00	-2,834.13	1,000.00	-7,202.83	1,000.00
DEL TAX TOWN COLLEC FEES	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total INTEREST EARNED	1,100.00	-2,834.13	1,100.00	-7,202.83	1,100.00
COPIER/OTHER					
COPIES/OTHER	500.00	-2,612.30	2,000.00	-1,491.00	3,000.00
Total COPIER/OTHER	500.00	-2,612.30	2,000.00	-1,491.00	3,000.00
STATE/FEDERAL PAYMENTS					
REAPPRAISAL/MAINT GRAND L	15,000.00	-14,985.50	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
STATE EQUALIZATION	1,700.00	-1,763.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,750.00
MUNICIPAL FINES	2,500.00	-1,901.38	3,000.00	-965.97	2,000.00
STATE ED COL COM	7,500.00	-7,803.85	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
ACO FINES	200.00	0.00	200.00	-2,600.00	200.00
CURRENT LAND USE TAX	45,000.00	-45,647.50	45,000.00	-48,720.00	48,000.00
Total STATE/FEDERAL PAYMEN	71,900.00	-72,101.23	72,400.00	-52,285.97	74,450.00
LEASE PAYMENTS					
HR HYDRO LEASE	9,000.00	-11,249.58	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY LEASE	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00
Total LEASE PAYMENTS	9,000.00	-11,249.58	12,000.00	-1,000.00	13,000.00
TRANSFER STATION					
TRANSFER STATION FEES	60,000.00	-72,521.25	77,600.00	-45,702.25	85,000.00
TRANS. STAT. STICKERS	18,000.00	-20,600.00	25,000.00	-23,450.00	30,000.00
REFUND	0.00	-3,698.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
T/S ELECT/BATTERY/EWASTE	1,200.00	-463.44	800.00	-219.36	800.00
T/S HAULER PERMIT	100.00	-40.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
T/S REVOLVING LOAN 2018-4	0.00	-71,698.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
T/S SOLAR LEASE EAST	1,900.00	-3,800.00	3,800.00	-2,850.00	3,800.00
Total TRANSFER STATION	81,200.00	-172,821.88	107,300.00	-72,221.61	119,700.00
FROM UNDESIGNATED SURPLUS	167,483.63	0.00	208,513.63	0.00	215,698.93
FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS	102,573.00	-102,581.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
RAILROAD TAX	50,000.00	-27,328.12	60,000.00	-54,655.25	50,000.00
INT.REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	1,625,653.00	-1,565,273.58	1,507,240.00	-972,532.91	1,601,308.56

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
SELECTMAN					
SALARIES & WAGES-BOARD	-7,500.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00
SELECTMAN EXPENSE	-6,200.00	6,188.95	-5,000.00	2,054.35	-5,000.00
CONFERENCES/TRAINING	0.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
BOARD LIAISON WAGES	-17,328.00	17,328.00	-20,000.00	0.00	0.00
LIAISON EXPENSES	0.00	15.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total SELECTMAN	-31,028.00	31,032.64	-33,000.00	9,554.35	-13,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST					
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST WAGE	-41,762.00	41,761.35	-44,950.00	24,009.32	-57,070.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST OT	-830.00	826.61	-1,500.00	32.44	-1,500.00
ADMISTRATIVE ASST EXPENSE	-2,650.00	2,640.48	-2,000.00	1,439.33	-2,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	-45,242.00	45,228.44	-48,450.00	25,481.09	-60,570.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR					
Total TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT					
EXE ASSISTANT WAGES	-50,400.00	50,399.96	-53,000.00	30,530.70	-65,000.00
EXE ASSISTANT OVERTIME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXE ASST EXP/TRAINING	-2,850.00	2,835.80	-3,000.00	1,922.26	-3,000.00
Total EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	-53,250.00	53,235.76	-56,000.00	32,452.96	-68,000.00
TREASURER					
SALARIES & WAGES-TREAS.	-40,250.00	40,250.08	-45,525.00	25,961.40	-45,000.00
TREASUER EXP/TRAINING	-3,100.00	2,641.22	-2,500.00	804.21	-2,500.00
Total TREASURER	-43,350.00	42,891.30	-48,025.00	26,765.61	-47,500.00
TOWN CLERK					
SALARIES-CLERK	-43,350.00	43,349.80	-45,100.00	25,009.50	-43,350.00
ASST CLERK WAGE/CLERK TRA	-1,146.00	1,145.49	-5,000.00	542.22	-3,000.00
CLERK EXPENSES/TRAINING	-3,500.00	2,496.46	-2,000.00	584.86	-2,500.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE EXP	0.00	-150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rabies Clinic					
RABIES CLINIC WAGES	-200.00	166.75	0.00	0.00	-200.00
Total Rabies Clinic	-200.00	166.75	0.00	0.00	-200.00
Total TOWN CLERK	-48,196.00	47,008.50	-52,100.00	26,136.58	-49,050.00
B C A					
SALARIES & WAGES-BCA	-1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
B C A EXPENSES	-250.00	0.00	-600.00	0.00	-600.00
Total B C A	-1,750.00	0.00	-2,100.00	0.00	-2,100.00

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
ELECTION EXPENSES					
ELECTION WAGES	-4,000.00	4,049.40	-4,000.00	0.00	-6,000.00
ELECTION SUPPLIES/EXP	-3,230.00	3,228.80	-4,500.00	0.00	-4,500.00
ELECTION POSTAGE	-2,000.00	1,215.95	-1,200.00	1,320.00	-2,500.00
Total ELECTION EXPENSES	-9,230.00	8,494.15	-9,700.00	1,320.00	-13,000.00
AUDIT					
ACCOUNTING EXPENSES	-15,000.00	9,500.00	-15,000.00	3,400.00	-15,000.00
CPA AUDIT FUND	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-2,000.00
Total AUDIT	-25,000.00	19,500.00	-20,000.00	8,400.00	-17,000.00
TOWN REPORT					
TOWN REPORT EXPENSES	-4,000.00	2,121.15	-3,000.00	0.00	-2,800.00
Total TOWN REPORT	-4,000.00	2,121.15	-3,000.00	0.00	-2,800.00
ASSESSOR					
Clerk to Assessor Wage	-24,625.00	24,605.00	-22,000.00	14,076.40	-26,000.00
Clerk/ Assessor Expense	-100.00	94.21	-500.00	7.87	-500.00
SOFTWARE SERVICE/UPGRADE	-235.00	235.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
REAPPRAISAL FUND	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
NEMRC CONTRACT SERVICE	-19,287.00	19,282.82	-20,000.00	3,182.50	-22,000.00
TAX MAP MAINTENANCE	-2,240.00	2,235.61	-2,500.00	2,338.42	-2,500.00
Total ASSESSOR	-56,487.00	56,452.64	-55,500.00	29,605.19	-61,500.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR-					
SALARIES ZONING ADMIN	-4,800.00	4,800.00	-4,800.00	2,800.00	-4,800.00
EXPENSES/TRAINING	-500.00	231.07	-300.00	8.13	-300.00
Total ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	-5,300.00	5,031.07	-5,100.00	2,808.13	-5,100.00
DRB					
SALARIES & WAGES-DRB	-1,800.00	1,800.00	-2,100.00	1,800.00	-2,100.00
DRB EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	-500.00	10.00	-500.00
Total DRB	-1,800.00	1,800.00	-2,600.00	1,810.00	-2,600.00
PLANNING BOARD					
PLANNING BOARD WAGES	-2,700.00	2,700.00	-2,100.00	2,100.00	-2,100.00
PC EXPENSES/TRAINING	-1,955.00	20.00	-1,500.00	1,652.13	-1,500.00
Total PLANNING BOARD	-4,655.00	2,720.00	-3,600.00	3,752.13	-3,600.00
OFFICE, BUILDING & GROUND					
CAPITAL FUND	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	12,676.00	-5,000.00
MUNICIPAL OFFICE FUND	-50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
WAGES - JANITOR	-6,000.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	-10,500.00	10,491.29	-7,500.00	3,218.48	-7,500.00
RENT ON MOBILE HOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,132.00	0.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-5,000.00	87.50	-3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
OFFICE/EQUIP/ MAINT/PURCH	-10,000.00	10,445.94	-10,000.00	7,240.64	-12,000.00
SUBSCRIBED SERVICES	-4,000.00	3,544.85	-4,000.00	801.98	-4,000.00
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-22,000.00	7,918.37	-22,000.00	8,205.43	-15,000.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	-750.00	87.10	-750.00	0.00	-200.00
PEG ACCESS TV	-6,000.00	2,400.00	-3,500.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00
POSTAGE	-6,000.00	3,530.12	-6,500.00	2,073.11	-5,500.00
VLCT PROP/CASUALTY INS	-23,500.00	23,494.75	-19,000.00	10,554.25	-25,000.00
LEGAL FUND-PROF.SERVICE	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
LEGAL POSTINGS	-7,500.00	1,048.00	-7,500.00	439.12	-7,000.00
LEGAL FEES	-17,000.00	16,167.93	-17,000.00	6,567.36	-17,000.00
GROUND MAINTENANCE	-43,000.00	39,855.06	-41,500.00	33,457.54	-45,000.00
OFFICE ALARM SYSTEM	-1,500.00	1,498.00	-500.00	0.00	-1,000.00
OFFICE ELECTRICITY	-6,000.00	4,726.20	-4,500.00	2,454.47	-4,500.00
FUEL OFFICE	-7,400.00	7,373.70	-7,500.00	2,918.12	-7,500.00
TELEPHONE OFFICE	-6,000.00	3,349.22	-4,000.00	1,627.26	-4,000.00
CELL PHONES	-9,000.00	5,221.05	-4,600.00	2,750.87	-4,700.00
OFFICE SEWER USE FEE	-1,500.00	504.00	-600.00	252.00	-600.00
NEMRC CONSULTING SERV.	-10,000.00	8,160.10	-12,000.00	9,464.58	-15,000.00
PARKS & REC EXPENSE	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	3,662.98	-5,000.00
COTT SYSTEM FEE	-1,800.00	1,760.00	-2,100.00	800.00	-2,100.00
SICK PAY GENERAL	-500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total OFFICE, BUILDING & C	-274,950.00	221,763.18	-198,050.00	124,696.19	-199,000.00
FIRE CHARGES					
FIRE ALARM TEL CHARGES	-1,600.00	722.54	-800.00	474.61	-850.00
FIRE/RESCUE DISPATCH	-6,000.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total FIRE CHARGES	-7,600.00	6,722.54	-6,800.00	6,474.61	-6,850.00
RECREATION DEPARTMENT					
Total RECREATION DEPARTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
E911 ADMINISTRATION					
WAGES E911	-3,300.00	3,300.00	-3,600.00	2,100.00	-3,600.00
EXPENSES /TRAINING	-300.00	295.48	-300.00	92.75	-300.00
Total E911 ADMINISTRATION	-3,600.00	3,595.48	-3,900.00	2,192.75	-3,900.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES LAW					
CONTRACT LAW ENFORCE	-75,000.00	65,260.00	-75,000.00	49,801.05	-94,250.00
Total CONTRACTED SERVICES	-75,000.00	65,260.00	-75,000.00	49,801.05	-94,250.00
ANIMAL CONTROL					

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
WAGES ANIMAL CONTROL	-11,350.00	11,328.75	-10,000.00	3,732.30	-11,000.00
Animal Shelter Expenses	-6,000.00	5,876.17	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
KENNEL LEGAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00
ACO EXPENSES/TRAINING	-4,200.00	4,165.12	-2,500.00	1,094.64	-2,500.00
BOARDING FEES	-2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total ANIMAL CONTROL	-23,550.00	21,370.04	-13,000.00	5,326.94	-14,500.00
HEALTH OFFICER					
WAGES-HEALTH OFFICER	-3,600.00	3,600.00	-3,600.00	2,100.00	-3,600.00
HO EXPENSES/TRAINING	-1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Total HEALTH OFFICER	-4,600.00	3,600.00	-4,600.00	2,100.00	-4,600.00
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR					
WAGES-EMC	-1,000.00	1,000.00	-1,200.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
EMC EXPENSE/TRAINING	-300.00	0.00	-300.00	425.50	-300.00
Total EMERGENCY COORDINATO	-1,300.00	1,000.00	-1,500.00	1,625.50	-1,500.00
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR					
DEL TX COL EXP/TRAINING	0.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
Total DELINQUENT TAX COLLE	0.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
Building & Ground Empl					
Building & Ground Wages	-18,100.00	18,085.50	-20,000.00	9,761.85	-19,000.00
Total Building & Ground Em	-18,100.00	18,085.50	-20,000.00	9,761.85	-19,000.00
FOREST FIRES					
FOREST FIRE EXPENSES	-500.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
Total FOREST FIRES	-500.00	0.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
STREET LIGHTS					
STREET LIGHTS ELECTRICITY	-16,000.00	15,367.18	-16,000.00	7,930.62	-16,000.00
Total STREET LIGHTS	-16,000.00	15,367.18	-16,000.00	7,930.62	-16,000.00
RAILROAD					
Total RAILROAD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSFER STATION					
WAGES-TRANSFER	-53,450.00	53,453.62	-53,000.00	31,677.46	-57,000.00
TRANSFER FICA EXPENSE	-4,102.00	4,082.72	-4,100.00	2,423.18	-4,375.00
CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00
TRANSFER STATION MUNI	-2,803.00	2,800.59	-2,800.00	1,568.39	-3,200.00
T/S BUILDING & GROUNDS MA	-2,000.00	474.24	-3,000.00	13.88	-1,000.00

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
T/S REVOLVING LOAN 2018-4	0.00	78,530.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
T/S REVOLVING LN PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EQUIPMENT FUEL,OIL, & MAI	-3,400.00	799.80	-4,000.00	954.74	-4,000.00
VLCT PROP/CASUALTY INS	-2,500.00	2,464.00	-2,000.00	1,116.75	-2,600.00
TRANSFER BUILDING FUND	-10,000.00	10,060.86	-10,000.00	10,002.12	-15,000.00
CD TRASH & TRANS RECYCLE	-57,525.00	57,523.01	-51,000.00	31,185.25	-63,000.00
FREE DUMP DAY	-8,500.00	8,193.48	-8,500.00	0.00	-8,500.00
CONSULTING SERVICES	-7,500.00	4,651.98	-7,500.00	0.00	-19,000.00
TIRE DISPOSAL	-1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,740.00	-1,800.00
CFC REM /REF. & AIR C & O	-350.00	223.00	-350.00	164.00	-375.00
LANDFILL-HEATING FUEL	-800.00	464.14	-800.00	427.26	-900.00
SAFETY EQUIP & TRAINING	-1,340.00	1,339.23	-1,200.00	420.28	-1,200.00
TRANS. ADM.EXP/TRAV/EDUC	-1,200.00	713.79	-1,200.00	355.29	-1,000.00
TRANSFER EQUIPMENT FUND	-4,000.00	4,000.00	-500.00	711.47	-500.00
T/S TOILET/ PHONE/ELECTRI	-4,600.00	3,762.33	-4,400.00	2,347.69	-4,400.00
SOLID WSTE IMPL PLAN (SWI	-25,000.00	19,136.87	-25,000.00	10,312.98	-13,900.00
Total TRANSFER STATION	-190,070.00	252,674.33	-180,350.00	95,420.74	-201,900.00
Surplus Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BALLOT ARTICLES					
POWNA VALLEY FIRE DEPT.	-52,000.00	52,000.00	-52,000.00	52,000.00	-52,000.00
PVFD FIRE TRCK & EQUIP FU	-19,500.00	19,500.00	-19,500.00	19,500.00	-19,500.00
R.S.V.P.	-600.00	600.00	-600.00	600.00	-600.00
VT CTR FOR INDEP LIVING	-440.00	440.00	-440.00	440.00	-440.00
VNA & HOSPICE	-11,000.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00
THE TUTORIAL CTR	-2,500.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
PV SWINGING SENIORS	-2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
SW VT COUNCIL ON AGING	-1,200.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
SOLOMON WRIGHT LIBRARY	-15,000.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00
POWNA FIRE PROTECT ASSOC	-60,000.00	60,000.00	-60,000.00	60,000.00	-60,000.00
POWNA RESCUE SQUAD INC	-16,000.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00	16,000.00	-16,000.00
POWNA RESCUE SQUAD	-50,000.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00
PROJ AGAINST ENCOUNTER	-500.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00	-500.00
OAK HILL CHILDRENS CTR	-6,000.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
BENN PROJ INDEPENDENCE	-2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
VT. GREEN-UP	-200.00	200.00	-200.00	200.00	-200.00
POWNA YOUTH BASEBALL	-3,000.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
BCAA CHILD ABUSE	-500.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00	-500.00
FIRE STATION BUILDING FND	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00
SOLOMON WRIGHT LIBRARIAN	-15,000.00	15,000.00	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-30,000.00
BENN COUNTY CONSERV DIST	-500.00	500.00	-500.00	500.00	-500.00
BENNINGTON FREE CLINIC	-2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
SUNRISE FAMILY RESOURCE	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
BROC-COMMUNITY ACTION	-1,800.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00
ANIMAL SHELTER	-38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total BALLOT ARTICLES	-324,740.00	324,740.00	-291,740.00	291,740.00	-301,740.00
EXPENSES					

Account	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	FY - 2023	FY-2023 Pd:12	FY - 2024	FY-2024 Pd: 7	FY - 2025
MISCELLANEOUS EXP	-200.00	184.71	-50.00	3,027.97	-50.00
VT UNCLAIMED PROPERTY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GENERATOR EXPENSE	-1,200.00	50.00	-1,000.00	65.00	-750.00
TIMBER SALES EXPENSE	-1,800.00	1,784.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
SAFETY INSPECTION	-300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COUNTY TAX	-22,100.00	22,021.17	-24,500.00	20,790.30	-23,200.00
OAK HILL CEM POOR LOTS	-100.00	100.00	-100.00	100.00	-100.00
LOCAL AGREEMENT TAX PMT	-8,500.00	0.00	-8,000.00	0.00	-8,000.00
BENN COUNTY REGIONAL COMM	-7,500.00	7,000.00	-7,500.00	7,000.00	-7,500.00
VT. LEAGUE CIT&TOWN DUES	-5,500.00	5,208.00	-5,500.00	5,396.00	-5,561.00
PAYROLL FICA EXPENSE	-26,908.00	26,359.25	-28,100.00	14,062.77	-25,000.00
CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-800.00
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	-11,797.00	9,462.48	-12,600.00	5,234.84	-13,000.00
VLCT UNEMPLOYMENT INS	-650.00	650.00	-750.00	353.00	-750.00
WORKMANS COMP. INSURANCE	-20,000.00	14,720.25	-21,150.00	6,075.25	-21,150.00
INSURANCE					
HEALTH INSURANCE	-33,000.00	26,331.43	-33,000.00	16,596.15	-69,750.00
DENTAL INSURANCE	-2,500.00	889.44	-1,500.00	518.84	-1,500.00
VISION INSURANCE	-500.00	281.55	-500.00	125.16	-950.00
LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,825.00
Total INSURANCE	-36,000.00	27,502.42	-35,000.00	17,240.15	-74,025.00
SHORT TERM INTEREST	-100.00	0.00	-100.00	0.00	-100.00
SEWER SYSTEM BOND EXP	-72,700.00	72,699.52	-75,556.62	75,556.62	-78,525.99
SEWER BOND INTEREST EXP	-49,000.00	48,179.53	-45,218.38	23,375.49	-42,147.77
MUNICIPAL BOND PRINCIPAL	-30,000.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00
MUNICIPAL BOND INTEREST	-11,000.00	10,978.80	-11,000.00	5,444.40	-10,588.80
POWNAW WEB SITE	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TAX REFUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,015.83	0.00
DEFICIT (FY)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONTINGENCY	-50,000.00	0.00	-50,000.00	0.00	-50,000.00
RESERVE FUND EXPENSE					
Total RESERVE FUND EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total EXPENSES	-356,355.00	276,900.28	-356,125.00	214,737.62	-391,248.56
Total Expenditures	-1,625,653.00	1,526,594.18	-1,507,240.00	979,893.91	-1,601,308.56

Road Fund Comparative Report

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
ROAD FUND TAXES					
CURRENT TAX	851,391.00	-851,391.00	876,967.03	-876,967.03	986,648.17
Total ROAD FUND TAXES	851,391.00	-851,391.00	876,967.03	-876,967.03	986,648.17
VERMONT DEC GRANT	0.00	0.00	34,000.00	0.00	0.00
SAFETY GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST-SAVINGS-ROAD	1,000.00	-2,174.68	750.00	-14,223.78	20,000.00
FUEL REIMBURSEMENT	1,500.00	-505.67	1,500.00	-708.43	1,000.00
BCCD GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE AID					
STATE AID	128,000.00	-136,134.73	132,000.00	-140,180.78	140,000.00
STATE GRANTS -BRIDGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE GRANT - BLACKTOP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE GRANT - CULVS/EROS	200,000.00	-16,703.09	200,000.00	-231,000.00	0.00
STATE QC DEED RGHT OF WAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRANTS & AID	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,000.00
MISC STATE	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
EQUIPMENT SALE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total STATE AID	328,000.00	-152,837.82	332,500.00	-371,180.78	161,500.00
MISC. REVENUE	2,500.00	-0.22	2,500.00	0.00	100.00
WEIGHT PERMITS	300.00	-220.00	300.00	-20.00	300.00
INSURANCE REIM/PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	-858.00	0.00
FROM UNDESIGNATED SURPLUS	187,794.00	0.00	163,572.97	0.00	99,059.26
FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	1,422,485.00	-1,007,129.39	1,462,090.00	-1,263,958.02	1,268,607.43
BLACKTOPPING FUND					
BLACKTOPPING - OVERLAY	-150,000.00	150,000.00	-125,000.00	125,000.00	-150,000.00
ROAD PREP & CONSTRUCTION	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
BLACKTOP CRACK SEALING	-12,000.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00
BLACKTOP PATCH MATERIALS	-1,250.00	1,250.00	-1,500.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Total BLACKTOPPING FUND	-168,250.00	168,250.00	-143,500.00	143,500.00	-168,500.00
WAGES & PAYROLL					
REGULAR WAGES	-262,375.00	262,313.73	-276,000.00	156,249.22	-279,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00	-10,000.00
OVERTIME	-22,400.00	22,392.29	-35,000.00	12,033.89	-32,000.00
VACATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOLIDAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FICA EXPENSE	-19,919.00	19,880.36	-24,000.00	11,724.93	-23,800.00
CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-800.00
INSURANCE					
HEALTH INSURANCE ROAD	-43,300.00	43,273.50	-46,100.00	28,392.30	-91,980.00
DENTAL INSURANCE	-2,225.00	2,223.60	-2,500.00	1,297.10	-2,300.00

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd: 12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
VISION INSURANCE	-500.00	506.18	-650.00	248.08	-650.00
Total INSURANCE	-46,025.00	46,003.28	-49,250.00	29,937.48	-94,930.00
VLCT UNEMPLOYMENT INS.	-500.00	347.00	-500.00	173.50	-500.00
MUN. RETIREMENT	-14,536.00	14,527.02	-16,400.00	8,286.38	-17,900.00
WORKMANS COMP INS	-32,050.00	32,051.25	-24,000.00	10,388.75	-24,500.00
Total WAGES & PAYROLL	-407,805.00	407,514.93	-435,150.00	228,794.15	-483,430.00
MAINTENANCE & FUEL					
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	-49,200.00	49,171.81	-55,000.00	31,815.19	-55,000.00
RADIO REPAIR	-500.00	219.50	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
RADIO PURCHASE	-500.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00	-750.00
FUEL, OIL, & GREASE	-60,550.00	60,545.90	-50,000.00	29,234.58	-60,000.00
Total MAINTENANCE & FUEL	-110,750.00	110,437.21	-106,000.00	61,049.77	-116,250.00
GRAVEL / SAND					
GRAVEL CRUSHING-FUND	-35,000.00	35,000.00	-35,000.00	35,000.00	-36,000.00
GRAVEL /SAND/RIPRAP PURC	-30,000.00	12,498.47	-25,000.00	3,952.12	-25,000.00
GRAVEL BED LEASE/EXPENSE	-37,080.00	37,080.00	-37,440.00	37,440.00	-37,800.00
Total GRAVEL / SAND	-102,080.00	84,578.47	-97,440.00	76,392.12	-98,800.00
ROADSIDE & BRUSH					
GENERAL CONTRACT SERV	0.00	0.00	-4,000.00	1,085.00	-4,000.00
Total ROADSIDE & BRUSH	0.00	0.00	-4,000.00	1,085.00	-4,000.00
CULVERTS & BRIDGES					
BOX CULVERT FUND	-1,000.00	1,000.00	-5,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
CULVERT/BRIDGES CONTR SERV	-5,000.00	156.89	-5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00
Box Culvert Project	-250,000.00	10,500.00	-250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00
CULVERT/BRIDGES MATERIALS	-10,000.00	6,465.60	-7,500.00	4,454.40	-10,000.00
Total CULVERTS & BRIDGES	-266,000.00	18,122.49	-267,500.00	259,454.40	-20,000.00
BUS EXPENSES					
Total BUS EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ROADSIGNS & GUARDRAILS					
GUARDRAILS	0.00	0.00	-5,000.00	2,465.00	-5,000.00
SIGN/GUARDRAIL CONTR SERV	-2,000.00	1,449.10	-2,000.00	24.80	-2,500.00
SIGN REPLACEMENT &PURCHAS	-800.00	764.63	-2,000.00	433.99	-1,500.00
Total ROADSIGNS & GUARDRAI	-2,800.00	2,213.73	-9,000.00	2,923.79	-9,000.00
SNOW REMOVAL & SANDING					

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7	Budget FY - 2025
CONTRACTED PLOW & SAND	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Total SNOW REMOVAL & SANDI	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
SALT/CHLORIDE/EQUIP					
SALT	-58,000.00	57,996.22	-60,000.00	16,824.52	-60,000.00
LIQUID CHLORIDE	-19,650.00	16,385.97	-30,000.00	5,444.55	-35,000.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	-75,000.00	75,000.00	-100,000.00	100,000.00	-50,000.00
19 TANDEM TRUCK PRINCIPLE	-21,100.00	21,095.00	-21,100.00	0.00	0.00
19 TANDEM TRUCK INTEREST	-1,225.00	1,222.14	-2,650.00	0.00	0.00
16 EXCAVATOR LEASE/PURCHA	-22,900.00	22,854.17	-22,900.00	22,855.00	-22,900.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	0.00	0.00	-2,500.00	0.00	0.00
JD LOADER PURCH PRINC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-24,195.27
JD LOADER PURCH INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-4,932.16
Total SALT/CHLORIDE/EQUIP	-197,875.00	194,553.50	-239,150.00	145,124.07	-197,027.43
EXPENSES					
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-10,000.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00
MISC EXPENSE	-500.00	501.28	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
TOOLS-HARDWARE & SUPPLIES	-3,000.00	2,240.23	-3,000.00	896.53	-3,000.00
MUNICIPAL ROADS GEN PERMT	-1,800.00	1,765.00	-1,500.00	0.00	-1,800.00
ENGINEERING EXPENSE	-6,725.00	2,078.00	-10,000.00	125.00	-7,000.00
ADVERTISING	-1,000.00	596.00	-500.00	0.00	-500.00
ROAD ALARM	-500.00	360.00	-500.00	360.00	-750.00
TRAINING & EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	-2,500.00	2,467.88	-4,000.00	1,062.12	-5,000.00
GRANTS & AID	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-21,000.00
TELEPHONE	-3,500.00	3,482.88	-3,300.00	2,135.11	-3,500.00
FUEL @ GARAGE (HEAT)	0.00	0.00	-2,500.00	0.00	-2,500.00
BUILDING FUND	-25,000.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00
BLDG MAINTENANCE	-1,400.00	1,326.82	-2,500.00	574.43	-2,500.00
ELECTRICITY	-2,500.00	1,818.02	-2,000.00	1,059.49	-2,000.00
AUDIT EXPENSE	-3,000.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00	-3,500.00
VLCT PROP/CASUALTY INS	-25,450.00	25,437.00	-20,000.00	10,350.50	-21,000.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	-50.00	0.22	-50.00	0.00	-50.00
CONTINGENCY	-50,000.00	0.00	-50,000.00	0.00	-50,000.00
Total EXPENSES	-146,925.00	90,073.33	-139,350.00	51,563.18	-160,600.00
BRIDGE FUNDS					
BRIDGE FUND-GENERAL	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-10,000.00
Total BRIDGE FUNDS	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	20,000.00	-10,000.00
Total Expenditures	-1,422,485.00	1,095,743.66	-1,462,090.00	989,886.48	-1,268,607.43
Total 200 - ROAD FUND	0.00	88,614.27	0.00	-274,071.54	0.00
Total All Funds	0.00	88,614.27	0.00	-274,071.54	0.00

Waste Water Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023

ACCOUNT	FUND DESCRIPTION	BALANCE	BUDGET	EXPENSES		INTEREST	RESERVE	CHANGE	BALANCE
							DEPOSIT		
444-4030-00.00	Capital Reserve Fund	\$88,211.20	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$77.03	\$2,008.00	\$2,085.03	\$90,296.23
	Fund Balance - Total	\$118,363.80							\$106,916.94
	Designated Fund Balance	\$88,211.20							\$90,296.23
	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$29,969.60							\$16,620.71

Waste Water Fund Comparative Report

Account	Budget FY - 2023	Actual FY-2023 Pd:12	Budget FY - 2024	Actual FY-2024 Pd: 7
ASSESSMENTS				
WASTEWATER BILLINGS	351,066.00	-346,747.45	352,119.00	-173,669.18
RESERVE CAPACITY FEE	2,500.00	-2,209.60	5,000.00	0.00
SEPTAGE FEE	16,000.00	-7,074.00	16,000.00	-8,208.00
APPLICATION FEE	200.00	-160.00	1,000.00	0.00
COMP/MISC REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	-1,898.43	0.00	-15.00
Total ASSESSMENTS	369,766.00	-350,089.48	374,119.00	-181,892.18
BANK INTEREST O&M				
BANK INTEREST O&M	10.00	-20.06	20.00	-7.59
INTEREST CAPITAL RESERVE	30.00	-77.03	40.00	-45.62
DEL INT & FEES BILLED	0.00	-4,787.03	0.00	-3,082.15
MISC REVENUES BILLED	0.00	-25.02	25.00	-50.00
Total Revenues	369,806.00	-362,998.62	374,204.00	-185,077.54
DIRECT LABOR				
REGULAR WAGES	-132,940.00	132,935.62	-133,350.00	77,746.80
OVERTIME	-16,900.00	16,893.78	-15,000.00	12,057.50
SICK PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VACATION PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOLIDAY PAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FICA EXPENSE	-11,410.00	11,401.49	-11,400.00	6,818.94
CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INSURANCE				
HEALTH INSURANCE WW	-9,290.00	9,284.21	-8,500.00	5,932.05
DENTAL INSURANCE	-450.00	444.72	-450.00	259.42
VISION INSURANCE	-100.00	154.75	-200.00	80.78
Total INSURANCE	-9,840.00	9,883.68	-9,150.00	6,272.25
VLCT UNEMPLOYMENT INS	-300.00	347.00	-300.00	173.50
MUN RETIREMENT	-8,160.00	8,151.91	-7,800.00	4,775.60
WORKMANS COMP INSURANCE	-15,950.00	15,924.25	-12,200.00	5,165.00
CONSULTANTS/TEMP OPERATOR	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total DIRECT LABOR	-195,550.00	195,537.73	-189,200.00	113,009.59
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES	-1,200.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	119.99
DEL TAX COL COM SEWER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATTY FEE TAX SALE REIMB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BILLING SUPPLIES/ POSTAGE	-2,160.00	2,187.62	-1,500.00	611.73
SAFETY SUPPLIES	-550.00	544.57	-1,000.00	0.00
AUDIT EXPENSE	-1,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00
LEGAL FEES	0.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & DUES	-1,010.00	1,010.00	-500.00	870.00
WWTF OFFICE SUPPLIES	-600.00	819.99	-800.00	608.06
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INS	-11,000.00	10,987.75	-8,500.00	4,770.75

Expendable and Special Funds Balance

Fund Description

Ending Balance

Expendable Funds

Arbor Lot	\$2,170.51
Oak Hill Cemetery	\$330.17

Special Funds

Parks & Rec	\$5,161.45
Municipal Planning Grant	\$6,044.22
Cemetery Mapping System	\$5,000.00
Pownal Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan	\$13,786.74

Delinquent Property Tax

Parcel	Name	Tax
US7-64-	ACKERMANN PHILLIP	2023
AGE-56-	AMIDON ANGELA & DA	2023
042-13-	ANDERSON MERRY TRU	2023
006-60-	ANDREWS DOROTHY LI	2023
EGP-24-	ANDREWS MICHAEL L	2023
007-53-2	ANZBOCK HARALD	2022
006-10-1	ARMSTRONG BRADLEY	2019-2023
OSB-13-	ARMSTRONG BRADLEY	2023
OWR-09-	ARPANTE JIANA O	2023
030-04-1	AUSTIN KARL	2023
AGE-46-	BAKER NICHOLAS	2023
GMP-19-	BALDWIN MARK	2023
003-20-	BELANGER GEORGE ES	2023
033-21-	BELVILLE BRENDA L	2023
PRP-18-	BOYER BRANDY R	2023
AGE-26-	BRANDMEYER KAREN	2022 - 2023
346-70-1	BRANFORD PHILIP	2023
023-05-	BRILLON SHARON	2023
005-10-	BROWN JENNIFER M	2023
AGE-14-	BROWN NATHAN	2020 - 2023
US7-85-1	BRUNEAU RENE A	2022 - 2023
041-11-	BUELL KASSANDRA	2023
030-06-1	BURDICK FRANK E	2023
AGE-13-	BURDICK WYNETTA	2023
020-13-	BURGESS PAUL A	2022 - 2023
004-30-	BUSH PHILIP P & SU	2022 - 2023
US7-36-	BUSHEE DOUGLAS E E	2022 - 2023
001-05-	CANNELL JOAN S	2023
005-10-1	CAPEN JENNIFER M	2023
EGP-11-	CHAFFEE EDWARD	2023
AGE-09-	CHANDLER MISTY	2023
043-01-1	CHIORGNO VINCENT C	2023
024-10-	COLUMBUS JUDITH	2021 - 2023
AGE-54-	COOPE GEOFF	2022 - 2023
BDP-08-	CRANDALL ANGIE	2023
PRP-20-	DANFORTH SAMANTHA	2022 - 2023
007-23-	DAUGHERTY SUSAN A	2020 - 2023
056-02-	DAVIS GEORGE S	2023
346123-	DESOMMA JANE ELLEN	2023
US7-57-1	DODGE TAMMY L	2023
346-70-	DURFEE LANA & JOSI	2023
053-15-	EGAN JEFFREY MARTI	2022 - 2023
US7-55-2	ERINA PROPERTIES L	2023
OWR-05-	FAIRCLOUGH LINDA	2023
040-18-	FISK STEPHEN G	2023
AGE-01-	FOSTER VICTORIA	2023

RPV-34-	FROST BERNIE	2023
CMP-16-	GALLAGHER DONALD E	2023
OAD-06-	GARDNER BETH A	2022 - 2023
AGE-35-	GATES PATRICIA A	2021 - 2023
020-08-	GAUDETTE CLIFFORD	2022 - 2023
BDP-16-	GOSS JR STUART N	2023
HSP-01-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
HSP-02-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
HSP-03-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
HSP-04-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
HSP-05-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
US7-71-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
US7-77-	GRAY PATRICK J	2022 - 2023
US7-75-	GRAY PATRICK J M	2022 - 2023
BDP-09-	HAMILTON STELLA F	2023
016-12-	HARDEN SHEELA M	2023
EGP-23-	HARTMAN CRAIG	2022 - 2023
EGP-08-	HARTMAN LINDA	2019 - 2023
AGE-48-	HIMES TOM	2023
003-62-1	HOARD JOHN P	2023
US7-85-	HOLLENDONNER PHILI	2022 - 2023
AGE-45-	HOPE WILLIAM	2021 - 2023
044-05-	HUMES WILLEM J	2023
AGE-21-	HUNTER JOSHUA & PE	2023
007-10-3	HURLEY JEREMIAH	2023
GMP-02-	INGHAM JOANNE DEC'	2023
CMP-11-	IWASHKO MARIN	2023
US7-07-	JELLEY GARY	2023
346-28-	JELLEY GARY O	2023
US7-11-	JELLEY GARY O	2023
US7-26-	JELLEY GARY O	2023
012-07-	JONES THAI	2023
007-10-1	KRAWCZYK ROBERT	2023
006-10-	LAMBERT MATTHEW J	2023
US7-95-	LASHER VIRGIL C	2020 - 2023
037-04-	LASPINO ANDREW A	2023
036-39-	LEARD JR RICHARD J	2022 - 2023
060-02-	LEONARD LOIS	2023
AGE-49-	LEONARD REBECCA	2023
007-64-	LILLIE DORIS P DEC	2023
035-24-	LINCOLN LEVI DEC'D	2023
AGE-27-	LOCKWOOD SHERRIE	2022 - 2023
030-06-2	LOZIER GEORGE	2023
OSS-01-	MACDONALD CABIN LL	2022 - 2023
346-57-	MACINTYRE JEREMY S	2022 - 2023
346119-	MALONEY KATHLEEN	2023
006-51-	MARCHEGIANI KAREN	2023

AGE-38-	MASON DYLAN	2023
AGE-05-	MATEO SHAWN	2023
053-18-	MATUNAS GLEN	2023
037-03-	MCCORMICK CHRISTOP	2023
AGE-11-	MCKUNE TINA MARIE	2023
008-03-	MESSER ROBERT	2022 - 2023
US7-46-B	MILLER KATE D	2023
PRP-23-	MOONEY JOHN	2023
CMP-21-	MORGAN KENNETH EST	2021 - 2023
CMP-17-	MORGAN MICHAEL S	2023
EGP-01-	MOSES ROBERT	2023
AGE-40-	MYERS RUTH A (QUIN	2023
004-34-	ODELL JODI LYNN	2022 - 2023
064-05-	ONORATO PASQUALE J	2023
AGE-20-	OSGOOD HEATHER	2023
009-15-	OTT ERIC M	2022 - 2023
007-22-	PARK TRACY D	2023
AGE-29-	PERKINS NICOLE J	2023
PRP-09-	PHILLIPS KATHERINE	2021 - 2023
034-17-	PIERCE CRYSTAL	2023
AGE-36-	PLEASANT LINDA	2023
OAD-08-	PRATT JR DAVID W	2023
GMP-03-	PRATT YVONNE M	2022 - 2023
US7-78-2	PRUDEN KENNETH JR	2023
001-14-	PURPLE VALLEY AUTO	2023
346105-	QUINN JEANETTE F D	2022 - 2023
053-32-	RANDALL III DANIE	2022 - 2023
003124-	REMY DARLENE & HOL	2022 - 2023
AGE-18-	ROBIE DAVID	2022 - 2023
020-09-	ROGERS SR DONALD P	2022 - 2023
AGE-12-	RUSSELL KEVIN	2022 - 2023
AGE-37-	RUSSELL OLLIE	2023
AGE-41-	RUSSELL RYAN	2022 - 2023
AGE-15-	SADDLEMIRE CORY	2023
OWR-13-	SEVEN COUSINS CLUB	2022 - 2023
BDP-14-	SIMMONS CASANDRA	2020 - 2023
006-01-	SINGLETON TODD M	2023
002-10-	SMITH WILLIAM	2023
064-21-	SMITH WILLIAM	2023
001-08-	SNYDER (CANNELL) J	2023
GMP-17-	SOUCIE WALTER J	2023
AGE-32-	SQUIRES GILBERT	2022 - 2023
BDP-03-	SULLIVAN JOHN L	2019 - 2023
346-65-	TAYLOR JR WENDELL	2023
AGE-34-	TIFT DANIEL	2022 - 2023
034-04-	TORNABENE SR JOSEP	2022 - 2023
036-23-	TOWSLEE JAMES ALBE	2023

005-05-	TOWSLEE TAMMY M	2023
CMP-39-	VIDAL MARY	2023
PRP-22-	WALLNER JR JOHNNY	2021 - 2023
RPV-09-	WEBBER DANIELLE	2023
003-10-	WEBER ROSE M	2023
PRP-01-	WEEDEN DOREEN	2022 - 2023
053-30-	WELLER SUNSHINE	2023
CMP-29-	WILCOX MAUREEN (DE	2023
007-40-1	WILLOUGHBY ROBIN	2022 - 2023
US7-90-	WILMINGTON SAVINGS	2023
AGE-10-	WILSON TIM	2022 - 2023
025-09-	WOODARD MARILYN JE	2023
US7108-	ZACHER RICHARD	2022 - 2023
RPV-80-	ZAPPONE DAVID	2021 - 2023

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Payment 1</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$558.13	\$43.43	\$44.64	\$646.20
2020	\$4,428.29	\$592.13	\$354.26	\$5,374.68
2021	\$6,661.53	\$1,578.48	\$532.94	\$8,772.95
2022	\$55,056.27	\$5,008.16	\$4,404.53	\$64,468.96
2023	\$207,215.44	\$1,993.64	\$16,572.41	\$225,781.49
Totals	\$273,919.66	\$9,215.84	\$21,908.78	\$305,044.28

Delinquent Sewer

<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>
US7-64-	ACKERMANN PHILLIP	2023
042-06-	BAKER BERNARD & DE	2022-2023
346-97-	BAKER SHANE	2023
024-08-1	BOWEN REBECCA	2023
OWM-16-	BRATCHER STANLEY &	2023
008-11-	BUMP SCOTT T.	2023
030-06-1	BURDICK F & CAMPBE	2023
008-06-	CARDIMINO LINDA M	2023
346123-	DESOMMA JANE	2023
024-09-	GALOK TAYLOR	2023
346-56-	GARDNER ANNE	2023
US7-71-	GRAY PATRICK J & C	2023
US7-77-	GRAY PATRICK J & C	2023
346-66-	HARRIS AMY	2023
346-73-	HURLEY ROBERT C	2023
346-28-	JELLEY GARY O	2023
US7-26-	JELLEY GARY O	2022 - 2023
009-16-	LEONARD JEFF & KIM	2023
346-57-	MACINTYRE JEREMY &	2023
346119-	MALONEY KATHLEEN	2022-2023
008-03-	MESSER ROBERT	2022-2023
346-34-	NICKLIEN SHAWN & M	2023
346105-	QUINN JEANETTE DEC	2023
001-07-	QUINN RUTH	2022-2023
053-32-	RANDALL DANIEL S.	2023
346-81-	SARGALIS DEBORAH A	2022-2023
001-05-	SNYDER (CANNELL) J	2023
001-08-	SNYDER JOAN M (CAN	2023
346-65-	TAYLOR JR WENDELL	2022-2023
053-30-	WELLER SUNSHINE	2023

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2022	\$3,188.19	\$348.06	\$255.10	\$3,791.35
2023	\$17,688.81	\$1,447.71	\$1,415.10	\$20,551.62
Totals	\$20,877.00	\$1,795.77	\$1,670.20	\$24,342.97

Tax Information

2023 Tax Rates

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>2023 TAX RATES</u>	
TOWN GENERAL TAX	\$ 0.2928	
LOCAL AGREEMENT-STATE ED TAX	\$ 0.0031	
TOWN ROAD TAX	<u>\$ 0.3100</u>	
Total Municipal Tax Rate		\$ 0.6059
SEWER BOND FLAT TAX PER PARCEL		
DEVELOPED	\$ 75.00	
UNDEVELOPED	\$ 37.50	
STATE EDUCATION TAX		
HOMESTEAD	\$ 1.2014	
NON-RESIDENTIAL	\$ 1.4793	
TOTAL: TOWN Plus STATE EDUCATION TAX (<u>Developed Parcels</u>)		
Homestead Rate:	<u>\$ 1.8073+ (Bond \$ 75.00)</u>	
Non-Residential Rate:	<u>\$ 2.0852 + (Bond \$ 75.00)</u>	

Tax Rate Comparison

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
TOWN GENERAL FUND	\$ 0.3298	\$ 0.2928 minus	.0370
LOCAL AGREEMENT-ED	\$ 0.0028	\$ 0.0031 plus	.0003
TOWN ROAD FUND	<u>\$0.3024</u>	<u>\$ 0.3100</u> plus	<u>.0076</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL RATE	\$0.6350	\$ 0.6059 minus	.0291
SEWER BOND – Flat Tax Per Parcel			
Developed Parcel	\$ 75.00 Each	\$ 75.00 Each	
Undeveloped Parcel	\$ 37.50 Each	\$ 37.50 Each	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
<u>COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL</u>	97.21	94.03	
<u>STATE EDUCATION TAX</u>			
HOMESTEAD	\$ 1.3098	\$ 1.2014 minus	.1084
NON-RESIDENTIAL	\$ 1.5081	\$ 1.4793 minus	.0288
<u>TOTAL TOWN PLUS STATE EDUCATION TAX (Developed Parcels)</u>			
HOMESTEAD	<u>\$ 1.9448+ (\$ 75.00)</u>	<u>\$ 1.8073 + (\$75.00)</u> minus	0.1375
NON-RESIDENTIAL	<u>\$ 2.1431+ (\$75.00)</u>	<u>\$ 2.0852 + (\$75.00)</u> minus	0.0579
GRAND LIST			
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
MUNICIPAL	\$ 2,816,358.00	\$ 2,829,276.00 increase	12,918.00
EDUCATION	\$ 2,771,115.00	\$ 2,786,557.71 increase	15,442.71

Ballot Article Letters

Bennington Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

To the Officers and Citizens of Pownal:

In 2022, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) provided Pownal residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From children with more intensive medical needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring quality health care wherever it is needed, **regardless** of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking federal and state reimbursements, along with rising healthcare costs, the VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Pownal's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 127,393 home visits to 3,043 patients. **In Pownal, we provided 1,925 visits to 79 individuals.**

Thank you for your continued support! With your vote of confidence, we will continue to fulfill our promise to your community to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Sincerely,



Sara C. King, CEO
VNA & Hospice of the
Southwest Region



Dan DiBattista, President
Board of Directors

Pownal Valley Seniors

Thank you fellow Pownal voters for helping to support the Pownal Valley Seniors! The funds are used to pay for liability insurance, to help with heating costs at the Pownal Center Firehouse where we meet and especially for transportation.

As we age, we realize that some of us either can't or shouldn't be driving anymore. Probably one of the hardest things we have to face is the loss of our independence. Funding from the town allows us to occasionally use coach bussing to get to and from events or places we like to visit.

This past year we went to Wings of Wonder, Yankee Candle, and the Bridge of Flowers in Massachusetts and to Hildene in Manchester, Vermont. We also had a joint picnic with the Bennington and Arlington seniors in July at Willow Park. We had our own picnic as well in September. We also enjoy the dinner cruises on Lake George some years.

We meet on Tuesday mornings for coffee and conversation from 7:30 to 9:30. The second Tuesday of the month we celebrate the birthdays of the month with a pot luck luncheon. We go for 'mystery' lunches several times per year and have a pancake or French toast breakfast during maple sugaring season. We also have a Christmas party yearly.

Lastly, but not least important, we have Bone Builders on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30. Bone Builders is a free exercise program for seniors, designed by Tufts to help seniors with strength and balance. Balance so we don't fall and strength so that we can get ourselves up if we do fall.

Our sponsor is the Council on Aging.

Please stop in and check us out. Again, thank you for supporting your Pownal Seniors!

Sincerely,

Anette Dixon , President, Pownal Valley Seniors

NeighborWorks

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support!

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the State of Vermont, and Pownal, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023), our services comprised of:

- 192 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 60 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 35 Energy Loans, totaling \$666,861 were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 13 rental units rehabilitated.
- 16 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$324,294 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 8 Home Repair Loans totaling \$110,482 and 49 Home Repair Grants totals \$181,461 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$157,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 4 loans totaling \$233,250 were made to homebuyers who utilized the state of Vermont's Share Equity Program.
- 95 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 32 became homeowners.
- 67 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Sincerely,
Melanie Paskevich



Interim Executive Director
mpaskevich@nwwv.t.org 802-797-8610

Bennington County Conservation District

I hope this letter finds you well and engaged in our community's well-being. Today, I want to share with you some vital information about the Bennington County Conservation District, as outlined in VSA 10 Chapter 31 and 7 CFR 610.25. Understanding the role and powers of these districts is crucial for all community members, as we work together towards a sustainable & resilient future.

Purpose of the Natural Resource Conservation Districts

The NRCs are part of a national infrastructure of Locally Led institutions dedicated to the sustainable management and conservation of Vermont's natural resources, focusing on soil, water, and related resources. Our mission is to ensure these resources are preserved and enhanced for future generations.

Functions of the NRCs

To achieve this mission, the NRCs are tasked with several responsibilities:

1. **Comprehensive Planning:** Developing strategic plans for managing natural resources within our district.
2. **Project Implementation:** Executing various conservation projects and programs, such as soil erosion control, food system development, and water management.
3. **Collaborative Agreements:** Forming partnerships with government and private organizations for effective resource management.
4. **Property Management:** Acquiring and managing properties necessary for conservation efforts.
5. **Funding Acquisition:** Securing funds through grants, loans, and other means to support our environmental initiatives.
6. **Educational Outreach:** Promoting public awareness and involvement in conservation through education.
7. **Regulatory and Advisory Functions:** Providing advice and collaborating with other agencies on natural resource management to ensure the priorities and values of Bennington County residents are considered in the policy making process.
8. **Local Ordinance Implementation:** While a smaller aspect of our work, we also hold the power to propose and enact local ordinances through referenda, enabling community participation in specific environmental decisions.

Over the past year we have worked diligently to live up to these responsibilities.

We have worked with residents and our agency partners in the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Agency of Natural Resources, and Agency of Agriculture to re-open the Local Working Group process and establish a Local Fund Pool of \$175,000 to support conservation work on private lands within the county based on community priorities. As part of this process, we initiated a continuous engagement process called the Community Resilience Initiative which includes an annual Community Resilience Forum and monthly Community Resilience Symposiums. This process allows the citizens of Bennington County to have a dedicated space for continuous public participation in the planning and policy making process concerning the management of natural resources.

We worked with our agency partners to ensure the prioritization of Bennington County's watersheds in the new Water Quality Enhancement Development, Design, and Implementation Block Grant is easily accessible to Bennington County residents. This program provides funding for a wide variety of conservation activities including dam removal, riparian buffers, river corridor easements, stream geomorphic assessments, river corridor plans, stormwater master plans, and Lake Watershed Action Plans.

We worked with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Vermont Agency of Agriculture and the Vermont Natural Resource Council to provide technical assistance to Bennington County Producers applying to the Vermont Farmers Ecosystem Stewardship Program. This program provides an initial \$2,000 incentive for applying for NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program funding and an additional \$7,500 upon the execution of a CSP contract. Through this effort we initiated preliminary conservation planning on approximately 6,800 acres of working lands with the goal of compensating our working land stewards for the invaluable work they do in maintaining environmental quality for Bennington County residents.

While this is not a comprehensive overview of our work or programs, it will hopefully highlight the valuable work BCCD does for the community and demonstrate the value residents receive by funding the district through town appropriations.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to our County's environmental health and sustainability.

Sincerely,

Michael Fernandez

District Manager; Bennington County Conservation District

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Bennington Project Independence

Bennington Project Independence (BPI) is honored to have had the opportunity to provide comprehensive Adult Day Services for older persons, younger adults with disabilities and their families from Pownal for over 45 years.

BPI provides a safe, sensitive and supportive day program for adults age 18 and older. We serve people with delicate or chronic medical conditions that would benefit from our on-site nursing care and health monitoring as well as persons facing end-of-life challenges. We serve people who feel isolated without the support of family and friends and persons dealing with bereavement or other emotional issues such as anxiety or depression. We also serve younger persons with acquired brain injury as well as serving persons in all stages of Alzheimer's Disease and other cognitive impairments who benefit from compassionate, specialized assistance. Our members have the opportunity to receive care and support during the day and then return to the comfort of their own homes or their family's homes in the evening.

BPI offers a comprehensive range of services that our members and their families rely on. We are able to provide extensive on-site nursing and wellness care, personal care assistance (showers, hair and nail care, toileting assistance, etc.) and access to the wide range of meaningful and enriching activities that help members remain as independent as possible. BPI offers 18-20 activities a day that people can pick and choose from. The Staff, at BPI, engage people with mentally stimulating games, educational opportunities and presentations, physical activities, our NuStep and cubie fitness programs and much, much more. They also help people make the human connections so vital to reducing the loneliness and sense of isolation previously felt during the height of the pandemic. Our program is based on the abilities, interests and needs of our members and their families.

BPI is here to help families in Pownal "share the care". Our comprehensive services help make it possible for them to be able to care for their loved ones, raise their own families and, in many cases, continue to be able to work or maintain their career. Knowing that their loved one is safe, well-cared for and enjoying their day, gives the caregiver the break they need to recharge and brings great peace of mind to families.

Our "Families Together" monthly caregiver gathering and our full time Social Worker provide families with extra support and information to make their caregiving journey easier. The additional support can also help families prevent the emotional and financial cost of premature institutionalization of their loved one who may be at risk.

BPI's services support economic growth as well. We can assist Family Caregivers to continue to work outside the home. This supports the availability and stability of the potential workforce for employers in the Pownal area. Families no longer have to leave their jobs to care for their loved ones. Businesses also have the potential for less replacement and training costs because their employees can remain on the job with less distraction from eldercare issues.

We are extremely grateful for the continued support and look forward to continuing to provide the highest caliber of care and range of Adult Day Services for the residents and families of Pownal well into the future.

Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program & Volunteer Program

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP) is an AmeriCorps Seniors program that engages people 55 and older in volunteer positions with non-profit programs to improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement. GMRSVP is focused on addressing social isolation, healthy aging, and food insecurity.

AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteers through GMRSVP have offered residents of Pownal and surrounding towns a wide range of valuable services over this past year. Volunteers have stayed engaged through leading Bones Builders classes; offering free tax preparation through the AARP Tax-Aide Program; delivering meals through Meals on Wheels; providing grocery shopping and friendly phone calls through the Southwestern VT Council on Aging, as well as providing support to the Solomon Wright Public Library.

In continuation of our initiative to offer a remote volunteer opportunity as well as an effort to send cheerful notes to isolated older Vermonters, our volunteers have written hundreds of postcards for Meals on Wheels recipients, community care home residents, and clients of the Southwestern VT Council on Aging .

Your town's funds help us continue supporting and developing programs for older adults who wish to volunteer. Federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program cover our staff and administrative costs. GMRSVP serves Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties.

Contact Program Director Corey Mitchell at 802-674-4547 to learn more about GMRSVP and how you can volunteer in Pownal.

Vermont Green-up



GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org



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

Solomon Wright Library

An abiding treasure in the town of Pownal, VT, the Solomon Wright Public Library serves the surrounding communities by providing access to a trove of essential information and cultural materials. Crucially, we also offer guidance in how to gain skills in using and leveraging those resources. Our collection includes books, DVDs, a "Library of Things", access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks, a circulating collection of large print titles, inter-library loan, public computers and internet access (including WiFi access outside our building), copying, printing, scanning, and free faxing, meeting space, programs and events, and more.

SWPL has a Library of Things with its purpose to promote diverse opportunities for learning and engagement. The collection includes: • Home Improvement tools and devices • Science and Technology equipment • outdoors and Sporting equipment • Crafting tools • Puzzles and Games • Children's Learning and Play kits

The Solomon Wright Public library collects, organizes, preserves, and provides access to sources that document the history of Pownal, VT and its inhabitants, government, environment, businesses, institutions, and organizations. The aim of this collection is to provide resources for town residents and researchers to explore the personal, historical, and cultural heritage of Pownal and its environs in meaningful and creative ways.

The library has a meeting Community Room and the Lucy Wright Case Reading Room open for the public use. The primary purpose of the Solomon Wright Public Library Policy on Art Exhibits is to enrich the library experience of the SWPL Patrons, particularly: • To enhance and increase community appreciation of the arts, • To present a variety of exhibitions by artists in the visual arts as well as exhibitions of educational and/or historical significance.

On Line Resources: Access our library catalog online to search materials and place holds. eBooks and audio books available online. Learning Express provides a number of online resources to support achieving personal and professional goals. From homework help, to practice exams, to career preparation. The Vermont Online Library (VOL) offers a wide array of electronic information databases on a variety of topics geared to a variety of age levels, for both generalists and specialists.

Museum Passes are located at the circulation desk and are available for a 3 day checkout SWPL supports inter library loans with all other participating libraries in Vermont. Request can be made on our website.

The Solomon Wright Library collects donations for the Pownal Food Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items are dropped *off* in a bin located next to our front door which fills practically every week.

The library has a policy that outlines the opioid overdose prevention methods that is taken to protect and support community members who may be struggling with addiction. Narcan is available onsite.

Oak Hill Children's Center

Did you know that 90% of a child's brain develops during the first 5 years of life? One million new neural connections form every second! A child's earliest experiences are literally built into the brain. Ensuring children have access to high-quality early education is essential for success in school, relationships, work and life.

For over 50 years, Oak Hill Children's Center has been one of our community's most valuable resources, providing exceptional educational opportunities to thousands of children and peace of mind to families who need high-quality care for their children so they can work. Oak Hill is a nonprofit provider of early childhood education whose mission is to support the needs of families by providing quality early care and education services in a stimulating, nurturing environment that fulfills the State's vision of realizing the promise of every Vermont child. Oak Hill has achieved 5 STARS, the highest rating in the Step Ahead Recognition System, the State of Vermont's measure of quality for registered child care providers.

We serve children 6 weeks to 12 years old year-round, offering high-quality early childhood education for infants and toddlers, a preschool program and school age afterschool, school vacation and summer break programming. To best support our children and families, Oak Hill is a Specialized Care Provider, an Early Head Start Partner, a participant in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, accepts Child Care Financial Assistance Program payments (subsidy) and serves children with special needs.

This year, we are excited to announce that we have rebuilt our "Greenhouse" classroom (which had been leaking)! The new space is energy efficient, more accessible, trauma-sensitive and appropriate for all ages. Through our Farm to School & Early Childhood Program, we are supporting farmers and the local economy by purchasing local foods. To build a thriving community in which families, early childhood education programs and local producers are connected, we also offer events such as Farm Day, Pumpkin Palooza and a Harvest Dinner. This past year, our high-quality staff completed over 700 hours of professional development.

Community support is very important for our families and day-to-day operation. Half of the annual \$6,000.00 allocation from the citizens of Pownal is set aside for scholarships for Pownal families; the other half goes into the operating budget. Research shows that investments in the early years yield a 10% annual rate of return. Early childhood education doesn't just benefit children; it's also economically beneficial for our society as a whole. We would like to thank the citizens of Pownal for your continued partnership in this important work!

Pownal Fire Protection Association, Inc.

Again, this year the membership of the Pownal Fire Protective Association would like to thank the residents for their continued support and granting us the 2022 annual budget. 2023 fiscal year has been a very exciting year, we have acquired several new firefighters to the roster, some came with firefighting experience and others are very new to the fire service, over the past year we have responded to over 70 emergency calls for assistance, it was a very busy spring for brush fires with warm dry conditions throughout the county, we expect that this will continue with decreased snow fall amounts and warmer winters.

We continue to train every Monday night at 7pm this year we have had several guest speakers in station and many firefighters attended county or state courses, we also updated CPR and AED Narcan training with some bleeding control and first responder training, pump operations, portable tank training, ventilation and air pack training along with vehicle extrication and rescue.

We have seen a significant increase in the cost of apparatus upgrades to meet NFPA standards. We continue to do fund raisers throughout the year in order to offset some of the increased cost. Aging apparatus and increased cost have made it nearly impossible for us to purchase updated fire apparatus without the town's assistance, we are a totally volunteer agency committed to our community and providing the best possible fire protection possible.

Each year we see the same increases as many of you, fuel, heating, electricity, insurance just to name a few, our annual budget request for \$60,000 covers the increases along with equipment upgrades, training, building maintenance, truck maintenance and protective gear.

Respectfully submitted.

Pownal Fire Protective Association membership

Pownal Rescue Squad

Pownal Rescue would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year and your generous donations.

In 2022 Pownal Rescue responded to 1,076 calls. These calls were for motor vehicle accidents, medical calls of all nature, emergent and non-emergent transfers, and mutual aid services to our surrounding town's. We are a paramedic level agency which allows for us to provide the highest quality of care we can to our patients in the pre-hospital setting.

As many of you may know, the days of volunteering have become obsolete, and we have transitioned to having paid staff while still having some volunteers. This allows for us to be able to provide 24/7 365 coverage to our community!

Please remember to post your 9-1-1 number on your house and your mailbox if possible. Many times, we respond to emergency calls and are unable to locate the residence in a timely fashion.

Again, thank you for your continued support to our agency!

Thank you

Pownal Rescue Squad

Pownal Valley Fire Department

Pownal Valley Fire Department would like to acknowledge and thank the residents of the Town of Pownal for their continued support. The funds received each year are used for fire department operations, building and apparatus maintenance, insurance, and general upkeep of our three stations. We will also once again ask for funds to be used for the replacement of our center station, and our truck / equipment fund as well.

This past year we hosted two fundraisers, a corn hole set raffle, and cash calendar, from which we were able to raise over \$6,000 in additional funds for the station replacement. Also, with the help of many wonderful businesses right here in Pownal we were able to give away over \$2,600 through our cash calendar fundraiser.

The last few years we have tried to focus more on community outreach by being more visible, and involved in many town activities, including teaching fire prevention at the elementary school, our annual Santa parade, the community tree lighting, and Pownal day festivities. You can also follow our Facebook page under Pownal Valley Fire Department to stay informed on most everything we are doing, from trainings, calls and active emergency events in town, to fundraisers and special events.

Please continue to support our emergency services here in town, one day it could save your life.

Respectfully, the membership of the Pownal Valley Fire Department.

Project Against Violent Encounters

Town of Pownal ;

PAVE believes that everyone deserves to experience healthy love. It is a core part of our mission to strive to promote a community and a world, where we all can experience the joy of healthy love.

With over 10 million Americans affected by Domestic Violence a year, striving for a community where non-violent love is the norm, can be daunting. But we persist, because we believe our goal is not only possible but necessary.

Over the last year, PAVE has been able to help survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence reclaim their lives after fleeing abuse. We have been there at the moment of crisis; **fielding over 500 hotline calls** and **providing 4221 nights of emergency shelter**. We have been there as survivors start to stabilize and heal; helping to obtain **16 housing assistance vouchers**, and over **50 Protection Orders**.

PAVE also has been present before violence takes place, with the hope that through education we can promote healthy forms of love and stop the cycle of Domestic Violence before it even starts. PAVE has provided over **900 youth in Bennington County** with preventative education and helped train over **200 community partners on topics** related to Domestic & Sexual Violence. Our Advocates have dedicated themselves tirelessly to spreading the message of non-violent love at community events and in their day to day work with survivors.

In the last year, PAVE supported 16 survivors who identified as being residents of Pownal with Emergency Housing and general Advocacy. This year PAVE is requesting level funding of \$500.00.

PAVE expresses their gratitude for the support and dedication the Town of Pownal has shown to survivors of Domestic Violence.

With appreciation,

Lindsay Brillon, M.Ed. LSW

Executive Director
Project Against Violent Encounters

Southwestern Vermont Area Council on Aging

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older residents of Pownal during SVCOA's most recent annual reporting period of 10/1/2022 through 9/30/2023.

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 3,384 meals that were delivered to the homes of 24 residents in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 21 Pownal residents came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 275 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 45 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 28 residents of Pownal.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 35 older residents in your community for a total of

hours. Case managers meet with an older Pownal resident privately in their home or at another agreed upon location and assess the resident's individual situation. They work with the resident to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the client desires, the case manager will link them to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help clients connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older residents facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

"Senior Helpline" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior Helpline staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources.

Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program.

Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project.

Information about issues and opportunities that directly affect older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications.

Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician.

Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters.

Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health.

Transportation assistance.

Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance.

Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.

Pownal Youth Baseball

The Pownal Youth Baseball League would like to send out our appreciation and thanks to you. We appreciate the financial support and the overall support we received from the town. With the funds received from the Town of Pownal the past year we could offer another successful year of baseball and soccer.

This past year we fixed the fence and put a protection cover on the fence. We also purchased some new equipment to help keep our players safe and upgraded the soccer nets. During the summer months, we offered a free baseball camp. We as a league look to see what else needs to be fixed or replaced for our local youth to use.

Again, thank you for your support. We want you to know that with the Town of Pownal's help, we can provide a fun safe place for the youth of our community to learn and build on their confidence as they grow and play in our league. We want to continue to do this for many years to come so your donation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Pownal Youth Baseball League

Sunrise Family Resource Center

The mission of Sunrise Family Resource Center is to “Strengthen Families” throughout Bennington County. Sunrise works in partnership with individuals, families and community members to provide a variety of supports and services. These services promote the growth and development of individuals and families through encouragement of strengths, expansion of opportunities and support in times of stress.

Narrative: This past year Sunrise focused on housing, transportation, parent leadership and building social capital, ongoing community collaboration and expanding our prevention services. Sunrise is a strong partner in our local system of care addressing housing instabilities and homelessness. We now have 3 housing case managers and a Navigator. Along with our housing team, all staff are knowledgeable and need to deal with a variety of housing situations facing families and youth on a daily basis. Our services are home based and intensive, allowing for successful outcomes. With DOH Equity Funding, we have been able to help local families and individuals with an array of transportation needs, ranging from car repairs, new tires, driver education, inspections/registrations and anything else that help keep them safely on the road. We have partnered with Green Mountain Transit and offered the Family Shuttle, getting families and individuals to area grocery stores and laundry mats. This next fiscal year we will include the Bike Hub as a partner to purchase bikes for individuals and families looking at biking as another means of transportation.

With programs such as Families and the Center and our Sunrise Advisory Council, we now have families that feel more connected to their community and are more apt to share their lived experience during community forums, summits, etc. Parents speak of the positive effects of sharing their knowledge with friends, families and neighbors. They are proud to be asked to have their voices heard when planning for improving the community in which they live.

Sunrise has become the Fiscal for the Warm the Children Program and is a member of Project Alliance. We work closely with all human service agencies, our supervisory union and local businesses, to name a few.

All parents giving birth at SVHC have access to a Welcome Baby Bag during their stay. Included in the bag is an offer to receive a home visit from our Parent Educator. Other universal programs include playgroups, parent education classes, support groups and family cooking nights. We offer a community wide Diaper Bank, access to Mattress Covers to help mitigate the spread of Bed Bugs, Menstrual Products and we don't turn folks away from our food pantry. Sunrise, in partnership with Vermont Art's exchange, held our second annual Summer Jam in June at Lower Willow Park open to everyone free of charge.

Next year, Sunrise will continue to collaborate with community partners to address root causes of violence by addressing housing, transportation, substance misuse and mental health, domestic violence and involvement with police and corrections, involving children, youth and families. We are part of Bennington's continuum of care, and we will continue to be a welcoming hub for families with a focus on prevention.

Many of our programming and services are not fully funded. For instance, our advisory council comes with no funding, the diaper bank, pantry and food are all without stable funding and we've seen an increase in the need to access these services. We continue to not have adequate funding for administrative support expenses. The allocations that were granted from the taxpayers in Pownal will allow us to continue to provide high quality, family-focused services.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For over 44 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'23 (10/2022-9/2023) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **140** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the AgeAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **178** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **73** individuals with information on assistive technology; **41** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **379** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **17** people and provided **7** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'23, **15** residents of **Pownal** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
(**\$2,034.50** spent on meals for residents)
- Peer Advocacy Counselling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:

1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

The Tutorial Center

The Tutorial Center's mission is to assist individuals and organizations interested in meeting their educational and vocational needs for both youth and adults. The Center is committed to a philosophy which respects student goals, builds on students' strengths, and seeks educational approaches most appropriate for each student.

The Tutorial Center continues to instruct and acclimate groups of new refugees, focusing on workforce skills and improving English communication. We continue to focus on increasing our adult education student body, maintaining and forming new community partnerships.

The Tutorial Center works closely with the social service agencies in the area, such as the Department of Labor, Economic Services, DCF, CRJ, and UCS. Though our main mission is education, we know there are many barriers to education for our students. We work closely with our students to help minimize these obstacles. We have a transition counselor to help students overcome these barriers, as well as direct them to the specific services they may need.

Our education services include tutoring for all ages; Adult Education and Literacy (which includes an alternate pathway to a high school diploma-the High School Completion program); English language classes for non-English speakers (ESL); GED preparation and testing; job readiness training; basic technology training for individuals and businesses. We offer any Vermonter 16 or older, without a high school credential, a free path to a high school diploma in Manchester and in Bennington.

Pownal's town appropriation funds support our tutoring work, enabling us to offer scholarships to students who need assistance. In addition, we work closely with the area schools, including Pownal elementary school and the area high schools to be a resource for them.

The Tutorial Center is happy to answer the community's questions about how we may be able to help you or someone you know earn a high school diploma or receive help in reading or math. Thank you for your previous support, and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by Sean-Marie Oller, Executive
Director seanmarie.o@tutorialcenter.org 802 362-0222 or
802 447-0111.

Bennington County Child Advocacy Center

Voters of the Town of Pownal,

I am writing on behalf of the Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse, DBA Bennington County Child Advocacy Center. We greatly appreciate the support that we have received over the years from the Town of Pownal voters and are asking for your support once again this year.

Our center provides crucial support and services for individuals of any age who have experienced sexual abuse, as well as child victims of physical abuse resulting in serious injury. The purpose of our center is to minimize revictimization and promote healing.

Prior to Child Advocacy Center's, when a child would disclose abuse, they would need to talk to many people about what happened to them, and often times be interviewed in a police station where offenders too were interviewed. With the services of a Child Advocacy Center like ours, children are welcomed into a homelike, child friendly, trauma informed location where they are interviewed one time by a trained professional. They are offered supports and services that last the life of their case, through prosecution and beyond.

In addition to providing these responses to child abuse, we also provide a variety of child abuse prevention education. We work closely with SVSU and train their staff in providing age-appropriate prevention education and recognizing the signs and symptoms of sexual abuse in children.

Although our office is in the Town of Bennington, we proudly serve the town of Pownal and work closely with Ms. McEachron at Pownal Elementary.

We would greatly appreciate your support for the Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse again this year.

BROC

To the Citizens of the Town of Pownal,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties; we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has assisted **236** residents in the Town of Pownal. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,800.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Pownal as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

Reports from Other Agencies

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glazenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) represents a partnership of 13 towns working together to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills through recycling, reuse, repair, and through other means of resource conservation. Since 2015, BCSWA has followed a solid waste implementation plan to assist residents, schools, businesses, and other organizations meet the requirements of Vermont's Universal Recycling Law.

In July of 2023 BCSWA opened a new household hazardous waste collection facility at the Bennington Transfer Station. The facility was open one day per week throughout the fall and collected paint, pesticides, cleaning products, flammable liquids, and other landfill banned items from 225 families and small businesses in the area. The facility was built under budget at a cost of \$106,739.74. A grant from Vermont DEC financed 60% of the cost with the member towns of the Alliance funding the remainder. The Alliance projects that the facility will reduce annual operations costs when compared to the previous model of hosting disposal events, and that the savings will pay for construction costs in approximately 3 years.

The Alliance hosts a website at www.bcswa.org, and is present on social media at facebook.com/solidwastealliance, instagram.com/bcswa_vt, and youtube.com/@bcswa. Outreach on these channels provide resources and information to residents about:

- Scheduling a household hazardous waste drop off appointment
- Battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- Disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and select transfer stations
- Recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including retail stores that accept paint
- Prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- Recycling of textiles by the Apparel Impact, Goodwill, and others
- Disposing of fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and other mercury items at transfer stations and retail establishments
- Disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill, Staples, and retail establishments
- Diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen containers
- Reduced price composting equipment available at the BCSWA online store
- Waste reduction resources for businesses, schools, events, institutions and residents

During 2023 the Alliance assisted 41 businesses, held composting and Recycling events at local libraries, produced regular content for public access television stations, and hosted tables at several farmers markets.

Visit bcswa.org for updates and details. The Alliance is funded by the thirteen member towns of the alliance proportional to their population, along with grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.

BCRC

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests. The organization is governed by local appointees from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development.

Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials, the BCRC is a regional center for programs in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, public health, solid waste management, and emergency management. BCRC staff is available to provide direct assistance in these areas and to serve as a liaison with state and federal agencies.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning at the BCRC is conducted by dedicated staff and supported by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation. The goal of this BCRC program is to support workforce development and business retention, growth, and recruitment Related BCRC planning and community development initiatives support redevelopment initiatives in downtowns and village centers, grant assistance for local businesses, and have produced reuse planning studies for key properties such as the former SVC campus and the recently idled Energizer complex. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property from damage. Other important activities have included: an assessment of land use regulations affecting housing in each town and village, expanded staff capacity to assist with implementation of local energy plans, village center and neighborhood development area designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan and the development of a new permanent hazardous waste facility in the region, and planning for roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, and public transportation improvements.

In the coming year, the BCRC will continue to provide information and resources to assist business and local governments to take advantage of opportunities created through the federal American Rescue Plan and other programs. We expect to see continued focus on infrastructure (including broadband) improvement projects, housing creation, business support services, and measures to support implementation of the Vermont Climate Action Plan.

While our downtown Bennington offices, located at 210 South Street, have reopened, staff still work remotely at times, so it generally is easiest to contact us via email (see contacts at www.bcrcvt.org). Fortunately, technology has allowed us to continue work with little interruption in progress on any projects.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Colvin, Director

Southern Vermont Communications Union District

The Southern Vermont Communications Union District (SoVT CUD) has had a very busy, and successful fourth year.

In September 2022, SoVT CUD and its partner, Consolidated Communications Inc. (CCI) were awarded a \$9,009,085 Act 71 Construction Grant to fund Phase 2 of fiber network construction in SoVT CUD territory. After Phase 1 was completed at the end of 2022, construction of Phase 2 began in early 2023 and was consistently ahead of schedule. To date, the Construction Grant has funded the passing of over 6,000 homes with fiber, including 1,300 that were unserved. Dozens of fiber distribution hubs (FDH) across all 14 member towns have been released for customer sales.

Phase 2 remained on track to be completed before the end of 2023, providing over 95% of homes in Bennington County with access to fiber optic internet service. With the wrap up of Phase 2, SoVT CUD has focused its efforts on providing service to the hardest to reach addresses that constitute Phase 3 of network construction.

In August 2023, SoVT CUD and CCI held a ribbon cutting event at Bromley Mountain in Peru to celebrate the near completion of the fiber network in Bennington County. The event was attended by Senator Peter Welch, and other local and state officials. There has been significant media coverage of SoVT CUD's success, including a segment from Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT) and NBC Channel 5.

SoVT CUD is now focused on the approximately 20 hardest to reach addresses that constitute Phase 3. These addresses are primarily located in Arlington and Pownal and are unserved according to state data. The CUD has begun initial outreach to these property owners to assess the status of their internet service and build a finalized list of Phase 3 addresses to be covered under the CUD's universal service plan.

The CUD has greatly benefited from our partnership with the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC). The administrative assistance and expertise in navigating the public funding arena provided by Community and Economic Development Specialist Jonathan Cooper and Regional Planner Callie Fishburn has been invaluable. The CUD is especially indebted to BCRC's ability to keep us grounded in the broad development efforts of the region.

More information can be found on the website: sovtcud.net

Vermont Spay and Neuter Incentive Program

TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

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 life may be the inside 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

Election Information

March 2023 Local Election Results

<u>Town Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Moderator	Tim Holbrook	358
Selectboard (3 years)	Michael Gardner	316
Selectboard (1 years)	Bryan Harris	280
Selectboard (1 year)	Robert Jarvis	250
Delinquent Tax Collector	Ellen Strohmaier	354
Constable	Leo Haggerty	110
	Edwin Pascucci	172
Trustee of Public Monies	Write In	34

Article		Yes	No
3	The election of all Officers required by law?	381	23
4	Shall the town authorize the elimination of the elected constable position and replace it with a professionally qualified constable appointed by the Selectboard?	193	222
5	Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a first constable and if needed a second constable, in accordance with 17 V.S.A § 2651a?	195	212
6	Shall the voters authorize the constable, if they hold the required state certifications, to exercise law enforcement authority, in accordance with 24 V.S.A § 1936a(a)?	314	99
7	Shall the voters appropriate \$1,215,500.00 for the General Expenses of the Town, of which \$665,586.37 is to be raised by taxes and \$208,513.63 from prior year undesignated surplus funds?	308	114
8	Shall the voters appropriate \$1,462,090.00 for the maintenance and construction of highways of the town, of which \$876,967.03 is to be raised by	336	88

	taxes and \$163572.97 from prior year undesignated surplus funds?		
9	Shall the voters appropriate \$11,000 to Bennington Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice for providing healthcare to individuals residing in the Town?	351	69
10	Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Bennington County Conservation District ?	285	133
11	Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse , a not-for-profit agency?	349	70
12	Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to Bennington Free Clinic ?	306	115
13	Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to Bennington Project Independence for comprehensive in-person adult day services to Pownal residents?	344	76
14	Shall the voters appropriate \$1,800 to BROC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont for crisis fuel and food shelf assistance?	329	90
15	Shall the voters appropriate \$600 to Green Mountain Retired Senior Volunteer Program & Volunteer Program for the support of services rendered to the residents of the Town?	333	84
16	Shall the voters appropriate \$200 to Vermont Green-Up for the support of services rendered to the residents of the Town?	354	69
17	Shall the voters appropriate \$6,000 to Oak Hill Children's Center ?	251	169
18	Shall the voters appropriate \$60,000 to Pownal Fire Protection Association for operations, insurance, and maintenance?	354	64
19	Shall the voters appropriate \$50,000 to Pownal Rescue Squad, Inc. for operations, insurance, and maintenance?	359	66
20	Shall the voters appropriate \$16,000 to Pownal Rescue Squad, Inc. for workers compensation insurance?	302	111
21	Shall the voters appropriate \$52,000 to Pownal Valley Fire Department for operations and maintenance?	356	60

22	Shall the voters appropriate \$19,500 to Pownal Valley Fire Department for the fire truck and equipment fund?	337	79
23	Shall the voters appropriate \$20,000 to Pownal Valley Fire Department for the building fund?	308	107
24	Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 to Pownal Youth Baseball for the support of the baseball and soccer programs?	343	67
25	Shall the voters appropriate \$500 to Project Against Violent Encounters for the support of services rendered to the residents of the Town?	314	99
26	Shall the voters appropriate \$15,000 to Solomon Wright Library for operations and maintenance?	317	97
27	Shall the voters appropriate \$20,000 to Solomon Wright Library for the support of a director?	269	140
28	Shall the voters appropriate \$1,200 to Southwestern Vermont Area Council on Aging for the support of services rendered to the residents of the Town?	329	82
29	Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000 to Sunrise Family Resource Center a not-for-profit agency, for the support of services rendered to the Town?	248	148
30	Shall the voters appropriate \$2,500 to The Tutorial Center for the support of Adult Education and Literacy to the residents of the Town?	290	107
31	Shall the voters appropriate \$440 to Vermont Center for Independent Living for the support of people with disabilities in the Town?	324	72
32	Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to Pownal Valley Swinging Seniors for services provided to the residents of the Town?	273	125

Election Information

Attention to the Registered Voters of Town of Pownal

I want to take some time to share some information, re: upcoming 2024 Elections.

New Location: Voting will be held at the Town Office 511 Center Street Polls open at 10:00

a.m. and Close at 7:00 p.m.

I normally have a list of Absentee Ballots that I mail to everyone on my list per their request. However, this year I need a new request per Statute.

March; Local, School and Presidential Primary.

To receive you must declare which ballot you want to vote in the Presidential Primary, Choose Democratic Ballot or Republican Ballot. Per VT State Law.

August; Primary

You will receive all (3) Three Ballots, However, you can **only vote (1) One** and discard the other two, in the included envelope or bin at polling place next to ballot machine.

November; Presidential

Ballots will be mailed to All registered voters, in person voting will be available. However, you must bring in your mailed ballot or you will be required to sign an affidavit.

To request ballots or if you have moved or changed your mailing address. Please feel free to call my office at 802-823-0116 ext. 101 or email at town.clerk@townofpownal.org

Town of Pownal Warning 2024

The inhabitants of the Town of Pownal, qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Pownal Elementary School in said Town on Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the evening, and on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 for Australian Ballot voting at the Pownal Town Offices, located at 511 Center Steet, to vote for the following issues and candidates:

Moderator: - (1) One Year Position
Selectboard: - (2) One Year Positions
Selectboard: - (1) Three Year Position
Town Clerk: - (1) Three Year Position
Treasurer: - (1) Three Year Position
Trustee of Public Monies: - (2) One Year Positions

The floor meeting on March 4th, 2024 will open at the Pownal Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. for Articles 1 through 2, and then stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M., at the Pownal Town Offices for Australian Ballot voting on Articles 3 through 32. Polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Ballots will be available to all active registered voters. You will have the option to vote in person, mail your ballot back, or drop it off at the Town Office.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED March 4, 2024:

- Article 1:** To hear reports of Town Officials and take action thereon.
- Article 2:** To see if the voters will authorize the Treasurer to receive taxes until they become delinquent.
- Article 3:** Shall the voters authorize payment of real and personal property taxes on November 8, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. by delivery to the Town Offices postmarked on or before that date.

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED March 5, 2024:

- Article 4:** The election of all Officers required by law?
- Article 5:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to establish a cemetery reserve fund per 24 V.S.A. § 2804 for the maintenance and care of all town owned cemeteries.

- Article 6:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to change the name and purpose of the Transfer Station Building Fund to the Transfer Station Capital Projects Reserve Fund, in order to allow for different uses such as paving?
- Article 7:** Shall the voters appropriate **\$1,299,568.56** for the General Expenses of the Town, of which **\$707,219.63** is to be raised by taxes and **\$215,698.93** from prior year undesignated surplus funds?
- Article 8:** Shall the voters appropriate **\$1,268,607.43** for the maintenance and construction of highways of the town, of which **\$986,648.17** is to be raised by taxes and **\$99,059.26** from prior year undesignated surplus funds?
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Dated at Pownal, Vermont on this 18th day of January, 2024

Pownal Selectboard:

Michael Gardner, Chairman LS

Angie Rawling, Vice Chair LS

Robert Jarvis LS

Harry Percey Jr. LS

Bryan Harris LS

Open Elected Officers

Candidates for upcoming March Election 2024

Moderator: - (1) One Year Position

Selectboard: - (2) One Year Positions

Selectboard: - (1) Three Year Position

Town Clerk: - (1) Three Year Position

Treasurer: - (1) Three Year Position

Trustee of Public Monies: - (2) One Year Positions

