



Town of Newbury, Vermont Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Town Meeting Date Tuesday, March 1, 2022,

Newbury will not have an in person meeting this year,
 Zoom informational meeting details on inside cover.

Voting by Australian Ballot, Newbury Village Hall, 214 Pulaski St. 10:00 AM—7:00 PM.

There will be no in person Town Meeting for 2022. All Town Meeting Voting is by Australian ballot on March 1, 2022. Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Newbury Village Hall, (aka Newbury School Gym) 214 Pulaski St., Newbury Village. All ***mandatory COVID-19 health and safety requirements established by the Vermont Department of Health, VOSHA, and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Secretary of State's Office will be adhered to.***

To request an absentee ballot or vote early please call the town office at 802-866-5521 or you may request an absentee online at My Voter Page <https://mvp.vermont.gov/> on the Secretary of State's website. The last day to request or vote early will be Friday, February 25, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. The Town Clerk's Office will be closed the day before Town Meeting to allow for set up at the polling location.

An informational hearing will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89435869270>
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2021 Town Officers

Moderator (elected)	expires 2022	Brad Vietje
Town Clerk (elected)	expires 2024	Nikki Tomlinson
Treasurer (elected)	expires 2022	Mary Collins
Selectboard (elected)	expires 2022 expires 2023 expires 2024	Joseph Parsons Jeff McKelvey Alma Roystan
Listers (elected)	expires 2022 expires 2023 expires 2024	David Tansey Janis Moore Amanda Beaulieu
Town Constable (elected)	expires 2022	Glen Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector (appointed)		Mary Collins
Auditors (elected)	expires 2022 expires 2023 expires 2024	Jody Engle Jean Welch Gail Bromley
Budget Committee (appointed)		Sam Calley Marvin Harrison Denis Hopta
Animal Control Officer (appointed)		Glen Godfrey
Cemetery Committee (appointed)		Greg Allen Glen Godfrey
Conservation Commission (appointed)		Michael Thomas Cal Lynes Carol Stoll
Development Review Board (appointed)		Amanda Beaulieu Robert Beaulieu Emily Hausman Roberta Jewett Ruth Kennedy Charles Schulze Larry Scott

Fire Chiefs (appointed)
Newbury Village
Wells River Village
West Newbury

John Renfrew
Jeff Morin
Steven Willett

Fire Warden (appointed)

Jeff Morin

Highway Foreman (appointed)

Robert Beaulieu

Justices of the Peace
(county officers elected by the town
at November General Elections
for a two-year term)

Amanda Beaulieu
Mary Burnham
Ian Clark
Patsy Spear Cole
Virginia Fuller
Catherine Kidder
Art Morris
Sarah Putnam
Wayne Richardson
Jean Welch

Planning Commission (appointed)

Larry Scott, Chair
Frank Tegethoff
Brandi Young

Recreation Board (appointed)

Jamie Rogers-Mills
Tim Ross
Cheryl Hanley
Danielle Drown
Josh Grant
Erin Pellegrino
One Vacancy

Solid Waste Commission (appointed)

Gavin A. Reid, Chair
Jim Collins
Mary Collins
Connie Philleo
Claude Phipps
Charley Mabey

Zoning Administrator (appointed)

Dennis Marquise

**Town of Newbury
Warning
Annual Town Meeting
March 1, 2022**

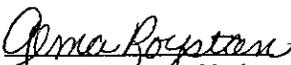
Legal voters of the Town are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Newbury Village Hall, in Newbury Village on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot:

- Article 1: To elect the following town officers:
One Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
One Selectperson for a term of three (3) years.
One Treasurer for a term of three (3) years.
One Lister for a term of three (3) years.
One Town Constable for a term of two (2) years.
One Auditor for a term of three (3) years.
- Article 2: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Highway Building Reserve Fund for the purpose of future building needs of the highway department, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804, and make an initial deposit of \$40,000 from the FY 21 Highway Fund surplus to this reserve fund?
- Article 3: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal municipal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2022, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?
- Article 4: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal education property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer in four installments due October 10, 2022, December 10, 2022, February 10, 2023 and May 10, 2023 with interest on late installments at the rate of 1% per month and penalty on delinquents amounts at 8%.
- Article 5: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$640,350 to defray the general expenses of the Town?
- Article 6: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$780,000 for highway purposes?

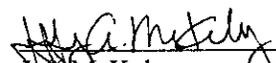
The legal voters of the Town of Newbury are further notified that an informational hearing regarding these Articles will be held via Zoom on February 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. To join the Zoom meeting:

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Approved and adopted at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Newbury duly called, noticed, and held on January 19, 2022.


Alma Roystan, Chair


Joe Parsons


Jeff McKelvey

Received for record this 19th day of January 2022 by


Nikki Tomlinson
Newbury Town Clerk

WARNING

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$846,615.50?

ALBANY- E/S Nick Rivers	MORGAN- E/S Joe Noble
BLOOMFIELD- E/S Paulette Routhier	NEWPORT TOWN- E/S Steve Barrup
BRIGHTON- E/S Bruce Rumball-Petre	NEWBURY- E/S John Narowski
BRUNSWICK- E/S Paulette Routhier	NORTON- E/S Gina Vigneault
CORINTH- E/S Bob Sanberg	RYEGATE- E/S Gene Perkins
DANVILLE- E/S Walter McNeil Jr.	SHEFFIELD- E/S Preston Smith
DERBY- E/S Irene Dagesse	STANNARD- E/S Emily Cayer
EAST HAVEN- E/S Kirwin Flanders	TOPSHAM- E/S Megan Clark
GLOVER- E/S Jack Sumberg	TROY- E/S Gaston Bathalon
GREENSBORO- E/S Ken Johnston	UTG'S- E/S Gina Vigneault
GROTON- E/S Timothy Dailey Sr.	WATERFORD- E/S Richard Stodola
HOLLAND- E/S Joe Noble	WESTFIELD- E/S Jake Couture
IRASBURG- E/S Dustin Sanville	WHEELOCK- E/S Preston Smith
JAY- E/S Dave Sanders	
LYNDON- E/S Steve Gray	

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2021	2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
3	Advertising	\$700.00	\$960.63	\$1,100.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$6,595.00	\$7,845.00	\$6,845.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$900.00	\$329.40	\$1,000.00
6	Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,810.00	\$1,920.00
8	Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,274.20	\$1,500.00
9	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,050.00	\$6,516.58	\$6,500.00
10	Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,087.18	\$1,000.00
11	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$13,000.00	\$15,971.00	\$14,000.00
12	Legal Fees	\$2,000.00	\$7,828.26	\$4,000.00
13	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,016.62	\$2,500.00
14	Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$5,457.91	\$4,000.00
15	Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$3,324.07	\$3,300.00
16	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$1,623.01	\$500.00
17	Water/Sewer	\$900.00	\$1,005.82	\$1,000.00
18	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$42,765.00	\$57,049.68	\$49,165.00
19	Gross Wages	\$402,925.00	\$387,638.16	\$417,500.00
20	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$3,500.00	\$747.32	\$3,000.00
21	Fica (Employer Match)	\$25,300.00	\$24,079.90	\$25,900.00
22	Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,900.00	\$5,631.69	\$6,100.00
23	Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$4,618.56	\$5,000.00
24	VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,000.00	\$21,830.36	\$23,500.00
25	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$53,000.00	\$30,412.00	\$53,000.00
26	Mileage - Employee	\$4,000.00	\$2,876.21	\$3,000.00
27	Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
28	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$406.97	\$500.00
29	Training	\$500.00	\$73.84	\$500.00
30	Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
31	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$520,675.00	\$478,315.01	\$538,050.00
32	EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
33	Baler Loan Payment	\$40,537.00	\$39,056.17	\$39,056.17
34	Baler Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$1,095.25	\$2,000.00
35	Baler Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$7,281.45	\$5,000.00
36	Forklift Fuel	\$1,800.00	\$2,403.75	\$2,000.00
37	Forklift Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$6,411.50	\$4,000.00
38	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
39	Skidsteer Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$1,022.15	\$3,000.00
40	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,342.44	\$1,500.00
41	Mack Truck Loan Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,694.33
42	Truck Down Payment-Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
43	Trucks--Diesel	\$17,000.00	\$20,412.32	\$17,000.00
44	Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$29,115.39	\$15,000.00
45	TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$89,837.00	\$169,140.42	\$102,750.50

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

	A	B	C	D
46	BUDGET ITEM	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2021	2022 PROPOSED BUDGET
47	BUILDING EXPENSES			
48	Electricity	\$6,500.00	\$4,951.06	\$5,000.00
49	Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$1,022.79	\$1,500.00
50	Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,517.90	\$3,500.00
51	TOTAL BUILDING	\$10,700.00	\$9,491.75	\$10,000.00
52	PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
53	Composting	\$24,000.00	\$43,400.50	\$29,000.00
54	Composter/Bin	\$5,000.00	\$1,756.80	\$4,000.00
55	Consulting Services-Grant Funded	\$4,000.00	\$21,408.21	\$0.00
56	Education Outreach	\$6,000.00	\$8,533.86	\$7,000.00
57	Hazmat Disposal	\$33,000.00	\$44,149.67	\$35,000.00
58	Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$3,145.68	\$4,000.00
59	Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$30,000.00	\$29,314.80	\$25,000.00
60	Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
61	Supplies	\$300.00	\$231.56	\$400.00
62	Tire Disposal	\$15,000.00	\$21,515.00	\$18,000.00
63	TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$121,550.00	\$173,456.08	\$122,650.00
64	SUB-TOTAL	\$785,527.00	\$887,452.94	\$822,615.50
65				
66	Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$24,000.00
67	TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$24,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$24,000.00
68				
69	TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$809,527.00	\$913,952.94	\$846,615.50
70	Grants--St of VT	\$92,000.00	\$128,673.12	\$92,000.00
71	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$54,630.00	\$63,613.00	\$54,000.00
72	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$6,000.00	\$5,978.66	\$5,000.00
73	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$28.04	\$20.00
74	Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$3,016.24	\$1,500.00
75	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$4,000.00	\$1,329.00	\$2,000.00
76	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
77	Sale of Recyclables	\$85,000.00	\$154,154.51	\$121,888.50
78	Compost Income	\$22,000.00	\$35,113.61	\$29,000.00
79	Electronics Income	\$20,000.00	\$22,676.73	\$18,000.00
80	Scrap Metal Income	\$15,000.00	\$23,863.00	\$17,500.00
81	Battery Income	\$6,000.00	\$5,091.25	\$4,000.00
82	Tire Income	\$15,000.00	\$13,472.84	\$18,000.00
83	Per Capita Assessment	\$44,800.00	\$44,681.96	\$39,057.00
84	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$444,447.00	\$486,516.42	\$444,500.00
85	TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$809,527.00	\$988,358.38	\$846,615.50

Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C.

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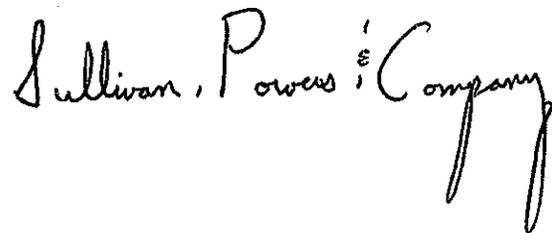
Fred Duplessis, CPA
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January 16, 2022

Selectboard
Town of Newbury
P.O. Box 126
Newbury, Vermont 05051

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Town of Newbury, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized flourish at the end of the word "Company".

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	ARPA Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash	\$ 897,351	\$ 0	\$ 566,251	\$ 328,616	\$ 211,456	\$ 1,149	\$ 2,004,823
Investments	5,700	0	0	0	0	125,026	130,726
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	136,798	0	0	1,270	0	3,627	141,695
Due from Other Funds	0	386,672	0	0	0	220,953	607,625
Prepaid Expenses	3,631	0	0	0	0	0	3,631
Total Assets	\$ 1,043,480	\$ 386,672	\$ 566,251	\$ 329,886	\$ 211,456	\$ 350,755	\$ 2,888,500
LIABILITIES							
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,189	\$ 20,768	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,957
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	4,644	12,600	0	0	606	381	18,231
Due to Other Funds	575,786	0	30,063	0	1,776	0	607,625
Due to Others	13	0	0	0	0	975	988
Due to School District	1,806	0	0	0	0	0	1,806
Due to Taxpayers	23,428	0	0	0	0	0	23,428
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	208,809	0	208,809
Total Liabilities	615,866	33,368	30,063	0	211,191	1,356	891,844
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Prepaid Property Taxes	1,358	0	0	0	0	0	1,358
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	54,500	0	0	0	0	0	54,500
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	55,858	0	0	0	0	0	55,858
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable	3,631	0	0	0	0	5,736	9,367
Restricted	0	353,304	92,289	0	0	197,637	643,230
Committed	0	0	443,899	0	0	0	443,899
Assigned	368,125	0	0	329,886	0	146,026	844,037
Unassigned	0	0	0	0	265	0	265
Total Fund Balances	371,756	353,304	536,188	329,886	265	349,399	1,940,798
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 1,043,480	\$ 386,672	\$ 566,251	\$ 329,886	\$ 211,456	\$ 350,755	\$ 2,888,500

TOWN OF NEWBURY, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Reserve Fund	Building Maintenance Fund	ARPA Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:							
Property Taxes	\$ 693,902	\$ 780,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,473,902
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	43,861	0	0	0	0	0	43,861
Intergovernmental	79,138	357,688	0	0	2,382	142,006	581,214
Charges for Services	23,038	0	0	24,344	0	43,150	90,532
Permits, Licenses and Fees	49,623	430	0	0	0	0	50,053
Investment Income	1,702	0	2,035	1,013	265	664	5,679
Donations	0	0	0	202	0	5,102	5,304
Other	22,961	20	2,461	0	0	0	25,442
Total Revenues	914,225	1,138,138	4,496	25,559	2,647	190,922	2,275,987
Expenditures:							
General Government	460,039	0	0	0	2,382	10,430	472,851
Public Safety	164,373	0	0	0	0	0	164,373
Highways and Streets	4,371	810,929	0	0	0	0	815,300
Culture and Recreation	59,397	0	0	0	0	109,649	169,046
Cemetery	8,800	0	0	0	0	5,917	14,717
Solid Waste/Recycling	23,714	0	0	0	0	0	23,714
Capital Outlay:							
Highways and Streets	30,776	328,053	0	0	0	0	358,829
Debt Service:							
Principal	27,600	0	0	0	0	0	27,600
Interest	4,809	0	0	0	0	0	4,809
Total Expenditures	783,879	1,138,982	0	0	2,382	125,996	2,051,239
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	130,346	(844)	4,496	25,559	265	64,926	224,748
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):							
Transfers In	30,000	167,000	175,000	0	0	2,100	374,100
Transfers Out	(72,100)	(105,000)	(197,000)	0	0	0	(374,100)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(42,100)	62,000	(22,000)	0	0	2,100	0
Special Items:							
Transfer from Wells River Cemetery Association	0	0	0	0	0	45,668	45,668
Total Special Items	0	0	0	0	0	45,668	45,668
Net Change in Fund Balances	88,246	61,156	(17,504)	25,559	265	112,694	270,416
Fund Balances - January 1, 2021	283,510	292,148	553,692	304,327	0	236,705	1,670,382
Fund Balances - December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 371,756</u>	<u>\$ 353,304</u>	<u>\$ 536,188</u>	<u>\$ 329,886</u>	<u>\$ 265</u>	<u>\$ 349,399</u>	<u>\$ 1,940,798</u>

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

as of December 31, 2021

TOWN & HIGHWAY

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 08/17/21 - \$120,601.47

Collected in 2021 - \$159,195 taxes, \$14,454 interest

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>
2013-2018	33	5	\$ 15,714	\$ 2,421
2019	62	7	26,128	1,968
2020	106	27	45,298	13,680
2021		76		31,124
Delinquent Town and Highway Taxes			\$ 87,140	\$ 49,193

SCHOOL

Delinquent taxes presented by warrant on 5/17/21 - \$180,547

Collected in 2021- \$255,843 taxes, \$30,791

Year(s) Billed	No. of Accounts		Amount	
	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/21</u>
2013-2018	37	8	\$ 50,080	\$ 7,765
2019	82	16	77,714	10,116
2020		58		48,802
Total Delinquent School Taxes			\$124,894	\$66,683

The more than 40% decrease in the delinquent tax total for both the municipal and education tax accounts could be attributed to the active real estate market, favorable mortgage interest rates or the tax sale held in the fall of 2020. It's unlikely this trend will continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Collins, Delinquent Tax Collector

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

Grand List – 06/16/21

Town	\$2,322,887
Highway	2,127,844

Billed: Town tax	2,322,887@ .28	\$ 650,408
Highway tax	2,127,844@ .37	787,635
Billing Adjustments		<u>-1,653</u>
Total Taxes Receivable		\$1,436,390

Current Taxes Collected	1,279,506
State Payments	36,283
Warrant to Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 120,601

AUDITOR’S REPORT

We have examined a cross section of the Town of Newbury’s account for 2021 and to the best of our knowledge, the statements and accounts are correct.

Gail Bromley
Jody Engle
Jean Welch
Auditors, Town of Newbury

Statement of Indebtedness

Beginning Balance - 01/01/21	\$ 165,600
Additions	0.00
Deletions	27,600
Ending Balance - 12/31/21	\$ 138,000

Note Payable – Wells River Savings Bank, Fire Engine, \$276,000 plus interest due annually for ten years, interest of 2.9%. Final payment due 07/13/2026.

After analysis of the equipment reserve fund, the Treasurer and Budget Committee recommended and the Selectboard agreed, to pay the balance of this loan in full resulting in about \$8,000 savings in interest. This will allow increasing the transfers to the equipment reserve fund going forward. Additionally, please look at the report of the Fire Department Steering Committee for more information about recommendations for future sustainability.

BUDGET REPORTS

TOWN ACCOUNT	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2022 BUDGET
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	640,350.00	704,029.41	63,679.41	640,350.00
State of Vt - Hold Harmless Payment	66,000.00	69,010.30	3,010.30	66,000.00
Licenses	5,000.00	3,361.00	(1,639.00)	3,000.00
Investment Income	350.00	1,701.59	1,351.59	350.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	10,000.00	14,002.47	4,002.47	8,000.00
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	20,000.00	29,858.69	9,858.69	15,000.00
Zoning Fees & Fines	5,500.00	32,006.07	26,506.07	7,700.00
Tire Recycle Fees	100.00	66.00	(34.00)	100.00
Recording, Copies, Misc	25,000.00	35,894.44	10,894.44	25,000.00
School Tax Account - Collection Costs	17,500.00	17,500.00	-	17,500.00
Reimb - bookkeeping services	-	700.00	-	1,200.00
State of Vermont - Fines	750.00	900.28	150.28	750.00
Land lease, user fees	100.00	150.00	50.00	100.00
Reimbursement school election cost	-	1,438.41	1,438.41	-
Insurance Billings	-	1,750.00	-	-
Sale of Equip - FD air pack bottles	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
TOTAL REVENUES	790,650.00	913,868.66	120,768.66	785,050.00

General Government

Personnel

Salaries	138,000.00	136,811.63	1,188.37	147,000.00
Penalties - Del Collector	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
Social Security	10,900.00	11,623.82	(723.82)	12,500.00
Insurance Benefits/Unemployment	26,200.00	26,210.72	(10.72)	26,600.00
Retirement	6,500.00	6,220.62	279.38	7,000.00
Reimbursed Expenses	400.00	158.00	242.00	400.00
Education	500.00	199.00	301.00	500.00
Total Personnel Expense	187,000.00	185,723.79	1,276.21	198,500.00

Office

Building Maintenance	4,000.00	3,433.68	566.32	4,000.00
Cleaning	3,000.00	2,869.00	131.00	3,100.00
Equipment	2,000.00	1,423.99	576.01	2,000.00
Equipment Repairs/Contract	350.00	325.00	25.00	350.00
Listers Office & Salaries	51,000.00	51,053.75	(53.75)	53,400.00
Postage	5,000.00	4,852.31	147.69	5,200.00
Printing & Advertising	4,500.00	4,154.83	345.17	4,500.00
Software Contract/Consultant	14,500.00	11,836.90	2,663.10	14,500.00
Supplies	4,000.00	4,615.74	(615.74)	5,000.00
Telephone/Internet Service	2,400.00	2,443.17	(43.17)	2,500.00
Utilities	5,500.00	5,014.85	485.15	5,500.00
Total Office Expense	96,250.00	92,023.22	4,226.78	100,050.00

Professional Services

Audit	8,800.00	9,200.00	(400.00)	9,400.00
Insurance	62,000.00	58,568.00	3,432.00	64,600.00
Legal	12,000.00	2,327.70	9,672.30	12,000.00
Taxes, Licenses, Dues	64,000.00	61,038.42	2,961.58	64,000.00
Total Professional Services	146,800.00	131,134.12	15,665.88	150,000.00

General Govt continued	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2022 BUDGET
Other				
Building Repairs and Renovations	5,000.00	3,275.89	1,724.11	30,000.00
Interest	400.00	-	400.00	100.00
Justices/Election	2,500.00	1,023.21	1,476.79	5,000.00
Pound	2,500.00	1,761.70	738.30	2,500.00
Dog Listing	400.00	-	400.00	400.00
Zoning/Planning Commission	2,500.00	10,106.80	(7,606.80)	3,900.00
Conservation Commission	800.00	520.50	279.50	800.00
Solid Waste - Recycling	27,000.00	23,714.20	3,285.80	27,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	2,000.00	188.00	1,812.00	-
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
Total Other Expense	44,100.00	41,090.30	3,009.70	70,700.00
Total General Government	474,150.00	449,971.43	24,178.57	519,250.00

Emergency Services				
Fire Department				
Payroll	30,000.00	22,436.00	7,564.00	30,000.00
FICA	3,800.00	2,519.61	1,280.39	3,100.00
Consumables	1,600.00	32.88	1,567.12	1,600.00
Education & Training	2,300.00	100.00	2,200.00	2,300.00
Dues	1,250.00	1,034.00	216.00	1,250.00
Insurance	1,100.00	1,057.00	43.00	1,100.00
Electricity	2,800.00	2,636.33	163.67	2,850.00
Heat	4,000.00	2,196.41	1,803.59	4,500.00
Telephone	3,400.00	3,429.66	(29.66)	3,500.00
Answering Service	4,300.00	3,301.50	998.50	4,000.00
Rent	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Water	540.00	540.00	-	540.00
Repairs	10,860.00	5,652.64	5,207.36	14,000.00
Fuel	2,200.00	1,189.22	1,010.78	2,300.00
Propane	250.00	151.98	98.02	250.00
Supplies	1,200.00	273.37	926.63	1,300.00
Equipment	31,000.00	18,413.14	12,586.86	29,000.00
Forestry Equipment	500.00	498.15	1.85	500.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	1,777.46	2,222.54	4,000.00
Dry Hydrant	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	75,000.00
Fire Truck Loan Payment final	32,600.00	32,408.98	191.02	140,800.00
Total Fire Department	188,900.00	149,848.33	39,051.67	323,090.00

Other				
Emergency Management	950.00	290.00	660.00	950.00
EMS	12,500.00	12,190.05	309.95	14,500.00
Listers Office & Salaries	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	7,500.00
Emergency Medical Co-ordinator	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Police Protection	15,500.00	9,161.00	6,339.00	15,500.00
Total Other	39,450.00	32,141.05	7,308.95	41,450.00

Total Emergency Services	228,350.00	181,989.38	46,360.62	364,540.00
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Town Account continued	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2022 BUDGET
Bridges & Rails				
Bridges & Rails	7,000.00	4,370.48	2,629.52	5,000.00
Bridge Grants	50,000.00	30,775.97	19,224.03	30,000.00
Total Bridges & Rails	57,000.00	35,146.45	21,853.55	35,000.00
Public Safety & Health				
Capstone	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Central VT Adult Basic Ed	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Central VT Council on Aging	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Clara Martin Center	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Green Mt Economic Development	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Green Up Vermont	500.00	1,081.00	(581.00)	1,000.00
Orange County Restorative Justice Ctr	350.00	350.00	-	350.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Safeline	700.00	700.00	-	700.00
Stagecoach/Tri-Valley Transportation	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
Vermont Congragational Home	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance & Hospice	8,500.00	8,500.00	-	8,500.00
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
VT Center for Independent Living	460.00	460.00	-	460.00
Wells River Action Program	100.00	100.00	-	400.00
Health Officer	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Ambulance Service Contract	61,733.00	61,733.00	-	65,391.00
Total Public Safety & Health	88,943.00	89,524.00	(581.00)	93,401.00
Culture & Recreation				
Recreation Department	14,000.00	14,952.94	(952.94)	14,000.00
Beach Program	4,800.00	4,975.12	(175.12)	5,000.00
4th of July Parade	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Baldwin Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Halls Lake Association - Milfoil Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Lower Cohase	550.00	550.00	-	550.00
Mentoring Project of Upper Valley	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Newbury Historical Society	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Orange East Senior Center	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	3,500.00
Tenney Memorial Library	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Total Culture & Recreation	65,850.00	66,978.06	(1,128.06)	66,050.00
Miscellaneous				
Cemetery Maintenance	12,000.00	10,900.00	1,100.00	25,000.00
Listers Office & Salaries	900.00	900.00	-	900.00
Veteran's Park	1,000.00	569.00	431.00	1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous	13,900.00	12,369.00	1,531.00	26,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	928,193.00	835,978.32	92,214.68	1,105,141.00

Town Account continued	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2022 BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	928,193.00	835,978.32		1,105,141.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(137,543.00)	77,890.34	-	(320,091.00)
Transfer to Bridge Reserve Fund	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)	-	(30,000.00)
Transfer from Bridge Reserve Fund	50,000.00	30,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00
Transfer from Building Maint Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	30,000.00
Transfer from Fire Equipment Reserve Fund	-	-	-	140,800.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers Out	(102,543.00)	87,890.34	(190,433.34)	(149,291.00)
Fund Equity - January 1	244,143.78	244,143.78		332,034.12
Fund Equity - December 31	141,600.78	332,034.12		182,743.12

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2022 BUDGET
Property Taxes	780,000.00	780,000.00	-	780,000.00
State of Vermont - Hold Harmless Pymnt	86,000.00	87,869.70	1,869.70	86,000.00
State of Vermont - Paving Grant		44,720.00	44,720.00	-
State of Vermont - Class 2 Roadway Grant	195,000.00	196,079.76	1,079.76	196,000.00
Grant-In-Aid	-	18,166.52	18,166.52	-
Supplemental State payment	-	10,850.68	10,850.68	-
Misc	-	20.52	20.52	-
Weight Permit & Access Fees	400.00	430.00	30.00	400.00
TOTAL REVENUES	1,061,400.00	1,138,137.18	76,737.18	1,062,400.00

Personnel

Salaries	295,000.00	269,064.81	25,935.19	300,000.00
Social Security	22,500.00	21,215.60	1,284.40	23,400.00
Insurance Benefits	91,000.00	79,747.54	11,252.46	85,000.00
Retirement	17,300.00	16,134.20	1,165.80	19,000.00
Clothing Allowance & Misc Benefits	3,500.00	3,320.00	180.00	3,500.00
Unemployment	500.00	24.09	475.91	500.00
Total Personnel	429,800.00	389,506.24	40,293.76	431,400.00

Highway Account continued	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2022 BUDGET
Gas & Oil	80,000.00	61,943.30	18,056.70	80,000.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	55,000.00	32,843.30	22,156.70	55,000.00
Stormwater, Environmental Compliance	1,350.00	1,590.00	(240.00)	1,350.00
Hired Equipment	35,000.00	31,350.50	3,649.50	42,000.00
Sand	50,000.00	49,962.00	38.00	50,000.00
Gravel	125,000.00	115,378.59	9,621.41	125,000.00
Salt	57,000.00	40,025.04	16,974.96	57,000.00
Chloride	19,500.00	3,400.00	16,100.00	19,500.00
Cold Patch	1,000.00	549.98	450.02	1,000.00
Resurfacing/Reconstruction	160,000.00	159,775.93	224.07	140,000.00
Paving Grant Expenses	-	44,720.00	(44,720.00)	-
Grants-in-Aid	-	11,336.34	(11,336.34)	-
Culverts & Other Infrastructure	7,000.00	6,846.40	153.60	8,000.00
Signs	4,000.00	347.17	3,652.83	4,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00	1,227.88	772.12	2,000.00
Tools	1,500.00	1,372.94	127.06	1,500.00
Telephone/Communications	1,500.00	1,247.98	252.02	1,500.00
Contracted/ Professional Services	1,000.00	1,377.57	(377.57)	1,500.00
Utilities	8,000.00	7,603.83	396.17	8,000.00
Garage Building Repairs & Maint Equipment	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
	1,000.00	691.95	308.05	1,400.00
Pavement Maintenance	8,500.00	8,300.00	200.00	8,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Other Operating Expenses	629,350.00	581,890.70	47,459.30	618,250.00
Non - Recurring Equipment Expense	188,000.00	167,585.00	20,415.00	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,247,150.00	1,138,981.94	108,168.06	1,049,650.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Expenses	(185,750.00)	(844.76)	184,905.24	12,750.00
Transfers To Capital Fund	(105,000.00)	(105,000.00)	-	(150,000.00)
Transfers From Capital Fund	188,000.00	167,000.00	(21,000.00)	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Transfers	(102,750.00)	61,155.24	205,905.24	(137,250.00)
Fund Equity January 1	292,149.02	292,149.02		353,304.26
Fund Equity December 31	189,399.02	353,304.26		216,054.26

BUDGET NOTES

Revenues

Taxes

The town uses the modified accrual basis of accounting that requires revenue received within sixty days of the end of the year to be accounted for in the prior year. An estimate of anticipated tax collection through February 2022 is included in this line.

Interest on Del Taxes, Penalties, Zoning Fees and Recording

These accounts all were well above budget figures due to extraordinary circumstances and not likely to come around again.

Expenditures

General Fund

Building Repairs and Renovations

Planned projects include replacement of the tile flooring in the town office, painting the Town House and minor repairs to the West Newbury Fire Station. A transfer from the building fund will offset these expenditures.

Zoning

Legal fees due to a zoning violation and permit application resulted in over expenditures in this account.

Fire Truck Loan

This amount will pay the balance of the loan in full resulting in about \$8,000 savings in interest and will be funded with a transfer from the equipment reserve fund. This will allow increasing the transfers to the equipment reserve fund going forward.

Bridge Grant

The 2022 budget amount includes the town's share of anticipated additional costs of the Boltonville Bridge project and its portion of an anticipated grant for culvert replacement on Rogers Hill Rd. This will be funded with a transfer from the Bridge Reserve Fund.

Cemetery Maintenance

Management of the Wells River Cemetery has been returned to the town as the Wells River Cemetery Association has disbanded. The increase in the budget will be used for costs for the legalities of the transfer to be reviewed and confirmed and oversight and maintenance procedures established and funded.

Bridge Reserve Funding

Surplus funds and future bridge repairs warranted an increase in the budgeted amount of the transfer to the reserve fund.

Highway Fund

Equipment Purchases

The 2013 10 wheel International was replaced this year. No equipment purchases using reserve funds are planned for 2022.

Equipment Reserve Funding

A one time increase in reserve funding is budgeted using surplus funds.

Equipment Reserve Funds

The balances of the reserve account funds as of December 31 were: highway equipment - \$92,289; fire equipment - \$241,600; and bridge fund - \$202,298

Other Designated Funds Balances

Preservation of Records	49,149
Bandstand Fund	1,550
Building Fund	329,886
Reappraisal Fund	141,970
History Publishing	39,722
Cemetery	7,031
Cemetery Operating	48,251
Bayley Fund	1,149
Cemetery Endowments	5,743
Forest Management	2,440
Woodchuck Mt. Conservation	1,006
Conservation Committee Fundraising	3,178
Listers' Education	2,506
After School Program	60,115
Tucker Mountain Management	25,309
ARPA	209,680
School Tax Collection Account	119,502
06/30/21 cash balance	

We've tried to highlight the accounts that might generate questions in this report. Please do not hesitate to contact the treasurer's office if you have any other questions related to the budget and revenue and expenses of the town.

Report of the Town Budget Advisory Committee

Throughout the past year, the volunteer Town Budget Advisory Committee met several times with the Selectboard to hear and review proposals from town departments and committees. The 2022 budget presented in the Town Report is the result of discussion, debate and collaboration with the Selectboard and Town Treasurer.

	<u>Basis</u>	<u>2021 Rate</u>	<u>2022 Rate</u>
Selectboard Member Stipend	Annual	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Selectboard Chair Stipend	Annual	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00
Selectboard Meetings	Per Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Town Clerk	Hourly	\$23.33	\$25.00
Town Treasurer	Hourly	\$24.77	\$27.00
Tax Collector	Monthly Stipend	\$375.00	\$375.00
Listers	Hourly	\$19.76	\$20.95
Constable	Hourly	\$21.00	\$22.26

Employee salaries was a particular focus among the many topics discussed during budget committee meetings this year. Rising costs of living in the area, combined with a highly competitive labor market, have caused employers throughout the region to reassess the value of talented employees. It is the unanimous opinion of the Budget Committee and Selectboard members that the value provided to the town by the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions has not adequately been reflected by their salaries. With these things in mind, budgeted salary rate increases for 2022 have been listed above. The salaries line for General Government represents a 6.0% increase over last year's figures/rates. Mileage accrued for town business in personal vehicles will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.50/mile.

The need to attract and retain employees in the Town Highway Department has also been addressed in the 2022 budget. ARPA funds allocated to the town allow for use in retaining essential employees. The Budget Committee and Selectboard recommend the use of these funds to provide a raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour to Town Highway Employees for 2022. The contribution from ARPA funds to this raise would phase out over the next few years. In addition to this, the Highway Department salaries line for the 2022 budget represents a 2% increase over 2021.

We also recommend the following additions to the various Town Department Reserve Accounts:

Fire Department Reserve Account	\$75,000
Bridge Reserve Account	\$30,000
Highway Equipment Reserve Account	\$150,000

Respectively submitted by the Newbury Town Budget Advisory Committee,

Dennis Hopta, Marvin Harrison, Sam Calley

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

It has been another challenging year for the staff, parents, and children attending our afterschool programs due to COVID-19, but the future looks very bright for several reasons. A key component of our programs' success, over the years has been the dedication and support the children have received from individuals from several sectors. Support has come from administration (Newbury Select Board, principals and administrative assistants of NES and BMU, and the director of Riverbend), teacher volunteers, community volunteers, local businesses, parents, and finally the ASP staff. The program would be remiss if it did not give a large "Thank You" to the financial assistance both programs received from the State of Vermont!

Our optimism, moving forward, is directly related to the creativity and vision of many mentioned above. This report focuses on the following three: Woodworking Club, collaboration with Riverbend, and the ASP staff.

The staff at ASP have always believed that the program should be a vehicle to provide new life-long learning experiences for children. From this philosophy emerged the idea to start a Woodworking Club for students in fourth through sixth grade from both NES and BMU. Thanks to the expertise of four local craftsmen, Craig Hervey, Doug Merrill, Jeff McKelvey, and Jeff Page, the first Woodworking Club meeting took place on September 21, 2021, at Doug Merrill's shop with various students from both programs. The meetings last approximately two hours per week and the children are exposed to hands on skills and practices under the woodworking umbrella. The program currently has commitment from all of the instructors and students for the rest of the school year and hopefully for many years to come!

In October 2021, we were contacted by Bob Jones (a former principal of Oxbow). He represented Brian Emerson (Director) and several Riverbend staff members in inviting the staff to attend the first of many information sharing meetings. As a result of those discussions, we expect that, hopefully, starting March of 2022, all the students from NES and BMU will travel to Riverbend several times per month to take part in the many programs offered (cooking, EMS, Health Sciences, Cosmetology, etc.). A big "Thank You" to Colleen Ford, EMS Instructor, at Riverbend for all her hard work and management of this important process.

Finally, the wonderful ASP staff must be publicly recognized for their hard work and dedication. They worked through all kinds of adversity this past year to be there for the children! They have gone to great lengths to keep the children safe and protected. They also have remained flexible and positive in dealing with the ever-changing landscape that comes with the ASP and COVID. We were also very fortunate to find three energetic and creative young women who have joined our team: Megan Hebb, Mason Tomlinson, and Aleah Dennis.

An additional public thank you to these supporters and volunteers: Mary Collins (Newbury Town Treasurer), Art Morris (woodworking and apple cider pressing), Tim Morris (woodworking), Craig Hervey (hayride), Kevin Lawrence (woodworking), Ian Blackmer (woodworking), Matt Nusbaum (D.J.), Jen Dube (Art), Don Weisberger (woodworking), John Munson (STEM), Kim Merrill (woodworking), Rick Damon (woodworking), and Mary Burnham (woodworking).

Staff:

Administrator- Paul Jewett

Site Director- Theresa Rouelle

Administrative Assistant- Lindsey Bolger

Program Staff- Jen Allen, Denise Daigle, Jessie Daigle, Annette Shaw, Billie Lamarre, Cheryl Hanley, Megan Hebb, Mason Tomlinson, and Aleah Dennis

NEWBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NCC)

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MISSION STATEMENT: To increase public awareness of natural resources in Newbury through educational campaigns and gathering resource data in order to provide residents with the information they need to make informed decisions.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED We need new members. Our to-do-list is long, and we need your help. NCC wants to add to our **volunteer list**. If you would like to help out with events, trail work, fund-raising projects, and tree planting, **let us know!** If you are looking for projects for your church group, 4-H, Boys & Girl Scouts, service group, or school related community service, NCC can help you with ideas that will benefit both your group and our community.

NCC. We are working on having our meetings on Zoom at 7p.m. the second Tuesday of the month. All Newbury residents are invited to attend, share, and learn.

REPORT FOR 2021

This year's meeting were not as regular as we would have like. Covid is still here. NCC followed our goals set out in the 2021 town report NCC held the 24th Trails Day Workday on the Wells River Conservation Trails. The 18th Spring & Fall Paddle the Border and 24th Fall Foliage Bicycle Ride on the Cross Vermont Trail. Trail improvements were made on the Blue Mt. Nature Trail and the Cross Vermont Trail. More tree planting on the Wells River Conservation Land with help from the Connecticut River Conservancy and North wood Stewardship Center 692 tree were planted in May and 800 in October. NCC is starting a new project working with Tucker Mt. Town Forest Management Committee and Bradford Conservation Commission. More details to come.

NCC GOALS FOR 2022

1. NCC will continue our public outreach and find new ways to host educational workshops to increase our involvement with the residence of Newbury in local conservation efforts.
2. NCC will continue working on a Natural Resources Inventory for the Town of Newbury. This would include, understanding the value and relationship between continuous forest habitat, open land, wetlands [including ponds river/streams] and developing a town policy that balances conservation, public recreation and educational opportunity.
3. NCC will continue to work with other committees in Newbury. The Planning Board. Tucker Mt. Town Forest Management Committee, the Recreation Committee.
4. NCC will continue to improve our website and Facebook presence to promote events, share pictures, stories and adventures in Newbury remotely.
5. NCC will continue to work with Upper Valley Trails Alliance to improving and promote the trails in Newbury. Working on establishing safe bicycling routes along select roads in Newbury.
6. NCC will continue to work with the Cross Vermont Trail Association www.crossvermont.org

NCC's success in 2022 depends on volunteers joining in.

Our website: www.newburyconservation.org.

Find us on Facebook under Newbury Conservation Commission
Contact Michael Thomas 802-757-3960 or mikethom1@charter.net

Submitted by: Carol Stoll, Cal Lynes, Michael Thomas

Emergency Management Director Fire Department Head of Services

COVID-19 continues here in our small community and all over the world. We all know someone who has been affected by or infected with this ever-changing enemy. The EMS responders and firefighters are the front line when an emergency happens and are always being as safe as possible when encountering people who we are helping. At this writing all departments are still able to have in person meetings and drills.

The EMD has been updating our Local Emergency Management Plan as the year goes on. There are always telephone numbers and other important information that changes all the time. This plan is always a work in progress. Along with Alma Roystan's assistance we try to keep this information as up to date as we can.

The Fire Station Study Committee has been working on several ways to help keep costs down on updating or replacing trucks, and or buildings. Several ideas have been discussed and further work is ongoing.

The 3 station Chiefs met several times and discussed budget and personnel issues. As always new fire gear is expensive and must be replaced every 10 years. We seem to be on track now so that only 1 or 2 sets of firefighting gear would have to be purchased per year. Again in 2022 it looks like we can maintain an even operating budget with no increase. I met with the budget committee on January 9th, 2022, to discuss our budget for the 3 stations.

As always, we could use some new members at each of the 3 stations. If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact any of the 3 fire chiefs. Being a firefighter or EMT is a very rewarding way to give back to your community.

Thank you to every Emergency Services responder in our Town, with your dedication and knowledge the people of Newbury are much safer. Your time away from home your families and work show just how much you care for our Town and the folks who live here.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Morin

Emergency Management Director

Fire Department Head of Services

Town of Newbury

NEWBURY EMS



During 2021, Newbury EMS responded to 258 calls, providing a 24 hr./day medical response to emergencies within our town. We currently have 10 active members, all of whom are licensed by the National Registry of EMT's, as well as the State of Vermont. Each provider is required to take a minimum of 60 hours of training in specific topic areas, every two years in order to maintain his/her license. As always, we work in conjunction with our transport partner, Woodsville Ambulance.

In 2021, our second year dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic, we saw a period of great hope during the late spring and summer, as case numbers declined sharply. Unfortunately, as we all know, starting in the fall, the Delta and Omicron strains of the virus have pushed the number of cases to new highs, including in our own community. We need your help! We urge all community members to help us by being fully vaccinated, using masks when needed, observing social distancing and being extra diligent with hygiene. We are all tired of it, but we appeal to you not to drop your guard.

Finally, as Head of Service, I want to personally thank each active current member who has responded throughout. My sincere thanks to: Ben Ilsley, Marrisla Ilsley, Bob Taylor, Wally Fischer, Nancy Martin, Meredith Willett, Emily Carson, Steve Willett, and Kevin VanNorden.

Newbury EMS Run Summary

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total # of Calls:	258	260
# of Medical Calls:	172	157
# of Trauma Calls:	83	97
#Fire Related Calls:	3	6
MV Accidents	34	31
Mutual Aid Provided	10	8
Avg.Responders/call	3.0	2.7

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Martin, EMS Chief

Fire Warden's Report

The Warden and Assistants issued over 200 permits for **BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES AND CLEAN WOOD** during the year 2021. Remember if you burn without a permit or burn illegal items the town can issue a bill for reimbursement of, containment of, and extinguishment of the fire. There could also be a fine and or community service. Please do not burn anything other than what is legal and remember

WE MAY ONLY ISSUE PERMITS FOR BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES AND CLEAN WOOD.

With snow on the ground, you may burn without a permit, but we would appreciate a call letting us know that you are going to burn, and remember **YOU MAY ONLY BURN BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES AND CLEAN WOOD**. If you have anything else to burn (such as old buildings, collapsed or partially burned buildings ect.) you must contact the VT Dept. of Air Pollution Control at 1-802-272-4088. They will advise you of the procedure to follow.

We are getting more and more reports of burning without a permit and burning illegal items. When you obtain a burn permit it does not mean you can burn anything you want. Follow the law and burn what is legal.

BURN BARRELS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE STATE OF VERMONT UNLESS YOU ARE BURNING BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES OR CLEAN WOOD. FIRE PITS FOR COOKOUTS AND CAMPFIRES ARE LEGAL AND REQUIRE NO PERMIT.

Thank you to all of you who continue to call for permits even when there is snow on the ground.

Fire Warden
Jeffrey Morin

During the FIRE season, times for burning are as follows.

Monday through Friday after 5PM out by 9AM the following day.

(Weekends) Permits **MAY** be issued for **BRUSH, GRASS, LEAVES OR CLEAN WOOD ONLY** during any hours if weather permits, and the fire is out by 9AM Monday. Fires must always be monitored, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR FIRE UNATTENDED!** (Remember your permit is a privilege not a right and it can be revoked at any time by any of the following people regardless if they issued it or not. Also, you the permit holder are bound by State of Vermont Forestry Regulations regarding fire laws.) Please try to call a day ahead for your permit.

To obtain a fire permit please call one of the following a day in advance if possible

Jeffrey Morin 757-2706

John Paye 603-726-0642

Steve Sharf 429-2292

Ryan Moore 603-991-6349

Dylan Kidder 505-5481

If you get no answer from whom you normally get a permit, call the next person listed. We may not be home during the day so please be patient and wait for one of us to call back. No call back = no permit!

ONLY THE NUMBERS LISTED CAN ISSUE PERMITS

DO NOT CALL THE FIRE DEPT

EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR PERMITS

Newbury Village Station

Newbury Village's 13 firefighters responded 58 times in 2021 to structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical assists, smoke alarms, trees on wires, brush fires, and a variety of other calls. Approximately 20% of our calls are for assistance to neighboring towns. Mutual aid continues to be an important part of fire protection for Newbury Village. Newbury's three stations and the stations in the towns around us create a network that provides response 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Newbury Village fire station added two new firefighters and two firefighters are taking a leave of absence. We continue to have strong interior and exterior teams. Our firefighters have well over 200 years of combined field experience. This year another member of the station certified nationally as an EMT and one of our new members is in the process of re-certifying as an EMT. This will bring the total EMTs in the company to 3.

During 2021 our firefighters put in many hours of volunteer time in training, equipment maintenance, and community service including a parade in Woodsville commemorating the 20th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, the Newbury Elementary School opening parade, hosting the Twin State monthly meeting, a summer barbeque, helping host a Halloween trunk or treat on the common, and parking cars at the North Haverhill Fair.

We would like to thank the Newbury Village community for their continued donations. These contributions are used to upgrade equipment, purchase water and snacks for the fireground, and defray miscellaneous expenses. They're much appreciated, especially during the pandemic when our traditional fundraising methods are more difficult.

For many years, village resident Lynne Rider has provided us with delicious home-baked goodies on our meeting and drill nights. We completely admit to being addicted to these desserts. Lynne, thank you SO much!

Please continue to help us find you. Your home street number needs to be clearly posted so it is visible in both directions from the street. Even if we never respond to your home, posting street numbers helps us find others. Please also remember to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors every 6 months. Take care of those devices so they can take care of you while you sleep.

Respectively submitted,
Chief John Renfrew

Wells River Village Station

Our members strive to give you the best possible service 24 /7. Sometimes it is very difficult for our members to respond to requests for aid due to work and family responsibilities. We have been working on doing in house training more since the Covid-19 outbreak. Our annual Twin State Mutual Aid Fire School has been on hold for (2) two years now, but we will be having in person training again this coming May of 2022.

The members of the Wells River Station responded to 51 calls totaling 600 hours of time in the year 2021. We responded to structure fires, auto fires, trees, and wires down, CO alarms, mutual aid calls, alarm activations, EMS assists, and auto accidents.

December 21, 2021, the Sillycow Farms (Bread & Chocolate) had a devastating fire. We had a quick response from all departments, but the fire had been burning too long undetected and the building was a total loss. We hope that they will be able to rebuild in the Industrial Park and keep this great business in our town.

We meet each month on the 1st Monday and have training on the 3rd Monday. If you know of someone who would like to give back to their community have them contact any of the fire department members to get an application to join the department. Being a firefighter is a very rewarding way to give back to your town.

The Firefighters were able to hold our annual February 2021 raffle but had to do it virtually. All in all, it still went very well.

With the Happy Hour closing we couldn't hold the in-person raffle in February of 2022, but we did hold another virtual one. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and watched in on Facebook Live.

Our station had a long-time firefighter "Brother" retire at the end of December 2021. Robert "Pudge" Engle.

Pudge started with us in June of 1999 as a probationary firefighter then moved up the ranks to Captain in 2005. He then attained the rank of Assistant Chief in 2008 continuing until December 2017 when he decided it was time for a younger member to step up. Pudge has remained a firefighter until December 31, 2021, for a total of 22 years. Our words of "THANK YOU" will never seem enough for all your hard work and dedication but

THANK YOU, Pudge you are going to be missed immensely.

Just a bit of information about the members of the Wells River Station, we have a combined 141 years of service within the 12 members. That shows just how much dedication is given to our community.

Thank you to all the community members for your continued support of the fire department.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Jeffrey Morin

802-757-2706

**REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE AND
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS MONTHLY AND
CHANGE THE BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR
ALSO CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE BACK OF THE SMOKE
OR CARBON MONOXIDE UNIT. IT SHOULD HAVE A DATE AND IF IT IS 7
- 10 YEARS OLD REPLACE THE ALARM
YOUR 911 NUMBER NEEDS TO BE VISIBLE AT THE ROAD
FOR RESPONDING EMS, FIRE OR POLICE**

West Newbury Station

2021 has definitely been a trying year. West Newbury Firefighters were toned out to structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, smoke alarms, trees on wires, brush fires, odor investigations, and a variety of other calls including mutual aid calls to other towns.

West Newbury's roster has 7 members who are active in the community. Of those 7 members 2 also serve as EMT's on Newbury EMS.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were unable to hold our yearly golf tournament.

Please remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and check them on a regular basis.

Firefighters and EMT's put themselves in harm's way to help people during emergencies and with the pandemic this year has made it more difficult. So, if you know a firefighter or an EMT please stop and thank them for their service.

At the posting of this report, we have been advised that Chief Willett has resigned from the Fire Department and Asst. Chief Ilsley will be acting Chief until the Select Board appoints a replacement in March.

Respectively submitted,
Chief Steven Willett

Fire Department Steering Committee (FDSC)

Premise: The consensus of the FDSC is that the current model of three stations (Wells River, Newbury Village & W. Newbury) with three sets (engine & tanker) of apparatus is not sustainable for the following reasons:

- all three buildings are substandard in that they are not adequately-sized to allow for standard-size large apparatus purchases, either new or used. Additionally, the price increases on new equipment have increased exponentially, outpacing the amount the SB/voters have been putting into the equipment reserve fund.
- the Village station is in serious need of significant capital improvements in the next few years in order to remain functional.
- all three stations have 'ownership-issues' in that the town does not currently own the land and/or building in all three cases.

Options as discussed and analyzed by the FDSC:

- keep the current three stations and deal with the apparatus challenges the town has faced in recent years (purchasing custom-built new equipment to fit into the existing buildings) and figure out how to finance significant needed upgrades to the Village station.
- keep working on a plan (which has been on the table for investigation for the past few years) that would result in consolidation of departments with a new facility more centrally located in town (in the Hebb's Corner area).
- develop a plan to obtain ownership of the Village station real estate from Newbury Village and make significant improvements to that facility that could allow for more flexibility in obtaining used apparatus in the future as well as serve as the 'flagship' station for meetings, etc. for the next 40+ years.

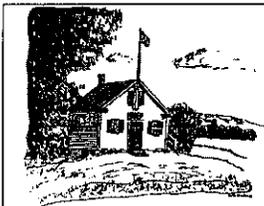
Other factors analyzed and considered by the FDSC:

- Geography of the town (2/3 of the land is West of I-91) and concentration of residences/commercial structures (significantly more along the Rt. 5 and 302 corridors)
- Response time from the three current stations IF firefighters are readily available to furthest town properties
- Current fire station rosters, most likely 'response-to-station' times and potential turnover in the foreseeable future
- Recent events and positive outcomes due to firefighter availability and response times.
- The Wells River and W. Newbury stations are adequate for the proposed future uses and should not need significant capital expenditures in the near future.

Recommendation to SB: We believe that the third option makes the most sense fiscally and operationally. Making some minor facility improvements to the W. Newbury station and then converting it to housing a tanker and functional 'first-responder-type' vehicle (properly accessorized 4WD) would eliminate the need for an expensive engine in the apparatus rotation.

Even though the dollar figure for the proposed improvements to the Village station seems large, there is a potential for some funding assistance with federal funds, but even if that does not materialize, amortizing those improvements over several years, combined with the savings in large apparatus will result in significant savings to the town/taxpayers and the facility will be town-owned.

We believe the SB should consider moving forward by working with the Village Trustees to work on ownerships issues and then determine whether proposed improvements can work within zoning parameters. Further, we believe it would be good to have a discussion with the voters/taxpayers at a town-meeting or special meeting to share more details and answer questions before taking the final steps towards executing this plan.



NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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newburyhistorical@gmail.com

In 2021, the Newbury Historical Society slowly and cautiously emerged from the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020-21. We had an abbreviated schedule. We decided not to have any open houses during 2021 as COVID -19 virus was still present.

We were able to present the 2021 Gilbert H. McClintock Memorial History Prize in-person this year to a graduating Newbury Elementary 6th grade student as the June 16, 2021 graduation ceremonies were held outdoors. This year's winner was Quinten Drugach, son of John and Liz Drugach.

Our summer events were scaled back as three events that we have participated in the past few years; the joint program with the Ryegate Historical Society, the Wells River Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social in June and the West Newbury Festival held in August were not held this year.

We did have two summer programs. Our first program was held on Aug 21, 2021 and was “Camp Farwell, the oldest Girls Camp in America” in West Newbury. This program was scheduled for last year and we were pleased that we could offer it this year. Bob, Charyl, and Marley Hanson have owned the Camp for the past 44 years. This program required people to be masked and vaccinated. Bob and Charyl Hanson held the attention of the outdoor audience as they recounted how they came to buy the camp many years ago and shared stories, and facts about the camp before giving a tour of the buildings.

Our second program was also a program we scheduled for last year. “A Guided Tour of the Burroughs-Hebb-McClintock Farmhouse” on Peach Brook Road. Justin Squizzero, the present owner has been carefully restoring the property preserving and renewing the original features of the house. Justin has research the history of the house and its inhabitants. Due to popular demand an additional tour was added on October 16th, to the 3 scheduled on October 17th. As with the Camp Farwell tour, an outside presentation was given before masking up and touring the inside of the house.

The 9th annual So Long Summer Hello Fall Festival in Wells River returned this year on September 4th. The Historical Society was there too. The photo display of “Wells River’s Main Street from Yesteryear” proved to be quite popular with long-time Newburyites and Well Riverites as well as with newer residents and other area residents.

Some much-needed repairs were made this summer and fall to our schoolhouse museum. The work included replacing rotted wood clapboards and trim boards at ground level and fascia and soffit at the roof. The front and side doors were replaced and the doors in the hallways leading to the outhouses were repaired. New wood was painted. The ultraviolet window panels on the main floor were re-installed.

We held an in-person and masked Annual meeting on September 16th at the West Newbury Congregational Church. Eileen Corcoran, Vt. Historical Society Community Outreach Manager was our guest speaker and led a round table discussion on how the society might move forward.

The Society appreciates the on-going financial support that the town gives us. We request \$3,000 for 2022, the same amount given in 2021.

The members of the board are: Diann Cottrill, Emmy Hausman, Linda Ide, Cynthia Maltbie, John Marsh, Aroline Putnam, Richard M. Roderick, Bruce Stevens, Carol Stoll, Hod Symes, and Jean Welch.

In Memoriam - Dr. George Roderick Willard 1938 – 2021: On June 24, 2021 long time friend, member and board member of the Newbury Historical Society died. George Willard loved history and spent many hours creating photo displays from the society's photograph. He was a dedicated member and will be missed.

LISTERS

Teamwork is #1 in this office, and we enjoy being out in the field, in all kinds of weather, measuring dwellings and outbuildings.

We appreciate property owners contacting us for re-assessments, grievance notices, permit completions and demolition of buildings. Inspections are done in an expeditious manner and are helpful for our data collection.

Our main goal is to keep all Newbury property up to date and fairly appraised.

Please remember that when you take down a structure to let us know, so we can remove it from your file, as well as when you add a structure to your property, please inform us so we can include it in your file. Listers are required, by April 1st, to measure/assess all new structures.

Please be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by Federal & State Tax Day to avoid any penalties. This should be done EVERY YEAR.

The Board of Listers would like to remind everyone in town that we are available to answer questions by e-mail or telephone about how your property values are determined and provide you with any other information concerning your property valuation. Our office is open Monday-Thursday to answer questions and provide information to property owners, appraisers, attorneys, etc.

The Newbury website is: www.newburyvt.org and has a page dedicated to the Lister's office as well as all regulations regarding Zoning & Permits. The Grand List can be found there and is available for public viewing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Beaulieu, Janis Moore, David Tansey

Hours: Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

802-866-5026

listers@newburyvt.org

Recreation Department

Teamwork and community spirit has led Newbury Recreation Department to another year of successes!

Spring kicked off with Little League returning to Newbury after a season off. In the fall, our soccer season was able to return to normal, and we were even able to participate in Haverhill's Soccer Fest, which is always a great event. As we wrap up 2021, we are looking forward to basketball season for the first time in two years! Although the numbers we have for players can make creating teams tricky, we do our best to give everyone an opportunity to play that wants to! We appreciate all families who have adapted for Little League and Basketball.

The Recreation Department invested in some larger purchases this year. The soccer goals were finally able to be upgraded. The new ones are much sturdier, and safer for the kids. A new paint liner was also purchased. This machine gets double duty as it is used for soccer and baseball/softball. After much discussion and education, a new ice rink was delivered in December! Follow us on our Facebook page for updates on the rink this winter. We are still in need of a new basketball scoreboard, we are including that in our 2022 budget request.

Having been tasked with expanding beyond just the sports side of recreation, we've also expanded our activity and celebrations side. Returning this year, we were able to host the semi formal for the graduating 6th graders and 5th graders stepping up. We appreciate local support from Matt Nusbaum and Brandi Young for helping us produce a fun, safe event for the students. Hosting our first Trunk or Treat will be memorable thanks to mother nature for giving us a downpour! Old fashioned games like sack races and donut on a string were played, as were updated games like "Mummy your mommy". Matt was a great MC and kept us all entertained during the costume contest. We finished the day trick or treating around the common to those who braved the weather and decorated for the children. It was a fantastic afternoon, and we hope to host even more trunks next year. Thank you to all who came out!

In December we also introduced a new holiday celebration of caroling! We hope more people will join us next year. We did expanded hunts for Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. Everyone seems to really enjoy getting out with their family and looking all around Newbury. Items have been hidden in Boltonville, West Newbury, and Wells River, no location is too far if it's technically Newbury!

None of this would be possible without the dedication and help of our volunteers. The departure of Molly Dugan-Sullivan and John Girard have left open positions on the board. They were both dedicated members of the board, jumping into coach teams or ref games when needed. We have been able to fill some open spots, but one remains currently. Please think about joining us. If you'd like to help out by coaching, reffing or just lending your hands to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to anyone listed below.

Respectfully,

Jamie Rogers

Josh Grant

Tim Ross

Cheryl Hanley

Erin Pellegrino

Danielle Drown

SELECTBOARD REPORT

As was 2020, 2021 was turned upside down. While Covid continued to wreak havoc with everyone, Town officials, employees, and volunteers went “above and beyond” to carry on the work of Town government.

The Selectboard discontinued it’s Zoom meetings but continue to require facial masks and social distancing during our meetings.

As always, there are issues and concerns the Selectboard continues to address. With the help of others, we are tackling the issue of how to move forward with our Town cemeteries. Ordinances are updated as needed. Recycling continues to evolve. ARPA funds have been received and there have been some suggestions of how to make best use of them, while following the required guidelines. A large percentage of our time is devoted to the daily function of municipal government.

The Selectboard is grateful for the Committees, Boards and many volunteers who give so many hours to our Town.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to 2021.

Respectfully, your Selectboard:

Alma Roystan, Joe Parsons and Jeff McKelvey.

Solid Waste Committee

Newbury is a member of the **Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD)**. **This report references appropriate times and places to dispose of solid waste.** Please call the town office (866-5521), a member of the Solid Waste Committee, or NEKWMD (802-626-3532 or toll free 800-734-4602) with any questions. You are encouraged to visit the waste district website <http://nekwmd.org/backyard.html>. This site includes charts, lists, videos, links to suppliers, and more.

Recycling

The primary goal of the Solid Waste Committee is to increase recycling and decrease taxpayer expense. In the summer of 2021, the Solid Waste Committee confirmed that NEKWMD recycles #1 through #5 plastics while our current recycler (A.B.L.E.) only recycles #1 and #2. Some members of the committee saw this difference as an opportunity to reduce Newbury’s impact on the local landfill and save the taxpayers’ money by reducing our hauling fees. Newbury residents were given the option of separating their plastics from glass and metal for a trial period and local volunteers assisted the residents who participated in this initiative. We are grateful to the many Newbury residents who supported this concept by simply adding 1 additional bin in which to store their plastics between trips to the recycling center. The additional sort, which began on August 7, has redirected 2.25 tons of #1 through #5 plastics to NEKWMD for recycling and has reduced the frequency of hauling the A.B.L.E. dumpster from every other week to once a month, a savings of \$325 a month. Keeping plastics from ending up in our landfill and potentially saving the taxpayers more than \$4,000 a year in hauling and processing costs is a win-win situation for everyone.

Help reduce the waste stream and pollution of our environment by purchasing products in recyclable containers. **Please consult our current recycling chart included in this report.** Make sure that your items are clean and properly sorted, in accordance with the guidelines provided. ***Be advised that there are different rules and sorting requirements for materials taken to the recycling center in Ryegate.***

Items, such as lead–acid batteries, tires, mattresses, and appliances should be returned to retailers when and where replacements are purchased. Rechargeable batteries, as well as alkaline and “button” batteries, can all be taken to the Newbury recycling center.

The recycling center is located behind the fire station in Newbury Village and is open on Saturday mornings from 8 AM to 12 PM. In 2021, the coordinator was Glen Godfrey assisted by Charles Mabey. The current operator is Stephen Cole. In 2021, we recycled approximately **76.40 tons** (77.44 in 2020) of material at the Newbury Village facility.

Quantities Recycled in Tons							
	2020	2021	+/-		2020	2021	+/-
Mixed Containers	34.99	31.3	-3.61	Plastic Bags	1.62	0.82	-0.80*
		8					
Mixed Paper	15.66	15.2	-0.45	Alkaline Batteries	0.18	0.14	-0.04
		1					
Cardboard/Boxboard	23.31	24.8	+1.51	Hardcover Books	1.78	1.78	0.00
		2					
Plastic Containers	**	02.2	**				
		5					

*Stopped collecting plastic bags mid-year. **Started sending plastic container to NEKWMD 8/7/21.

Consistent with the town's obligation to provide recycling services, the town covers the cost of recycling by a line item in the town budget. **The use of the Newbury facility is restricted to owners and renters of Newbury properties.** No fees or stickers are required. Owners and renters of Newbury properties can also recycle at the facility in Ryegate which is a part of the same waste management district.

Household Hazardous Waste

In addition to other household hazardous wastes, products containing mercury have been banned from all landfills in Vermont. ***This means that full size tube and compact bulb fluorescent lamps, non-digital thermostats, thermometers, switches, relay devices, batteries, or like products containing mercury cannot be placed in your trash.*** Vermont law provides that every person who discards solid waste within the state shall separate ***labeled*** mercury-added consumer products from the waste. The mercury-added products should be set aside and taken for proper disposal to a household hazardous collection day. Assistance in disposing mercury-containing products can also be obtained from NEKWMD. The 2022 schedule for household hazard waste (HHW) collections is attached along with a list of acceptable HHW materials.

Composting

By Vermont law, **food scraps cannot go into the trash.** There are three simple solutions: feed them to livestock (usually chickens or pigs), build a backyard composter, or take them to a drop-off location (like our recycling center or a hauler pick up). Composting is important, because it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, restores soil, and reduces material deposited into landfills.

Electronic Waste

Most electronic items are banned from landfills, but *computers, computer monitors and peripherals, cathode-ray tubes (CRT's), printers, and televisions* **can be recycled free of charge** under Vermont's electronic recycling program. The designated sites for this program are the Ryegate Recycling Center at 269 School St, E. Ryegate (802-584-3880), and the Bradford Recycling Center at 314 Fairground Rd (802-775-7722). While not specifically listed by the state's electronic recycling program, most any electronic device can be recycled for free through NEKWMD.

Scrap Metal, White Goods, and Tires

Owners and renters of Newbury properties can recycle scrap metal and white goods (used appliances) throughout the year at the Ryegate recycling center or the NEKWMD facility in Lyndonville. Neither facility charges extra for appliances containing Freon. The yard operated by Stockley Trucking, Inc. in Lisbon, New Hampshire (603-838-2860) will pay by weight for metals. Newbury has not had a metals day since 2014 and none is expected for 2022. Tires in small quantities can be recycled through the Town of Newbury. The fee for disposal of passenger vehicle and small truck tires (diameters of 17 inches or less) is \$3.00 for tires off the rim and \$5.00 on the rim. The charge for larger tires is \$7.00 without rim or \$14.00 with rim. ***Vouchers or prepaid receipts for disposal of tires must be obtained at the town clerk's office before the tires can be accepted at the town garage on Scotch Hollow Road.***

Trash Disposal

Household and commercial trash disposal continues to be handled by individual contracts with various waste haulers. Newbury has a so-called fast trash operator who sets up at the recycling center and accepts waste on a fee-per-bag basis. The committee encourages proper disposal of the waste you produce as well as the continuation or initiation of recycling and composting in your homes and businesses. ***The use of burn barrels as a means of disposing of waste is illegal.*** In addition to being unlawful, such activities are often offensive to one's neighbors, harmful to air and water quality, and a threat to human health, especially that of infants and the elderly.

Solid Waste Committee

Jim & Mary Collins

Gavin Reid, Chairman
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John Narowski
802-439-5241

Claude Phipps & Connie Philleo
802-866-9008

John Narowski
Solid Waste District Representative

COMMINGLED PAPER (NEKWMD Storage Trailer)

MATERIAL	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
ENVELOPES & OPENED MAIL	WHITE, MANILA, COLORED, GUMMED & WINDOWED ENVELOPES	TYVEK OR PLASTIC ENVELOPES, MAILERS PADDED WITH BUBBLE WRAP	REMOVE NON-PAPER ENCLOSURES (CDs, PLASTIC CARDS) & STRINGS. WINDOWS & LABELS ARE OK.
MAGAZINES, CATALOGS & BOOKS	GLUE- OR STAPLE-BOUND PUBLICATIONS, PHONE BOOKS, PAPERBACK BOOKS	CDs, PLASTIC WRAPPING OR PLASTIC COVERS HARDCOVER BOOKS ARE RECYCLED SEPARATELY (SEE NEXT)	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC OR METAL BINDERS.
HARD COVER BOOKS	PLACE IN SPECIAL BIN	NO RESTRICTIONS	LEAVE THE COVERS ON
NEWSPAPER	ALL SECTIONS & INSERTS	NEWSPAPER THAT IS WET OR CONTAMINATED WITH PAINT, OIL, OR PET WASTE.	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY. REMOVE PLASTIC BAGS. DO NOT TIE WITH STRING.
PAPER BAGS	ALL COLORS (EXCEPT BROWN KRAFT BAGS)	PLASTIC-COATED OR PLASTIC-LINED ANIMAL FOOD OR KITTY LITTER BAGS	REMOVE STRING & PLASTIC HANDLES.
SHREDDED PAPER	CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS	PLASTIC BAGS, SHREDDED PLASTIC (CREDIT CARDS)	DEPOSIT LOOSE (NOT BAGGED).
WHITE & COLORED PAPER	OFFICE PAPER, GLOSSY FLYERS & BROCHURES, MANILA FILE FOLDERS, POSTER PAPER, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, GIFT WRAP (PAPER) & CARDS	BLUEPRINT & CARBON PAPER, NCR FORMS, GLITTERED PAPER, WAX, MYLAR, & FOIL PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, FACIAL TISSUE, PAPER PLATES, CUPS, NAPKINS, STICKERS OR STICKER BACKING	MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY REMOVE PLASTIC TABS, PAPER CLIPS & HANGING-FILE STRIPS. STAPLES ARE OK.

CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, KRAFT PAPER (NEKWMD Storage Trailer)

MATERIAL	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
CARDBOARD & KRAFT PAPER/BAGS	CONTAINERS WITH CORRUGATED CENTER LAYER, KRAFT PAPER/BAGS	OIL, PAINT, OR CHEMICAL STAINS WAX COATING, PLASTIC / METAL STRAPPING, STRING, WOOD, PLASTIC FILM OR FOAM PACKING MATERIALS	MUST BE CLEAN, DRY, AND TOTALLY FLATTENED . REMOVE EXCESS TAPE. STAPLES & LABELS ARE OK.
BOXBOARD & PAPERBOARD	FOOD & CLOTHING BOXES, 6- & 12-PACK BEV. CARRIERS, TISSUE BOXES, PAPER TOWEL & TOILET PAPER CORES , PAPER EGG CARTONS	PAPER PLATES OR CUPS (INCLUDING TAKEOUT COFFEE CUPS), FROZEN OR REFRIGERATED FOOD BOXES (UNLESS MARKED RECYCLABLE), FOIL BEVERAGE CARRIERS, DRINK BOXES, MILK, JUICE, OR SOUP CARTONS	EMPTY AND FLATTEN. DISCARD PLASTIC LINERS. REMOVE METAL POUR SPOUTS.

TOWN OF NEWBURY RECYCLING GUIDELINES

EFFECTIVE 2022

COMMINGLED CONTAINERS (A.B.L.E. Dumpster)				
MATERIAL	DESCRIPTION	ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	PREPARATION
GLASS	BOTTLES, JARS	FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTAINERS	LIGHT BULBS, HEADLIGHTS, STAINED GLASS, PYREX, CERAMICS, DRINKING GLASSES, WINDOWS, & MIRRORS	RINSE CLEAN. DETACH METAL & PLASTIC LIDS. NECK RINGS ARE OK.
METAL	AEROSOL CANS EXCEPT PAINT & PESTICIDE	COMPLETELY EMPTY (SEE NOTE 1.)	(SEE NOTE 1.)	DO NOT PUNCTURE. DETACH PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS FROM THE CONTAINERS.
	ALUMINUM	CANS, PIE PLATES, TRAYS & FOIL	SCRAP METAL (SEE NOTE 2.) SNACK BAGS & CANDY WRAPPERS (ARE NOT ALUMINUM FOIL).	RINSE CLEAN. LABELS ARE OK. ALUMINUM LIDS ARE OK.
	STEEL (TIN) CANS	FOOD & BEVERAGE ONLY	OIL CANS OR FILTERS, FUEL CANS OR CYLINDERS, EMPTY PAINT CANS (SEE NOTE 2.) MEDICAL NEEDLES	RINSE CLEAN. LABELS ARE OK. STEEL (TIN) LIDS ARE OK.
PLASTIC	SEE RECYCLING OPTIONS BELOW	BOTTLES & JUGS (ANY SIZE), TUBS & TRAYS, TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS, PLASTIC LIDS 2+ INCHES WIDE	MOTOR OIL, PESTICIDE, OR POOL CHEMICAL CONTAINERS. (FOR OTHER EXCLUSIONS, SEE NOTE 3.) STYROFOAM IN ANY FORM	RINSE CLEAN. DETACH PLASTIC CAPS & LIDS. NECK RINGS ARE OK. (SEE NOTE 3.) NO BLACK PLASTIC

OPTION 1: If you are willing to separate your plastics from metal and glass, **you can recycle #1 through #5 plastics.**

Please place them in the storage trailer for NEKWMD. No need to separate by type. The other columns still apply.

OPTION 2: If you choose to recycle your plastics in the A.B.L.E. dumpster along with glass and metal, you can recycle **only #1 and #2 plastics.** All other plastics go into the landfill. The other columns still apply.

1. IF AEROSOL CAN IS EMPTY, BUT ONCE CONTAINED PAINT OR PESTICIDE, IT MUST BE RECYCLED AS SCRAP METAL. IF AEROSOL CAN STILL CONTAINS PAINT, PESTICIDE OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIALS, STORE UNTIL THE NEXT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT.
2. SOME OR ALL MAY BE RECYCLABLE IN RYEGATE. CHECK WITH RYEGATE REGARDING OIL CANS, OIL FILTERS, AND FUEL CYLINDERS.
3. NO BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS (PLA), CHILDREN'S TOYS & SLEDS, UTENSILS, PLASTIC HOUSING FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, CLEAR MOLDED PLASTIC DISPLAY PACKAGING, OR WOVEN PLASTIC BAGS. **RECYCLABLE PLASTIC BAGS (#2, #4, & BUBBLE WRAP) ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT OUR SITE.** RECYCLABLE BAGS MAY BE RECYCLED AT GROCERY STORES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEWBURY RECYCLING CENTER ACCEPTS CELL PHONES AND ALL BATTERIES (EXCEPT WET-CELL) WEIGHING UP TO 11 POUNDS EACH. DISTRIBUTORS THAT SELL AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES WILL ACCEPT WET-CELL BATTERIES. OTHER ELECTRONICS ARE RECYCLED IN RYEGATE.

2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 14	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Albany Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 21	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Guildhall Town Hall
SATURDAY, MAY 28	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bloomfield VT Route 102
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 18	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Morgan Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 16	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Newbury Town Garage
SATURDAY, JULY 23	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Danville To Be Determined
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20	8:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.	Westfield Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 17	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

The NEKWMD reserves the right to terminate any collection early in the event that we are at storage capacity.

Please limit HHW disposal at listed events to 30 gallons.

If you have more than 30 gallons, or if you need to dispose of HHW generated at a business, please call our office to schedule an appointment at our Lyndonville facility, May 3 – Oct. 4, 2022.

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 3, 2022 to October 4, 2022. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that may be:

Toxic- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin

Corrosive- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin

Reactive- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water

Explosive- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure

Flammable/Ignitable- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:

Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.

Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.

Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.

Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment.

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS, YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY
802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org**

The NEKWMD hazardous waste collection program is made possible in part by a grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. This year's grant totaled \$74074.00

Acceptable HHW Materials

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- AEROSOLS
- AIR FRESHENERS
- AMMONIA
- ARTS AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES
- BLEACH
- CLEANERS (INCLUDES: DRAIN, OVEN, FLOOR, WINDOW, TOILET, RUG, ETC.)
- DISINFECTANTS
- METAL & FURNITURE POLISH
- MOTHBALLS
- MERCURY THERMOMETERS
- NAIL POLISH & REMOVER
- NI-CD, LITHIUM, MI-MH, AND BUTTON CELL BATTERIES
- SPOT & STAIN REMOVERS
- ALKALINE BATTERIES *

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- CREOSOTE
- DIOXINS
- FERTILIZERS
- FLEA KILLERS
- FUNGICIDES
- HERBICIDES
- INSECT SPRAYS
- MURIATIC ACID
- NO-PEST STRIPS
- PESTICIDES
- RODENT KILLERS

GARAGE

- ANTIFREEZE
- BRAKE FLUID *
- CORROSIVES

GARAGE (CONTINUED)

- CAR WAXES AND CLEANERS
- ENGINE DEGREASERS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS *
- GASOLINE/DRY GAS
- KEROSENE
- LEAD-ACID CAR BATTERIES *
- LIGHTER FLUID
- OIL-BASED PAINT
- LATEX-BASED PAINT
- PAINT THINNER
- PROPANE CYLINDERS
- SEALANTS
- STAINS/STRIPPERS
- SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS
- TRANSMISSION FLUID *
- WOOD PRESERVATIVES
- USED MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS *

* ALSO ACCEPTED AT OIL AND BATTERY STATIONS YEAR ROUND

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- ASBESTOS
- EXPLOSIVES, INCLUDING GUN POWDER, AMMUNITION
- FLARES
- INFECTIOUS WASTE
- PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION
- RADIOACTIVE WASTE, INCLUDING SMOKE DETECTORS
- UNKNOWN GAS CYLINDERS
- EMPTY CONTAINERS

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Tucker Mountain Forest

We're happy to report that the Tucker Mountain Town Forest is thriving as forest health improves and recreational and educational opportunities increase.

- **Erosion Control**

Our efforts to manage the erosion on the summit meadows are paying off, thanks in large part to the cooperation of those who use the roads. Last spring volunteers mulched and seeded one more of the extra roads on the upper meadows that was starting to wash out. The grass grew up nicely and no one's been driving on it, staying instead on the road that remains. There are far fewer incidents of people driving vehicles on the grass and tearing up the sod, and drivers are heeding our signs that encourage them to prevent the creation of detours that cause wash outs. Thank you for respecting the efforts we've made by helping to preserve the meadows and other parts of the town forest.

- **Thanks to our Volunteers**

This year 64 volunteers gave 1275 hours of their time to trail building, road work, blazing our boundaries, making signs, monitoring vernal pools, and picking up litter. Oxbow's National Honor Society spent most of a school day creating a trail to one of our vernal pools and making water bars.

- **New Trails**

We added two new trails. The Three Ponds Trail leads hikers along the south side of two man-made ponds and a hidden beaver pond and presents a great view of Woodchuck Mountain, the highest point in Newbury. The second new trail leaves the kiosk at the west parking area and climbs north, joining an old logging road and winding through a beautiful forest of mature trees, including a grove of cedar and a natural spring. Eventually this trail will reach the summit of Woodchuck, but for now it makes a nice out and back hike or a loop if you follow the logging road back down to Tucker Mountain Road and the kiosk. There are now a total of 5.5 miles trails in the town forest and around four to five miles of proposed trails.

- **Ribbon Cutting for the Putnam Trail**

This fall Newbury's Putnam family and many other friends joined us at a ribbon cutting for the Putnam Trail, named for the two Putnam families who were among the first to homestead on Tucker Mountain and who have continued their legacy of farming in Newbury for generations. The two youngest Putnam boys, ages three and 14 months, representing the ninth generation, cut the ribbon.

- **Tucker to Wrights Mountain Trail**

We have been working with landowners as well as the Newbury and Bradford Conservation Commissions to begin work on a new trail from Tucker Mountain to Wrights Mountain.

- **Welcoming More Visitors**

This year we've met many new visitors to the forest, including many of our southern neighbors from Fairlee, Thetford, Hanover, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and beyond. There are more local users as well: hikers, bikers, off-roaders (on the roads!), skiers and snow mobile riders.

- **Friends of Tucker Mountain**

Friends of Tucker Mountain organized this year as a non-profit fund-raising organization. They have conducted two mailings for fundraising with very encouraging and generous support from

our local citizens. They secured a large gift from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, and won a grant to create and manufacture informational signs describing the history, geology, beaver activity, vernal pools, forest evolution, and meadow ecology of the town forest. Funds raised will be used for major projects such as road and trail work and maintenance.

- **Vernal Pool Monitors**

Volunteers, including four families, have been monitoring two of our vernal pools for the Vermont Center on Eco-studies. This is a tremendous education for kids and parents and a worthwhile project for keeping tabs on the health of the pools and the amphibians that breed there.

- **Tree ID Contest**

A tree identification contest for local students was organized by former committee member Jessica Loeffler. Tucker Mountain hats were presented as rewards to the winners.

- **Bench Building Workshop**

The Tucker Committee worked with the UVM extension office and Vermont Land Trust to host a bench building workshop that brought representatives from four other town forests. It included a tour of our forest with two foresters and members of the committee.

- **Forest Management Plan**

The ten-year update of our forest management plan is nearly completed thanks to Orange County Forester David Paganelli, Orange/Windsor County Forester A. J. Follensbee, and volunteers John and Caroline Nininger who helped with the inventory.

- **Looking Forward: Roads, a Bridge, a Pavilion**

Over the next few years, we are looking ahead at improving the summit road and the western portion of Tucker Mountain Road, expanding our network of trails, and building bridges across Vance Brook as part of a trail around the wetlands. We are also considering plans for an open-air picnic pavilion at the old Carter House site overlooking the pond. The dream is to use logs from the forest harvested with horses and built on site as a community project.

We are honored to serve the Newbury Selectboard and the citizens of Newbury. Along with all of you, we are proud to be stewards of our beautiful Tucker Mountain Town Forest.

Join our email list for updates on Tucker Mountain Town Forest and for notices of volunteer opportunities. Send a request to tuckertownforest@gmail.com or call 802-505-5279.

Tom Kidder, Chair
John Nininger, Vice-Chair
Kathy Damon, Secretary
Treasurer

Susan Culp
Kirk Morrison

Cortney Blake
Cindy Ross

Zoning and Planning

Development Review Board

The Development Review Board (DRB) hears applications for subdivisions, conditional uses, variances, waivers, and appeals of the Administrative Officer's decisions. The DRB is a citizens' panel appointed by the Selectboard. It generally meets once a month depending on permit activity.

In 2021, the DRB conducted 9 hearings on 10 different days. Most of the hearings were conditional use permits for activities proposed by people who live adjacent to or near several of the ponds or lakes in town. Except for the Vermont Permanency Initiative application, all were approved but most had conditions attached to protect Newbury's interests. Most of the hearings were held outside of the Town offices to better protect the members and participants from contracting Covid.

The hearing process can take up to two months to conclude (or longer depending on the complexity and public input) because of advance public notice requirements and the appeal process i.e., a 30-day waiting period following a hearing.

The Administrative Officer is clerk to the DRB and is the person to contact for guidance through the process.

DRB members are Amanda Beaulieu, Bob Beaulieu, Emmy Hausman, Bobbie Jewett, Chuck Schulze, Ruth Kennedy and Larry Scott.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission completed a comprehensive re-write and update to the Newbury Town Plan in 2015. That plan has a shelf life of eight years, but the Regional Commission is asking for an updated plan. The Commission will commence that process in 2022.

The Planning Commission is in the middle of a bylaw update that combines zoning, subdivision and flood hazard regulations to enhance the bylaws which were adopted by the Selectboard on October 11, 2017. Most of the changes involve clarifying a few issues and eliminating a few inconsistencies in the ordinance.

Planning Commission members are Larry Scott (chair), Frank Tegethoff and Brandi Young.

Administrative Officer

Dennis Marquise is Newbury's Administrative Officer. The phone number to reach him is 866-5026 and his e-mail is zoning@newburyvt.org. Office hours are Tuesdays from 2 PM to 6 PM or by appointment.

There were 59 zoning permits issued in 2021, which happens to be the exact number issued in 2020.

The bulk of the office time this year was spent sorting through and analyzing the Vermont Permanency Initiative application for a juvenile treatment center. Hundreds of pages of

testimony, numerous plan detail iterations, and answering questions from the applicant and the public made for a busy year.

Of the permits issued, there were fewer after-the-fact (late filed) permits in 2021 where the parties neglected to obtain a permit in advance of their project. In each case, offenders were fined in accordance with town rules. While most late fines were in the \$100-\$200 range, one fine was well into the five-figure range because of the severity and longevity of the violation. All 2021 fines were collected.

To avoid costly fines, the Administrative Officer reminds everyone to review the ordinance before undertaking **any** work on your property and/or contact him to discuss your project. With a few exceptions, most projects require a permit, including site work. The ordinance can be found at: <https://www.newburyvt.org> and follow the link to the Newbury's zoning/subdivision regulations. If you have any questions, call or preferably send an e-mail. That advance contact may save you money and frustration later.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
33 N. Main, P.O. Box 337, Wells River, VT 05081 (802) 757-2693
Mon. 10-5, Wed. 12-6, Fri. 12-7 librarian@baldwinlibraryvt.org

In this second pandemic year, I'm musing about my change in focus as steward of a public facility. Bringing people together for programming, conversation, and fellowship has taken a necessary back seat to guarding public health. We all have different thresholds for risk, but it feels imperative to operate on the most vigilant level to protect those most vulnerable. Thank you for not pushing back too much on these precautions!

In fact, this has also been a year of uncommon gifts. Our annual appeal met a generous response, which is both gratifying and humbling. We resumed our two annual book sales which were both hugely successful. We qualified for American Rescue Plan Act funding, which will help update and fill gaps in our non-fiction, add to our "library of things" (look for some new tools & toys to lend), and expand diversity in our collection. We'll also add some science and art activity stations for families. And then there are our wonderful volunteers, our Wells River business neighbors, and all the donors of books, movies, puzzles, and magazines – you've all been steadfast in your support.

We embraced the opportunity to do all outdoor programming this year. The traditional seed & seedling swap in support of the Rowe Community Garden was in May. We engaged Kelsey Root-Winchester of Rising Spirit Yoga for a 6-week family yoga series at the Berry Memorial Field this summer. We joined a regional "Libraries Love Lakes" initiative with two educational story times, one at Halls Lake and one at Ticklenaked Pond, with help from Polly Rouhan & grandson. We co-sponsored storyteller Kurt Valenta with Groton Library at the recreation park in S. Ryegate. We continued our "bike for ice cream" tradition with a family ride on the rail trail to Hatchland Dairy. Beginning in the fall, Wendy Buhner helped set our sights on higher ground with monthly "Libraries Love Mountains" hike-n-read treks on Tucker Mountain.

The library was privileged to host a bountiful Share the Harvest table all summer and fall. Staffed and supplied by local gardeners, Newbury United, and Willing Hands, this resource was a bright spot for many. It inspired us to set up an on-going Little Free Food Pantry shelf just inside our front door.

We participated in VT READS, the state-wide reading and discussion program through the VT Humanities Council. This year's book was *We Contain Multitudes* by Sarah Henstra, and our partners included 302 Cares, Blue Mountain School, WRAP, Little Rivers Health Care, and Groton Library.

We join the town of Ryegate in grieving the passing of Dick Frazer, long-time S. Ryegate Librarian.

Visitors: 2,600 adults and 293 children (56/week)	Reference Questions: 267 (5/week)
New Members: 27 adults and 3 children	Computer Use: 336 (6/week)
Home Deliveries: 80	Interlibrary Loans Supplied: 103
Curbside Loans: 285	Interlibrary Loans Received: 531
Total Circulation: 5,051 (97/week)	Not recorded: # of free e-books & audiobooks downloads)

Library Trustees: Karen Kreis (Chair), Sandy Parker, Kim Goody, Ann Fredella, Chip Conquest, Chris Buhner
 Respectfully submitted, Peggy Hewes, Librarian

BALDWIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUDGET 2022

EXPENSES	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Librarian	\$ 22,308.00	\$ 22,308.00	\$ 22,308.00
Custodian	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Substitute	\$ 324.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Social Security	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,383.12	\$ 1,400.00
Medicare	\$ 350.00	\$ 323.52	\$ 350.00
Books for Adults	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,449.08	\$ 3,500.00
Books for Kids	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,244.15	\$ 1,700.00
Subscriptions (print)	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.91	\$ 400.00
Subscriptions (elec)	\$ 700.00	\$ 668.64	\$ 700.00
Computer Maint/equip	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,766.65	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 481.84	\$ 600.00
Equipment	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Programs	\$ 400.00	\$ 322.59	\$ 400.00
Advertising	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 2,006.00	\$ 2,022.00	\$ 2,100.00
Heating fuel	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,854.70	\$ 3,382.00
Electricity	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,181.54	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 900.00	\$ 791.69	\$ 900.00
Internet	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 1,239.86	\$ 1,200.00
Water/Sewer	\$ 520.00	\$ 552.25	\$ 560.00
Postage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,230.61	\$ 1,300.00
Building/Grounds	\$ 300.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 300.00
Travel/Professional	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 400.00
Legal & Professional	\$ 300.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 46,400.00	\$ 46,726.15	\$ 46,400.00
INCOME	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL	2022 BUDGET
Ryegate Town	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Wells River Village	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 20,600.00
Newbury Town	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Donations	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 6,920.00	\$ 5,800.00
Fundraising Events	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,026.47	\$ 2,000.00
Interest/Dividends	\$ 400.00	\$ 513.69	\$ 400.00
Grants	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,828.41	\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 46,400.00	\$ 39,817.57	\$ 46,400.00

Capstone Community Action

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 12,989 people in 8,845 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 34 Newbury & Wells River households representing 82 individuals this past year included:

- 20 individuals in 5 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 9 households with 28 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 1 household worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 9 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 14 additional family members.
- 2 households received emergency furnace repairs and 1 household furnace was replaced at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 1 household was weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents, including 1 senior.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 2 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 1 person participated in the MileageSmart program and is now driving a gas hybrid or electric vehicle purchased used from a local car dealer.
- 1 household participated in the Central Vermont Everyone Eats program which provides nutritious meals to those impacted by COVID-19, and stabilizes income sources for Vermont restaurants, farmers and food producers.

Capstone thanks the residents of Newbury & Wells River for their generous support this year!



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN NEWBURY

Local Partnerships in Learning

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. (CVABE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Newbury residents for fifty-six years.

CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Newbury is served by our learning center in Bradford. The site has welcoming learning rooms (with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction). CVABE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

On average, 6 Newbury residents enroll with CVABE a year, and due to COVID 4 residents engaged in our services last year. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. ***Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Newbury residents for generations to come.***

CVABE provides free instruction for up to 450 people annually in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVABE \$3,927 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Close to 100 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Newbury's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVABE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVABE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

**Bradford Learning Center
24 Barton Street – Suite 1
Bradford VT 05033
802-222-3282
www.cvabe.org**



A World Where Aging is Honored

CVCOA Helpline 1-800-642-5119

Organization Report:

As a private nonprofit organization, the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA Services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, including nutrition and wellness programs, transportation, mental health counseling, family caregiver support, volunteer services, healthy aging resources and opportunities, information and assistance, legal services, health insurance (Medicare) counseling, and case management services. Most of our clients are living at or below the poverty level. Our services are designed to help people live independently at home for as long as possible. Not only is this the preference of older adults, but has also been shown to offer significant physical, emotional and financial benefits to elders, their families, and our communities.

At CVCOA, we are the leading experts and advocates in healthy aging for central Vermonters. We respect the wishes of aging persons to age at home, remain healthy, stay active, and connected to the communities they know and love. CVCOA has many partners from healthcare, social services, and governmental organizations. However, as the area agency on aging for Central Vermont we are the only community-based provider delivering care coordination, case management, information and assistance, and innovative caregiver supports directly to older Vermonters in their homes, at our office, or by phone.

CVCOA also provides contracted services for transportation, legal, and mental health services. CVHHH and SASH also provide some case management supports in Central Vermont. CVCOA provides funding and technical assistance for 12 Meals on Wheels sites under contracts for quality assurance but does not directly produce and deliver meals.

Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the services listed below to 65 residents of Newbury. Central Vermont Council on Aging Case Manager Marianne Barnett was designated to work directly with the seniors in Newbury.

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from older Vermonters, their families, and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.

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- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Program promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant, which provides much needed financial assistance for respite, training, and Memorable Times Café/Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.
- Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults.

In FY21, CVCOA mobilized 450 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support mealsites, provide wellness classes, assist with medicare information, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. These volunteers served 32,870 hours in Central Vermont communities.

CVCOA served 3,070 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 6,585 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA services are free of charge. We do charge a modest stipend to private employers who request our Medicare & You workshop for their employees.

All of us at the Central Vermont Council on Aging extend our gratitude to the residents of Newbury for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Newbury community and throughout Central Vermont.

Additional Note:

CVCOA has maintained its level of services to older Vermonters throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. For the remainder of the pandemic crisis, CVCOA is returning to in-person client contacts in the office by appointment and at our client's homes. We are doing this with the utmost attention to the health and well-being of our clients who are in the population vulnerable to COVID-19, the state of Vermont orders and health department guidance and in conjunction with the other area

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agencies on aging throughout the state as well as the state of Vermont Department for Disabilities and Independent Living (DAIL).

CVCOA also recruited and trained existing and new volunteers to check in with older Vermonters regularly by telephone to help alleviate the significant increase in loneliness and social isolation within the community of older Vermonters. We continue to support a new Community Engaged Tech Specialist staff position to help bridge the digital divide for older Vermonters and to address social isolation and loneliness through technology. Moving forward beyond the pandemic, CVCOA recognizes the need to continue offering opportunities that address healthy aging, social isolation and loneliness, and increasing support for caregivers. Continuing to offer both in-person and virtual services will be important for addressing accessibility issues and ensuring we reach home-bound older adults.

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As one of 10 Designated Agencies in the state of Vermont, Clara Martin Center provides mental health and addiction recovery services for Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area.

Clara Martin Center’s broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Stagecoach, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, the Chelsea Health Center Board and local officials, to name a few.

With 55 years of experience and leadership under our belt, we remain positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve, such as the opiate crisis. Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

Statement of Activities (Unaudited)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

REVENUE	INCOME
Federal	\$1,899,609
State	\$7,040,807
Local Towns	\$56,322
Fundraising	\$72,041
Other: Self pay	\$135,543
Other: Contracts	\$1,462,638
Other: Grants	\$1,468,514
Other: Private Insurance	\$372,601
Other: Rents & Miscellaneous	\$1,236,478
TOTAL	\$13,744,552
EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL EXPENSES
Personnel	\$9,824,832
Insurance/Rent/Utilities	\$138,621
Other: Contracted Services	\$247,819
Other: Operating Costs	\$819,050
Other: Program Expense	\$194,812
Other: Transportation	\$54,989
Other: Facility	\$588,999
TOTAL	\$11,869,122



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We value the yearly contributions from Newbury and each of the six towns in our region. While we receive the majority of our funding directly from local businesses, your commitment is very important to our work uniting communities on both sides of the river. As always, we welcome your input on how we can support the town and its goals throughout the year.

In 2021, we saw renewed interest in the Chamber, as we forged new connections and strengthened old ones. Despite operating a second year with reduced in person events due to the pandemic, we have helped local businesses and nonprofits reach more people online with our local business directory and social media marketing this year. We also launched a virtual job board to promote local jobs and help to relieve some of the hiring pressure in our region.

As we look to 2022, we are planning a return to our regular events. We are also preparing to launch new networking events to bring businesses and the community together in new ways. These events were informed by selectboard requests last year, and we look forward to working with you as we launch these and other projects to support the community.

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions you may have for us. The Town of Newbury is a valued partner in our work supporting the economic development of the region.

Sincerely,

Ruth Ann Hacking
Executive Director



*Connecticut River Joint Commissions – FY 2021 Annual Report
July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021*

Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766.

Website at <https://tinyurl.com/9khrwevx>

The Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) is a bi-state commission dedicated to helping preserve the visual, ecological, and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley while encouraging and maintaining economic viability throughout the region. With its 20-person full commission board and its five local river subcommittees (representing an additional 100 volunteers) the CRJC strives to help guide proposed watershed activities by initiating, reviewing, and commenting on a wide variety of projects and regulatory proposals such as shoreland protection, energy issues and clean water initiatives. While the Vermont and New Hampshire Commissioners and the local subcommittee volunteers often focus on independent river-based initiatives, they are all united in a shared regard and reverence for the Connecticut River, the surrounding landscape, and the regional ecosystem. This shared spirit of cooperation allows them to identify and share collaborative efforts that help safeguard the Valley.

In FY 2021 the CRJC contacted and engaged policy makers and planners from both states and the public to research and address issues such as:

- Climate Migration in the CT River Valley
- FERC hydro-power dam relicensing
- River basin planning
- River recreational concerns and opportunities
- Local and regional funding sources for economic growth
- Strengthening and supporting the Local River Subcommittees and their work



For a separate list of Local River Subcommittee locations and their 2021 activities, please email Olivia Uyizeye ouyizeye@uvlsrc.org

This commitment to bi-state interaction and sharing best practices is an integral component of the CRJC's longstanding Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan and its current 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. The strategic plan builds on over 30 years of experience in engaging communities in the Connecticut River Valley and outlines the CRJC's anticipated projects for the next five years. The actions proposed in this plan leverage the group's strongest assets: the passion and commitment of its volunteer members and its statutorily enabled purpose and connection to state government.

This multifaceted and collaborative work is exemplified within the Climate Migration project. This project addresses the widely accepted theory that the Connecticut River Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire will see substantial growth related to migration from metropolitan areas to our east and south driven by climate change and sea level rise as well as the current pandemic. It is anticipated that the need for facilitated cooperation and coordination between state and local entities and outside

organizations and educational institutions to research and address this growth and development within the watershed will increase exponentially in the coming years. The CRJC is consulting on an upcoming webinar with state and local planners, real estate experts, the Conservation Law Foundation, and Antioch University to determine the extent of this migration and the likely short and long-term impacts of climate migration growth on the region.

We are pleased that both Vermont and New Hampshire have again agreed to fund and sustain the CRJC as we move forward on this array of projects. State funding allows the CRJC to continue serving communities of the Valley by helping to guide growth and development in a way that conserves landscape integrity and the use of its natural resources while addressing individual town issues such as housing, land connectivity, energy needs, and revenue. The CRJC is well-situated to play a convening and advocating role and understands that this work is most effective in partnership with existing organizations and initiatives. The CRJC values connection, advocacy, and mutual support, and is dedicated to elevating collective efforts and collaborating with interested partners.

In the coming year, the CRJC will:

- Update the CRJC website to make it more easily accessible and informative
- Convene stakeholders to gather input on Tactical Basin Plans in Vermont
- Help create activities on water quality priorities with each of the five Local River Subcommittees
- Produce a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Biennial Local River Subcommittee report
- Convene VT & NH State staff to discuss coordination and management of the Connecticut River

A copy of the complete CRJC strategic plan can be viewed on the CRJC website. The CRJC acknowledges the funding assistance of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to complete the strategic plan and the facilitation of Emily Davis of Brattleboro, Vermont.

The following individuals comprise the current Executive Committee of the Joint Commissions: Steve Lembke, President (VT); Jennifer Griffin, Vice President (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Secretary/Treasurer (VT); Ken Hastings, (NH); Marie Caduto (VT); and Ted Cooley (NH).

If you would like more information on any of our 2021 CRJC or Local River Subcommittee projects, or if you are interested in assisting us with this important work, please e-mail us at contact@crjc.org. The Commission and subcommittees currently have openings available for residents of both New Hampshire and Vermont. We would be happy to share information on becoming a commission or subcommittee member and the appointment process.

For general information on the CRJC see <https://tinyurl.com/9khrwevx>



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Connecticut River – Riverbend Subcommittee Annual Report – 2021

The Riverbend Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by participating municipalities, with allowance for alternates. During early 2021, meetings were virtual due to emergency orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since July 2021, the Subcommittee has transitioned to a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of members is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Bill Graves and John Fairchild from Barnet, Deborah Noble from Concord, Scott Labun from Newbury, Mary Dole from Ryegate, William Piper from Waterford, and openings in Guildhall & Lunenburg. Current members of New Hampshire are Rick Walling from Bath, Michael Crosby and Gal Potashnick from Dalton, Pauline Corzilius and Lewis Dale from Haverhill, Rob Christie from Lancaster, Jim Sherrard and Jan Edick from Littleton, and Ken Hunter from Monroe. During 2021, Rick Walling from Bath served as chair. Those with one representative have an opening for a second volunteer.

Riverbend is one of the five subcommittees a part of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality and wildlife habitat. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on matters pertaining to the river to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. Feedback covers comment on proposed permits and plans, and maintaining a corridor management plan. Meetings and events are open to the public.

During 2021, Riverbend engaged on a number of issues. Projects that were reviewed include a standard dredge and fill permit on the Portland Pipeline in Lancaster, renewal for a minor NPDES discharge permits for the Ryegate Fire District 2, invasive species management with Rodeo and Milestone across the Riverbend region, and a shoreland permit for a new driveway and home in Littleton. Riverbend continues to monitor a FEMA study and update being done in Riverbend towns Lancaster and Lunenburg. In addition, Riverbend received information on and provided feedback for the draft Upper Connecticut River VT tactical basin plan.

Riverbend also supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the distribution of an information article about the Riverbend region and participation in a new virtual speaker series (available on YouTube) that delved into conversations about river wildlife corridors, invasive species, climate migration, water quality, and a history of our River. Further, Riverbend contributed to water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

During 2022, Riverbend will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Members welcome local participation in permit reviews, the speaker series, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact our staff support Olivia Uyizeye at ouyizeye@uvlsrc.org.

ECFiber

Newbury is a member of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, a Vermont municipality whose mission is to provide internet service to homes and businesses in its area. During the past year ECFiber added almost 1,700 new customers and now serves over 7,000 premises in 23 towns via 1,500 miles of fiber-optic cable. The district consists of 31 member towns, which, when fully built out, will bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) to about 31,500 locations, over more than 2,000 miles of fiber network.

In Newbury, ECFiber is currently working on the detailed network design, supported by a recent grant from the Vermont Community Broadband Board, with plans to begin network construction in spring, 2022. There are many steps that happen behind the scenes before fiber can be hung on poles and customers connected. The design will include detailed fiber routing maps and hub locations, and provisions for a fiber drop to every home and business in Newbury. This work includes identification of obstructions such as underground runs and railroad crossings, and any improvements needed to the power pole infrastructure. Current goals are to start hanging fiber by the end of 2022, and connecting customers to "wicked fast internet" in spring, 2023.

ECFiber is funded entirely by customer revenues, which in turn are supported by property tax-free municipal bonds issued by the district to raise capital to build our infrastructure. This model is now the state's strategy for solving the rural broadband crisis and eight Community Utility Districts (CUD) like ECFiber are working hard to get going. The once-in-a-lifetime American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the state received for broadband have been put into the Vermont Community Broadband Fund. ECFiber and ValleyNet leadership were deeply involved in the work of the administration and legislature during the last session and continues to engage with the state and other CUDs in pursuit of the statewide goal of bringing fiber to all homes and businesses on the grid in our state. **We invite you to visit our website to learn more about ECFiber and encourage you to subscribe for future service. You won't be charged anything until everything is connected and service begins.**

A new nonprofit, Equal Access to Broadband, has been established thru donations from ECFiber, Newbury REDnet, and others to provide special low rates for qualifying Newbury residents.

Newbury's delegates to the ECFiber Governing Board,

Claude Phipps, here4now2@myfairpoint.net
Brad Vietje, greenworksvt@gmail.com
Liane Allen, energydecisions@gmail.com

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*“Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you always should have been.”
-David Bowie*

Greetings,

The Atkinson Residence is a non-profit, licensed Residential Care Home, offering around-the-clock supervision, health monitoring, and personal care, medication management, meals and snacks, laundry and housekeeping services, social and recreational opportunities, along with transportation and utilities to ensure that each resident’s needs are met, and life becomes easier and enjoyable again.

Our facility truly is just like home—a 1700’s farmhouse that meets all the licensing requirements for licensed residential care, while also maintaining the essence of country-style living.

The past year has continued to prove that resiliency and perseverance are key components to ongoing success for our home. As is the case with many area businesses, we feel the burden of staffing shortages; however, we feel extremely fortunate to have had a group of loyal employees who navigated this age of the COVID-19 pandemic seamlessly.

This past year, with your financial support we were able to update some of our rooms in the building, implemented a new phone system and removed the barn behind the house. We contracted Keeper Barn for removal, and they reconstructed and relocated this barn at its new home.

With your continued support, we will be able to continue to provide a safe environment for those elders who may have limited family, friends, community, or financial resources to meet the challenges of aging. The Village of Newbury does make all the difference for the folks who reside at the Atkinson Residence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peg DeGoosh
Executive Director

The Vermont Congregational Home, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, FEIN 03-0214082.

**Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation:
2020 & 2021 Highlights**

2020 was one for the record books. It was a transformative year – in many ways:

- *Workforce Summit Report issued* – In partnership with the Department of Labor, the 12 RDCs in Vermont collaborated to design and implement 12 regional sessions, resulting in both regional and statewide priorities. The GMEDC summit was hosted by Vermont Technical College and the final report was presented in January.
- *Americorps VISTA Volunteer* – Jake Glenshaw joins GMEDC's as the first Americorps VISTA volunteer on staff, providing additional manpower just when the extra hands were needed most to track and disseminate the increased volume of important information.
- *ReStart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA) program* – The second statewide collaboration of the RDC network, this grant program matched Vermont technical assistance vendors with local businesses in each RDC service area and funded business development projects with individual grants of \$3-5,000. ReVTA brought over \$100,000 into the GMEDC service area.
- *Emergency Economic Recovery 2.0 grants* – GMEDC supported this Agency of Commerce and Community Development emergency grant program by reviewing and approving business applications, enabling dispersal of over \$700,000 in emergency funding to businesses across the state through our office alone.
- *Leadership transition* – Executive Director Bob Haynes announced his retirement date of April 1, 2021. Following a two-month search process, Erika Hoffman-Kiess was named to GMEDC staff effective February 1, 2021, stepping up as Executive Director following Bob's April departure.

2021 has matched the pace of the previous year and raised the stakes with a flow of funding not seen in our lifetime. GMEDC has increased our work with regional and municipal leadership working together to face these unprecedented challenges and explore the unexpected opportunities.

- *Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant Award* – GMEDC was awarded a \$175,000 matching grant for the acquisition of the former Enterprise Center in Randolph, to be repurposed as a new childcare hub for Orange County Parent and Child Center, providing 88 spots, childcare workforce training, and parent support services.
- *Local Investment series* – In partnership with Vital Communities, Mascoma Bank and other area organizations developed and hosted a three-month series of educational events and workshops to introduce the concept of local investing and tools to help people interested in keeping investment dollars and impact local; over 600 people registered for the various events.
- *Americorps VISTA Volunteer* – GMEDC bids farewell to Jake and welcomes Meghan Asbury to the staff. She will be working to support the organization and formalization of the 4 Town Coalition, a grassroots, all-volunteer effort across Royalton, Sharon, Strafford, and Tunbridge.
- *Board Transition* – Long-time Board Member and Chair, Joe Boyd departs and GMEDC welcomes new Chair, Monique Priestley. Founder and Director of The Space on Main in Bradford, Monique brings energy and a next-generation outlook to the GMEDC mission.

Green Up

Newbury residents took to the roads of Newbury on and before May 1 to clean up our roadways. May 1 was cold, but that did not diminish our community's commitment and energy for this project as reflected in the 1.8 tons of trash collected and put in dumpsters. This included several large rugs, and an old mattress. We also collected 32 tires, 4 of which were on rims, and 2 flat screen TVs, various pieces of scrap metal, metal chairs, a bicycle, and old paint cans all of which was recycled. Pete's Rubbish supplied (2) 15-yard dumpsters. The cost to dispose of the trash was \$931.00.

Green Up was run differently this year. We collected trash and did not sort cans and bottles. It was strongly encouraged that people sort the recyclable cans and bottles on their own. I want to thank Pete's Rubbish for waiving the \$50 delivery fee for the dumpsters. Many thanks to Connie Philleo and Claude Phipps for their years of organizing Green Up and for their support this year.

WHO AND WHERE

Bailey Pond Rd: Rick and Emmy Hausman · Lori Constantine **Bailey's Eddy:** **Baldwin Rd:** **Bible Hill Rd:** Chip Conquest, Fay Homan **Bolkum Rd:** **Boltonville Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Bowen Rd:** Royce Thompson · Sue, Michelle Redmond · Gwenyth, Michaela & James LaCount · Hannah Narowski **Brock Hill Rd:** Peg & Russ Haviland **Brookside Ln:** **Cesari Rd:** Gene & Judy Cesari **Center St:** *WRSB **Chalmers Hill Rd:** Don & Diane Lemay **Chapel St:** Shelly & Parker Calley **Cheney 4 Corner Rd:** **Cole Rd:** Jeff & Evan Page · Mandi Kosakowski **Cookman Rd:** **Corey Hill Rd:** Forest Block · Elsie, Cyrus, Dylan & Alison Kidder **Creamery St:** **Cross St:** Shelly & Parker Calley **Crusher Hill Rd:** Erin, Max, Rhs, Brody & Hazel Pellegrino **Darling Rd:** Sue, Michelle Redmond **Deerfield Ln:** Peg & Russ Haviland **Depot Rd:** **Dickey Rd:** Cathy Blake **Doe Hill Rd/ Doe Ln:** **Elm St:** **Fish Pond Rd:** Susan Monica · Joann & Tony O'Mera · Jette Abramson · Zaka Chery · Gerry Estell · Barbara & Marc Krulewitz **Fisk Rd:** Dan Primmer **Flanders Brook Rd:** **French Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder **Fuller Rd:** Kip & Dawn Gendron · Simeon, Jennifer, Maisa, Willow, Sage, Tessa Cook · Dan Butler & Richard Waterhouse · Robert Chapla **Fulton Rd:** Dennis & Olga Amaral **Gahn Rd:** Elaide Gahn **Golf Links Rd:** **Grapes Rd:** Michael & Nora Heffernan, Barbara Briggs **Grove St:** **Halls Lake Rd:** Michael & Nora Heffernan, Barbara Briggs · Angie, Logan, & Nathan Blake · Scott Wheeler · Dante, Emma, Molly, Arthur & Ben Sargent **Industrial Park Rd:** Chris, Wendy, Emma, Zoe, Noah Buhner **Jefferson Hill Rd:** Marjorie & Gene Martin · Laura Austin & Matthew Price · Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Amy Vaughan **Ledger Rd:** **Leighton Hill Rd:** Stephen Sharf · David & Jonathan Grant · Jennifer Messner · Lisa Gurney **Lower Meadow Rd:** Cooper, Hannah, Harper Leland **Mace Rd:** Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo **Main St North/ Newbury Village:** Judith Lerner · Shelly & Parker Calley · David Tardiff **Main St North/ Wells River:** * WRSB · Ronald & Jean Welch **Main St South:** Jane Labun **Maple Hill Rd:** Connie Philleo, Claude Phipps **Maple St:** **McClure Farm Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Moore Hill Rd:** Craig & Lisa Hervey · George Guay · Susan & Jeff Goodell · David Rock **Newbury Center Rd:** Erin, Max, Rhs, Brody & Hazel Pellegrino **Newbury Crossing Rd:** Melanie & Kevin Lawrence · Joan & Greg Klebes **North Rd:** Skip & Carol Metayer · John & Caroline Nininger · Bruce Mays, Cynthia Maltbie · Doug Speck **O'Gorman Rd:** Diana & David LaPlante **Old County Rd:** John Renfrew **Old Schoolhouse Rd:** Kathy Damon **Old Stagecoach Rd:** **Old West Newbury Rd:** April & Tommy Girard **Oxbow Rd:** Elizabeth Upton **Page Hill Rd:** **Peach Brook Rd:** Dan & Diane Lemay **Perini Rd:** Karl & Karen Neubauer · Sue Gaelic & Dan Berna **Pine St:** Shelly & Parker Calley **Pulaski Rd:** Shelly & Parker Calley **Pulaski Mtn:** Joan & Art Morris **Putnam Rd:** Peg & Russ Haviland **Railroad St:** Ronald & Jean Welch **Ricker Rd:**

Jennifer, Walter & Jaxon Fischer **Rogers Hill Rd:** Cooper, Hannah, Harper Leland · Amy & Paul Perry **Romance Ln:** Ruth Kennedy · Elizabeth Burnham · Steve Vaughan **Round Barn Rd: _Route 5 North:** State Highway Crew in Bradford **Route 5 South:** Peggy Hewes · Julie Lynds · State Highway Crew **Route 302/Mill Hollow Rd: _Route 302:** State Highway Crew Wells River **Schaeffer Hill Rd:** Ronald & Jean Welch **Scotch Hollow Rd:** Kevin, Beate, Zach & Olivia Kane · Carter Allen · Charlie Mabey · Linda Ide, Brad Vietje · Frank & Jeanne Tilghman · Doris McClintock · Dennis & Sue Hopta · Chris Jones, Sue Monica · Jack, Gabe, Sarah & Matt Nausbaum · Claude Phipps, Connie Philleo · Aza, Misha & Uma Chirkova · Joan & Art Morris · Andrea Covey · Laura Austin & Matthew Price **Scott Rd:** Peggy Hewes **Snake Rd:** Tom Williams, Michelle Kupiec · Dan, Danielle, Matthew, Samuel Corti · Steve & Jan Cole **Stevens Place: _Swamp Rd:** Rick & Emmy Hausman · Wendy Block , Nancy Martin, Maureen Flynn, Martha Ward, Joann Cummings · Nick & Kelly Spooner · Daniel Primmer **Swift Rd:** Sid & Barbara Young · George & Mary Emerson **Tenney Pond Rd: _Terry Hill Rd:** Dan Primmer **Toll House Rd: _Topsham Rd:** Sid & Barbara Young · George & Mary Emerson **Tucker Mt Rd:** Joe & Wyatt Parsons · Jessica Loeffler, Parrish and Rafferty Eiskamp · Hannah & John Narowski **Tullar Rd:** Frank Tegethoff **Tyler Farm Rd:** Tom & Catherine Kidder · Diana & David LaPlante **Upper Rogers Rd:** Mary & Bruce Wood **Urquhart Rd:** Bill & Carolyn Keck · Renee Weeks · Joe & Wyatt Parsons **Vaughan Rd:** Lucas, Kristina, Lizzie & Hazel Vaughan **Wallace Hill Rd:** Wade, Liz & Josh Baillargeon · Kevin, Beate, Zach, Olivia Kane · Alma & Jim Roystan · Jennifer, Walter & Jaxon Fischer · Susan Kennedy **Water St: *WRSB Welch Rd: _Wheeler Rd:** Connie Philleo, Claude Phipps **Whitcher Rd:** Maryellen Davis **Whitelaw Rd:** Wade Trask, Elaine Dunbar **Wrights Mt Rd:** Patti & Steve Clark

* WRSB: Cassie Moulton & Emily Russo

AT THE COMMON

The following people helped load the dumpsters, and assisted in other ways: Amy & Paul Perry, Susan & Jeff Goodell, Chip Conquest & Fay Homan, Connie Philleo & Claude Phipps, John Narowski, Tom Kidder.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

If you participated and are not listed, please let me know for future reports.

GREEN UP DAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY This year, it is May 7, 2022

To volunteer this year, please send an email to:
h.ivinsnarowski@gmail.com or call 802.439.5241

Halls Lake Association

The Halls Lake Association is a non-profit organization of lake residents established solely to promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of Halls Lake.

We wish to thank the Town of Newbury for their continuing generous support of our efforts to control the Eurasian milfoil infestation at Halls Lake. This summer professional divers continued to harvest milfoil from the lake and remove it to a location where it could dry and decay harmlessly. Newbury's grant of \$6000 supported this effort and was supplemented by donations from lake residents. Many residents also contributed time, labor and their boats to assist collection of invasive plants from the lake. While milfoil infestations cannot be completely eliminated, they can be controlled. While our collective efforts have been successful, continued harvesting will always be necessary.

In 2022, we will begin a three-year effort to control another invasive plant at Halls Lake. Phragmites is a tall, grass-like plant that occurs in dense patches and spreads rapidly along the shoreline by both seeds and root extensions. It outcompetes the native vegetation and provides poor habitat for the diverse wildlife that exist in a healthy lake. Similar to milfoil, controlling the phragmites infestation will be an ongoing effort. It must be dug out manually for three consecutive years to bring the infestation under control, then continually monitored. In addition to their milfoil work, the professional divers will provide both expertise and labor for this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Timony
President, Halls Lake Association

The Mentoring Project of the Upper Valley (TMP)

Our Mission is to “encourage self-confidence and academic growth among children & adolescents by creating mutually beneficial relationships with responsible adult volunteers.” Our over-arching goal is to monitor and support those mentoring relationships through high school graduation, via opportunities for wholesome activities, which include community service projects, training for Mentors, and experiences that promote cohesiveness and a sense of community.

COVID-19 has made mentor/mentee relationships extremely challenging. For the health and safety of all, most activities and events have been carried out remotely. “Virtual Burn-out” resulted in the loss of 20% of our matches due to screen-time fatigue, and the Board of Directors decided to halt recruitment of new matches until it was safer for mentors and mentees to be engaged in activities together.

January is National Mentoring Month and it has been the tradition the TMP mentors and mentees volunteer at the Upper Valley Haven. With this being impossible in 2021, we collected 10 banana boxes of non-perishable food and 10 people donated homemade desserts which were delivered to The Haven. John Narowski and Caleb Peavey were named Mentoring Ambassadors by Mentor VT and participated in an on-line interview.

Financial and Technical Support came in various forms: Grants were received from Mentor VT and from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation. Staff at Copeland Furniture printed over 4,000 copies of our Annual Appeal letter and staff at the Bradford branch of Wells River Savings Bank prepared the mailing of the letter to the residents in the towns that we serve. Over \$5,000 in donations were received from 51 donors in response to that letter. TMP was the recipient of money collected at the Hanover Co-op check-outs in their “Pennies for Change Program”. TMP’s Program Coordinator received training entitled “Involving Youth in Your Substance Abuse Prevention Program”, provided via a Prevention Network grant administered by Little Rivers Health Care.

As restrictions eased slightly, The Mentoring Project in collaboration with Bradford Public Library, presented a “Bubble Bonanza” performance at the Bradford Fairgrounds in June. In July a beach party was held at Hall’s Lake to celebrate our two 6th grade graduates and our four 8th grade graduates. Our Annual Golf Tournament fund-raiser was held at the Bradford Golf Club in August. Apple picking at Wild Hill Organics, followed by cider pressing took place in September.

The advent of COVID Variant Omicron forced the TMP Board to adopt a vaccination policy as a pre-requisite for in-person mentoring. Then the year ended with a Virtual Pizza Party for Parents and Families. Colatina Exit gift cards were sent to mentors and mentee families and Marko the Magician entertained us with his mind-boggling magic via Zoom.

Patience and Resiliency were the key survival factors in 2021 and we are curious about what new challenges 2022 will bring to us?

Lance Mills, Chair TMP Board

Nancy Jones, TMP Program Coordinator

In March of 2020, a group of Newbury citizens came together in response to COVID-19 and formed Newbury United. Our goal was simple: to connect with and support our neighbors during the pandemic. Help with shopping and errands; share information about resources; and coordinate support in critical areas such as food security.

In June 2021, when Vermont's COVID restrictions were lifted and the Governor's State of Emergency expired, the need for our support was reduced. The helpline was discontinued on July 31. (The State's 211 telephone helpline continues to be available for people who need assistance.)

Newbury United officially ceased to be an organization at the end of August.

Linda Ide and the Rowe Community Gardeners agreed to sustain the expanded Share the Harvest table into the fall outside of the Wells River Baldwin Memorial Library on Friday afternoons from 2pm-4pm. Many of our members continued to volunteer for Share the Harvest, as individuals and not Newbury United members as the organization had been "sunsetting". As cold weather began to set in, the Wells River Congregational Church's Virginia Onorato Emergency Food Shelf re-opened, after being closed because of the pandemic. The hours are 4:30pm – 5:30pm on Tuesdays.

It was a privilege to be of service to the community of Newbury, and to be able, with your support, to pursue a number of initiatives. Early on we simply called neighbors to find out how they were and how we could help. We sponsored a campaign to encourage all of us to "mask-up" and we posted notices encouraging people to complete the census. We published a print and online directory of Newbury Businesses and Services to encourage the residents of Newbury to shop locally and support our neighbors' businesses. We established a helpline for residents to reach out for information and help, and a phone tree to reach seniors with updates on vaccination. In collaboration with the Wells River Congregational Church and the Baldwin Memorial Library, we expanded Share the Harvest, originated by the Rowe Community Garden, to include food donated or made available at a discount by Willing Hands, Upper Valley Everyone Eats, Hannaford Supermarket, Upper Valley Coffee Roasters and 4 Corners Farm, as well as generous contributions from community members who provided venison, fruits, vegetables, eggs, jams and honey, plus gift certificates for food. Throughout the year, we published updates on food security, vaccination availability and COVID-related news through the listservs.

We thank our many volunteers and deeply appreciate the generous financial and operational support provided by Advantage Graphics, Baldwin Memorial Library, Royal Electric Company, Wells River Action Program (WRAP), Wells River Savings Bank, Wells River Congregational Church, the Newbury Town Clerk's office, the Newbury Woman's Club, the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund and the Vermont Community Foundation.

We trust our community will continue to stay safe and are confident that, when we face challenges in the future, we will draw strength from our commitment to take care of each other.

Newbury United Coordinators:

Amanda Beaulieu, Kathy Damon, Emmy & Rick Hausman, Bobbie Jewett, Catherine Kidder, Cynthia Maltbie, Jenna Parsons, Richard M. Roderick, Kelsey Root-Winchester, and Robert Taylor

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2021 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2020 – 2,952 tons in 2021 compared to 2,882 tons in 2020. Significant increases in organics, cardboard, and scrap metal offset decreases in mixed paper. Most other material tonnages were at or slightly above 2020 amounts. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2021.

The District ended 2021 with a surplus of \$74,405.44. Revenues in 2021 were 22% above projections, while expenses were 13% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did not disrupt our work schedule to any large degree in 2021. In fact, the main impact of the pandemic on District operations was to drive commodity prices to near record levels. Revenues for the sale of recyclables, the surcharge, grants, and recycling pick-up fees were the primary drivers for above average revenues in 2021. Fees used to generate revenues will remain mostly unchanged or decrease in 2022. The per capita assessment will decrease from \$0.94/person to \$0.84/person, the surcharge will remain the same at \$24.99, and hauling fees will remain unchanged at \$49 and \$33/stop for facilities and schools, respectively.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2021. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

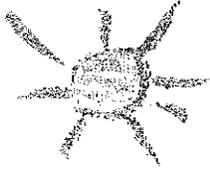
The NEKWMD is entering 2022 with a proposed budget of \$846,615.50 – an increase of 4.6% compared to 2021.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2021. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee



Orange County Parent Child Center

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166. You can learn more at wmv.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 1 family from Newbury including 1 adult and 0 children.

Lindsey Trombley
Executive Director

Orange County Restorative Justice Center

Orange County Restorative Justice Center (OCRJ) is a community based restorative justice program, offering cost effective alternatives to the Family, Criminal and Civil Court and the VT Corrections system. Throughout this year, OCRJC has remained committed to our mission and vision—building and advocating for a just community by providing restorative programs to address legal issues, wrongdoing, conflict and the needs of harmed parties; and connecting participants to services that improve the health, well-being and positive behavior of individuals and the community. We want the everyday life in Orange County communities to be safe, just and provide opportunities for all people to thrive.

We currently offer 10 programs: Circles of Support and Accountability, Court Diversion, Driver's License Reinstatement Program, Pre-Trial Services Program, Reparative Panels, Restorative Re-entry after Incarceration, Safe Driver Education Program, Transitional Housing, Victims Assistance, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, 224 people were referred for services. Local volunteers provided 1110 hours of their time to support 189 Restorative Meetings. OCRJC collected \$6593 in restitution for individuals who experienced losses due to crime, and we paid out \$3222 in emergency aid. OCRJC helped 70 people connect with mental health services, 25 people received help securing housing, and over 40 people were assisted with reinstating their driver's license. In FY21, OCRJC worked with 10 cases where the incident occurred in Newbury. Each case involved at least one person responsible and the individuals impacted by their actions.

OCRJ's FY21 operating budget was \$291,464. We are proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Newbury appropriated \$350 for FY21 to support the Orange County Restorative Justice Center. OCRJC requests \$350 for 2022 to support ongoing programs.

Thank you for your support! For additional information, find our website at <https://ocrjvt.org> or contact Jessica Schmidt, Executive Director, Orange County Restorative Justice Center at 802-685-3172 or info@ocrjvt.org.

Orange County Sheriff's Office

In 2021 the Orange County Sheriff's Office provided a wide variety of proactive and reactive services in the town of Newbury. In addition to the town contract hours, the Sheriff's office utilized funding from grants and other sources to provide Newbury with law enforcement presence.

The Sheriff's responded to a wide variety of calls to include larcenies, vandalisms, family problems, juvenile problems, sex crimes and traffic problems to name a few.

We limited our checkpoints due to COVID 19 Virus. Our Sheriff's Office continues to be affected by the virus. Several of us have been tested for Covid multiple times.

However, during 2021, our office continued to respond to many theft reports and most of these thefts are related back to drug issues. Substance abuse like crack cocaine, methamphetamine and opiates are still the number one drug of choice. This has been the main reason for us to patrol the back roads.

Covid has created some unique challenges for our communities. Mental Health crisis. We have seen an increase of depression and mental health issues. If you are feeling depressed, reach out to family, friends, mental health advocates and our office to help you get the care you need.

Once again having our fully marked Sheriff's vehicle has been making a direct deterrence to would be drug users and burglars.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing to provide law enforcement services to the Town of Newbury.

William Bohnyak
Sheriff

**Orange East Senior Center
176 Waits River Road, Bradford VT 05033
Phone/Fax (802) 222-4782**

Our primary focus is helping seniors. How did we do in 2021?

2021 Continues to be anything but normal. We were open for business, Monday and Wednesdays each week (except for certain holidays) we continue to offer our meals on Wheels, Takeouts. We were also able to continue the following programs:

- * foot clinics,
- * hold classes in exercise, balance
- * offer services of income tax preparation, filling out Medicare Part D and Medicaid forms.
- * distribute donated medical equipment.
- * provide our space to AA, ALANON and Cribbage Club.

When everything changed in March 2020, we shifted our focus to providing meals to all seniors in need.

We have delivered 3,625 meals in Newbury.

During all of 2021, our volunteers gave 2,183 hours to our Center and drove 15,588 miles delivering meals to seniors in our six participating towns.

The money we receive from your town is more important than ever this year as we had to curtail all of our in person fundraising activities. The money is primarily used to offset the cost of providing meals either at the Center or delivered to homes. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry.

Thank you for helping Orange East Senior Center!

Everyone is welcome for meals and events!

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria R Chaffee

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(800) 639-7933 24/7 hotline

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for victims and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 3,838 services for 315 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

95 services were provided for 15 victims who identified themselves as residents of Newbury. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Newbury.

Tenney Memorial Library

“There is no frigate*like a book.” Emily Dickinson

Our Mission: We are dedicated to providing and supporting diverse, lifelong learning opportunities in an inclusive environment for people of all ages.

If you have not visited us recently do pay us a visit. We offer more than books. We have public computers, free Wi-Fi, DVDs, eBooks and puzzles, LARGE PRINT books, as well as many periodicals to borrow.

2021 saw us resume regular hours and services. Our groups are meeting at their regular times: Pins & Needles, every Thursday at 9:30-11:30. First Thursday of each month - Book Discussion- check the web site for current books or call the library. Scrabble- time and day varies- call the library, Mindful Meditation remains virtual on Tuesdays, call for details. We also have free passes for all Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites, as well as free and reduced passes for VINS, Echo Science Center, Hildene and the American Precision Museum.

This year the AARP Tax Prep folks helped 146 people with their tax returns. We will be supporting this program again in 2022. Everyone is welcome to join these groups.

We require approved masks for all patrons now.

We were able to have a limited number of special programs starting in March when former poet-laureate, Syd Lea, had a well-attended poetry reading and discussion on Zoom. Lenice Ciccini gave a reading of her poetry in September. In August we were honored to host Kelly Wood, a National Park Ranger and educator who spoke on “Lessons Learned from our Oldest National Park-Yellowstone.” In September we also hosted the Hungry Town Musicians, followed by “From the Parlor to the Polling Place” - Women get the right to vote, with Linda Radthke and co-sponsored by a grant from Vermont Humanities and the Newbury Woman's Club. We were again able to offer free organic seeds from High Mowings, and our second annual “Keep Your Distance” Book Sale was well supported and a success.

This year we are beginning several new collaborations: we are joining with Court Street Arts to co-sponsor several programs, starting on May 6th; we are also pleased to begin work with the Newbury Elementary School After School Program. Their woodworking class will be constructing several “Little Libraries” that will be placed around our town to provide access to books when the library is not open.

Tenney will continue our support of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library which supplies a book a month to Newbury children from birth until 5 years of age. If you have not signed up, forms are available at the library.

We will also be strengthening our work with supporting literacy at NES. Laurie Williams. The librarian at NES, and I, were awarded a grant for workshops that helped us to develop an action plan that would continue the work begun. For example, our

annual Poetry Slam at the library, visits to the library. We are working to develop a poetry/story walk at the Checkerberry Forest property. NES and TML will also be co-sponsoring a summer reading program and applying for a grant for The Year of the Book.

Thanks to the Frances Mallary Memorial Fund we have been able to purchase over 100 books. We are very grateful for this gift to the library.

The Trustees too, have been busy securing a grant that funded two new public computers, one of them a MAC. We will be reconfiguring the computer area soon, so be on the lookout for this addition to our services for you.

The Trustees continue to maintain our beautiful building with work replacing the downstairs door and keeping up with damaged roof tiles.

Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers: Peg Hastings, Walt Cottrell, Stephen Gale, Tom and Elizabeth Burnham, Mary Wood, Lois Tweedy, Catherine Kidder, Nicole Randall, and all of you who donated books for our annual sale. We appreciated all that you do.

Circulation: 1599
Book Downloads: 641
Inter-Library Loans: 131 borrowed /169 lent

*A big sailing ship that would sail on long journeys

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burnham- Library Director

tenneylibrary@gmail.com
HOURS:
Tuesday- 10am-5:00pm
Thursday- 2pm-8:00pm Saturday – 9am-4:00pm

Trustees:

Jennifer Fischer – Chair	Carol Cottrell- Vice-Chair	Tom Beers-Treasurer
Kathy Gale-Secretary	Wayne Richardson	Carol Stoll,
Patti Clark	Barbara Briggs	Amy Perry

Tenney Memorial Library
2021 Operating Results and 2022 Proposed Budget

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Income			
Appropriations			
Town of Newbury	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Village of Newbury	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Appropriations	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>
Dividends	14,670.12	13,900.00	18,000.00
Fundraising Income			
Appeal Letter	5,630.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Fall Festival	1,756.05	700.00	700.00
Other Fundraising	665.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Uncommon Jam	344.00	200.00	350.00
Total Fundraising Income	<u>8,395.05</u>	<u>9,400.00</u>	<u>10,050.00</u>
Gifts, Grants, and Bequests			
Bayley Fund	1,057.43	1,200.00	1,100.00
Grants	2,000.00		0.00
In-Kind Donations	500.39	500.00	500.00
Memorial donations and Bequests	25.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Donations	9,281.43	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	<u>12,864.25</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>	<u>8,100.00</u>
Interest	33.25	35.00	35.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>487.58</u>	<u>1,650.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>
Total Income	<u>54,450.25</u>	<u>51,185.00</u>	<u>54,660.00</u>
Expense			
Bank Fees	55.00	55.00	55.00
Books	6,647.21	6,250.00	6,250.00
Education	0.00	250.00	125.00
Francis Mallary Mem. Collection	728.76	800.00	500.00
Fundraising Expenses	699.08	780.00	780.00
Maintenance			
Bldg Maintenance	4,300.36	4,680.00	6,260.00
Grounds Maintenance	2,423.75	2,100.00	2,100.00
Total Maintenance	<u>6,724.11</u>	<u>6,780.00</u>	<u>8,360.00</u>
Mileage	0.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	136.00	300.00	300.00
Operations			
Advertising	0.00	50.00	50.00
Equipment maintenance & repair	884.90	1,129.00	1,129.00
Equipment, Software, etc.	2,374.16	0.00	1,375.00
Insurance	1,428.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
Memberships, Dues	1,001.12	1,050.00	125.00
Postage	498.10	850.00	650.00
Supplies	725.26	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Operations	<u>6,911.54</u>	<u>5,529.00</u>	<u>5,779.00</u>
Payroll Expenses	24,660.50	25,197.61	26,597.61
Programs	1,304.42	1,524.00	2,060.00
Utilities	6,337.52	5,664.00	7,045.00
Total Expense	<u>54,204.14</u>	<u>53,229.61</u>	<u>57,951.61</u>
Net Income	<u>246.11</u>	<u>(2,044.61)</u>	<u>(3,291.61)</u>

TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH, SERVICES

Thank you for the Town of Newbury's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped TVT provide an annual average of 2507 free trips for Newbury residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 123,974 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members and essential workers of our communities. TVT has revamped its service to protect riders, the general public and staff, focusing on riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips are essential: healthcare staff getting to work and patients accessing dialysis, cancer, and opioid addiction treatment. We also added free food delivery service for at-risk members of the community. Unfortunately, the pandemic lingers on with new variants of the virus that are more than 2x as contagious as previous strains and can be passed to unvaccinated people by those who are vaccinated but may not be experiencing symptoms. We remain vigilant to protect riders, staff, and volunteers from COVID.

To protect everyone, we have worked hard to:

- install protective shields between seats,
- implement pre-ride screening techniques to ensure drivers and riders are not COVID risks,
- ensure all vehicles are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- require face masks to be worn in our vehicles and facilities and supply them as needed.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.

TRORC

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2021.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, capital budgets, bylaws and studies. TRORC has applied for funding to assist seven communities review and revise their zoning to enable more housing construction.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. TRORC continues to assist local emergency management directors to meet the needs of our first responders. Again, this past year, TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Having FEMA approved plans is a condition for many FEMA programs.

Energy

TRORC assisted seven towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. In addition, TRORC sought and received general energy plan implementation funds to assist town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically in Newbury this past year, TRORC assisted with a brownfields assessment on a commercial property in Wells River and wrote a planning grant application for the Town.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*

TRORC
Two Rivers-Ottauquechee
REGIONAL COMMISSION
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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

For the last 42 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'21 (10/2020-9/2021) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **186** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **141** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **65** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **74** individuals with information on assistive technology; **42** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **497** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **24** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 418 people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic (computers for tele-med appointments, cleaning supplies, etc.).

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

During FY'21, **5** residents of **Newbury** received services from the following programs:

- RISE Fund (Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency)
(\$885.00 spent on pandemic related needs)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

2021 Local Health Annual Report

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns ***Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government***

About the League. 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. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 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, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **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. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to two exceptional 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 Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memberguide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH ***Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in*** ***Newbury, VT***

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal childcare to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021 VNH made 2136 homecare visits to 85 Newbury residents. This included approximately \$53,485 in unreimbursed care to Newbury residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 955 home visits to 63 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 344 home visits to 9 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 830 home visits to 11 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 7 home visits to 3 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Newbury's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Newbury's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Vice President, Strategy Management

888-300-8853

VSNIP

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program aka “VSNIP”, under the oversight of the VT Economic Services Department, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society (VWSA). VSNIP helps financially challenged Vermont residents spay/neuter cats and dogs for \$27.00. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters when dogs are licensed by an added \$4.00 fee, the major funding for this important program. Funds are determined by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law when a dog is six months of age. A current rabies vaccination is required to register, and a rabies vaccination can be administered after 12 weeks of age for both cats and dogs.

Prostate and mammary cancer is more likely to occur in unsterilized cats and dogs. It's not pretty and they're likely to die. Animals live longer and happier when they're spayed and neutered, are less likely to fight for territory, and mark what they claim to be “theirs”!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal, but would still need immediate medical attention, 3) if your dog bites an animal or person – which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for infection, and 4) helps pay for VSNIP, addressing the population situation in Vermont.

Farms with cats should especially be aware that one rabid cat or dog can affect an entire population of animals on the premise. The answer is neutering through VSNIP which includes a rabies vaccination and the first of the two part distemper series.

Look for Rabies Clinics in March across the state. You can call your veterinarian and ask the cost of a rabies vaccination only, or call your nearest Tractor Supply Store for their Monthly Rabies Clinic schedule. Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

To receive a VSNIP Application, send a 9” S.A.S.E to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if it's for a cat, dog or both. For more information, call 802-672-5302.

Please visit our website: www.VWSAHS.org
VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

The animals thank you in advance! *Together We Truly Do Make A Difference!!*

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

2022 Rabies Clinics



E. Corinth / Topsham

Wednesday, March 9th

E. Corinth New Fire Station

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Groton

Wednesday March 16th

Groton Town Garage

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thetford

Saturday March 19th

Thetford Town Garage

10:00 am - 11:00

Bradford

Wednesday March 23rd

Bradford Fire Station

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Fairlee / Orford

Wednesday, March 30th

Fairlee Fire Station

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Rabies Vaccine only. Vaccine cost is \$10. All animals must be on a secure leash or in a carrier. Please Register ahead on-line at

www.oxbowvetclinic.com

If you are unable to pre-register, please bring a copy of the previous year license or certificate or something with you and your pets information written out.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED

<p>WRAP WELLS RIVER ACTION PROGRAM Post Office Box 538 Wells River, Vermont 05081</p>	<p>President – Kelsey Root-Winchester Vice President – Don Waterman Secretary – Richard Roderick Treasurer – Connie Philleo wrapwr@gmail.com</p>
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Greetings! In the year 2021, during the continued the pandemic, we have stayed true to our mission, which is “The mission of WRAP is to enhance the quality of life in Wells River Village and its immediately surrounding villages and towns by promoting affordable and accessible housing, supporting and developing business and economic development, preserving the rural and historic character and ambiance of Wells River Village and establishing avenues of cooperation with other organizations and governmental agencies”. WRAP is now on facebook.com/WRAPVT

Housing - The renovations of the 29 Wells River Historic Housing apartments (formerly the WRAP Apartments) now owned by Evernorth (formerly Housing Vermont) began in Spring 2021. Under a partnership agreement WRAP sends a liaison to the Evernorth Development Team meetings to keep up on the construction progress and to provide assistance or offer suggestions as appropriate. WRAP continues its role as a link between Evernorth, EP Property Management, and the Wells River community. The 6 apartments at 24 and 28 Grove Street received major interior renovations, new boilers, and other energy efficiency upgrades. 11 Center Street and 51 Main Street also received new boilers and energy efficiency updates along with some interior improvements including new flooring and also some exterior repairs. The Baldwin Block has a new roof and in the coming months will have some interior work done too. Most if not all 29 units have or will receive new stoves and refrigerators. In the spring the final exterior work, landscaping work and last-minute interior work will be completed on all 5 buildings hopefully in May 2022.

Annual Meeting – The 2021 Annual meeting was held by zoom on February 7th, 2021. The guest speakers were Tina Gilson of Scared Spirit Wellness and Lauren Nelson of LC Design Concepts. Both are new businesses to downtown Wells River. Lauren has since joined the WRAP board.

WRAP Up - Volume 16, Issues 1 and 2 of the WRAP Up were published in May and November of 2021. The newsletters were hand-delivered to the apartments and businesses in Wells River and were mailed to Wells River property owners through the generosity of Wells River Savings Bank. The WRAP Up provides ongoing information about WRAP’s programs as well as Wells River community and business news. It couldn’t be published without all the volunteer writers, photographers, and the production and distribution crew.

Flower Barrels and Holiday Lights - During the spring, summer and fall, bright flowers graced the village with a variety of colors. Holiday trees and lights brightened the village during the winter season. All flowers, barrels and trees were purchased locally.

Rowe Community Garden - The ninth season of the garden was successful. Though there were not as many gardeners as 2020, the gardeners reaped a good bounty of healthy vegetables and generously donated large amounts of fresh food to the Friday Share the Harvest Table at the Baldwin Memorial Library. Many volunteers helped plow, mulch, fence, plant, grow, water, weed, harvest, transport & share their harvest to make the 2021 season a success. We’ll have 10 FREE garden plots available in April 2022. Contact Peggy at the Baldwin Library 802 757 2693 Or Janis at 802 376 6044

Welcome Center - In the spring of 2021 a group of BMU students and community members cleaned the Welcome Center and groomed the grounds for the 2021 season. After being closed in 2020 due to the pandemic it was nice to welcome 2,059 visitors this year. We had visitors from 46 states. No one from Hawaii, Arkansas, Illinois, or Indiana signed in this year. International travelers came from Ireland, Argentina, Israel, Australia, Switzerland, and Canada (Quebec) Improvements and repairs made to the Welcome Center were a new water heater, new cedar shingles to the information kiosk and the “bell tower”. cleaning the gazebo roof and the painting of back windows. Thank you, to all the volunteers that keep the doors open on Memorial Day weekend and then from Father’s Day Weekend in June to Indigenous Peoples Day in October. And thank you to the Village of Wells River for support in providing water, insurance, lawn mowing and spring opening and fall close-up.

Village Clean Up Day- On June 26th volunteers from Wells River and Ryegate to clean up Main Street. We swept, hosed, and trimmed up all along the downtown. Just in time for the 4th of July Parade.

Community Picnic – The eight annual community picnic and ice cream social also was again not held this year due to the pandemic.

So Long Summer – Hello Fall Festival – After not being held in 2020 the 9th annual festival was held September 4th, with a new addition - an Antique Tractor Ride and Show sponsored by Wells River Chevrolet. The weather was wonderful and sunny, the turn-out was good and both sides of Main Street were once again lined with a wide variety of food, retail, and crafts vendors as well as the Library book sale and community and nonprofits booths providing information. This was the 10th year for the Giant Zucchini Contest as the Contest was held last year. While 19 entrants were vying to win this year, it didn't come close to the 28 who entered last year.

302 Cares -The 302 Cares Coalition a subcommittee of WRAP, is a group of individuals and organizations who agree to work together for the common goal of reducing substance use, misuse and abuse among youth and adults. They have held a number of programs for the community, Youth and Adult mental health first aid trainings., Opioid overdose prevention workshop. Currently, several members of 302 Cares meet monthly with a prevention coalition at BMU and one in Haverhill with the purpose of sharing information and exploring ways to work together. We welcome new members and would like to hear from you if you would like to be included on our email distribution list. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. via zoom. For further information, or to be placed on the email distribution list, contact Cheryl Chandler at c.chandler@nvrh.org or 802-748-7555 or coalition coordinator Kelsey Root-Winchester at 302cares@gmail.com or visit on Facebook/302cares.

In Memoriam - WRAP extends its condolences to the families of Bill Schilke and Chuck Engle both died in 2021. Bill Schilke died in January 2021 and Chuck Engle in April 21. Bill was a long-term Village Trustee with deep knowledge of the "workings of Wells River". Chuck owned and operated the Walter E. Jock Oil Company, Inc. for many years.

Appreciation – We thank the Baldwin Memorial Library and the Wells River Congregational Church and the Wells River Wellness Hall for providing space for WRAP to meet; WYKR, the Journal Opinion, the Bridge Weekly/Sho-Case and Trendy Times for their ongoing coverage of our events, and local businesses for sponsoring the publicity for the Giant Zucchini Contest for the So Long Summer-Hello Fall Festival.

Submitted by
Kelsey Root-Winchester
President

Income	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	YTD 2021	Budget 2022	Reconciliation WRAP	Checking
Dues, Donations, Souvenirs	1080.00	900	661.37	900	Balance 12/31/19	10311.94
Welcome Center	0.00	0	1000.00	50	Income - 2020	3953.40
Town of Newbury	400.00	100	100.00	400	Total Available	14265.34
Village of Wells River	200.00	200	200.00	200	Disbursements 2020	-2723.30
So Long Summer - Donations	0.00	0	85.00	100	Balance 12/31/20	11542.04
Interest from 24-Month CD	0.00	0	479.66	0		
WRAP/HVT Agreement	2000.00	2000	2000.00	2040	Balance 12/31/20	11542.04
So Long Summer-Vendors	0.00	250	239.00	300	Income - 2021	5987.03
So Long Summer-Bake Sale	0.00	350	222.00	300	Total Available	17529.07
So Long Summer Ad Donations	273.40	750	875.00	900	Disbursements 2021	-7631.28
Community Picnic & WRAP Up	0.00	0	25.00	50	Balance 12/31/21	9897.79
Retained Earnings (in checking)	-102.97	2230	617.08	420		
Holiday Decorations/Flowers	0.00	0	100.00	100		
Total Income	3850.43	6780	6604.11	5760	WRAP CD 12/31/20	23978.64
					2021 Earnings	221.02
					Balance at Maturity 11/1/21	24199.66
Expense	Actual	Budget	YTD	Budget	Withdrawal (Total Earnings)	-479.66
	2020	2021	2021	2022	Balance on 11/8/21	23720.00
Publicity/Annual Meeting	453.60	200	227.28	250	Interest Pd 12/1/21	11.75
WRAP Up	313.19	320	532.00	350	Balance 12/31/21	23731.75
Welcome Center	300.00	300	2374.92	300		
Investment in 24-Month CD	0.00	0	0.00	0		
Flowers/Trees/Lights/Barrels	618.94	1500	745.00	1000	Welcome Center Balances 12/31/2021	
Cohase Chamber of Commerce	105.00	60	55.00	60	Welcome Center CD	7927.93
Rowe Community Garden	0.00	100	0.00	100	Welcome Center Savings	356.55
So Long Summer -Hello Fall	356.30	1100	1337.19	1400	Welcome Center Checking	412.12
Community Picnic	0.00	300	0.00	300	Total	8696.60
Community Ads & Donations	95.40	200	130.35	200		
Unanticipated Expenses	220.45	500	50.00	300		
Office/Postage/Miscellaneous	56.60	250	110.52	150	Newbury United 12/31/20	1127.13
Consulting/Legal Fees/Insurance	1111.75	1200	1041.85	1100	Income from Donations	55.25
302 Cares	219.20	250	0.00	250	Expenditures	-1082.42
Village Signs	0.00	500	0.00	0	Balance 12/31/21	99.96
Total Expenses	3850.43	6780	6604.11	5760		

2021 Annual Town Meeting Australian Ballot Results

The State of Vermont passed H.48 a bill authorizing emergency procedures for 2021 annual municipal meetings in response to Covid-19. The legal voters of the Town were warned and notified to meet at the Newbury Village Hall, in Newbury Village on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 7 p.m. to vote on the following articles by Australian ballot, listed are the results.

Article 1: To elect the following town officers:

One Moderator for a term of one (1) year. – Elected Brad Vietje
One Selectperson for a term of three (3) years. – Elected Alma Roystan
One Clerk for a term of three (3) years. – Elected Nikki Tomlinson
One Lister for a term of three (3) years. – Elected Amanda Beaulieu
One Auditor for a term of three (3) years. – Elected Gail Bromley

Article 2: Shall the office of lister be eliminated under 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and replaced with a professionally qualified assessor contracted with or employed by, the selectboard?

Defeated

Article 3: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal municipal property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer on or before August 10, 2021, with delinquent taxes subject to penalty of 8% and interest charges of one percent per month?

Passed

Article 4: Shall the Town authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal education property taxes to be payable to the Treasurer in four installments due October 10, 2021, December 10, 2021, February 10, 2022 and May 10, 2022, with interest on late installments at the rate of 1% per month and penalty on delinquents amounts at 8%.

Passed

Article 5: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$640,350 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

Passed

Article 6: Shall the Town raise taxes in the amount of \$780,000 for highway purposes?

Passed

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION
TOWN OF NEWBURY
PO Box 126
4982 Main St. So.
Newbury, VT 05051**

Newbury Town Clerk Hours

M, W, Th, Fr 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tu 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We are open to the public; however, title searches are by appointment only. We encourage everyone to do as much by phone and internet if possible.

Please visit our website www.newburyvt.org to answer many of your questions and get the most recent information.

Please feel free to call the office with questions at 802-866-5521

Monthly Board Meetings

Selectboard Meetings are held the Second, Third, and Last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Recycling

Newbury Village

Hours - Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

Dog License Information

License Fees - Neutered or Spayed - \$9:00; Unaltered Male or Female - \$13.00 on or before 4/1/2022. You can mail to above address or drop off paperwork in office mail slot 24/7, please make checks payable to: Town of Newbury.

Renewed license(s) and tag(s) will be mailed back to you.

Current Rabies Certificate required to be kept on file and Proof of spaying or neutering must be exhibited at first time of licensing. See Rabies Clinic List included in this book.

**Highway Garage – 802-429-2401
Listers & Zoning Office – 802-866-5026**