

**Town of Mt. Tabor
P.O. Box 245
Mt. Tabor, VT 05739**

**Town Meeting
March 4, 2024
7:30 p.m.**

**Voting
March 5, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**



MOUNT TABOR, VERMONT TOWN REPORT

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



MOUNT TABOR, VERMONT

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 802-293-5282

TOWN OFFICE E-MAIL mttabor@vermontel.net

TOWN CLERK
William Basso 802-293-5020

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Or by Appointment.

FIRE WARDEN
Mark Audy 802-293-5628

ASST. FIRE WARDEN
Seth Bearegard 802-345-9813

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Second Tuesday of each month at Mt. Tabor town office at 5:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS - RECYCLE - RECYCLE - RECYCLE
Tuesday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
East Dorset Transfer Station for disposal of
Tires, Hazard/Toxic Waste, Appliances, Furniture, Electronics.

GLEASON ROAD HHW FACILITY IN RUTLAND
Mon. - Sat. 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
802-775-7209 / www.rcswd.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL SCHEDULE
May 11 Danby Transfer Station 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
July 20 Danby Transfer Station 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**EMERGENCY CALLS - Quick and Best Response
911**

**NORTHSHIRE RESCUE SQUAD
DANBY/MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

VERMONT STATE POLICE..... 1-802-772-9109
POISON CONTROL CENTER 1-800-222-1222
RABIES HOT LINE 1-802-863-7240

Town Meeting and Voting will take place at the Town Clerk’s Office, Mt. Tabor, VT.
Voting information is posted at the Town Office,
Mt. Tabor Market, Mt. Tabor-Danby Post Office.

*On the Cover - Martin Sargent and cart
in Mt. Tabor, VT - February 1897*

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS 2023

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Moderator, Town | Robert Gasperetti | Term expires 2024 |
| Select Board | Mark Audy | Term expires 2025 |
| Select Board | R Matthew Gasperetti III | Term expires 2026 |
| Select Board | Philip Lidstone | Term expires 2024 |
| Town Clerk | William Basso II | Term expires 2026 |
| Town Treasurer | William Basso II | Term expires 2024 |
| Tax Collector | William Basso II | Term expires 2025 |
| Delinquent Tax Collector | William Basso II | Term expires 2025 |
| Auditor | William Gaiotti | Term expires 2024 |
| Auditor | VACANT | |
| Auditor | VACANT | |
| Lister | William Basso II | Term expires 2025 |
| Lister | Noel Weeks | Term expires 2024 |
| Lister | VACANT | |
| Justice of the Peace | William Bearegard | Term expires 2025 |
| | R Matthew Gasperetti III | Term expires 2025 |
| | William Gaiotti | Term expires 2025 |
| | Robert Gasperetti | Term expires 2025 |
| | Herbert Ogden | Term expires 2025 |
| | Herbert Ogden | Term expires 2025 |

Taconic & Green School Director

APPOINTED OFFICERS

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Road Commissioners | Select Board | Term expires 2024 |
| Town Service Agent | Select Board | Term expires 2024 |
| Town Health Officer | Noel Weeks | Term expires 2024 |
| Fence Viewers | Ned Crawford | Term expires 2024 |
| | William Gaiotti | Term expires 2024 |
| | Robert Gasperetti | Term expires 2024 |
| | Robert Gasperetti | Term expires 2024 |
| Weigher of Coal | | |
| Inspector of Wood, Lumber and Shingles | Robert Gasperetti | Term expires 2024 |
| Tree Warden | Mark Audy | Term expires 2024 |
| Fire Wardens | Mark Audy / Seth Bearegard | Term expires 2024 |
| Solid Waste Advisor | Select Board | |
| Deputy Registrars | Mark Audy | Term expires 2024 |
| | Christopher Book (Aldous) | Term expires 2024 |
| | Jon W. French (Brewster) | Term expires 2024 |
| | William Gaiotti | Term expires 2024 |
| 1st Constable | VACANT | Term expires 2024 |
| 2nd Constable | | |
| Dog Warden | Seth Bearegard | Term expires 2024 |
| 911 Coordinator | Seth Bearegard | Term expires 2024 |

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TOWN OF MT. TABOR
WARNING - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters in the Town of Mount Tabor, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Office on **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:30 PM** and **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM** to act on the following:

TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 4, 2024 at 7:30 PM:

- ARTICLE 1.** Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$2,911 (Service Fee)** to support the **Northshire Rescue Squad**?
- ARTICLE 2.** Shall the town vote to allocate a sum of **\$2,564 (Dues)** to support the **Northshire Rescue Squad Ambulance Fund**?
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the town vote a sum of **\$1,337** to join the **Vermont League of Cities and Towns**?
- ARTICLE 4.** Shall the town appropriate the sum of **\$770** to support the **VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR)**?
- ARTICLE 5.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$200** for the support of **Rutland Mental Health Services (formerly) Rutland Area Community Services** so that these services can be maintained?
- ARTICLE 6.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the work of the **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** with Mt. Tabor elders?
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$100** to help support the **NewStory Center? (formerly Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)**
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$200** to support the programs and services of **BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)**?
- ARTICLE 9.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$55** to support the **Vermont Center of Independent Living**?
- ARTICLE 10.** Shall the town vote to appropriate a sum of **\$100** to support the **Rutland County Humane Society**?
- ARTICLE 11.** Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$400** to support the **Neighborworks of Western Vermont**?
- ARTICLE 12.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$400** to support the **Child First Advocacy Center**?
- ARTICLE 13.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District**?
- ARTICLE 14.** Shall the town vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **American Red Cross of Vermont and the New Hampshire Valley**?
- ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$8,527.20** for operating funds for the **Danby-Mt Tabor Volunteer Fire Department**?

- ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$6,000** for capital expenditures for the **Danby-Mt Tabor Volunteer Fire Department**?
- ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor, vote to appropriate **\$600** to support **The Mount Tabor-Danby Historical Society** to provide services to the residents of the Town of Mount Tabor?
- ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$1,000** for dues to join the **Rutland Regional Planning Commission**?
- ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$50** to support **Green Up Vermont**?
- ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$100** to support the **Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force**?
- ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$600** to support the **Rutland County Restorative Justice Center**?
- ARTICLE 22.** Shall the Town of Mount Tabor vote to appropriate **\$250** to support the **Vermont Family Network**?
- ARTICLE 23.** Shall the town vote to authorize the Select Board to **set a tax rate** for a proposed budget sufficient to **meet the expenses** of the town for the year **2024-2025**?
- ARTICLE 24.** Shall the town vote to print a **Town Report** for the year ending **June 30, 2024**?
- ARTICLE 25.** Shall the town vote to accept the **Report of the Town Officers** for the year ending **June 30, 2023**?
- ARTICLE 26.** **To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.**

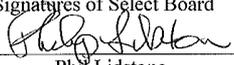
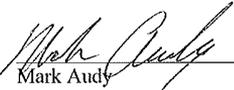
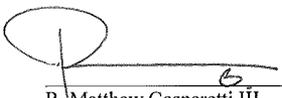
TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT, MARCH 5, 2024 FROM 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 27. To elect the following town officers for the ensuing term of office:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Town Moderator for 1 year term | Auditor for 2 year term |
| Select Board for 3 year term | Auditor for 1 year term |
| Treasurer for 3 year term | Lister for 3 year term |
| Auditor for 3 year term | Lister for 2 year term |

Dated the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2024

Signatures of Select Board

| | | |
|--|---|---|
|  _____ Phil Lidstone |  _____ Mark Audy |  _____ R. Matthew Gasperetti III |
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Received for recording this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2024

Attest: William G Basso II Town Clerk
 William G Basso II
 Mount Tabor, VT

**TACONIC AND GREEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of the Taconic and Green Regional School District, consisting of the towns of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Manchester Elementary Middle School at 80 Memorial Avenue in Manchester Center, Vermont on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM to consider and act upon the following articles and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot.

To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 27, 2024:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator to serve from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
- Article 2: To elect a School District Clerk to serve from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
- Article 3: To elect a School District Treasurer to serve from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
- Article 4: To determine the date and time on which the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Taconic and Green Regional School District shall be held, and where such meeting shall be held.
- Article 5: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District Directors and Officers.
- Article 6: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot.
- Article 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

To be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024:

- Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025?
- Article 9: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend thirty-eight million, nine hundred eighteen thousand, eight hundred fifty-one dollars, \$38,918,851, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?
- Article 10: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$20,966 for the 2024-2025 school year for resident pupils in grades 9 through 12 who attend any approved Vermont independent school?
- Article 11: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer any unassigned General Fund surplus existing on June 30, 2024, an amount estimated to be \$593,240, to the Building and Grounds Maintenance Reserve Fund?
- Article 12: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund?
- Article 13: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the Bus Reserve Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the Technology Equipment Reserve Fund?
- Article 15: To elect the following Officer and School Director positions:
 - Danby – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2027
 - Londonderry – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2027
 - Manchester – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2027
 - Weston – One (1) Director for a three (3) year term expiring March 2027

For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2024:

- Voters of the Town of Danby will vote at the Danby Town Clerk's Office at 130 Brook Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.
- Voters of the Town of Dorset will vote at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.
- Voters of the Town of Landgrove will vote at the Landgrove Town Hall at 88 Landgrove Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Londonderry will vote at the Old Town Hall at 139 Middletown Road, South Londonderry. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Manchester will vote at the Manchester Town Hall at 40 Jeff Williams Way. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Mt. Tabor will vote at the Mt. Tabor Town Office at 522 Brooklyn Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Peru will vote at the Peru Town Office at 402 Main Street. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 9:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Sunderland will vote at the Sunderland Municipal Office at 104 Mountain View Road. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Weston will vote at the Walker Farm Theater at 705 Main Street. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

The legal voters of Taconic and Green Regional School District are further notified that voter qualification registration, and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

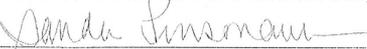
Dated this 11th day of January 2024.

On behalf of the Taconic and Green Regional School District Board of School Directors:



Herbert Ogden, Chair

Received for the record and recorded this 12th day of January 2024 by:



Sandra Pinsonault, Clerk of the District

**TOWN OF MOUNT TABOR WARNING SUPPLEMENT
NOTICE TO VOTERS**

TOWN MEETING: Town Office, Monday, March 4, 2024 at **7:30PM**

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 **10:00AM - 7:00PM**

BEFORE ELECTION DAY.....

CHECKLIST POSTED: February 2, 2024

REGISTER TO VOTE:

WHEN: No later than **7:00PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.**

WHERE: Town Clerk's Office – **10:00 AM - 7:00PM.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Upon request. No reason needed.

WHERE: Town Clerk's Office.

HOW: Voters, family members, authorized persons or health care providers.

WAYS OF VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. Vote in Town Clerk's Office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**
2. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail it back to clerk's office or place in Door Drop Box at Town Office
3. Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home before the day of Australian Ballot voting.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Saturday, February 2, 2024

**REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
MT. TABOR, VERMONT
YEAR REPORTING AS OF JUNE 30, 2023**

TAX RATES for Fiscal Year 2023

| | |
|--|----------|
| Homestead Tax Rate - Education | \$1.4224 |
| Non-Homestead Tax Rate - Education | \$1.4512 |
| Municipal | \$0.40 |
| Highway | \$0.03 |

2022 DELINQUENT TAXES

Grand Total \$ 7,545.50



William G. Basso II, Delinquent Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REVENUE REPORT July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| CIVIL FINES | | |
| Civil Fines & Annual Judicial Refund | 10,466.66 | |
| | | 10,466.66 |
| TAXES | | |
| Current Tax 22 | 328,044.87 | |
| Homestead Tax Adj-GT PTA | 3,671.00 | |
| Delinquent Taxes 22 | 25,406.68 | |
| Railroad Tax GT RCT | 524.89 | |
| VT Hold Harmless | 1,487.00 | |
| Natural Resources PILOT | 6,052.89 | |
| Per Parcel Payment-EEG | 152.00 | |
| | | 365,339.33 |
| OTHER REVENUE | | |
| 2nd Class License | 70.00 | |
| Smoke Williams Lease | 250.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 222.00 | |
| Records Restoration | 1,059.27 | |
| Copies | 29.00 | |
| Punch Card Receipts | 4,800.00 | |
| VLCT PACIF Refund | 1,662.00 | |
| Town Mapping | 76.34 | |
| NEMRC Land Records | 88.00 | |
| T&G Education Refund | 2,238.94 | |
| IRS Reimbursement | 2,109.96 | |
| | | 12,605.51 |
| HIGHWAY INCOME | | |
| Weight Permits | 110.00 | |
| Class 2 State Aid | 12,816.94 | |
| Class 3 State Aid | 2,168.64 | |
| Highway Grants in Aid | 3,603.20 | |
| Highway Supplement | 1,614.76 | |
| | | 20,313.54 |
| Total Revenue | | 408,725.04 |

**Town of Mount Tabor Reserve & Trust Funds
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| DELOS BROMLEY TRUST | 1,026.71 |
| LISTERS RESERVE FUND | 2,046.92 |
| KT GRIFFITH TRUST | 6,754.75 |
| SL GRIFFITH TRUST | 1,986.01 |
| PD RESERVE | 782.46 |
| RECORDS RESTORATION RESERVE | 5,493.90 |
| CIVIL FINES RESERVE | 74.87 |
| REAPPRAISAL RESERVE | 48,010.86 |
| GLEBE LOT RESERVE | 395.10 |
| TOWN MAPPING RESERVE | 3,903.22 |
| HIGHWAY RESERVE | 114,296.37 |
| HIGHWAY | 27,976.06 |
| USNF PILT RESERVE | 205,993.23 |
| TABOR SCHOOL TAX RESERVE | 376.20 |
| AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN | 76,928.66 |

Total Reserve & Trust Fund 496,045.32

EXPENDITURE REPORT July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**Expenditures****ELECTED OFFICIALS**

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Del. Tax Collector 8% | 2,082.72 |
| Tax Collector 1% | 3,492.33 |
| Town Clerk Service | 21,000.00 |
| Asst. Town Clerk | 420.00 |
| Treasurer Service | 21,000.00 |
| Auditor Service | 270.00 |
| Select Board Service | 2,700.00 |
| Election Services | 2,137.50 |
| Town Constable / Dues / Training | 0.00 |
| Lister Service | 2,627.50 |
| Asst. Treasurer | 0.00 |
| Selectboard Clerk | 2,520.00 |
| Health Officer | 510.00 |

Total ELECTED OFFICIALS**58,760.05****TOWN OFFICE**

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Attorney Fees | 0.00 |
| Prep. of W2's & 1099's | 137.54 |
| Building Maintainance | 1,870.00 |
| Cemetery Maintainance | 0.00 |
| Office/Cemetery Mowing | 0.00 |
| Copier Maint. | 477.40 |
| Computer Network Maint. | 2,275.68 |
| Computer Software | 8,222.98 |
| NEMRC Annual Support | 5,000.00 |
| NEMRC Land Records Hosting | 1,200.00 |
| NEMRC Disaster Recovery | 500.00 |
| NEMRC Annual Cloud Service | 0.00 |
| Legal Advertizing | 0.00 |
| Town Officers Conferences | 246.00 |
| Office Supplies | 738.20 |
| Postage | 110.00 |
| P. O. Box 245 Rent | 100.00 |
| Furn. & Fixtures | 0.00 |
| Office Equipment | 0.00 |
| Records Books | 629.00 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 |
| Telephone | 1,811.47 |
| Electric | 792.16 |
| Heat | 1,836.89 |
| Animal Tags & Forms | 73.24 |
| Animal Control | 0.00 |
| Town Work | 0.00 |
| Town Mapping | 0.00 |
| Reappraisal Fund | 0.00 |

Total TOWN OFFICE**26,120.56****GENERAL EXPENSES**

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|----------------------|----------|
| FICA/MEDI Expense | 4,572.86 |
| VT Unemployment Tax | 69.64 |
| Town Report Layout | 720.00 |
| Town Report Printing | 700.00 |
| Town Report Postage | 226.74 |
| Records Restoration | 0.00 |
| Early Ed Enrichment | 0.00 |
| In Memory Of | 500.00 |
| VLCT PACIF Insurance | 1,812.75 |

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| VLCT Dues | 2,716.00 | |
| Surety Bond | 100.00 | |
| Rutland County Tax | 3,229.62 | |
| Rutland County Sheriff's | 47,207.50 | |
| Rutland Reg Plan Comm | 975.00 | |
| VMCTA Annual Dues | 100.00 | |
| VALA Annual Dues | 0.00 | |
| Clerk marriage lic. Fee | 0.00 | |
| VT Marriage Lic. Fee | 0.00 | |
| Mileage- Select Board | 0.00 | |
| Mileage -Clerk/Treasurer | 0.00 | |
| Mileage-Listers | 0.00 | |
| Mileage-Animal Control | 0.00 | |
| Asst. Clerk Mileage | 0.00 | |
| Solid Waste Mileage | 0.00 | |
| Total GENERAL EXPENSES | | 62,930.31 |
| SOLID WASTE | | |
| Solid Waste Attendant | 6,997.82 | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 3,480.40 | |
| Solid Waste Maintenance | 183.71 | |
| Solid Waste Punch Cards | 65.00 | |
| Total SOLID WASTE | | 10,726.93 |
| HIGHWAY | | |
| Winter Maint. | 21,047.00 | |
| Winter Maintenance Salt | 0.00 | |
| Class 2 Road Exp | 7,092.50 | |
| Class 3 Road Exp | 6,685.00 | |
| Flood July 2023 | 0.00 | |
| State MRGP & STORMWATER | 0.00 | |
| Total HIGHWAY | | 34,824.50 |
| APPROPRIATIONS | | |
| Manchester Resque Squad | 2,093.00 | |
| Northshire Rescue Ambulance | 3,760.00 | |
| Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Appro | 8,527.20 | |
| Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Capital | 0.00 | |
| SW VT Council on Aging | 250.00 | |
| RAVNAH | 770.00 | |
| Rutland Mental Health Serv | 200.00 | |
| New Story | 100.00 | |
| Rutland County Humane Soc. | 100.00 | |
| BROC | 200.00 | |
| Rutland County Restorative Justice | 0.00 | |
| VT Center for Independent Living | 55.00 | |
| Neighbor Works of Western VT | 500.00 | |
| Mt Tabor-Danby Historical Society | 500.00 | |
| Rutland Nat Res Cons Dist | 0.00 | |
| Red Cross of VT & NH | 250.00 | |
| Green Up Vermont | 50.00 | |
| The Mentor Connector | 100.00 | |
| VT Rural Fire Protection | 100.00 | |
| Rutland County Parent Child | 300.00 | |
| Danbt-Mt Tabor Now | 250.00 | |
| Child First Advocacy Cent | 400.00 | |
| VT Family Network | 250.00 | |
| Total APPROPRIATIONS | | 18,755.20 |
| Total Expenditures | | 212,117.55 |

VITAL STATISTICS CALENDAR YEAR 2023

BIRTHS

None

DEATHS

Linda J Breton

MARRIAGES

None

Highway Expenditure Report 07-01-2022 to 06-30-2023

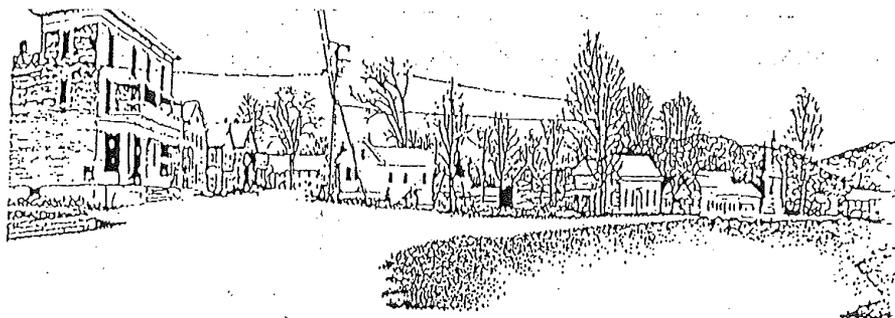
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| Flood July 2023 | 0.00 |
| State MRGP & STORMWATER | 0.00 |
| | 34,824.50 |

Taconic & Green School District Expenditure July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

\$258,579.82

MOUNT TABOR DOG ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDING 12/31/2023

| | # | Rate | Fees | State | Late Fees | Total Fees |
|------------|----|-------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|
| Spayed | 23 | 8.00 | 184.00 | 115.00 | 15.00 | 324.00 |
| Unneutered | 6 | 10.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | 18.00 | 98.00 |
| | 29 | | 244.00 | 145.00 | 33.00 | 422.00 |



MT. TABOR – DANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our members meet at 6:30pm on the first Monday of each month at our headquarters in the lower level of the S. L. Griffith Library, 74 South Main St. and visitors are always welcome. When legal holidays coincide with our normal monthly meeting it is postponed one week. Please check the calendar on the home page of our website, Mt. Tabor-Danby Historical Society. If you have not had an opportunity to view this wonderful site, please make some time to do so. It has many historical photographs, oral histories, videos, and in the *Portraits* section, a long list of biographies of late citizens.

Thanks to Vermont Quarries Corp and Boer Family Foundation a beautiful Danby Cloud white marble fountain is now in the Masonic Triangle. *A Rare Day In June* could well have been nick-named “A Rainy Day In June!” Despite the weather the artists all said that they want to do it again and plans are in the works. An introduction to metal detecting by Netanel Crispe was a hit with the children and adults who attended and found treasure. Herb Ogden lead a hike to the Southeast corner of Mt. Tabor and Tom Griffin of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association presented *Grave Matters* just in time for Halloween.

The Society continues to collect post cards depicting scenes of our towns, and acquired other interesting artifacts this year including an 1829 Tavern Permit, 1918 poster for a Patriotic Meeting, mid-20th century grade school texts once used in the Brooklyn School, 1800’s letterheads of S. L. Griffith, and a local Fire Department badge. We are working with the Mt. Tabor Town Officers to reprint the John Risdon photographs.

The Society has several signed and numbered I. J. Nichols prints of Danby Borough for sale, and well as the Peter Huntoon South Main St. blank notecards with envelopes as well as other items. Ann Rothman’s biography, *Silas Lapham Griffith The Santa Claus Bandit: Vermont’s First Millionaire* is now in print, both hard and soft-cover as well as Kindle through Amazon. The Society holds the copyright to the book.

We ask that you once again approve our appropriation at Town Meeting.

MOUNT TABOR BUDGET REPORT 2024-2025

| | 2022-2023 BUDGET | 2022-2023 ACTUAL | 2023-2024 FINAL BUDGET | 2024-2025 PROPOSED |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ELECTED OFFICIALS | | | | |
| Del. Tax Collector 8% | 0.00 | 2,082.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tax Collector 1% | 0.00 | 3,492.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Clerk Service | 21,000.00 | 21,000.00 | 22,500.00 | 24,000.00 |
| Asst. Town Clerk | 750.00 | 420.00 | 750.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Treasurer Service | 20,000.00 | 21,000.00 | 22,500.00 | 24,000.00 |
| Auditor Service | 1,500.00 | 270.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Select Board Service | 2,400.00 | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 |
| Election Services | 1,200.00 | 2,137.50 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Town Constable/Dues/Train | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Lister Service | 2,000.00 | 2,627.50 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Asst. Treasurer | 750.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Selectboard Clerk | 3,000.00 | 2,520.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Health Officer | 700.00 | 510.00 | 200.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total ELECTED OFFICIALS | 51,700.00 | 58,760.05 | 57,600.00 | 65,900.00 |
| TOWN OFFICE | | | | |
| Attorney Fees | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Prep. of W2's & 1099's | 200.00 | 137.54 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Building Maintenance | 0.00 | 1,870.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cemetery Maintenance | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Town Office Mowing | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Copier Maint. | 450.00 | 477.40 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Computer Maint. | 3,000.00 | 2,275.68 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Computer Software | 1,000.00 | 8,222.98 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| NEMRC Annual Support Agre | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| NEMRC Land Records Hostin | 2,000.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| NEMRC Disaster Recovery | 500.00 | 500.00 | 550.00 | 550.00 |
| NEMRC Annual Cloud Service | 0.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Legal Advertising | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Town Officers Conferences | 250.00 | 246.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Office Supplies | 600.00 | 738.20 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Postage | 300.00 | 110.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| P. O. Box Rent | 120.00 | 100.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| Furn. & Fixtures | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Office Equipment | 100.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Records Books | 0.00 | 629.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| COVID-19 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Telephone | 1,600.00 | 1,811.47 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Electric | 800.00 | 792.16 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Heat | 1,500.00 | 1,836.89 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Animal Tags & Forms | 100.00 | 73.24 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Animal Control | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Town Work | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Town Mapping | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Reappraisal Fund | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total TOWN OFFICE | 21,620.00 | 26,120.56 | 22,870.00 | 22,870.00 |
| GENERAL EXPENSES | | | | |
| FICA/MEDI Expense | 4,500.00 | 4,572.86 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| VT Unemployment Tax | 100.00 | 69.84 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Town Report Layout | 1,000.00 | 720.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 |
| Town Report Printing | 650.00 | 700.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Town Report Postage | 150.00 | 226.74 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Records Restoration | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Early Ed Enrichment | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| In Memory Of | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| VLCT PACIF Insurance | 7,500.00 | 1,812.75 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| VLCT Dues | 1,337.00 | 2,716.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |

MOUNT TABOR BUDGET REPORT 2024-2025 - continued

| | 2022-2023 BUDGET | 2022-2023 ACTUAL | 2023-2024 FINAL BUDGET | 2024-2025 PROPOSED |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Surety Bond | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Rutland County Tax | 1,900.00 | 3,229.62 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Rutland County Sheriff's Dept | 50,000.00 | 47,207.50 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Rutland Reg Plan Comm | 1,000.00 | 975.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| VMCTA Annual Dues | 50.00 | 100.00 | 70.00 | 70.00 |
| VALA Annual Dues | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Clerk Marriage Lic. Fee | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| VT Marriage License Fee | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mileage- Select Board | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Mileage -Clerk/Treasurer | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Mileage-Listers | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Mileage-Animal Control | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Asst Clerk-Mileage | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Solid Waste Mileage | 200.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Total GENERAL EXPENSES | 68,850.00 | 62,930.31 | 15,720.00 | 15,720.00 |
| SOLID WASTE | | | | |
| Solid Waste Attendant | 8,000.00 | 6,997.82 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 4,000.00 | 3,480.40 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 183.71 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Solid Waste Punch Cards | 100.00 | 65.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total SOLID WASTE | 13,100.00 | 10,726.93 | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 |
| HIGHWAY | | | | |
| Winter Maint. | 24,000.00 | 21,047.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Winter Maintenance Salt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Class 2 Road Exp | 25,000.00 | 7,092.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Class 3 Road Exp | 6,000.00 | 6,685.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| State MRGP & STORMWATER | 740.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total HIGHWAY | 55,740.00 | 34,824.50 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| APPROPRIATIONS | | | | |
| Manchester Rescue Squad | 3,483.00 | 2,093.00 | 3,700.00 | 3,700.00 |
| Northshire Rescue Ambulance | 2,370.00 | 3,760.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Appro | 8,527.00 | 8,527.20 | 8,600.00 | 8,600.00 |
| Danby/Mt Tabor Fire Capital | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| SW VT Council on Aging | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| RAVNAH | 770.00 | 770.00 | 770.00 | 770.00 |
| Rutl Mental Health Serv | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| New Story (Womens Network) | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Rutl Cty Humane Soc. | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| BROC | 100.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Rutland County Restorative Justice | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Vt Center for Ind Living | 55.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| Neighbor Works of Western VT | 400.00 | 500.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Mt Tabor-Danby Historical | 500.00 | 500.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Rutland Nat Res Cons Dist | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Red Cross of VT & NH | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Green Up Vermont | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| The Mentor Connector | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Vt Rural Fire Protection | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Rutland Cnty Parent Child | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Danbt-Mt Tabor Now | 250.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Child First Advocacy Cent | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| VT Family Network | 0.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Total APPROPRIATIONS | 25,078.00 | 18,755.20 | 25,025.00 | 25,025.00 |
| Total Expenditures | 236,088.00 | 212,117.55 | 136,215.00 | 144,515.00 |

TACONIC AND GREEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS' MESSAGE - January 2024

Our full annual report is available at your Town Clerk's office or online at www.brsu.org/page/annual-and-town-reports. We hope you will read about the important issues facing our nine town district and give us your thoughts, especially regarding the possible regional middle school. When you get to the section on the budget, please note that Vermont has income sensitivity that reduces the property tax on primary residences for many people. Income sensitivity can also reduce renters' taxes.

We are trying something new for the Annual District Meeting, which will be held at Manchester Elementary Middle School on February 27th. From 6 to 6:30 p.m. we are hosting an informal get-acquainted time with board members and some of our Senators and Representatives. There will be refreshments. From 6:30 to 7, board members will be at several tables to discuss specific issues like the proposed district-wide middle school. At 7, the formal meeting begins, with floor votes including the election of the District Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer.

As always, voting on the budget, reserve funds, and high school tuition will be by Australian Ballot on Town Meeting Day, March 5th. **You will not automatically receive an absentee ballot.** If you want to vote by mail, you must request a mail ballot from your Town Clerk. Please read the Annual Report for detailed information as you consider the budget and the other issues listed in the Warning.

Developing a budget was only one of our tasks. Last year, the legislature considered some bills that would have severely limited high school choice, in reaction to a U. S. Supreme Court decision that most of us think was wrong. District leaders appreciate the time our legislators spent conferring with us and avoiding a bad outcome. The issue will return this year. Other issues include the poor performance of the Agency of Education, including its delay in enforcing the antidiscrimination rules that took effect in 2022. Locally, a board committee is hard at work studying the possibility of a regional middle school and welcomes everyone's input.

If you want to know more about how we operate or comment on our work, please attend one of our meetings either remotely or in person. We also welcome comments and questions by letter or email. We meet at least monthly. We begin at 6:30 p.m. and aim to end by 8:30. There is a ten minute public comment period at the beginning. Agendas, minutes, and information on how to attend remotely are available on the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union website - www.brsu.org/page/meeting-calendar.

Respectfully submitted,
Taconic and Green Regional School District Board of Directors



December, 19, 2023

Dear Sending Towns:

The Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has approved sending town tuition at \$20,966 for the 2024–2025 school year, a 4.9% increase. Our tuition for private pay individuals (i.e., non-sending towns) will be \$23,589.

In reaching this figure, the board sought first and foremost to maintain affordability to our sending towns. The Vermont tax commissioner estimates that statewide education spending will increase 12% and overall taxes will increase 18%. We hope our tuition increase of 4.9% will help offset these onerous figures. Our tuition remains well below that of any of the other historic town academies as well as many public high schools.

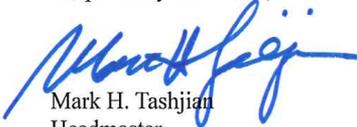
We also are deeply committed to the quality of education, and our costs will necessarily increase. We are supporting the faculty and staff in efforts to offset inflation not only in their lives, but in the face of skyrocketing healthcare costs, which are estimated to increase by 16% statewide this year. Our faculty and staff are the lifeblood of this school, and offering meaningful salaries and benefits allows us to attract and retain the absolute best teachers we can find.

We will also continue to keep a sharp eye on managing expenses so each dollar spent has maximum impact.

As always, our tuition does not cover the total cost of a BBA education. We supplement tuition revenues with private fundraising of \$1.5–\$2.0 million as well as an endowment draw of approximately \$1 million. In addition, we raise money privately for all capital projects so the beautiful facilities that serve all students come at no cost to taxpayers. No public debt, no public bonds.

Since 1829, Burr & Burton Academy has served the Northshire communities in partnership. We appreciate the support, and we do everything we can to continue to be a school that is a point of pride and worthy of support from all of you.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster



Charley Stevenson
Chair of the Board of Trustees

DANBY-MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Department responded to **58** calls this year. The Members put in approximately 4,000 hours of labor at calls, drills, building the addition to the station and administration.

We would like to thank Meg Mancheski and Marge Abbot for another year of their hard work with the Community Calendar to raise funds for the fire department.

The addition to the fire house is currently being prepared for electrical and heat to be installed. We have continued to move along piece by piece so that we are paying as we go.

The Lawn Party this year will be held on July 12 & 13 along with the Teddy Bear Raffle. We will have games, food and music both nights.

Columbus Day weekend we will hold the Tractor Pull and Gun Raffle on Route 7 North.

We have finalized the land agreement at Station 2 and have installed a generator. This is a big step in relocating our communications system to the more centralized location in town.

We would like to thank all the townspeople and businesses for their continued support!

Item 1:

The Danby-Mt. Tabor Volunteer Fire Department is requesting funds for 2023 capital expenditures. This year, the department is asking from the towns of Danby and Mt. Tabor a total of \$42,636.00.

This sum has been broken down between the two towns:

80% from the Town of Danby - \$34,108.80

20% from the Town of Mt. Tabor - \$8,527.20

Item 2:

Last year we asked the town to allow us to create a fund using the same amount that we had been receiving for the last pumper truck purchase, to save for upgrade of equipment, support communications and vehicle replacement so that in the future we could update as necessary. We were very grateful to have received approval of our request and ask again for the same this year.

We are asking for \$31,000.00 split between the towns of Danby and Mt. Tabor as follows:

From the Town of Danby - \$25,000.00

From the Town of Mt. Tabor - \$6,000.00

The total amount requested is the same as we have been receiving.



Kenneth G. Abbott, Chief
(802) 786-9797

**DANBY-MT. TABOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Beginning Balance\$176,448.03

INCOME

Fund Raising Events\$31,208.73
 Town of Danby 60,109.00
 Town of Mt. Tabor 14,527.20
 Donations.....8,316.63
 Interest1,067.62
 Building Fund 0.00
 Grants 0.00

Total Income..... \$115,229.18

EXPENSES

Phone & Internet \$3,441.91
 Electricity2,089.50
 Insurance 18,209.60
 Vehicle operation 1,752.09
 Equipment purchase/maint. 10,355.15
 Building operations 33,008.00
 Fund raising 10,565.90
 FF Support, Dues, Training..... 1,570.00
 Office Supplies 1,946.27
 Radios/communications..... 1,088.00
 Fire House Addition 1,475.95

Total expenses \$85,502.37

INCOME LESS EXPENSES \$29,726.81

CASH ON HAND

Operating account.....\$79,616.84
 Apparatus Account..... 64,052.84
 Stafford Fund 62,505.16

The Stafford fund is a trust in which the
principle must remain intact until 2020.

TOTAL ENDING BALANCE.....\$206,174.84

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"Serving the community since 1964"
www.northshirerescue.com

Proposal for Municipal Support for FY25 (7/1/24 – 6/30/25)

Fiscal 2024 Budget – and Town support request for FY 2025

The NRS Board approved FY24 Budget is attached. It reflects expectations of continued strong Medical Revenues – with an expectation of exceeding last year's record results. After last year's substantial increase in wages – the FY24 Budget includes a 4% increase which was approved by the Board. (As noted earlier, compensation levels and structure will continue to be a focus throughout the year.) Municipal support for the FY24 Budget reflects the levels that were agreed last year by all our Towns. And we increased our fundraising target again – with our early-in-the-year Subscription Program having already exceeded the increased budget number. Also included in the Budget are several necessary investments – a boost to our Medical Equipment budget of roughly \$40,500 to add key equipment to our ambulances, and \$25,000 for important projects on the space NRS occupies. Overall, Budgeted Expenditures for FY24 reflect roughly a 10.4% increase from FY23, and we project a Net Loss for the year of \$21,083.

Proposed Town financial support for FY25

Under the Emergency Medical Services Agreement (EMSA), Town support for Northshire Rescue comes in the form of:

1. Dues - which support the replacement of an ambulance every 3 years, when our oldest ambulance is retired, allocated to our Service Towns on the basis of relative population; and
2. Service Fees – which support EMS operations – as Medical Revenues are not sufficient to cover the full cost of EMS operations, and fundraising alone is not sufficient to make up the gap, allocated to our Service Towns on the basis of average usage of EMS services over the prior two years.

Dues are set to increase substantially in Fiscal Year 2025, as outlined in the EMSA we signed earlier in 2023. Dues have been \$75,000 in each of the last three years – reflecting the approximate \$225,000 cost of the ambulance that was delivered in 2021.

In the EMSA we noted that Dues would likely increase to \$100,000 in each of the next three years (FY25 – FY27) to support the expected \$300,000 cost of the latest ambulance addition – which is currently on order, delivery date uncertain. The actual cost of the new ambulance was a bit higher than expected (\$330,000, less an expected \$14,000 for the trade-in of our oldest ambulance). However, NRS

proposes that we hold to the \$100,000 annual Dues number noted in the EMSA, for each of the next three years.

Allocated by population (2020 Census figures) – Dues for each Town would be as follows:

| Dues - ambulance - FY25 | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Town | Pop. 2020 | Pop % | Dues |
| Manchester | 4,484 | 54.7% | \$54,743 |
| Dorset | 2,133 | 26.0% | \$26,041 |
| Danby | 1,284 | 15.7% | \$15,676 |
| Mt Tabor | 210 | 2.6% | \$2,564 |
| Winhall | 80 | 1.0% | \$977 |
| Total 5 Towns | 8,191 | 100.0% | \$100,000 |

Service Fees - With the substantial increase in Dues from FY24 to FY25, the NRS Board noted that, even if Service Fees remained unchanged from FY24 to FY25, the total municipal support we would be requesting from our service Towns would increase by 8.6%. We fully understand the preference and importance of relatively predictable and modest increases for municipal budgeting. Therefore, the NRS Board is proposing to reduce Service Fees for FY25 by an amount sufficient to hold the total increase in municipal financial support to 5%. This would call for a 4.8% reduction in Service Fees from FY24 to FY25.

The following two charts show, for the Service Fee calculations: (1) the average usage by each Town of EMS services; and (2) the allocation of the proposed Service Fees for each Town.

It should be noted that the annual recalculation of each Town’s relative usage of EMS services will cause individual Town’s increases or decreases in Service Fees to differ from the percentage changes for all Towns combined. Compared to last year, Manchester had a significant increase in average usage (from 71.4% to 74.5% of calls in our 5 Towns) and Dorset has a significant decrease (from 18.9% to 16.4% of calls in our 5 Towns).

| NRS Service Calls by Town | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Town | 2 Yr Avg (FY23 & FY22) | | FYE 6/30/23 | | FYE 6/30/22 | |
| Manchester | 1,079 | 74.5% | 1,125 | 75.9% | 1,032 | 73.1% |
| Dorset | 238 | 16.4% | 229 | 15.4% | 246 | 17.4% |
| Danby | 93 | 6.4% | 91 | 6.1% | 94 | 6.7% |
| Mt. Tabor | 21 | 1.4% | 22 | 1.5% | 19 | 1.3% |
| Winhall | 19 | 1.3% | 16 | 1.1% | 21 | 1.5% |
| Total | 1,448 | 100.0% | 1,483 | 100.0% | 1,412 | 100.0% |
| Mutual Aid | 113 | | 134 | | 91 | |
| Grand Total | 1,560 | | 1,617 | | 1,503 | |

| Service Fees (operations) | | | | | Proposed FY25 | |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Town | FY 20/21 | FY 21/22 | FY 22/23 | FY23/24 | FY24/25 % | FY24/25\$ |
| Manchester | \$143,004 | \$143,004 | \$150,154 | \$154,239 | 74.5% | \$153,148 |
| Dorset | \$30,962 | \$30,962 | \$32,510 | \$40,836 | 16.4% | \$33,725 |
| Danby | \$13,159 | \$13,159 | \$13,817 | \$14,973 | 6.4% | \$13,135 |
| Mt Tabor | \$3,483 | \$3,483 | \$3,657 | \$2,978 | 1.4% | \$2,911 |
| Winhall | \$2,903 | \$2,903 | \$3,048 | \$2,978 | 1.3% | \$2,627 |
| Total 5 Towns | \$193,511 | \$193,511 | \$203,186 | \$216,003 | 100.0% | \$205,547 |

The chart below combines Dues and Service Fees and presents Total municipal support from each Town over the past three years.

| | FY22/23 | | | FY23/24 | | | FY24/25 | | |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Service Fee | Dues | Total | Service Fee | Dues | Total | Service Fee | Dues | Total |
| Manchester | \$150,154 | \$41,054 | \$191,208 | \$154,239 | \$41,054 | \$195,293 | \$153,148 | \$54,743 | \$207,891 |
| Dorset | \$32,510 | \$19,529 | \$52,039 | \$40,836 | \$19,529 | \$60,365 | \$33,725 | \$26,041 | \$59,766 |
| Danby | \$13,817 | \$11,756 | \$25,573 | \$14,973 | \$11,756 | \$26,729 | \$13,135 | \$15,676 | \$28,811 |
| Mt. Tabor | \$3,657 | \$1,923 | \$5,580 | \$2,978 | \$1,923 | \$4,900 | \$2,911 | \$2,564 | \$5,475 |
| Winhall | \$3,048 | \$732 | \$3,780 | \$2,978 | \$732 | \$3,710 | \$2,627 | \$977 | \$3,604 |
| Total | \$203,186 | \$74,994 | \$278,180 | \$216,003 | \$74,994 | \$290,997 | \$205,547 | \$100,000 | \$305,547 |

NRS would appreciate feedback from each of our Towns on this proposal. The EMSA includes a provision requiring NRS and the Towns to use their best efforts to schedule an Annual Meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board. Please respond to this email before December 15th and let us know if you would like to schedule a meeting. We can then work on setting a mutually convenient date for a meeting. We would also be happy to have NRS representatives meet with Towns individually or appear at Town Selectboard meetings. Please contact us to discuss further.

We would be happy to work to set up a meeting with all of our Towns to discuss the proposal, and to answer any questions you or your Towns may have. We also welcome questions or comments from any Town.

Thank you,

The NRS Board of Trustees

TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS AND 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.

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



Annual Report to the Town of Mount Tabor for 2023

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,000 animals in 2023.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, membership, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 1 animal from the Town of Mount Tabor from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Please call us at 483.9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

OPEN BURN **Residents of Mount Tabor**

For some of you in Town, the information here will be a reminder. For others, it will be new.

Open burning is the burning of materials in the open air, where smoke and by-products do not pass through a chimney, stack, or flue. The only material that may be burned is clean, natural wood. **Clean, natural wood, unpainted and untreated with any chemicals.**

Plywood, chipboard, or pressure treated lumber is **not** natural wood.

All open burning requires a permit year round and may be obtained from the Town Fire Wardens. Burning hours are generally daylight to dark; Monday through Saturday. All permitted fires are subject to conditions given at the time they are issued.

The burning of any solid wastes, such as papers, cardboard, or household garbage is prohibited; no permits will be issued for these materials. The use of approved incinerators is allowed; however only clean, natural wood may be burned in them.

The backyard practice of burning household refuse and solid waste in burning barrels is illegal in the State of Vermont and Mount Tabor.

Anyone needing more information about these issues please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

Mark Audy - Fire Warden - (802) 786-3587

Seth Beaugard - Asst. Fire Warden - (802) 345-9813

CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER

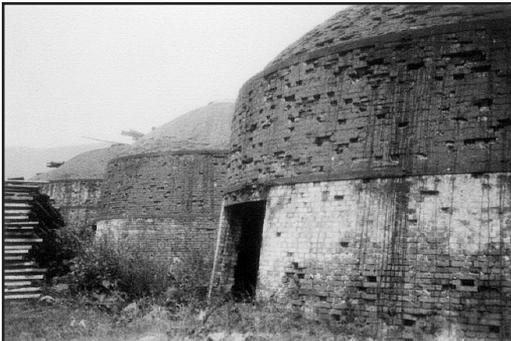
The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication.

In calendar year 2023, The Child First Advocacy Center served 171 clients and 144 of their family members. We were able to provide direct wrap around services and support to two (2) Mount Tabor families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma. In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school district's ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative to train Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12 in Child Sexual Abuse Awareness.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$400 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Wendy Loomis Exec. Dir. (802)-747-0200 - wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov



*Beehive
Charcoal Kilns
Mt. Tabor, VT
Late 1800's*



*Edith Bond & John Risdon
August 1896*



*Mary Alice Risdon in Mt. Tabor, VT
September 1896*



*Mill at South End in Mt. Tabor, VT
January 1897*



*Joe Provincial - May 1897
(note the charcoal kiln on right)*



*Edith Banford
at Danby, VT
railroad depot -
September 1896
(note the charcoal
kilns and clapboard
shed in background)*

*Mary Ann Jacobs
Risdon (Mrs. D. C.)
in the parlor
of their home
in Mt. Tabor, VT
January 1897*



*Uncle David Jacobs
in Mt. Tabor, VT
August 1897*

*Danby, VT Station
in Mt. Tabor, VT
November 1896*



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

Rutland Office: 802-786-5990 - Bennington Office: 802-442-5436 - Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

This is a request from the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for \$250.00 in funding in your FY25 budget. This is the same level of funding we requested and received last year. If approved, this funding will be used to help support the work we do on behalf of Mount Tabor residents. This report describes the services that (SVCOA) provided to elders in Mount Tabor from 10/1/2022 through 9/30/2023.

Nutrition Support:

The Council remained available to provide meals that are able to be delivered to the homes of older residents of Mount Tabor. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. Additionally, SVCOA remained available to provide one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to residents of Mt. Tabor.

Case Management Assistance:

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

Other Services and Support:

- 1) “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;
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program;
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
- 4) Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications;
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician;
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters;
- 7) 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;
- 8) Transportation assistance;
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance;
- 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.

NEWSTORY CENTER ANNUAL REPORT 2023

For 44 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY23, NewStory Center served 674 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Mount Tabor for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$100, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2024, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Mount Tabor have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

Office: (802) 775-6788 Crisis: (802) 775-3232 www.nscvt.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our staff and volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the Northern New England region:

- We made 700 homes safer by installing 2,177 smoke detectors and educating 897 families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 42,950 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over 133,100 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over 3,400 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Mount Tabor. This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00. These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly, Lauren Jordan - Development Coordinator

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK



The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively

served the families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a “one-stop-shop” to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Mount Tabor and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Mount Tabor where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1,000 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 7,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development Manager
Vermont Family Network
600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston, VT 05495
1-800-800-4005 · www.vermontfamilynetwork.org

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners, and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to our local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of all people – people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. This has been another exciting year for us, and we have worked hard to support new opportunities on the National Forest that benefit the people and communities that we serve. The following is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Our New Office

We are excited to report that we now have a new Forest Supervisor's Headquarters located at 4387 U.S. Route 4 East in Mendon, Vermont! Our visitor center will be staffed and open to the public over the winter months on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. In the spring, we will be open Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. Our employees have recently transitioned from a full-time virtual work schedule to working out of the new office and are available should you need to reach them. You can always call our main office number (802) 747-6700 and press 9 to search our employee directory or to make an appointment with a member of our staff. Our permanent mailing address is: USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests, 4387 U.S. Route 4 East, Mendon, Vermont 05701. Please visit the staff directory link here for a current list of our employees: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/gmfl/about-forest/contactus>

Road & Facility Construction & Maintenance

In cooperation with federal, state, and local governments, private contractors, and non-profit organizations, the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, and other facilities throughout the Forest. Some highlights:

The GMNF completed construction of their new administrative headquarters facility on US Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont. Employees moved into the new headquarters in early September and hosted an open house for the public on October 17th.

We also replaced the roof of the workshop at the Mt. Tabor Crew Quarters. New garage doors are scheduled to be installed this winter.

The GMNF improved or maintained over 85 miles of National Forest System roads in the towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Manchester, Mount Tabor, Peru, Readsboro, Ripton, Rochester, Somerset, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford, Warren, Weston, Woodford, and Woodstock. Improvement work included the replacement of culverts and gates, stabilization of embankments, repairing storm damage, and the resurfacing of roads. Larger improvement projects included three culvert replacement projects on Forest Road 10 in the Town of Mount Tabor.

Local Efforts

The "Local Efforts" noted below highlight 2023 Recreation and Trail Program successes in acknowledgement of the outstanding collaborative effort exhibited between Forest Service employees, partner organizations, volunteers, state and local

government representatives, and local businesses. Forest-wide efforts include allocating \$2.2 million to 41 partner agreements with local community, government, and non-profit organizations. Partner contributions totaled over \$440,000 in these agreements, enhancing the Forest Service's capacity to meet our mission and engage new partners. Enhanced amenities, including scan and pay QR codes and an automated fee machine, expanded options for paying entry fees at select sites; over \$135,000 in fee collections in 2023 will be used towards future improvements, such as new toilets.

Wallingford: In partnership with GMC, a caretaker hosted visitors and maintained the Little Rock Pond Shelter privy, tenting area, and surrounding trails.

Weston: In partnership with Andrew Harper, a kiosk and information panel were installed at the beginning of the West River CCC trail off from Route 155.

Peru: In partnership with GMC, a caretaker hosted visitors and maintained the Griffith Lake Tenting Area, Peru Peak Shelter, and surrounding trails.

2023 Wilderness Stewardship Performance Scores: (out of a possible 100 points)

Big Branch Wilderness 68 points located in Dorset, Mount Tabor, and Peru. Visitor encounter monitoring was conducted along the Appalachian Trail / Long Trail and side trails in the Big Branch Wilderness and Peru Peak Wilderness. Dispersed recreation sites / campsites were monitored for impacts to protect natural resources while maintaining opportunities for unconfined recreation. Wilderness Rangers conduct campsite monitoring every five years to track trends with recreation use. Trail maintenance and improvements were conducted along the AT / LT and side trails. Invasive plant species were monitored, and hand pulled along trailheads, the trail system, and shelters to prevent spreading. Wilderness boundary monitoring was completed.

Peru Peak Wilderness 72 points located in Mount Tabor and Peru. Visitor encounter monitoring was conducted along the Appalachian Trail / Long Trail and side trails in the Big Branch Wilderness and Peru Peak Wilderness. Invasive plant species were monitored, and hand pulled along trailheads, the trail system, and shelters to prevent spreading. Trail maintenance and improvements were conducted along the AT / LT and side trails. Dispersed recreation sites / campsites were monitored for impacts to protect natural resources while maintaining opportunities for unconfined recreation. Trout were stocked in Big Mud Pond utilizing a helicopter in partnership with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. Wilderness boundaries were monitored for encroachments.

A 3-week project aimed at treating large-scale non-native invasive plant (NNIP) infestations was achieved.

In addition to the aforementioned NNIP control projects, many other small infestations were controlled by staff, contractors, volunteers, and partner organizations (including VYCC) throughout the National Forest. While these infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations and many more are unmapped, they were targeted for control because they are in strategic locations or because they are relatively more feasible to control than others.

Mount Tabor: 0.1 acre of Japanese barberry treated via flame torch by Forest Service Fire staff.

Forest Vegetation Management

Below are some of accomplishments for calendar year 2023.

Provided maple tapping opportunities to six permit and contract holders for almost 9,000 taps in the towns of Lincoln, Stockbridge, Pomfret, Wilmington, and Mount Tabor.

Awarded two timber sale contracts and worked on preparation of one additional sale for the Early Successional Habitat Creation Project. This project includes habitat creation and timber harvest on approximately 1,000 acres per year over the course of 15 years for an estimated 15,000 acres in total across Arlington, Dover, Glastenbury, Jamaica, Landgrove, Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Pownal, Readsboro, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Stratton, Sunderland, Wallingford, Wardsboro, Weston, Wilmington, and Woodford.

Sold permits for the collection of approximately 237 cords of firewood, 3,360 pounds of wild apples, and 600 lbs. of fungi.

Treated ash trees at 24 different locations across the Forest to make those trees more resilient to emerald ash borer infestation. Trees were treated in Chittenden, Hartford, Mt. Holly, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Pownal, Stamford, Wallingford, and Woodford. The survival of treated trees will conserve genetic diversity of local populations, contribute to genetic diversity across the landscape, and provide a seed source for future restoration efforts.

Fisheries Improvement

Forest staff monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF in 2023. This monitoring is part of a long-term data collection effort to understand fish population trends on the Forest. Additional sites were sampled to support the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Streams in the following towns were sampled during the 2023 field season: Rochester, Mount Tabor, Winhall, Landgrove, Arlington, Somerset, Sunderland, Stamford and Peru.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure for generations to come. Please reach out to any of our offices to make an appointment for in-person services. You can also visit us and learn more about the GMNF at our website online:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/>
and follow us on X: https://twitter.com/gmfl_nfs

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RUTLAND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT



As in previous years, the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RN-RCD) is seeking a contribution from District Towns to support our many conservation programs/projects. We are a non-profit organization servicing the Upper Otter Creek watershed, dedicated to providing on-the ground conservation assistance as well as promoting public awareness and appreciation for the value, responsible use, development, and conservation of our natural resources. We respectfully request a \$250.00 contribution to support our 2024 program.

With funding through the State's Clean Water Initiative Program and Lake Champlain Basin Program, last year, among other services, the District:

- Received a final design for a Stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) at West Seminary Street Public Park in the Town of Brandon. This park includes a basketball court, playing field and dog park. The design was completed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC.
- Received funding to work with the Town of West Rutland to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). The overall objective is to provide the Town with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Clarendon River watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in a cost-efficient and targeted manner.
- Is continuing to work with the Town of Proctor to develop a Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP). The overall objective is to provide the Town with a strategic approach for meeting stormwater management needs in the Otter Creek watershed, to address pressing water resource concerns in a cost-efficient and targeted manner.
- Worked to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation throughout the District. These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other assessments/reports.

We would greatly appreciate your support. We are not able to personally petition each town within the District, so we ask that this contribution be included in the Select Board's 2024 budget. Please contact me at nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net with any questions or concerns. We would also like to invite you to visit our website at <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland/>

Sincerely,
Nanci J. McGuire, RNRC, Manager
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
170 South Main Street, Ste. 4, Rutland, VT 05701
802-775-8034 ext. 117



GREEN UP VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day, May 4, 2024

Thank you for your past budget allocation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with a 20% increase in volunteers (23,500) who picked up 348 TONS of trash and 15,000 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe, healthy and economically vibrant places to live.

Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your annual contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 54th year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50 allocation.

The amount requested is based on town population and funds go directly back into your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

| Population | \$ Request |
|----------------|------------|
| • 0- 1,000 | \$50 |
| • 1001 - 2000 | \$100 |
| • 2001 - 3000 | \$150 |
| • 3001 – 4,000 | \$200 |
| • 4,001 up | \$300 |

With this summers flooding, we are expecting Green Up Day will be needed more than ever. Together we can make all of Vermont beautiful again.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2024, May 4th** - its bound to be out-of-this-world! Also look for information about our very special VT Top to Bottom Green Up as we try for a Guinness Book of Records record.

I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director
802-522-7245 • greenup@greenupvermont.org

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **26+** years of the program, **1,177** grants totaling nearly **\$2.8 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project (\$15,000 for a couple special case projects). New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2023 was **\$199,158**, of which **\$82,374** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **17 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a **\$100** appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received over **\$9,375** in town appropriations from 90 towns. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. **235** Vermont communities have benefited from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

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VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Rutland Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to Rutland County. For more information on our work, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/rutland.

Some highlights of our work in 2023:

Meeting Community Needs

- In 2023 we held weekly vaccination clinics for community members experiencing barriers to accessing care. COVID test kits, Narcan harm reduction kits, condoms and health education materials were available at these clinics.
- Our Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers partnered with Rutland County Free Clinic, Turning Point and Rutland Mental Health to support the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- We supported healthcare coordination for kids in foster care, gave out free baby supplies at our community baby shower and provided food and nutrition services to over 1,200 people through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program.

Building Capacity

- Our staff provides grant consultation to local non-profit organizations. With our support, partners received nearly \$250,000 in 2023 which has helped our community create lasting systems that improve the health of our friends and neighbors. These funds supported many programs, such as the new Rutland County Pride Center.
- Our staff also trained and educated the community on important topics. One example is a workshop we gave on Xylazine, which is a sedative found in street drugs. This drug makes it harder to respond to overdoses and provide medical care.

Emergency Preparedness

- Our staff supported community members impacted by this summer's flooding events. We staffed state-wide flood resource centers, gave out drinking water test kits, supported the development of a Long Term Recovery group and provided many hours of consultation and information around flood response.

Rutland Local Health Office is at 88 Merchants Row, Suite 300, Rutland, VT (802) 786-5811 - AHS.VDHRutland@Vermont.gov

RUTLAND COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER

The Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center (doing business as Rutland County Restorative Justice Center) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency (EIN 03-0279824) that is requesting to be included on the Mount Tabor town appropriation for \$600. We greatly appreciate the town's consideration and hope to work together in fiscal year 2025.

Our agency strives to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and those with mental health and substance use treatment needs. We focus on fostering accountability, repairing the harm caused by crime, skills development, and connection to treatment and education.

In fiscal year 2023 the RCRJC's seven programs served 503 participants who chose community support and accountability over the traditional criminal justice system. All our programs are voluntary and therefore this choice was made entirely around people bettering themselves and their community. The RCRJC helped: 121 people connect with volunteers to address the harm they caused in the community through restorative panels; 134 adjudicated, at-risk, or truant youth work to improve school/appointment attendance, therapeutic treatment engagement, one-to-one support and community-based visits, case plan and court hearing support, coping skills, time management, and community and family connections; 79 victims of crime have connection to the crime on their own terms; 71 people work towards reduced fines, violation issues, and reinstatement of their driver's licenses; 66 youth aged 16-21 participate and complete the Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program that identifies and educates youth about dangers of substances for which they received varying violations; 54 people seek substance misuse treatment and mental health care related to the "why" of their criminal behavior; 32 people who are incarcerated screen for services/programs that would aid them in not re-offending; 25 youth complete the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) to determine risks and needs.

Our agency has served Rutland County for decades, and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community members for many more years to come. We sincerely appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Maggie Ganguly - Executive Director
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center - 50 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701
(802) 775-2479 | info@rutlandrestorativejustice.org

RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

In the year 2023, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Mount Tabor assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2023, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 76 hours of services to 5 Mount Tabor residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Mount Tabor in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Dick Courcelle - CEO
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

On behalf of BROCC 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. BROCC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCC Community Action was available to the residents in the Town of Mount Tabor. Whether they need food at the BROCC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, 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 \$200.00.

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

Sincerely, Thomas L. Donahue - CEO
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VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits. All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 142 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, staff responded to thousands of member questions and published guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2022, VLCT began offering additional government finance training and consulting services and launched the new Federal Funding Assistance Program (FFAP). FFAP offers communities advice on complying with federal rules surrounding pandemic funding, provides direction and insight on accessing billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding, and provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.

- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern** to officials who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided training via webinars, onsite classes, and during the hallmark annual event, Town Fair, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. VLCT's Equity Committee also published an online equity toolkit that assists municipalities in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in their decision making, policies, practices, and programs.

- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2022 includes securing \$45 million in funding to help municipalities make energy improvements in their buildings, securing \$250,000 for VLCT's Federal Funding Assistance Program, increasing Municipal Planning Grants to \$870,000, securing \$250,000 for the Vermont Office of Racial Equity to launch the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Program, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.

• **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members.

Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions and to access resources to help them carry out the important work of local government. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org.** Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

As we reflect on the past year, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) extends its deepest gratitude to the towns within our region for their unwavering support and collaborative efforts in advancing community and economic development, thoughtful planning, and sustainable growth.

Community and Economic Development

In the pursuit of fostering vibrant communities, we are actively engaged in community and economic development initiatives, such as Brownfields Redevelopment. Through strategic partnerships and public investment, we've worked to transform underutilized areas, like Pittsford Village Farm, into valuable community assets.

Town Planning and Zoning

By providing guidance and support to towns modernizing and updating their municipal plans and zoning regulations, we aim to create balanced, sustainable, and resilient communities that meet the needs of residents and businesses.

Water Quality and Natural Resources

Preserving our region's water quality and natural resources is a shared responsibility. Through collaborative efforts with local governments and organizations, our work as the South Lake Champlain Clean Water Service Provider identifies and develops projects that safeguard our water sources and protect the richness of our natural landscapes.

Emergency Preparedness and Climate Resilience

The RRPC led the charge responding and recovering from this summer's historic flooding. Beyond enhancing planning processes, we are committed to training local Emergency Management Directors (EMDs), ensuring swift and effective

emergency responses, and building resilient communities equipped to navigate evolving climate dynamics.

Multimodal Transportation

Efficient and sustainable transportation is vital for the well-being of our communities. The RRPC has worked towards developing multimodal transportation solutions, such as an analysis of the Rutland City Bus System, that prioritize accessibility and safety.

Energy Conservation and Efficiency

Addressing the importance of energy conservation and efficiency, the RRPC has supported initiatives aimed at reducing energy consumption and promoting the use of renewable energy sources. We are working with towns across the region to implement the Municipal Energy Resilience Program, aimed at saving energy and money for our critical town-owned buildings.

Affordable Housing

Recognizing the need for diverse and affordable housing options, the RRPC has actively supported initiatives to address housing challenges. We worked closely with Vermont Finance Housing Agency (VHFA) to complete the 2023 Rutland Region Housing Needs Assessment and created a new planning program to help towns navigate housing challenges and opportunities.

Equity

Promoting equity is at the core of our planning efforts. We are dedicated to ensuring that our planning processes consider the needs and perspectives of all residents, fostering inclusive and equitable communities.

Regional Planning

We are thrilled to initiate a three-year process to update the 2018 Regional Plan, aiming to make it a true reflection of local priorities. We encourage active participation from residents, businesses, and organizations in meetings, workshops, and surveys to ensure diverse perspectives shape the updated plan. Your insights are invaluable in creating a blueprint for sustainable development, economic growth, and community enhancement. Stay tuned for upcoming engagement opportunities!

In closing, we want to thank all of the dedicated local volunteers and civil servants for their commitment to our region. Active participation in the local planning process ensures that diverse perspectives contribute to our shared vision. All are invited to join in helping shape our future as we look forward to another year of progress, innovation, and shared success.

Devon Neary, Executive Director

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VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION

In 2022, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Mount Tabor 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 medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR) respectfully requests town funds of \$770 to assist in providing much-needed home care and hospice services to all those in need.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising health-care costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services Mount Tabor's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 127,393 to 3,043 patients. In Mount Tabor, we provided 366 visits to 3 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact 802-775-0568 if you have any questions.

Sara C. King, CEO Dan DiBattista, President

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Mt. Tabor for our FY'24.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Mount Tabor in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$55.00 from the Town of Mt. Tabor to continue supporting people with disabilities in the coming year. Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Sarah Launderville - Executive Director
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CHAMBER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT of the RUTLAND REGION

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Navigating the pandemic journey and recent flooding have proven to all of us that Rutland County is a large collection of neighbors, all of whom stand ready to support one another. We encourage you to reflect on all the positive things that are happening in the region. Working together we are moving forward in positive ways. Our communities and businesses are resilient and proactive in their thinking. Every town has something happening that is noteworthy. A small sample of the momentum currently underway includes but is in no way limited to the following. This report is a “shout out” to your hard work and to all of you for standing as neighbors, making Rutland County Strong.

- The Town of Killington was approved for Tax Increment Financing District status, which has launched history changing, long awaited, development of the Town.
- Middletown Springs has moved into their new Town Office.
- The MINT, Rutland’s Makerspace, located in Rutland Town, has expanded offerings and space, and has partnered with Rutland Area Robotics, to create a world class facility.
- Fair Haven has launched an easy to navigate website that includes Town services and marketing.
- Activity is underway to grow commercial development at the Airport Industrial Park in Clarendon.
- The Farmers Food Center, in Rutland, and the Pittsford Village Farm projects are reimagining agricultural and town center ecosystems, creating destination locations and economic vitality.
- StartUp Rutland, located in the newly renovated Hub CoWorks in Downtown Rutland, has entered a partnership with gener8tor, the nation’s third largest business incubator.
- The Wallingford Block continues its path to be a local destination location.
- Danby has successfully renewed its Designated Village Center status allowing for future growth.
- Wonderfeet Kid’s Museum has expanded their space and programming with a move to the former Energy Innovation Center on Merchants Row in Rutland.
- Castleton’s Recreation Department is bringing people together in exciting ways.
- Proctor continues to expand and improve its outdoor recreation assets.
- A housing working group is developing a plan to meet the spectrum of need.
- Brandon continues to evolve into the one of the finest “quintessential small towns with a village feel.”
- West Rutland is focused on downtown housing that will help resolve regional housing issues.
- Mendon is focused on implementing “Mendon on the Move,” a comprehensive vision for the future.
- Poultney is reimagining itself with Slate Valley Trails and downtown revitalization.
- The Regional Marketing Initiative is tracking and following up on 1,484 potential new neighbors.

- And look forward to the Third Annual Whoopie Pie Festival in September of 2024!

The Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) exists to serve our region's families, communities, and businesses. We would like to thank our dedicated Board of Directors, committee members, our member organizations, and sponsors of our work, events, and activities. We look forward to continuing to serve you – our colleagues, friends, organizations, and businesses – as we focus on supporting this special place we call home. For the full story on CEDRR's activities, go to www.RutlandVermont.com and click on the Annual Report.

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*Will Risdon
at the organ
in his home in
Mt. Tabor, VT
February 1897*



*Tom Brown
and team
Mt. Tabor, VT
January 1897*

RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our eighteen member municipalities, residents, and businesses. Some services are also available to non-district communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate and program information and obtaining your required annual permit on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

This year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employees raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via www.rcswd.com/permits in about 5 minutes. Debit and credit cards are accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to engage local businesses informing them about recycling composting, hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues. To this end, RCSWD was awarded a USDA, rural development grant this year. This assisted the District in providing an expanded outreach program to 12 member towns with fewer residents. This included reaching out to every household in these towns. It included working with town Boards, employees, residents. This included seeking what each town needs to reduce reliance on landfills through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. Pre and post surveys will assist in measuring these efforts.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, events, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 24-hours a day. To keep up to date do ensure you subscribe to our newsletter, and to your choice e-mail events alerts. Please see our 2023 Annual Report Book which covers greater detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2023, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,931 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and

large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 36,931 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 259,843.27 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen member towns through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable, and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 45.95 tons of material.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



*Will Risdon (W. I.)
Mt. Tabor, VT - November 1896*

NEIGHBORWORKS OF WESTERN VERMONT

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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! As in previous years, we respectfully request a town appropriation of \$400.

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 Mount Tabor, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, down payment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and housing improvement assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (10/1/22 – 9/30/23), 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 totaling \$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.

Melanie Paskevich, Interim Executive Director

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Directory of Services

Mt. Tabor & Surrounding Areas

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| Antique/Gifts | The Barn Antiques and Welding Art | 293-5400 |
| | The Sparkle Barn | 446-2044 |
| Asphalt/Asphalt Products | Pike Industries | 293-5712 |
| | Fuller Sand & Gravel | 293-5700 |
| Auto Body Repair | B&H Auto | 293-5427 |
| Auto Repair/Sales/Towing/Gas | McLellan Garage & Sales | 293-5233 |
| Camping/Lodging | Otter Creek Campground | 293-5041 |
| Car Museum (Dep-Swedish) | Johannes Debruin (by appt.) | 293-5541 |
| Concrete/Brick/Stone Work | Shores Masonry | 293-5600 |
| | Martin Coleman | 293-5474 |
| Building Material/Doors/Windows | Doors-N-More | Cell Phone (802) 417-4603 |
| Contractors/Renovation/Restoration | Harold Sendra | 293-5423 |
| Electrician | William Beauregard | 293-5151 |
| Grocery Stores/Deli's | Mt Tabor Country Store | 293-5641 |
| Horseback Riding | Chipman Stables | 293-5242 |
| Logging Svcs/Forest Mgmt | Mark Audy | 293-5628 |
| Mower, Chain Saw, Sales, Service, Repair | Gerald White | 293-5409 |
| Storage | Otter Creek Storage | 1-888-688-3725 |
| | Mt Tabor Country Store | 293-5641 |
| Wallpapering | Bradley Bender | 293-5160 |
| | | |
| Town Services | Danby, Mt. Tabor Fire Dept | 911 |
| | S.L. Griffith Memorial Library | 293-5106 |
| | Early Ed. Program/Preschool | 293-6421 |
| | Danby, Mt. Tabor Post Office | 293-5105 |
| | Currier Memorial School / K-8 | 293-5191 |
| | Mt.Tabor/Danby Historical Society | 293-5160 |