

# ***Town of Coventry***



***2022***

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# Town Report Dedication:

The Coventry Select board is pleased to dedicate the 2022 Town Report to Rodney Stone, the caretaker of the Town's cemeteries. For the past 12 years Rodney has done an exceptional job with the upkeep of our three cemeteries. The Day Cemetery on Pine Hill, The Center Cemetery at the four corners on the Airport Road, and the Village Cemetery on Coventry Station Road are kept in a constant state of immaculate presentation based on Rodney's efforts. The three cemeteries require about 15 hours of mowing each week and weed whacking every other week. Rodney's secret to flat manicured trestles is to use a large straight shaft weed whacker as opposed to a push behind mower. Stop by and admire our fine Town cemeteries and be sure to thank Rodney if you see him.



# Photos

Our cover photo is of the Can Am Speedway that was operated in Coventry during the 1980's. Charlie Nadeau, a Coventry resident and businessman, owned and operated Nadeau's Landfill on the Airport Road. In the early 1980's Charlie transformed a section of the landfill into a dirt race track that provided years of entertainment to the area. The entire Nadeau family was involved with its operation. A special thanks to Scott Wheeler of the Northland Journal for providing the pictures and glimpses into Coventry's past.

Other photo credits include Zach Patridge, for his beautiful picture of the cannon during the Fall Festival fireworks display, Kathleen Ahearn, Deb Tanguay, and David Gallup

## OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFO:

<p><b>Town Clerk's Office</b></p> <p>Mailing Address: PO Box 8 Coventry VT 05825</p> <p>Tel: (802) 754 2288</p> <hr/> <p>Town Clerk Deb Tanguay clerk@coventryvt.org</p> <p>Clerk Office Hours: Monday and Thursday <u>8 am to 3 pm</u></p> <p>Town Treasurer David Barlow treasurer@coventryvt.org</p> <p>Treasurer Office Hours: Monday and Friday 1 pm to 4 pm</p>	<p><b>Select Board's Office</b></p> <p>Mailing Address: PO Box 8 Coventry VT 05825 Tel: (802) 754-2266</p> <p><u>Select Board</u> Scott Briere, Chair scottbriere@coventryvt.org</p> <p>Phil Marquette philmarquette@coventryvt.org</p> <p>David Gallup roads@coventryvt.org</p> <p><u>Town Administrator</u> Matt Maxwell townadministrator@coventryvt.org</p> <p>Town Administrator Hours: Monday through Friday 8am- 4pm</p>	<p><b>Assessor's Office</b></p> <p>Mailing Address: PO Box 8 Coventry VT 05825 Tel: (802) 754 1803</p> <p><u>Assessor</u> Bill &amp; Matt Krajieski New England Municipal Consultants</p> <p><u>Assessing Clerk</u> Kate Fletcher assessorsoffice@coventryvt.org</p> <p>Assessing Office Hours: Tuesday - 8 am to 3 pm</p>
<p><u>Road Commissioner</u></p> <p>David Gallup Town Garage (802) 754 6564</p>	<p><u>EMD and 911 Address Coordinator</u></p> <p>Phil Marquette (802) 487 8091 philmarquette@coventryvt.org</p>	<p><u>Animal Control Officer</u></p> <p>Rene Falconer (802) 673 3791 rfalconer@nchsi.org</p>

**Check us out on the web: [www.coventryvt.org](http://www.coventryvt.org)**

### Payment Methods:

- ❖ **Non-cash methods of payment are preferred**
- ❖ **Maximum amount of cash accepted for any transaction is \$100. We will not accept bills larger than \$50.**
- ❖ **Cash of any amount will not be accepted for the payment of property taxes, current or delinquent.**
- ❖ **All payments are to be made out to the "TOWN OF COVENTRY".**
- ❖ **Credit and Debit cards are accepted via a third-party website linked off of our website address, shown above. Additional fees apply for processing.**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Info</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Monday, March 6	School Information Meeting	6:30 pm	Coventry Village School
Tuesday, March 7	TOWN MEETING DAY	10 am	Community Center
Saturday, May 6	Green Up Day	All day	Everywhere in VT
Saturday, May 20	Household Hazardous Waste Day	7:30 am to 11:30 am	Waste USA Landfill
Saturday, October 7	Household Hazardous Waste Day	7:30 am to 11:30 am	Waste USA Landfill
Tuesday, November 7	Property Taxes Due to Town Treasurer	7:00 am to 5:00 pm	Community Center

**Meetings held at the Coventry Community Center  
(Currently all meetings are being held both remotely and in-person)**

Select Board	First and third Monday of each month	6:00 pm in Community Center Board room
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of each month	5:00 pm in Community Center Board room
Fire District	No standing meeting schedule	Community Center
Town Foundation	Third Tuesday of each month	Community Center

**Meetings held at the Coventry Village School  
(Currently all meetings are being held both remotely and in-person)**

School Board	Third Wednesday of each month	5:30 pm at the Coventry Village School
School Finance Committee	Third Wednesday of each month	5:00 pm at the Coventry Village School
School Building Committee	No standing meeting schedule	Coventry Village School

# WARNING

## COVENTRY ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING

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The legal voters of the Town of Coventry, Vermont in the County of Orleans, State of Vermont,  
are hereby notified and warned to meet at the

**COVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTER  
168 Main Street, Coventry VT 05825**

**TUESDAY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**  
to act on the following articles of business:

Coventry Town School District budget and bond articles will be voted on by Australian  
ballot system at the Coventry Community Center.  
Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a **MODERATOR** for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a **SCHOOL TREASURER** for a 1 year term.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 2 year term.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 3 year term.

**ARTICLE 5:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for remaining 1 year of a 2 year term.

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$ **4,438,600.00** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to borrow up to an additional \$ **1,000,000.00** over the period of 30 years for the proposed building addition at the Coventry Village School? This article, if approved, will increase the board's total borrowing authority to \$4,200,000.00

Shall the voters of the Coventry School District vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?

**ARTICLE 8:** *Articles #6 and #7 will be voted using the Australian Ballot System on MARCH 7, 2023. The polls, located at the Coventry Community Center, will open at Nine O'clock (9:00 am) in the forenoon and close at Seven O'clock (7:00 pm) in the evening. Absentee ballots will be available until February 28, 2023.*

The Coventry Town School District will be holding an information meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Coventry Village School. This meeting shall constitute the public informational hearing required by 17 V.S.A. § 2680(h).

**TOWN DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect a **TOWN MODERATOR** for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 10:** To **ELECT** the following officers required by law:

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|----|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| a. | <b>SELECT PERSON</b>                 | 3-year term |
| b. | <b>COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES</b> | 1-year term |
| c. | <b>1<sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE</b>      | 1-year term |
| d. | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE</b>      | 1-year term |
| e. | <b>TRUSTEE OF CEMETERY FUNDS</b>     | 1-year term |
| f. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 2-year term |
| g. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 2-year term |
| h. | <b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER</b>    | 2-year term |

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$867,918.00** for support of the fiscal year **2024 TOWN LIABILITIES & GENERAL FUND EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS** of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$400,000.00 plus** the Vermont State Aid funding, for support of the fiscal year **2024 TOWN HIGHWAY FUND** expenses for summer and winter road maintenance, of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2022 into the General Fund totaling **\$200,000.00** be transferred to the **BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND**, to fund future building and maintenance projects?

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2022 into the General Fund of **\$350,000.00** be **TRANSFERRED** to the **ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE RESERVE FUND**, to fund future road infrastructure projects?

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2022 into the General Fund of **\$200,000.00** be transferred to the **ROADS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND** to fund future roads capital equipment requirements?

**ARTICLE 16:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2022 into the General Fund of **\$100,000.00** be **TRANSFERRED** to the **REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND** to fund future reappraisal requirements?

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2022 into the General Fund of **\$50,000.00** be **TRANSFERRED** to the **FLOOD RECOVERY AND MITIGATION RESERVE FUND** to fund ongoing and future flood recovery and mitigation requirements?

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall **EXCESS REVENUES** received in Fiscal Year 2022 into the General Fund of **\$300,000.00** be **TRANSFERRED** to the **LONG-TERM INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**?

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town of Coventry **ELECT TOWN OFFICERS BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** pursuant to 17 V.S.A § 2680(b) and **ADOPT ALL BUDGET ARTICLES BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** pursuant to 17 V.S.A § 2680(c), and **VOTE ON ALL PUBLIC QUESTIONS BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** pursuant to 17 V.S.A § 2680(d)?

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town of Coventry will appropriate and expend the sum of **\$250,000.00** for the support of the **Coventry Town Foundation**?

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the following sums:

- \$500.00 to American Red Cross
- \$300.00 to Felines & Friends Foundation
- \$4,000.00 to Goodrich Memorial Library
- \$1,000.00 to Green Mountain Farm-To-School, Inc
- \$2,500.00 to Jones Memorial Library
- \$330.00 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging
- \$2,172.00 to Northeast Kingdom Human Service, Inc.
- \$500.00 Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center/ Special Investigations Unit
- \$500.00 to Orleans County Fair Association
- \$550.00 to Orleans County Historical Society
- \$3,000.00 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice Inc
- \$750.00 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.
- \$850.00 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc.
- \$1,125.00 to Umbrella
- \$130.00 to Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \$100.00 to Vermont Green Up, Inc
- \$100.00 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Kids Program
- \$250.00 to Vermont Family Network
- \$500.00 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services
- \$1,000.00 to Wednesdays on the Waterfront
- \$100.00 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection

**Total for above appropriations = \$ 20,257.00**

Service Agencies reports are printed in the back of this Town Report under the Service Agencies section.  
Unless increase is indicated, amount requested is same as previous year.

**ARTICLE 22:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

**ARTICLE 23:** TO ADJOURN TOWN MEETING.

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

All Coventry Residents interested in serving as a Town Official or volunteering on one of the committees are asked to please submit their letter of interest to the Select Board before Town Meeting Day on Tuesday March 7. The Select Board makes appointments at the re-organization meeting following Town Meeting and welcomes anyone interested in getting involved with the community. The re-organization meeting is Wednesday March 8 at 6:00 pm.

<b>Select Board Chairman</b>	Scott Briere
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Phil Marquette
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Renee Falconer
<b>Civil Defense Chairman</b>	Pedro Grondin
<b>Community Center Coordinator</b>	Matt Maxwell
<b>Fence Viewers</b>	Vacant
	Israel Sanville
	Stuart Maxwell
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	David Gallup
<b>Select Board Bookkeeper</b>	Deb Tanguay
<b>Assessor</b>	New England Municipal Consultants
<b>Assessing Clerk</b>	Kate Fletcher
<b>Solid Waste Committee</b>	Sherry Bradley
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	David Barlow
<b>Town Administrator</b>	Matt Maxwell
<b>Town Service Officer</b>	Matt Maxwell
<b>Tree Warden</b>	John Buchanan
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	David Barlow
<b>Newspaper</b>	Caledonia Record
<b>Attorney</b>	Brian Monaghan
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	Phil Marquette
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Matt Maxwell
<b>911 Address Coordinator</b>	Phil Marquette

## TOWN OFFICE DESCRIPTIONS

### Vermont Secretary of State

Full list can be viewed at:

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/candidates/local-office-descriptions.aspx>

**Cemetery Commissioner (elected).** Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected, the select board fulfills this role. 18 V.S.A. § 5373

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes.** An elected Collector of Delinquent Taxes is responsible for all duties described under 32 V.S.A § 5252. A Town may also vote to authorize the appointment of a Collector of Delinquent Taxes under 17 V.S.A. § 2651(d).

**Constable (elected).** In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure, and arrest within the town. In other towns, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the first constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(7)

**Fence Viewers (appointed).** Three viewers are appointed by the Select Board each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town. 24 V.S.A. § 871

**Health Officer (appointed).** Appointed by the commissioner of health to a three-year term after recommendation by the town Select Board. Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards. 18 V.S.A. § 601

**Justices of the Peace (elected).** Although elected by a town, justices of the peace are actually county officers. 17 V.S.A. § 2103(10). The duties of justices of the peace can fall into five categories of responsibilities:

1. Elections. Justices of the peace are members of the board of civil authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve as election officials at town elections by Australian ballot and statewide elections. Justices also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to voters at election time.
2. Tax Abatement and Appeals. Justices of the peace sit as members of the town board for abatement of taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's tax obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. Justices of the peace also serve an important role in the town's tax appeal process. As a member of the board of civil authority, justices sit to hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.
3. Marriages and Civil Unions. Justices of the peace may also solemnize marriages and may certify civil unions in Vermont.
4. Oaths and Notary. Justices of the peace may also administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice of the peace is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgment powers of a notary public. However, the justice of the peace must file with the county clerk in order to act as a notary public (but the fee is waived).
5. Magistrate. Justices of the peace may also serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the Supreme Court.

**Moderator (elected).** Runs the annual and special town/school meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(1)

**Planning Commissioners (appointed or elected).** Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a development review board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue. 24 V.S.A. § 4323.

**Road Commissioners (elected or appointed).** Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority, but can assist the Select Board in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(16); 17 V.S.A. § 2651

**Select Board Members (elected).** General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission, and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(4); 17 V.S.A. § 2649

**Town Administrator (appointed).** Hired by the Select Board, the town administrator, sometimes called the administrative assistant to the Select Board, assists the Select Board in managing the business of the town. The town administrator has no independent statutory authority. The scope of his or her duties is determined by the Select Board.

**Town Agent (elected).** The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The Select Board now has that authority. Thus, the town agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress, at the request of the Select Board. (Generally, not a very active position.) 17 V.S.A. § 2646(11)

**Town Clerk (elected).** Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union, and hunting and fishing licenses; as well as motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(2)

**Town Forest Fire Warden (appointed).** Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the Select Board. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. 10 V.S.A. § 2641

**Town Services Officer (appointed).** Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel, or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available. 33 V.S.A. § 2102 et seq.

**Town Treasurer (elected).** Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(3)

**Town Tree Warden (appointed).** Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying, or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs. 24 V.S.A. § 871

**Trustee of Public Funds (elected).** Manages, invests, and reports on real and personal property held in trust

by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money. 17 V.S.A. § 2646(12); 24 V.S.A. § 2431 et seq.

**Zoning Administrator (appointed).** Appointed by the planning commission with the approval of the Select Board. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance. 24 V.S.A. § 4448. Coventry has no zoning regulations.



Minutes  
Town of Coventry  
Wednesday February 23, 2022

**Order**

- Matt Maxwell outlined rules for informational meetings and Australian voting guidelines.

**School Articles for Discussion**

**Article 1:** To elect a **Moderator** for the year ensuing.

- There is no name on the ballot but Matt M would act as moderator as write in.

**Article 2:** To elect a **School Treasurer** for a 1-year term.

- **Deb Tanguay-** on ballot
  - Deb is the only one running on the ballot and waived her time to speak.

**Article 3:** To elect a **School Director** for a 2-year term.

- **Kathleen Ahearn-** on ballot
  - Kathleen described her 4-year experience on the School Board and spoke to her work elevating the school library and her unique perspective.
- **Robert Walls-Thumma-** on ballot
  - not present for comment.

**Article 4:** To elect a **School Director** for a 3-year term.

- **Praneet Menon-** on ballot
  - Praneet spoke of his recent experience on the Planning Commission as well as attending select Board and School Board meeting. He offered his history with the defense department and as a flight instructor and has interests in making the school a large priority within the town to help make Coventry an even better place to get a great education.

**Article 5:** Shall voters of the school district approve the school board to expend **\$3,881,536** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,513, per equalized pupil. This projected per equalized pupil is 16.33% higher than spending in the current year.

- Moe Jacobs asked about the budget increases.
- Todd Rohlen and Jamie outlined that these increases were mainly due to increases on high school tuition and teacher salaries.

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to borrow up to **\$3,200,000.00** over a period of 30 years for the proposed building addition at Coventry Village School.

- Skip Gosselin asked about why the school was looking to borrow that amount when the actual cost to the school should be less.
- Jamie explained that the \$3,200,000.00 would need to be borrowed by the school to complete the project. Then a percentage of each loan payment, presumably about 80%, would be made from state funding after the project is complete.
- Skip Gosselin asked if the completion of the addition would include a heating upgrade for the entire school.
- Jamie confirmed that yes, the price would include the addition of a whole school outside wood pellet boiler heating and hot water system.
- Moe Jacobs inquired on the original idea to add a second floor to the existing school
- Jamie explained that the school board had looked into the cost of renovating the second floor of the existing building and the cost would have been greater than the proposed expansion.
- Todd Rohlen reiterated that the school will only be responsible for paying back around 20% of the investment cost.

### **Town District Business**

**Article 7:** To elect a **Town Moderator** for the ensuing year.

- No name is on the ballot but Matt Maxwell would serve as Moderator.

**Article 8:** To **ELECT** the following officers required by law:

**A. Select Person** for a 3-year term

- **David Gallup**-on ballot
  - David was unavailable for comment.
- **Amanda Jensen**-on ballot

- Amanda J spoke to her experience of 8 years on the school board. She is looking to expand her influence and help the town move forward.
- The question was posed by Tami Jacobs if Amanda was elected to the select board would she keep her seat on the school board and the answer was that she would finish her term with the school board and then dedicate her time to the select Board.
- **Praneet Menon**
  - Praneet hopes to assist the town in finding ways to profit long term from the income from the landfill as well as better utilize the funding the town has now. Some other areas of interest would be following the Town Plan to add value to the Town. He would also like to better utilize the town funds to make the environment safer and more prosperous.
- **Martha Sylvester**
  - Martha was unavailable for comment.

**B. Town Clerk for a 3-year term**

- **Deb Tanguay-** on ballot
  - Deb spoke of her experience working as the town Clerk since 2017 and has enjoyed working with the town to update and excel as a growing town. She aspires to bring better information to the towns people to keep everyone informed as well as expanding her knowledge. Deb will receive her State and National recognition for municipal clerk Certification within the next few years.

**C. Town Treasurer for a 3-year term**

- **David Barlow-** on Ballot
  - David spoke of his experience of holding the Town treasurer position for 3 years and has enjoyed his time working with the town and has been vigilant at making sure the financial information is correct.

**D. Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a 1-year term**

- **Kate Fletcher-** on Ballot
  - Kate spoke of her experience as the Towns delinquent tax collector from 2017. Kate has closely monitored the accounts to rectify book keeping and digitize information. Kate has also worked for a correctly written and signed tax agreement.

- **Kerry Keement-** on Ballot
  - Kerry spoke as a longtime resident of the town and is looking to get more involved in the town. She works as a Physical Therapist and enjoys working with the public.
  
- E. Cemetery Commissioner** for a 3-year term
  - **Jerry St. Sauveur-** on Ballot
    - Jerry was unavailable for comment.
  
- F. Cemetery Commissioner** for a 2-year term
  - no names are listed on the ballot.
  - No comments were offered.
  
- G. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable** for a 1-year term
  - no name is on the ballot
  - **Donald Grondin** fills the position currently and was said to be willing to serve as a write in but was unavailable for comment.
  
- H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable** for a 1-year term
  - No name is on the Ballot.
  - **Israel Sanville** was said to have interest as a write I but was unavailable for comment.
  
- I. Trustee of Cemetery Funds** for a 1-year term.
  - **David Barlow-** on Ballot
    - David currently serves in this position and is happy to continue the work.
  
- J. Planning Commission Member** for a 2-year term.
  - No name is on the ballot.
  - **Amanda Hussey-** write-in
    - Amanda spoke of her current position on the Planning Commission and would continue to serve if written in.
  
- K. Planning Commission Member** for a 1-year term.
  - No name is on the ballot.
  - **Zach Partridge-** write-in
    - Zach mentioned he would also continue to serve on the planning commission as a write in for the 2-year term.
  
- L. Planning Commission Member** for a 1-year term.
  - No name is on the ballot.

**M. Planning Commission Member** for a 1-year term.

- No name is on the ballot

Moe Jacobs spoke on the importance of the planning commission for the town and encouraged residents to get involved.

**Article 9:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$836,294** for the support of the fiscal year **2023 Town Liabilities & General Fund Expenses** of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

- Showing an increase of 10% from the prior year.

**Article 10:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$274,000 plus** the Vermont State aid funding for the support of the fiscal year **2023 Highway Fund** expenses for the summer and winter road maintenance, of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

- Skip Gosselin asked about the amount of state aid expected. Ned Connel answered with approximately \$83,000.

**Article 11:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to split the **Roads Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve Fund** into two reserve funds to be called the Roads Infrastructure Reserve Fund and the Roads Capital Investment Reserve Fund to enable better allocation and management of funding by placing \$100,000 of the existing fund balance into the **Roads Capital Equipment Reserve Fund** and the balance of the existing fund, approximately \$272,000, into the **Roads Infrastructure Reserve Fund** in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

- Further information was given on division of reserve fund accounts.

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- David Barlow explained that the increase over the years is mostly due to paving roads and updating culverts.

**Article 13:** Shall **Excess Revenues** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$100,000** be transferred to the **Roads Capital Equipment Reserve Fund** if said reserve fund described in Article 11 is approved by voters, or if not, into the existing Roads Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve Fund to fund future roads capital equipment requirements?

- No Further explanation was needed.

**Article 14:** Shall **Excess Revenues** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$35,000** be **Transferred** to the **Reappraisal Reserve Fund** to fund future reappraisal requirements?

- No further explanation was needed.

**Article 15:** Shall **Excess Revenues** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$4,800** be **Transferred** to the **Edmund Douglas Price (EDP) Fund** to make up for Microsoft Dividends paid to the Town for the EDP Fund from 2003 through 2013 but not entered into the Towns financial accounting system?

- DAVID Barlow explained how the fund was started with a donation of Microsoft shares from Edmund Douglas Price. Funds have been used to help provide school library materials. Kathleen Ahearn stressed the need for the fund and asked the residents for their support approving the article.

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- Select board stressed the need to have a treasurer that is appointed by the select board as opposed to voted in yearly for consistency and the length of time it takes to become knowledgeable of position.

**Article 17:** Shall the voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the below expenditures for the **Services Agencies** in the amount of **\$16,507**? (Service agencies reports are printed in the back of this Town report under the Services Agencies section.)

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Special Investigations unit (new)
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- \$130.00 to Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \$100.00 to Vermont Green Up, Inc.
- \$100.00 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Symphony kids  
Program

Total for above appropriations- \$16,507.00

- Casting separate votes for each appropriation was discussed for future years.
- The importance of the library funding was emphasized. Residents were also encouraged to join the library board if interested in contributing in that way.
- Residents stressed the need for an in-person Town Meeting to better inform the town and make elections more clear for people running as well as voters.

Moderator Matt Maxwell adjourned the meeting.

Minutes  
Town of Coventry  
Saturday February 26,2022

**Order**

- Matt Maxwell started the meeting and outlined the voting procedure.

**School Articles for Discussion**

**Article 1:** To elect a **Moderator** for the year ensuing.

- There is no name on the ballot but Matt M would act as moderator for the informational meetings.

**Article 2:** To elect a **School Treasurer** for a 1-year term.

- **Deb Tanguay-** on ballot
  - Deb is the only name on the ballot and was not present for comment.

**Article 3:** To elect a **School Director** for a 2-year term.

- **Kathleen Ahearn-** on ballot
  - Kathleen has been active on the school board for 4 years and is seeking another 2 years to help contribute with expansion project as well as helping to plan for the future and supporting the literacy program. She believes that this position should be filled by someone with the time and experience on the School Board who can work closely with the Town to elevate the school and is ready to fill that position and make these things a priority.
- **Robert Walls-Thumma-** on ballot
  - Not present for comment.

**Article 4:** To elect a **School Director** for a 3-year term.

- **Praneet Menon-** on ballot
  - Praneet spoke of his work with the defense department engineering for the Armed forces as well as his experience leading public meetings with large attendance. He would look forward to closely overseeing the expansion project and helping the school expand the literacy programs.

**Article 5:** Shall voters of the school district approve the school board to expend **\$3,881,536** which is the amount the

school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,513, per equalized pupil. This projected per equalized pupil is 16.33% higher than spending in the current year.

- Matt Maxwell explained that the increase in the budget is due to the inclusion of Covid-19 funding as well as an increase in High school tuition and a 3% increase to the Teachers Union Salaries.

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to borrow up to **\$3,200,000.00** over a period of 30 years for the proposed building addition at Coventry Village School.

- Matt Maxwell explained that the Coventry Taxpayers will only be responsible for 20% of this spending, 80% will be received from the State Education Fund.

### **Town District Business**

**Article 7:** To elect a **Town Moderator** for the ensuing year.

- No name is on the ballot but Matt Maxwell would serve as Moderator for informational meetings.

**Article 8:** To **ELECT** the following officers required by law:

**A. Select Person** for a 3-year term

- **David Gallup**-on ballot
  - Not available for comment.
- **Amanda Jensen**-on ballot
  - Not available for comment
- **Praneet Menon**
  - Praneet is interested in working closely with the funding from the Landfill agreement to help support the Town into the future. He looks to work closely with the Planning Commission on accomplishing the goals set forth in the current Town Plan as well as to help create an ambitious new plan when the time comes. Praneet would also like to see an increase in safety measures to keep the town safe.
- **Martha Sylvester**
  - Not available for comment.

**B. Town Clerk** for a 3 year term

- **Deb Tanguay-** on ballot
    - Not available for comment.
- C. Town Treasurer** for a 3-year term
- **David Barlow-** on Ballot
    - David stated he is happy to be running again and appreciates your votes.
    - Kathleen inquired on the Town audit history and Davids involvement in them.
    - David reported that an audit has been conducted for the Town every year since 2017 at the beginning of his involvement. This is an improvement from prior years. David works closely with the auditing company and has vast experience with the process and regulations.
- D. Collector of Delinquent Taxes** for a 1-year term
- **Kate Fletcher-** on Ballot
    - Not available for comment.
  - **Kerry Keement-** on Ballot
    - Kerry spoke about her good communication skills. She has been active with the Fall festival comity and holds seat as a justice of peace. Kerry has been a long time resident and is looking to be more involved in the town.
- E. Cemetery Commissioner** for a 3-year term
- **Jerry St. Sauveur-** on Ballot
    - Jerry was unavailable for comment.
- F. Cemetery Commissioner** for a 2-year term
- no names are listed on the ballot.
  - No comments were offered.
- G. 1<sup>st</sup> Constable** for a 1-year term
- no name is on the ballot
  - **Pedro Grondin** fills the position currently and was said to be willing to serve as a write in but was unavailable for comment.
- H. 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable** for a 1-year term
- No name is on the Ballot.
- I. Trustee of Cemetery Funds** for a 1-year term.
- **David Barlow-** on Ballot

- David currently serves in this position, is knowledgeable of the finances and is happy to continue the work.

**J. Planning Commission Member** for a 2-year term.

- No name is on the ballot.
- **Amanda Hussey**- write-in
  - Matt Maxwell mentioned that Amanda would continue to serve as a write in.

**K. Planning Commission Member** for a 2-year term.

- No name is on the ballot.
- **Zach Partridge**- write-in
  - Matt Maxwell mentioned that Zach would also continue to serve on the planning commission as a write in.

**L. Planning Commission Member** for a 1-year term.

- No name is on the ballot.

**M. Planning Commission Member** for a 1-year term.

- No name is on the ballot

**Article 9:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$836,294** for the support of the fiscal year **2023 Town Liabilities & General Fund Expenses** of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

- Showing an increase of 10% from the prior year.

**Article 10:** Shall the legal voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of **\$274,000 plus** the Vermont State aid funding for the support of the fiscal year **2023 Highway Fund** expenses for the summer and winter road maintenance, of which all shall be raised by non-tax revenues received through the Landfill Host Agreement?

- No further comment was offered.

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approximately \$272,000, into the **Roads Infrastructure Reserve Fund** in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

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- Kathleen Ahearn asked how this budget compared to last year.
- Ned Connell explained that this increase in spending is due to an increase in paving of roads.

**Article 13:** Shall **Excess Revenues** received in Fiscal Year 2021 into the General Fund of **\$100,000** be transferred to the **Roads Capital Equipment Reserve Fund** if said reserve fund described in Article 11 is approved by voters, or if not, into the existing Roads Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve Fund to fund future roads capital equipment requirements?

- No Further explanation was needed.

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- No further explanation was needed.

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- David Barlow explained how the fund was started with a donation of Microsoft shares from Edmund Douglas Price. Funds have been used to help provide school library materials. Approval of this article would make the account whole, correcting records.
- Kathleen Ahearn stressed the need for the fund and asked the residents for their support approving the article.

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- The passing of this article would allow the Select Board to appoint the Town treasurer as this position should be skill based and not politically driven.
- David Barlow stressed the need for consistency and to be filled by a knowledgeable employee regardless of politics.
- This article would not affect the budget or time required for the position.

**Article 17:** Shall the voters of the Town of Coventry vote to appropriate the below expenditures for the **Services Agencies** in the amount of **\$16,507**? (Service agencies reports are printed in the back of this Town report under the Services Agencies section.)

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  - \$100.00 to Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Symphony kids
- Program Total for above appropriations- \$16,507.00

- Casting separate votes for each appropriation was discussed for future years.

Ned Connell reminded the residents that the next meeting to be held Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> would be located at the Coventry village school.

Moderator Matt Maxwell adjourned the meeting.



Minutes  
Town of Coventry  
Monday February 28, 2022

**Order**

- Matt Maxwell started the meeting and outlined the voting procedure.

**School Articles for Discussion**

**Article 1:** To elect a **Moderator** for the year ensuing.

- There is no name on the ballot but Matt M would act as moderator for the informational meetings.

**Article 2:** To elect a **School Treasurer** for a 1-year term.

- **Deb Tanguay-** on ballot
  - Deb is the only name on the ballot and yielded her time to speak.

**Article 3:** To elect a **School Director** for a 2-year term.

- **Kathleen Ahearn-** on ballot
  - Kathleen has been active on the school board for 4 years and is seeking another 2 years to help the school and the community grow. Helping each child grow to their full potential.
- **Robert Walls-Thumma-** on ballot
  - Not present for comment.

**Article 4:** To elect a **School Director** for a 3-year term.

- **Praneet Menon-** on ballot
  - Praneet spoke of his work for the last 15 years with the defense department running large engineering projects for the Armed forces. As well as his experience leading public meetings with large attendance. He would look forward to closely overseeing the expansion project and helping the school expand the literacy programs and utilize Edmund Douglas Price Funding. He has a child in the school and believes the strive for higher education is impertinent.

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fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,513, per equalized pupil. This projected per equalized pupil is 16.33% higher than spending in the current year.

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- Matt Maxwell explained that the Coventry Taxpayers will only be responsible for 20% of this spending, 80% will be received from the State Education Fund.
- School population growth was asked about.
- Jamie explained that the school was originally built for a lower number of grades and the Town has been increasing in population. The school has been adapting by utilizing all spaces including storage closets to serve as education and office spaces.
- As more homes are being built in Town the need for more space in the school should only increase.

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**A. Select Person** for a 3-year term

- **David Gallup**-on ballot
  - Not available for comment.
- **Amanda Jensen**-on ballot
  - Amanda has served on the school board for 8 years and believes that she is ready to work with the Town to help move the Town forward in a meaningful and transparent manor.
- **Praneet Menon**
  - Praneet believes that he can help build a Town that will remain prosperous even after the Landfill agreement is concluded. He would like

to work with the Planning Commission to complete to goals of our Town plan. Praneet would like to bring better resources for people to live in Town. As a new resident and a member of the Coventry Town Foundation and the Fall festival comity he would bring a forward-thinking view without any personal bias.

- **Martha Sylvester**
  - Not available for comment.

**B. Town Clerk for a 3-year term**

- **Deb Tanguay-** on ballot
  - Deb has enjoyed working as the Town Clerk from 2017. She has been vigilant in organization and digitizing records. Deb will be pursuing her State and National certifications in the coming years.

**C. Town Treasurer for a 3-year term**

- **David Barlow-** on Ballot
  - David has been Town Treasurer for 3 years and has worked hard to correct records as well as working closely with auditors to ensure Town is running properly.

**D. Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a 1-year term**

- **Kate Fletcher-** on Ballot
  - Kate asked for the residents' support in maintaining the position. she has worked hard to bring information to current. Kate has worked closely with residents and the Town treasurer to help residents with their property tax payment plans.
- **Kerry Keement-** on Ballot
  - Kerry would like to be considered for the position as she has been a long-time resident. Currently holding an accounts receivable position, she feels that she would be helpful to the Town and would like to be more involved in the workings of the Town.

**E. Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term**

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  - Jerry was unavailable for comment.

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- Showing an increase of 10% from the prior year.
- A question was asked about the miscellaneous spending. David informed that the majority of this spending was a settlement that was received into the account and then moved to investment. As well as reimbursed spending made for the City of Newport.

- SWIP funds were discussed and additional educational outreach ideas were presented.

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Total for above appropriations- \$16,507.00

- Casting separate votes for each appropriation was discussed for future years.
- Kathleen observed a difference in the total requested and the appropriations list.
- David Connell stated that any program that made a request, but failed to provide the necessary information would not have been included on the ballot.
- A discrepancy was found between the requested amount and the amount proposed on the ballot. This will be addressed accordingly.
- The Town and School Board thanked Matt Maxwell for his dedication and service to the Town over the years. Matt stated that he enjoyed being a part of the process but believes it is important to have many voices heard so he is stepping down to allow a new perspective.

Moderator Matt Maxwell adjourned the meeting.



GENERAL FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
<b>100-00-1000 REVENUE LOCAL SOURCES</b>						
100-00-1000-112.10	Fees Delq. Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,143.09	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,774.00	\$ 5,000.00
100-00-1000-112.11	Int. Delq. Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,388.88	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,822.00	\$ 5,000.00
100-00-1000-150.00	Int- Checking & Savings	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,824.01	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,342.00	\$ 10,000.00
100-00-1000-174.00	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 18,850.16	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 6,736.00	\$ 12,500.00
100-00-1000-174.01	Dog Licenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 686.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 500.00
100-00-1000-174.02	Waste U.S.A. Fees	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,712,334.95	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 585,665.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
100-00-1000-174.03	Community Center Rent	\$ 500.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,500.00
100-00-1000-175.01	Fire District Support	\$ 600.00	\$ 197.39	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 360.00
100-00-1000-990.00	Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,924.55	\$ 500.00	\$ 506.00	\$ 500.00
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<b>Total REVENUE LOCAL SOURCES</b>		<b>\$ 1,630,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,758,279.03</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 600,729.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,035,360.00</b>
<b>100-00-3000 REVENUE STATE SOURCES</b>						
100-00-3000-150.00	State Grant Funding	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
100-00-3000-262.00	Agency of Nat. Resources	\$ 4,612.00	\$ 4,611.33	\$ 4,612.00	\$ 4,671.00	\$ 4,612.00
100-00-3000-650.00	Judicial Fines Refund	\$ 250.00	\$ 330.50	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
100-00-3000-990.00	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200.00
<b>Total REVENUE STATE SOURCES</b>		<b>\$ 10,362.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,941.83</b>	<b>\$ 7,862.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,671.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,062.00</b>
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<b>Total REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 1,620,238.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,750,337.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,638.00</b>	<b>\$ 608,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,043,422.00</b>
<b>100-10 EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>100-10-1100 SALARIES</b>						
100-10-1100-110.01	Town Clerk	\$ 19,684.00	\$ 19,684.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 26,000.00
100-10-1100-110.03	Assistant Clerk	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 3,000.00
100-10-1100-110.04	Town Treasurer	\$ 12,302.00	\$ 11,725.00	\$ 13,028.00	\$ 7,356.00	\$ 14,165.00
100-10-1100-110.15	Assistant Treasurer	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00

GENERAL FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
100-10-1100-120.00	Selectboard	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
100-10-1100-120.02	Select Board Bookkeeper	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,271.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 5,000.00
100-10-1100-120.05	Town Administrator	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 49,362.00	\$ 63,540.00	\$ 27,764.00	\$ 70,655.00
100-10-1100-130.00	Administrative Assistant	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,077.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
100-10-1100-145.00	Del. Tax Penalty Due to D	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,336.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,336.00	\$ 5,000.00
100-10-1100-170.00	Health Officer	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 217.00
100-10-1100-180.00	Dog Warden	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 1,632.00
100-10-1100-190.00	Moderator	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 217.00
100-10-1100-191.00	Ballot Clerks & BCA	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,023.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,062.00	\$ 4,200.00
100-10-1100-195.00	E-911	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,304.00
100-10-1100-197.00	Emergency Management Dire	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 544.00
100-10-1100-220.00	FICA	\$ 8,586.00	\$ 9,193.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,074.00	\$ 10,000.00
100-10-1100-222.00	Office Retirement	\$ 304.00	\$ 2,787.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,808.00	\$ 4,800.00
100-10-1100-225.00	Admin Health Insurance	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 7,012.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
100-10-1100-260.00	Unemployment	\$ 399.00	\$ 5,247.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 3,000.00
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			\$ 120,090.00		\$ 75,199.00	
<b>100-10-2100 ADMINISTRATION</b>						
100-10-2100-300.00	Audit Services	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,506.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 10,000.00
100-10-2100-310.00	Investment Advisor	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
100-10-2100-360.00	Legal Services	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,348.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 15,000.00
100-10-2100-360.01	DTS Legal Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,505.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,305.00	\$ 3,500.00
100-10-2100-430.00	Office Equipment Repairs	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
100-10-2100-530.00	Office Postage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,239.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,057.00	\$ 4,000.00
100-10-2100-531.00	Office Telephone/Internet	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,267.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,076.00	\$ 3,000.00
100-10-2100-540.00	Office Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,001.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 1,000.00
100-10-2100-550.00	Town Report	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,780.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
100-10-2100-610.00	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,618.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 1,500.00

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100-10-2100-670.00	Office NEMRC & IT Support	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,565.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,472.00	\$ 8,500.00
100-10-2100-733.00	Office Equipment & Furnit	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 653.00	\$ 3,000.00
100-10-2100-805.00	Office Internet & Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,815.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 743.00	\$ 2,500.00
100-10-2100-810.00	Office Dues and Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,638.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,991.00	\$ 3,800.00
100-10-2100-850.00	Office Seminars & Mileage	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,109.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,754.00	\$ 5,000.00
100-10-2100-870.00	Office Gift & Donation	\$ 600.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 150.00
100-10-2100-875.00	Meals & Event Hosting	\$ 500.00	\$ 329.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 400.00
100-10-2100-880.00	Restoration & Preservatio	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
100-10-2100-890.00	Office Miscellaneous	\$ 625.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00
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<b>Total ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>\$ 80,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 86,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 83,850.00</b>

**100-10-2200 ASSESSORS OFFICE**

100-10-2200-115.00	Assessor - Contracted Ser	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 15,600.00
100-10-2200-122.00	Assessors Office Wages	\$ -	\$ 9,464.00	\$ 10,590.00	\$ 5,212.00	\$ 11,332.00
100-10-2200-220.00	Assessing Clerk FICA	\$ 765.00	\$ -	\$ 810.00	\$ 337.00	\$ 910.00
100-10-2200-430.00	Assessors Office Educatio	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
100-10-2200-530.00	Assessors Office Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 22.55	\$ 200.00	\$ 3.40	\$ 150.00
100-10-2200-610.00	Assessors Office Supplies	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
100-10-2200-810.00	Assessors Office Dues & F	\$ 50.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
100-10-2200-820.00	Tax Mapping Update	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,048.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
100-10-2200-850.00	Assessors Office Mileage	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
100-10-2200-890.00	Assessors Office Miscella	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
100-10-2200-900.00	Abatement of Prop Taxes &	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,035.00	\$ -
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<b>Total LISTERS</b>		<b>\$ 18,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,606.55</b>	<b>\$ 29,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,987.40</b>	<b>\$ 30,692.00</b>

**100-10-2520 INSURANCE**

100-10-2520-250.00	Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ 51.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00
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GENERAL FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
100-10-2520-521.00	Property Casualty	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 39,769.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 10,330.00	\$ 33,000.00
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<b>Total INSURANCE</b>		<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,820.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>100-10-2540 UTILITIES</b>						
100-10-2540-623.00	Street lights	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,118.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 3,500.00
100-10-2540-624.00	150 Main ST	\$ -	\$ 1,048.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,175.00	
100-10-2540-625.00	EC Meeting House	\$ -	\$ 1,486.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 644.00	\$ 3,500.00
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<b>Total UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,652.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,059.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>
<b>100-10-2542 COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING</b>						
100-10-2542-411.00	CC Utilities	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,070.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,754.00	\$ 10,000.00
100-10-2542-420.00	CC Cleaning Services	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,592.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 5,451.00	\$ 9,600.00
100-10-2542-430.00	CC Repairs and Maintenanc	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,977.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 1,500.00
100-10-2542-610.00	CC Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 811.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,511.00	\$ 2,500.00
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<b>Total COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING</b>		<b>\$ 16,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,181.00</b>	<b>\$ 23,600.00</b>
<b>100-10-2544 EMERGENCY SHELTER</b>						
100-10-2544-430.00	Emergency Shelter Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 644.00	\$ 2,000.00
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<b>Total EMERGENCY SHELTER</b>		<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 644.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>
<b>100-10-2545 RECREATION DEPT.</b>						
100-10-2545-100.00	REC Supplies & Decoration	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
100-10-2545-120.00	REC Advertising & Postage	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
100-10-2545-130.00	Coventry Day	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,623.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,584.00	\$ 30,000.00
100-10-2545-140.00	Rec Events & Sponsorships	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
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<b>Total RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>\$ 30,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,623.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,584.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,250.00</b>

GENERAL FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
<b>100-10-2546 EMERGENCY SVCS</b>						
100-10-2546-340.01	Newport City Fire Dept	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 47,232.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 28,735.00	\$ 45,000.00
100-10-2546-340.03	Orleans Fire Dept	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,644.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 22,592.00	\$ 22,596.00
100-10-2546-400.00	Newport Ambulance Svc	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,209.00	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 36,454.00	\$ 41,481.00
100-10-2546-450.00	Sheriffs Department	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,134.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 8,185.00	\$ 13,360.00
100-10-2546-730.00	Dry Hydrants	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
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<b>Total EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		<b>\$ 113,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 109,219.00</b>	<b>\$ 114,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,966.00</b>	<b>\$ 130,437.00</b>
<b>100-10-3200 PLANNING COMMISSION</b>						
100-10-3200-110.00	Planning Commission Stipe	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,630.00
100-10-3200-115.00	Planning Com Admin Asst	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,906.00	\$ 852.00	\$ 1,800.00
100-10-3200-120.00	Planning Comm Mailings	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
100-10-3200-125.00	Planning Comm Training	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
100-10-3200-130.00	Planning Comm Postage	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 960.00
100-10-3200-135.00	Planning Comm Town Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
100-10-3200-140.00	Planning Comm Misc.	\$ 50.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
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<b>Total PLANNING COMMISSION</b>		<b>\$ 2,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,456.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,352.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,390.00</b>
<b>100-10-3300 MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
100-10-3300-191.00	Election Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,992.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 500.00
100-10-3300-210.00	Village Common Repairs &	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,961.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,049.00	\$ 2,500.00
100-10-3300-739.02	Health Clubs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 703.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 2,500.00
100-10-3300-750.00	Orleans County Tax	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,767.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,802.00	\$ 25,000.00
100-10-3300-800.00	Appropriations	\$ 17,907.00	\$ 24,557.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 16,507.00	\$ 20,257.00
100-10-3300-850.00	Animal Control Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
100-10-3300-860.00	911 Signs	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
100-10-3300-890.00	Other Misc. Expenditures	\$ 500.00	\$ 14,782.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 500.00
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<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>\$ 42,507.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,062.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,028.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,257.00</b>

GENERAL FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
<b>100-10-3400 SWIP COMMITTEE</b>						
100-10-3400-100.00	SWIP HHW Days	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,477.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
100-10-3400-150.00	SWIP School Outreach	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
100-10-3400-160.00	SWIP Business Outreach	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
100-10-3400-170.00	SWIP Office & Other Expen	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
<b>Total SWIP COMMITTEE</b>		<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,477.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>
<b>100-10-3500 CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>						
100-10-3500-100.00	Cemetery Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 883.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 3,000.00
100-10-3500-110.00	Cemetery Salaries	\$ 7,643.00	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 3,709.00	\$ 8,805.00
100-10-3500-220.00	Cemetery FICA	\$ 585.00	\$ 526.00	\$ 620.00	\$ -	\$ 705.00
100-10-3500-430.00	Cemetery Equip. Maint.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 582.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 163.00	\$ 3,500.00
100-10-3500-500.00	CEMETERY Tree Removal	\$ -		\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
100-10-3500-890.00	Other cemetery costs	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
<b>Total CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>		<b>\$ 14,828.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,251.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,320.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,138.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,110.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER TO LONG TERM INVESTMENTS</b>				\$ 250,000.00	\$ 253,530.00	\$ 250,000.00
<b>Total TRANSFERS</b>				<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 253,530.00</b>	<b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>Total EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 509,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 487,095.55</b>	<b>\$ 583,144.00</b>	<b>\$ 322,068.40</b>	<b>\$ 617,918.00</b>
<b>Total REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 1,620,238.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,750,337.20</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,638.00</b>	<b>\$ 608,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,043,422.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$ 1,111,238.00</b>		<b>\$ 699,494.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,175,504.00</b>

HIGHWAY FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
<b>150-00-1000 REVENUE LOCAL SOURCES</b>						
150-00-1000-100.00	Waste U.S.A. Fees	\$ 253,000.00	\$ 261,000.00	\$ 275,000.00	\$ -	\$ 298,925.00
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<b>Total REVENUE LOCAL SOURCES</b>		<b>\$ 253,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 261,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 275,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 298,925.00</b>
<b>150-00-3000 REVENUE STATE SOURCES</b>						
150-00-3000-260.00	Transportation	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 94,130.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 43,523.00	\$ 87,000.00
150-00-3000-990.00	State of VT Grants	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,400.00
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<b>Total REVENUE STATE SOURCES</b>		<b>\$ 98,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 94,130.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,523.00</b>	<b>\$ 221,400.00</b>
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<b>Total REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 351,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 355,130.00</b>	<b>\$ 357,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,523.00</b>	<b>\$ 520,325.00</b>
<b>150-30-2900 HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES</b>						
150-30-2900-220.00	Highway FICA	\$ 8,258.00	\$ 8,219.00	\$ 8,258.00	\$ 4,537.00	\$ 9,900.00
150-30-2900-221.00	Roads Health Insurance	\$ 18,020.00	\$ 10,607.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,777.00	\$ 10,200.00
150-30-2900-222.00	Highway Retirement	\$ 5,883.00	\$ 7,231.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 3,859.00	\$ 8,880.00
150-30-2900-223.00	Life-Short-Long Insurance	\$ 738.00		\$ 738.00	\$ -	\$ 738.00
150-30-2900-224.00	Leave - Vacation	\$ -		\$ 1,880.00	\$ 1,003.00	\$ 2,200.00
150-30-2900-225.00	Leave - Sick	\$ -	\$ 1,166.00	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 3,888.25
150-30-2900-260.00	Hwy Unemployment		\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
150-30-2900-300.00	Road General Permit Fee	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
150-30-2900-430.00	Hwy - Equipment Repairs	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 34,760.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,422.00	\$ 26,000.00
150-30-2900-430.01	Hwy - Building Repairs	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 5,000.00
150-30-2900-432.00	Gravel Pit Permitting	\$ 350.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 610.00
150-30-2900-610.00	Hwy Dept - Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,570.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
150-30-2900-622.00	Utilities Main St Garage	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 5,969.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 3,700.00
150-30-2900-622.01	Utilities-Route 14 garage	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,717.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 6,800.00
150-30-2900-623.00	Hwy - Propane	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
150-30-2900-630.00	Hwy - Uniforms	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,961.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,416.00	\$ 3,000.00
150-30-2900-751.00	Road signs	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 141.00	\$ 2,500.00
150-30-2900-890.00	Hwy - Miscellaneous		\$ 758.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 83,949.00</b>	<b>\$ 89,551.00</b>	<b>\$ 94,701.00</b>	<b>\$ 50,746.00</b>	<b>\$ 93,966.25</b>
<b>150-30-2910 HIGHWAY FUND - WINTER</b>						
150-30-2910-110.00	Road Comm Salary - Winter	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 30,300.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,087.00	\$ 32,088.00
150-30-2910-110.02	Full Time Road Crew Winte	\$ 23,877.00	\$ 26,959.00	\$ 25,286.00	\$ 22,738.00	\$ 28,500.00
150-30-2910-110.03	Part Time Road Crew Winte	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 10,575.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 2,541.00	\$ 16,857.75
150-30-2910-200.00	Hwy - Equipment Rental	\$ 500.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,914.00	\$ 500.00
150-30-2910-430.00	Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 36,601.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 12,018.00	\$ 38,000.00
150-30-2910-621.00	Fuel - Winter	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 25,833.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 7,722.00	\$ 24,000.00
150-30-2910-730.00	Winter Equipment Exp.	\$ 5,500.00		\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
150-30-2910-740.00	Winter Parts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,367.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND - WINTER</b>		<b>\$ 125,877.00</b>	<b>\$ 138,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,786.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,020.00</b>	<b>\$ 152,945.75</b>
<b>150-30-2920 HIGHWAY FUND - SUMMER</b>						
150-30-2920-110.00	Road Commissioner salary	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 30,300.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 32,088.00
150-30-2920-110.02	F/T Road Crew Summer	\$ 23,070.00	\$ 26,959.00	\$ 24,431.00	\$ 1,912.00	\$ 28,500.00
150-30-2920-110.03	P/T Road Crew Summer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,575.00	\$ 2,500.00
150-30-2920-200.00	Hwy - Equipment Rental	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,219.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,909.00	\$ 6,500.00
150-30-2920-331.00	Hwy - Other Contracted Se	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 17,755.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 9,885.00	\$ 3,000.00
150-30-2920-430.00	Road Maintenance - Summer	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 63,088.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 46,465.00	\$ 55,000.00

HIGHWAY FUND	Line Item Name	BUDGET FOR FY2022	ACTUAL as of 6/30/22	BUDGET FOR FY2023	ACTUAL as of 12/31/22	PROPOSED FY2024 Budget
150-30-2920-621.00	Fuel - Summer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,026.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,467.00	\$ 14,500.00
150-30-2920-730.00	Equipment - Summer	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00
150-30-2920-740.00	Summer Parts	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
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<b>Total HIGHWAY FUND - SUMMER</b>		<b>\$ 133,570.00</b>	<b>\$ 151,757.00</b>	<b>\$ 127,631.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,213.00</b>	<b>\$ 153,088.00</b>
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<b>Total EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 343,396.00</b>	<b>\$ 380,168.00</b>	<b>\$ 356,118.00</b>	<b>\$ 206,979.00</b>	<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>
<b>Total REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 351,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 355,130.00</b>	<b>\$ 357,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,523.00</b>	<b>\$ 520,325.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$ 7,604.00</b>		<b>\$ 882.00</b>		<b>\$ 120,325.00</b>



# Selectboard Report

The Selectboard would like to thank the town officials for their ongoing hard work and dedication to their offices this past year. The town has made many improvements in 2022 and will continue to make improvements in 2023 and years to come.

The Selectboard is proud to announce the appointment of Matt Maxwell as new Town Administrator, where he has assumed the administrative and management duties of all ongoing town activities as well as assisting the Selectboard to discharge the duties of the office.

CTF (Coventry Town Foundation) petitioned town residents to be added to the Town warning asking the taxpayers to approve a \$250,000 appropriation. The last approved appropriation was also in the amount of \$250,000 in 2021. This leaves CTF reserve funds from town appropriations for the past two years of \$127,779. The CTF has also reported a June 2022 year end net worth of assets being \$1,446,546. Considering that, the Selectboard is not in favor of supporting additional appropriations currently.

The Selectboard encourages taxpayers to consider Australian Ballot. The future of voting is changing on the State and Town levels since the recent pandemic. Australian Ballot initiates increased voter participation by giving voters the ability to vote from home safely who otherwise do not feel comfortable in public. Australian Ballot also gives voters with work restrictions or residents who do not have the ability to attend Town Meeting for other reasons an opportunity to vote.

Some highlights for the town of Coventry for 2022:

- Achieved our 5<sup>th</sup> successful audit
- Completed exterior renovation of paint and roof to the Elijah Cleveland meeting house (former Coventry Congregational Church)
- Paved over 2 miles of town roads.
- Received over \$55,000 in grant funding to be used for infrastructure upgrades
- Removal of 150 Main Street house structure

Upcoming projects for 2023:

- Construction of new parking lot for Community Center at 150 Main Street
- Interior improvements to the Elijah Cleveland meeting house
- Repave and topcoat select roads

Scott Briere

Dear Coventry Residents and Property Owners,

While we anticipated the 2022 year to embark with continued Pandemic restrictions in our daily lives; it is uplifting to know it is leaving with reduced mandated restrictions that is being welcomed by many.

Just like you and your families; here at the Town, we are continually working on getting back to normal while still being able to keep our residents, voters, and researchers safe when they enter our town doors. I am very appreciative to see Coventry residents of whom I am here to serve within our Community out and about ... whether stopping by to say Hello or stopping by to introduce themselves as new residents to our Coventry Community. So, as we embark into year 2023; we are welcoming a new year, welcoming our in-person Town Meeting, and welcoming all new adventures that await in 2023.

As my journey continues working for the Town and assisting Coventry residents during this upcoming sixth year; I look forward to continuing my journey in my different capacities in the years to come. My commitment to implement ~ Accountability, Reliability, Integrity, Teamwork, and Fiduciary Responsibility ~ in all Town positions remains intact and strong. It has been welcoming to be back to in-person trainings and seminars; strengthening the "Clerk" bond with all my peers while increasing my knowledge and resources. With that being said; I am delighted to have earned my CVC title (Certified Vermont Clerk certificate) thru VMCTA in September 2022; as well as, my CMC title (Certified Municipal Clerk certificate) thru IIMC in December 2022. The learning doesn't stop here though ~ there are many other aspects to learn and more certificates to acquire so I can be the best Town Clerk I can be for you, my Coventry residents, and the researchers that enter our doors acquiring information. So thank you *residents* for allowing this opportunity to happen. The personal connections established have been a great networking means and the various "tools of the trade" knowledge that I was able to bring back to assist with my office duties and obligations have been instrumental

As we continue to strive to make office records available online; many researchers and property owners are excited to have items available at their fingertips. In 2023, we will continue our online efforts to include all recorded survey maps of Coventry properties. Preservation of our land records will continue to be overseen into the new year to ensure sustainability for years to come. Did you know a portion of our land records can be found online? Check out [www.coventry.lr-1.com](http://www.coventry.lr-1.com).



As many of you noticed, the 2022 election year was a very busy year; as indicated below:

- ~ **Town Meeting** ~ 294 votes cast via Absentee Ballot
- ~ **Primary Election** ~ 144 votes cast {47 Absentee Ballots and 97 in-person voters}
- ~ **General Election** ~ 405 votes cast {300 Absentee Ballots and 105 in-person voters}

Although Town Meeting was still under the “Covid” era, we welcomed the Primary & General Elections with reduced “Covid” restrictions. As many of you started to venture out and cast your votes in-person for the State elections, you also noticed that we graciously received a Tabulator from the VT Secretary of State’s office. I want to personally thank you for your time and patience as we all learned and transitioned over



to this new format of voting. The tabulator has proved to be effective and efficient when it comes to State elections. The reduced hand counting hours for the election officials and having tallied votes in the early part of the evening are very much welcomed and enjoyed! I must say, I was very excited to receive this new election equipment; as well as, many of you were excited to cast your votes via this new means.

Every year, it is worth repeating that I am very honored and privileged to have the election officials I have here in Coventry and together as a TEAM — we continue to conquer the election events with ease and finesse. I also want to commend you, our Town residents, for taking the initiative in becoming a voter and being a part of the election process and casting your VOTE.

I would like to personally thank my Assistant Clerk, David Barlow. Your dedication to myself, the office and the Town is greatly appreciated! And another thank you to Anita Allen for attending my office while I have been away at trainings/seminars. I greatly appreciate your assistance in helping to keep the office open while I am away.

It is important to keep our residents informed of all that is happening here in Coventry. Check out our website for more information at [www.coventryvt.org](http://www.coventryvt.org) or posted notices around town or the digital sign at the school. If you are interested in serving on a town board or volunteering, please contact us. I look forward to working with and to serve the Coventry residents in 2023 and for many years to come. My heart is for this Town to see it continually prosper, grow and provide a wonderful community to our residents.

Respectfully, *Deb Tanguay*, Town Clerk



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

## VITAL STATISTICS:

Births 1  
Marriages 6  
Deaths 8

Privacy and identity theft concerns have led to the omission of names/dates from the Vital Records Report.

## Elections & Voting

2022 was a busy year at the polls; whether you voted via absentee ballot or in-person election day. Ballots were cast for the "Australian Ballot" Town Meeting in March; followed by the Primary Election in August and the General Election in November. Thank you to all that either mailed your ballots or stopped by to vote in-person. Also, thank you to those that worked at the polls on behalf of the Town ~ your service to this Community is greatly appreciated and welcomed!!

Town Meeting Day, Mar 1st ~ 294 Voters  
Primary Election, Aug, 9th ~ 144 Voters  
General Election, Nov. 8th ~ 405 Voters

The Secretary of State's Office Elections Management Platform has streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with access to voter specific information. Voters are encouraged to log into the My Voter Page to learn more! <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

We are expecting 2023 Town Meeting to be back to on-the-floor in-person voting. Any interest in helping at the polls? Contact me to learn more.

Register to vote today.  
Your Voice ~ Your Vote

Hope to see you at the Polls.

## LAND RECORDS & VAULT

354 documents were recorded in 2022 for a total of 967 pages. We are currently in Volume #71 and the books are being filled at a steady rate. Home sales and refinances are starting to decrease as the "Covid" era is settling down coupled with interest rates increasing. We are still verifying, inputting and scanning the historical land records of the Town into a computerized system for research efficiency. View land records online at [www.coventry.lr-1.com](http://www.coventry.lr-1.com). Kofile will continue restoration and preservation on vault records early 2023 to keep those maintained. In addition, the vault will be undergoing some renovating allowing for increased needed space.

## DOG LICENSING:



153 dogs were registered in 2022 with total fees collected of \$1,423.00.

Of this amount, \$765.00 was sent to the State of Vermont for their fees. There continues to be many unregistered dogs in Coventry and the Poundkeeper will be **strictly enforcing** fines and penalties to owners in 2023. To avoid these additional costs, please license your dogs by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Vaccination Clinics are still being held off in 2023 so contact your Vet office to schedule your rabies appointments as needed. Licensing fees can be found on the following page and our website.



Greetings,

As 2022 becomes a memory I'll revisit it for a moment.

Prior to paving Pine Hill, we were able to get a underdrain in by Rogers pond with the help of Bernie Gagne who's gone out of his way over the years to accommodate us with his service's. Hopefully this project alleviates the trouble with that section of road that we've experienced over the years.

Troy Reynolds from VEC was able to get us a drop in the village so we could do an underground service to the common, this allows us to properly display the American flag as well as provide for other displays and uses. I get a little anxious tearing into that beautiful space but I was quite pleased with the outcome, a nice project done.

Through the grants in aid program funding we were able to update and stay ahead of our hydraulically connected road segments on Airport Rd, Lane Rd and Cotnoirs. While we had access to the excavator, we were able to ditch sections in need on Nadeau Park Rd, Hancock Hill Rd, Drowns Mill RD, Webster Rd and Howse Rd and demolish the Kimball house at 150 Main St. We will be digging test pits on that property January 18<sup>th</sup> for an independent sewer system to service the Community Center moving forward. We were also able to install 400ft of underdrain on Orcutt Hill and another 150ft on Webster Rd. From the gravel side of things, we were able to resurface all or sections of Linton Hill, Maxwell Rd, Webster Rd, Glen Rd and the Orcutt Hill section of the Airport Rd.

As many of you do or don't know Jase Buchanon , son of town employee John Buchanon, suffered a serious spinal injury in September, as I write today they've just returned from their second stint at the Shriner's hospital in PA . From sources close to me rehab time was cut in half due to Jase's hard work and determination, good job young man! In regards to that I'll also recognize the efforts of others for stepping up, Fred Baraw, Milt Woodard, Phil, Scott, Good David, CVS, SPICE, CTF and all others who contributed in any manner they could, you did good!

Thanks,

David



# Town Administrator: Town of Coventry

Hello, Coventry Residents

It has been an exciting first six months as the town administrator. I would like to thank the select board for giving me the opportunity to work in the town that I grew up in. Coventry has a wonderful group of Town employees that have been extremely helpful in getting me up and running with the day to day duties of the Town Administrator.

Coventry will be returning to a in person Town Meeting this year. Please come and join us at the Community Center on March 7 at 10am as we hold elections and discuss town business for the upcoming year. The informational meeting for the School business will be held on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please consider attending these events as we have many important decisions to make this year and we want people to be as informed as possible.

If you should ever find yourself in the Village please stop in and see me. My door is always open and I am very interested in discussing all things Coventry, whether it be past, present, or future.

Sincerely,

Matt Maxwell

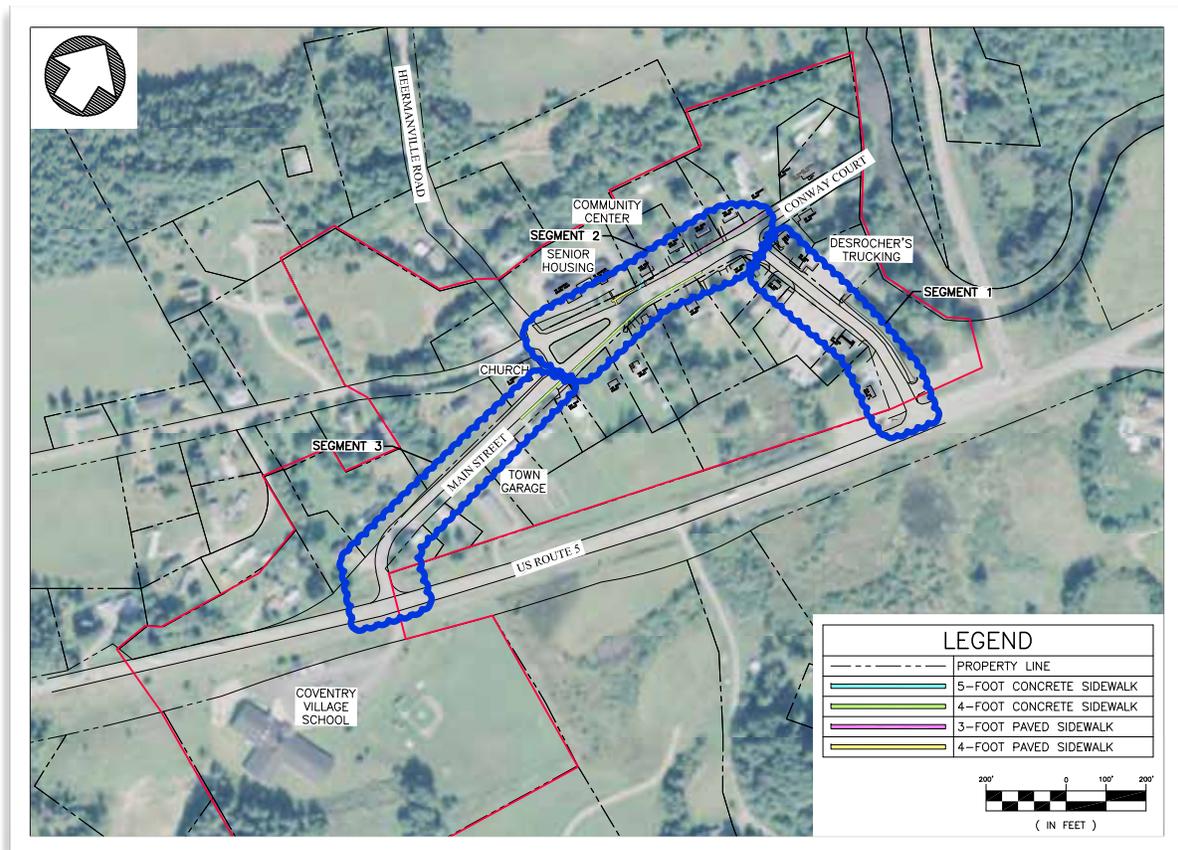


Dear Coventry Residents,

First off, we'd like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve as your Planning Commission. As 2022 flew by, we have been busy at work ensuring the continued success of our Town's planning efforts.

In April 2022, the Select Board voted to designate the Planning Commission as the Board of Adjustment. This board is required by Coventry's Flood Hazard Area Regulation to hear permit applications, with the assistance of the Zoning Administrator. It should be noted that Coventry does not have zoning regulations, unless in a Flood Zone as denoted by FEMA. After reviewing recommendations from Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources and our Zoning Administrator, the Board of Adjustment issued a Conditional Use Permit to the property owner.

The Planning Commission has also been managing the Sidewalk Scoping Study with the Dufresne Group, utilizing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant from VTrans. The purpose of this study is to identify options for updating/constructing sidewalks that start at Lady Bird park, go thru the village and meet up with Rt 5 by the School. The project was kicked-off in July, followed by a Local Concerns Meeting in August, where the project team, town officials and residents walked the sidewalks and provided feedback to Dufresne. A survey



was also conducted to solicit input from town residents (Thanks to the the Coventry Village School for helping with disseminating the survey). Using the results of the survey and the Local Concerns Meeting, the following “Purpose and Need Statement” was generated to define the scope of what we want to accomplish:

*The purpose of the project is to create a safe route for pedestrians in the Village to improve walkability, provide a safe route for pedestrians from the Village to the school, and to slow speeding vehicles in the village.*

*The project is needed due to inconsistent pedestrian infrastructure, expansive impervious areas which allow for unsafe vehicle travel, and lack of a pedestrian route to the Coventry Village School.*

At the time of writing this report, we have identified a few different alternatives for sidewalk updates and are gearing up to review the alternatives with the Dufresne Group. After the review, we’ll be wrapping up the project with a final report that will be presented to the Select Board for consideration.

Additionally, we’re in the process of identifying opportunities to facilitate our Municipal Development Plan and our Economic Development Plan. As part of this effort, we came across the “Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit” program that can provide state tax credits for qualifying buildings. More details can be found at <https://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/funding/tax-credits>

To help us accomplish our mission, it is very important for us to get community feedback. You can email us at [planningcommission@coventryvt.org](mailto:planningcommission@coventryvt.org) or come to our meetings held on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm at the Community Center.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Planning Commission.

Amanda Hussey, Chair  
Praneet Menon, Vice Chair  
Pedro Grondin  
Zack Patridge  
Israel Sanville  
Stephanie Rondeau, Assistant

New England Municipal Consultants (NEMC) completed another year as The Town of Coventry Assessor. This past year went very well in the wake of the 2021 Town-wide Reappraisal. Our office is very confident in the equity that was created during the Reappraisal process and look forward to maintaining that assessment equity moving forward.

As of the 2022 Grand List, Coventry contains 587 taxable parcels with a total listed real value of 159,935,100. The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for 2022 was 99.01 and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) was 5.43. The CLA is a statistical measure of current assessments versus the most recent market sales. Basically, the statistic is telling us how close to actual market value we are currently assessing properties at in Coventry. The COD measures the uniformity of those assessments. Both statistics are considered excellent under Vermont standards.

The Assessor's office would once again like to thank Kate Fletcher for all her work as the Assessing Clerk for the Town of Coventry. Kate can be found staffing the office every Tuesday of each week. She is happy to assist anyone looking for property and assessment information. Kate is also the primary contact for any tax mapping corrections and works closely with the municipal mapping contractor. She can be reached at (802) 754-1803 or emailed at [assessorsoffice@coventryvt.org](mailto:assessorsoffice@coventryvt.org).

Property inspections will begin in the Spring of 2023 for any property owners that have newly constructed structures or under construction credits from the previous spring. A representative from NEMC will be making an attempt to visit under-construction properties as close to April 1, 2023 as possible. Any properties receiving a new, proposed assessment should expect a notice mailed in the early part of June 2023. Dates and information will be included for the formal appeal process.

NEMC would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year, and we look forward to another year in the Coventry Assessor's Office.

Dear Coventry Property Owners & Residents,

As always, thank you for the privilege of serving the Town of Coventry and for your assurance in my abilities as Delinquent Tax Collector since 2017. This position has been streamlined by the policies and procedures I have implemented over the past six years. All delinquent tax accounts are entered into Coventry's accounting software and the amount owed to the town continues to remain at low levels.

At Town Meeting in March, 2019, voters passed an article to make taxes due on November 7<sup>th</sup> each year, resulting in consistency, less confusion, decreased late payments and successfully reducing the amount of delinquent taxes. Below is a Delinquent Tax comparison of 2018 -2022:

<b>2018</b>	Delinquent Tax as of November 1, 2018	\$118,867.15
<b>2019</b>	Delinquent Tax as of November 7, 2019	\$ 71,102.30
<b>2020</b>	Delinquent Tax as of November 9, 2020	\$ 64,233.94
<b>2021</b>	Delinquent Tax as of November 8, 2021	\$ 33,593.06
<b>2022</b>	Delinquent Tax as of November 7, 2022	\$ 54,054.82

\*\*These amounts reflect the totals submitted by the Coventry Town Treasurer at the end of the business day, once the tax year closed, after 5 pm.

A tax sale was held on October 11, 2022 and by November 1, 2022 the total delinquent tax balance owed to the town was only **\$1,872.76**. I diligently continue to work with property owners to sign delinquent tax agreements to collect monies owed to the Town of Coventry and avoid having to hold a tax sale.

Please contact me by phone at (802) 754-1803, or email [delinquenttaxcollector@coventryvt.org](mailto:delinquenttaxcollector@coventryvt.org) if you are interested in resolving a past due account. Please remember acceptable forms of payment are check, money order, or online payment, but cash is NOT accepted. Online payments can be made by ACH debit (\$1.50 fee) or credit card (percentage fee) at the town website, [coventryvt.org](http://coventryvt.org). **REMEMBER TAXES ARE DUE ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

I remain dedicated to the Town of Coventry and to maintain efficient and equitable delinquent tax policies and procedures. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you, my neighbors and friends for the past six years. Best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kate Fletcher*

Delinquent Tax Collector

**2022 List of Delinquent Tax Property Owners (all years)**

Beaumont, Darryl & April

Brown, Patricia & Punt, Anthony

Cote, Joseph & Manon

Geddes, Charles, N

Keement, Ashley & John

Messier, Jason

Messier, Richard E.

Nelson Farms, Inc.

Ofsuryk, Melissa

Petit, Eric \*

Petit, Gerard J Jr. & Stevens-Whalen, Lisa

Pierpont, Ralph & Jessica \*

Reed, James

Reed, James R. & Pamela A.

Rowell, Eric

Roy, Rosemarie & Christopher

Roy, Tim

Simpson, Andrew & Kristen \*

Swett, George

Valain, Inc.

\* Designates signed tax payment plan in place

The total owed to the Town of Coventry for 2022 delinquent property taxes, as of 12/31/2022 TOTAL \$ 30,372.60 (principal \$27,446.32; interest \$730.57; penalty \$2,195.71)

As of 11/8/2022 \$ 54,054.82 (principal only)

As of 11/9/2022 \$58,919.76 (principal, penalty, interest)

As of December 31, 2022 the town paid \$2,316,455.18 to the school for 2022-23 education taxes. Delinquent taxes uncollected and taxes abated were paid to the school from the general fund.

Outstanding Delinquent Taxes by Year (12/31/2022)

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	TOTAL
2021	\$ 1,291.25	\$ 224.55	\$ 103.30	\$ 1,619.10
2022	\$26,155.07	\$ 506.02	\$ 2,092.41	\$28,753.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$27,446.32</b>	<b>\$ 730.57</b>	<b>\$ 2,195.71</b>	<b>\$30,372.60</b>

\*\*Disclaimer: Total amounts for are based upon information available at the time of the printing of this town report.



## 2022 Treasurer's Report



Greetings Coventry Residents, Business Owners, and Property Owners,

It has been a busy and educational time in my fourth year as Town Treasurer and my first as an appointed treasurer. Accounting for the Town's funds is a team effort, with duties divided to insure robust accounting and risk management. We have had a busy year dealing with the impacts of the retreating pandemic and ongoing economic challenges, but have benefited from regaining some in-person contact with you, the people of Coventry.

We have completed our fourth year with the Town's fee-only investment advisor, John-Henry Hubert of Catamount Asset Management in Rutland. The results during this extraordinarily challenging investment year prove the need to have an independent advisor to guide us during the hard times as well as the good times. With John-Henry's help, we continue to see a positive future for Coventry's unique municipal wealth fund – Coventry's financial "bedrock."

Looking to the year ahead, we will continue to look for ways to more efficiently manage the Town's finances and reduce our response time to the various financial events throughout the year. Like everyone, we face ongoing challenges with information technology. We appreciate your thoughts and suggestions as we move ahead.

David Barlow, Coventry Town Treasurer

<b>2022 Education Taxes</b> (as of December 14, 2022; final numbers after January 1, 2023 may be different)			
<b>Education Taxes Billed by the Town:</b>	Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	Grand List Value	Amount Billed <sup>2</sup>
Homestead	1.4088	583,214.39	665,396.30
Non-Homestead	1.4807	909,895.42	1,347,282.15
Voted Veterans' Exemption/Local Agreement	0.0035	1,493,109.81	5,225.88
<b>Total:</b>			2,017,904.33
<b>Education Taxes Accounted:</b>			Amount Paid
Paid to Coventry Village School by the Town, billed and collected as shown above:			2,316,455.18
Paid to Coventry Village School by the State from State-collected taxes:			1,191,475.82
<b>Total:</b>			3,507,931.00
Homesteaders paid 19% of the 2022 tax-funded school budget			

<sup>1</sup>Many of you noted that the 2022 tax rates increased substantially compared to 2021. Readers of these notes in last year's report know that this increase was a return to normal. 2021 tax rates were extraordinarily low due to the way the State of Vermont calculated the "Common Level of Appraisal" (CLA) in 2021, a reappraisal year in the Town of Coventry. Sorry folks – we have returned to normal tax rates.

<sup>2</sup>The Homestead amount billed shown is reduced by the homestead or "state" payments paid directly to the School by the State. These payments reduced the total by \$156,236.13. In 2022, about 63% of homesteads in Coventry paid education taxes at least partly based on income, not property value, producing these homestead payments.

**Treasurer's Report  
December 2022**

Cash Drawer in Town Vault	Balance on December 01, 2022	Revenues	Expenses	Balance on December 31, 2022
Cash Drawer Balance	200.00			\$ 200.00

General Fund - Community National Bank Checking Account	Balance on December 01, 2022	Revenues	Expenses	Balance on December 31, 2022
General Fund Checking	1,592,563.16	29,951.53	(181,316.39)	\$ 1,441,198.30
General Fund without Reserve Fund Spending		22,172.13	(173,536.99)	

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds	Initial Amount		Obligated	Un-obligated balance
(funds are held in the General Fund checking account)	315,068.02		(35,000.00)	\$ 280,068.02

Restricted Community National Bank Account Balances	Balance on December 01, 2022	Revenues	Expenses	Balance on December 31, 2022
Buildings & Maintenance Fund	220,593.78	24.36		\$ 220,618.14
Solid Waste Fund	12,069.03	2.56		\$ 12,071.59
Roads Capital Equipment Fund	200,145.89	42.50		\$ 200,188.39
Roads Infrastructure Fund	811,052.35	172.01	(1,190.00)	\$ 810,034.36
Reappraisal Fund	138,148.71	29.02	(1,676.90)	\$ 136,500.83
Flood Recovery & Mitigation	103,964.28	22.07		\$ 103,986.35
Community & Economic Development	241,679.50	50.41	(4,912.50)	\$ 236,817.41

Restricted Accounts -- No Corresponding Accounts in NEMRC				
Gilman Housing Acct	104.71	0.01		\$ 104.72
	<b>1,727,758.25</b>	<b>342.94</b>	<b>(7,779.40)</b>	<b>1,720,321.79</b>

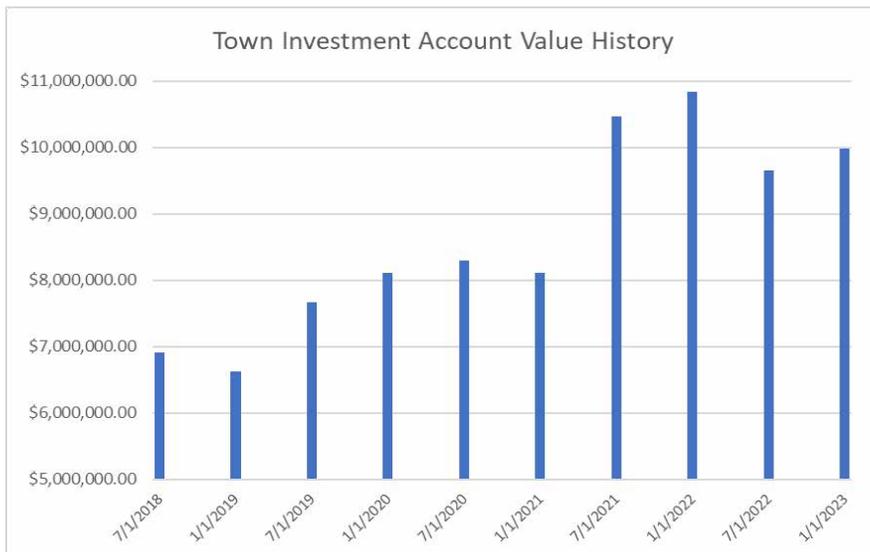
Investment Portfolio Balances	Opening Value on January 1, 2022	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Expenses YTD	Balance on December 31, 2022
EDP <sup>1</sup> Fund (MSFT 600 shares)	201,792.00	(57,900.00)		\$ 143,892.00
EDP Accrued Dividends:	9,077.62		2,353.47	\$ 6,724.15
Cemetery Investment Funds - Fidelity	176,415.88	(12,425.96)		\$ 163,989.92
Town Investment Funds <sup>2</sup> - Fidelity	10,842,877.20	(856,905.34)		\$ 9,985,971.86
	<b>11,230,162.70</b>	<b>(927,231.30)</b>		<b>10,300,577.93</b>

**TOTAL**

**13,462,298.02**

<sup>1</sup>note: EDP = Edmunds-Douglas-Price; MSFT = Microsoft; Accrued Dividends since Feb 2003 minus expenses paid from dividends (\$5652.38)

<sup>2</sup>note: Current value includes \$250,000 deposit 02/09/2022 per FY2022 budget and \$250,000 deposit 11/18/2022 per FY2023 budget



Since 7/1/2018, the Town has added \$1,550,000 to the Town Investment Account

## Summarized Reserve Fund Spending January 01, 2022 - December 31, 2022

\*these numbers do not include small expenditures and small revenue items such as bank interest

Reappraisal Fund	Regular Parcel Reappraisal Expenses	\$0.00
	Power Company Reappraisal Expenses	\$0.00
	Landfill Reappraisal Expenses	\$18,760.40
	Total:	\$18,760.40

Received State of VT Reappraisal Payment: \$5852.00

Buildings and Maintenance Fund	Community Center Renovations	\$0.00
	The Elijah Cleveland Meeting House (Former Congregational Church)	\$327,904.43
	150 Main Street Demolition	\$7,290.00
	Total:	\$335,194.43

Road Infrastructure Fund	Pine Hill Road Paving	\$289,022.42
	Engineering (culverts)	\$2,310.00
	Total:	\$291,332.42

Roads Capital Equipment Fund	Power Washer	\$6,795.00
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ARPA Fund  
(American Rescue Plan Act) Received final 1/2 funding in CY22: \$157,608.28  
No spending during this period

Solid Waste Fund	Household Hazardous Waste Day 06/04/2022	\$2,375.62
	Household Hazardous Waste Day 10/29/2022	\$2,335.84
	Total:	\$4,711.46

\*These will be partially covered by a State of VT grant

Flood Recovery and Mitigation Fund No spending during this period

Community and Economic Development Fund	Village Sidewalk Study (will be mostly covered by a grant)	\$20,009.75
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Total Reserve Funds Spending in Calendar Year 2022: \$676,803.46

# COVENTRY TOWN FOUNDATION

The Coventry Town Foundation(CTF) is a nonprofit 501c-3 organization established in 2002. Our purpose is to help the residents of Coventry in the following areas:

- College Scholarships.
- Financial assistance to those in need. Fuel assistance, home repairs, other special needs.
- Enrichment Programs for the Coventry Elementary School.
- Partially funding the senior meals program in Coventry.
- Community assistance.

Due to past Covid restraints, the enrichment programs for the Coventry Elementary School did not reach the levels of the past. Going forward, we are sure the school will be in need and the CTF will be here to help.

The CTF continues to assist with the senior meals program operated by a great Coventry resident. The CTF board is working hard on our public presence and will continue outreach programs in the coming year.

Thank you to all the residents of Coventry. Your financial support through appropriating funds makes it all possible.

Contact us at:

Coventry Town Foundation, PO Box 46, Coventry, VT 05825

Email: [coventryvtfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:coventryvtfoundation@gmail.com).

Website: [www.ctfvt.org](http://www.ctfvt.org)



## *The Coventry Town Foundation Board.*

Leo Piette / Rosalie Gauvin / Deb Tanguay  
Jana Lovejoy / Rocky Boucher

Front row – Rocky Boucher, Leo Piette and Deb Tanguay  
Back row – Jana Lovejoy, Rosalie Gauvin, Kerry Keement

# Coventry Town Foundation Inc.

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

## Revenue, Support, and Gains

Grants and contributions	\$ -
Investment income, net	<u>(253,133)</u>
<b>Total revenue, support, and gains</b>	<b>(253,133)</b>

## Expenses

<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Community and educational grants	26,756
Scholarships	<u>28,000</u>
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>54,756</b>
<b>Management and general</b>	
Accounting and bookkeeping	2,035
Insurance	1,166
Miscellaneous expense	115
Office expense	460
Meeting expense	219
Postage and mailing	<u>119</u>
<b>Total management and general</b>	<b>4,114</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>58,870</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets from operations</b>	<b>(312,003)</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b><u>1,758,549</u></b>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,446,546</u></u></b>

Extracted from financial statements with accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.  
Review services provided by Hayes Accounting Services



December 22, 2022

Happy Holidays and Cheers to a Healthy 2023

Merriam Webster defines volatility as a quality or state of being volatile: *such as a tendency to change quickly and unpredictably as well as a tendency to erupt in violence or anger*. While it is never our position to appraise our portfolios based on a single small-time frame it is fair to say that the equity and bond markets were the definition of volatile in 2022.

Clearly there has been no shortage of market drama this year. Real pain has been inflicted. Pessimism is proliferating. Uncertainty abounds. The breathtaking returns fueled by post-Covid enthusiasm have been drained from stocks as a bear market has taken hold.

The drama is understandable. Instability grips the world as the pandemic lingers, inflation swells, violence against Ukraine rages, an energy crisis looms and China shelters. The supply-chain bottlenecks that were expected to have straightened themselves out remain entangled. U.S. consumers are still buying, but their confidence is falling, as prices and escalating wages remain largely unaffected by the interest-rate increases meant to contain them. Corporate earnings expectations are beginning the painful reset to reflect today's economic reality.

While 2022 has certainly been a sobering year for Financial Markets the portfolio for The Town of Coventry has time on its side!! The investment policy crafted by the select board and investment committee with our direction, seeks balance between stocks, bonds, real estate, commodities, and bank deposits. Much of the account relies on the diversification and low cost of index funds which helps maintain that we are not overly concentrated in a single company or sector. This conservative portfolio remains the benchmark for most municipal pensions and endowments throughout the country and while negative years can be disconcerting the history of diversification ensures that these town funds will be available for generations of families living in Coventry.

The investment committee meets quarterly to review account activity and those reports are available by request.

Catamount Asset Management is Registered Investment Advisor and Fiduciary for the assets owned by the Town of Coventry. John Henry Hubert is the Managing Director and makes his home in Rutland with his wife Kristin and their daughters Makenna and Addison.

John Henry Hubert • Investment Advisor  
8 Madison Street, Rutland, VT 05701 (802)558-3754(cell)

Investment advisory services offered through Catamount Asset Management, a State of Vermont Registered Investment Advisor. Subadvisory services are provided by Advisory Alpha LLC, a SEC Registered Investment Advisor

November 30, 2022

Town of Coventry  
168 Main Street  
PO Box 8  
Coventry, VT 05825

**RE: New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc.  
Landfill Operations & Development Update**

Dear Coventry Residents,

We at New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc. (NEWSVT) hope you have a wonderful holiday with your friends and family. This year has been a busy year for us and we are eager to share with you some of our accomplishments over the year as well as updating you on current initiatives.

### Operations

*Landfill* – Landfill operations are now occurring in our Phase VI area and we will continue to place waste in Phase VI (Airport side of the site) for the next several years.

*Waste Type & Volumes* – In 2021, the facility accepted around 498,000 tons of solid waste of which 86% was from Vermont sources. The facility can accept to 600,000 tons of waste annually.

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events

The facility will host two HHW collection events in 2023. They are scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Open House

Our 2022 Open House once again had a large turnout with upwards of 300 people and we are incredibly thankful for the amount of people who came out this year to learn more about a modern day landfill and such an important public need in the region. The Open House was on September 17 and we have included a few photo's of the event.







We have penciled the date for the 2023 Open House for **Saturday September 16, 2023 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.**

### **Construction**

You may have noticed that we began moving excavated soil from the Phase VI area across Airport Road and into stockpile on the west side of Airport Road. This recent work is in preparation for our next cell expansion that will take place in 2023. We have diminished much of our resource for soil placement locations on the landfill side of Airport Road and will continue to move material intermittently to the east side of Airport Road.

Once all the material is placed on the east side of Airport Road the meadow will be seeded and placed back into an agricultural use.

As with every year, we expanded our landfill gas collection and control system as well as replaced some older features within the gas collection system to continue to maintain proper compliance with our Air Pollution Control Permit.

### **Renewable Energy Related**

*Landfill Gas-to-Energy Facility* – The Landfill Gas-to-Energy (LFGTE) Facility continues to produce power for around 7,000 Vermonters in the central Vermont area across the power distribution system of Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC). WEC's subsidiary, Coventry Clean Energy Corporation (CCEC), owns and operates the LFGTE Facility at the site.

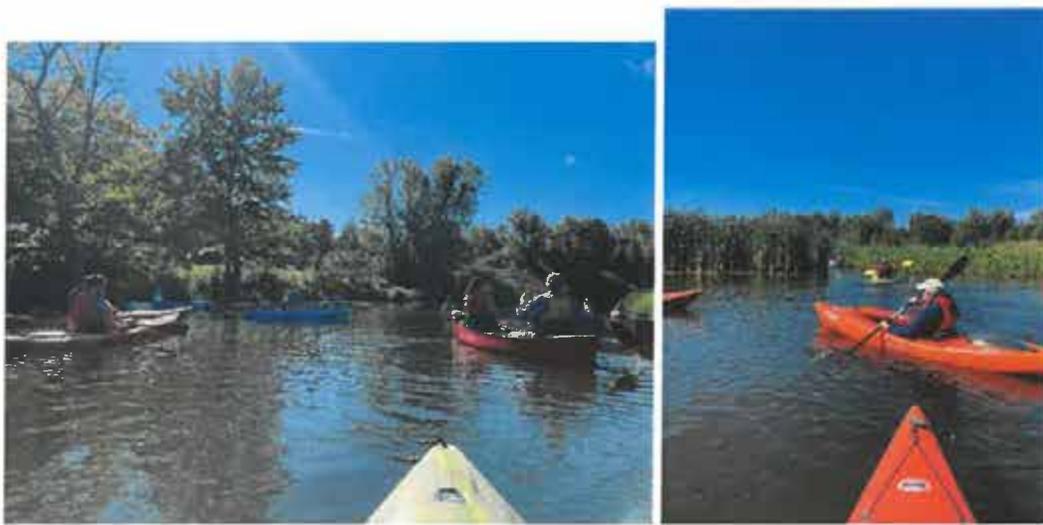
**Solar** -- The existing 12-acre, 2.7-megawatt photovoltaic solar array was developed by Casella Waste Systems, Inc. (Casella), the parent company of New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc., and continues to generate power for approximately 261 homes. The project ownership was transferred by Casella to Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. in 2013.

**Geothermal** – The Phase VI landfill expansion permit included approval for 5 Greenhouses that would utilize an innovative geothermal heating system to heat the greenhouses. Plastic tubing is placed beneath the sand layer in the landfill containment system and after waste is placed and begins to decompose the decomposition generates heat, we capture some of that heat by pumping a coolant through the tubing and directing the heated coolant to up to the greenhouses. Some of this tubing will be placed inside the first cell of Phase VI this summer.

**2022 Landfill Photos**



**2020 Black River Inspection & River Clean-Up Crew**





**Host Town / Drop Off**

The NEWSVT Drop Off continues to be a convenient location for residents to drop off their waste and recyclable items. The following is an outline of the guidelines for drop off use:

- ❖ For free waste disposal – residents must be a full-time resident of Coventry and must register for waste and recycling services at the Coventry Town Clerk’s office.
- ❖ Residents get to dispose of a maximum of two (2) 30-gallon bags of waste each week for free. More than two bags in one weeks’ time, there will be a charge for each bag.
- ❖ The scales are available for residents with dump trailers, pick-up loads or larger loads and will be charged the posted per ton rate.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for recycling.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for cardboard (please break boxes down flat).
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for leaf & yard debris.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for used oil.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for rechargeable batteries.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for scrap metal (no freon containing devices please).
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for fluorescent bulbs.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for (4) car or pickup tires per year and must be dismounted from rims.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for lead-acid (automotive) batteries.
- ❖ Residents will not be charged for food scraps.

The staff at NEWSVT & Casella wishes to remind community members we are available for discussion on any waste or recycling matter and especially to answer any questions relative to our facility in Coventry.

Once again have a great holiday season and you can contact myself at 802.236.5973 or by email at [john.gay@casella.com](mailto:john.gay@casella.com) or you may contact the landfill General Manager, Jeremy Labbe at 207.217.7988 or by email at [Jeremy.labbe@casella.com](mailto:Jeremy.labbe@casella.com).

Sincerely,

**NEW ENGLAND WASTE SERVICES OF VERMONT, INC.**



John Gay, E.I.  
Permitting, Compliance, & Engineering

- c. Coventry Planning Commission  
Coventry Selectboard  
Jeremy Labbe, NEWSVT Landfill General Manager

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NEK Broadband had a successful and busy year. Construction continued throughout 2022, and customers in Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg were connected to our fiber-optic internet network! We prepared multiple grant applications, received significant funding from a multitude of sources, and were able to procure and purchase a majority of the materials needed to continue construction throughout our district.

## PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

- We purchased over 700 miles of fiber optic cable.
- More than \$ 2 million in hardware and equipment was ordered.
- We submitted the necessary applications to eight electric and communication utility companies, giving us access to more than 12,000 utility poles spread over 500 miles of roadways in 24 towns. We are now able to prepare these poles for installation.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)		
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985	Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,016
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,718
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,005,250	\$5,565,444	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$26,703,000</b>	<b>\$6,377,567</b>	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	<b>Total Cash In</b>	<b>\$31,930,789</b>
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Operational Cost	\$586,601
<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$26,415,650</b>	<b>\$6,280,766</b>	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	<b>Total Cash Out</b>	<b>\$31,219,081</b>
Increase in Capital Assets	\$25,705,000	\$5,565,444	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
			Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288



## GRANTS & FINANCING

- This year, the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved \$8,023,915 in Pre-Construction Grants and \$20,865,889 in Construction Grants.
- We secured American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds from 13 towns, totaling \$941,750 plus an added \$941,750 in matching funds from the VCBB.
- We secured and completed a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to build seven miles, serving 90 premises.

## BUILDING CAPACITY

- We hired three full-time employees in 2022, and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Contracts have been finalized with all major construction and operations companies.
- We secured warehouses in both Saint Johnsbury and Brighton.

## CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR



**432**  **SERVICE AVAILABILITY**

OUR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO 432 ADDRESSES IN CONCORD, WATERFORD, AND LUNENBURG.

**36**  **MILES BUILT**

IN 2022, WE BUILT 36 MILES OF OUR NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEK BROADBAND DISTRICT.

## ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing our 51 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet infrastructure for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

## SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at [get.nekbroadband.org](http://get.nekbroadband.org).

# Justices of the Peace

ELECTED OFFICE TERM ~ FEB 2023 THRU JAN 2025

**Did you know?** There are nearly 2,000 justices of the peace in Vermont, making it Vermont's most numerous and popular public office. Yet it is an office not commonly understood or appreciated by the public, in part because of how the duties of the office have been altered over the years. Created by the Vermont Constitution in 1777, the office of justice of the peace is one of Vermont's oldest public offices. In 1786, the Constitution was changed to provide that the General Assembly would instead elect them. In 1850, the Constitution was again amended and we adopted the present system, whereby JPs are elected by the voters of their respective towns. The first justices of the peace acted as judges in certain matters. A 1779 law provided that a JP could try any action in which the matter in demand or fine did not exceed ten pounds, or potential corporal punishment did not exceed ten lashes. It was not until 1974 that the General Assembly removed all judicial powers from the office. The authority of a justice of the peace to solemnize marriages was first established in 1779, but jurisdiction was limited to the county for which a justice was elected. In 1974, this jurisdiction was extended statewide. A JP's responsibilities for elections began in the mid-nineteenth century and have evolved ever since including hearing and deciding tax appeals.

~ WITH MUCH APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE ~  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE & DEDICATION TO OUR TOWN



Front Row— Kerry Keement; Donald Hunt; Sherylin Bradley

Back Row— Richard Lussier; Jack P Sloan

Missing from photo — Melissa Gallup & Anita Allen

# Coventry Senior Meals



Are you looking for something fun to do every Tuesday at lunch? Are you up for meeting some new and old friends while enjoying a delicious meal?

Stop by the Coventry Senior Meals program located at the Community Center on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 am and enjoy a meal with conversation.

Meal cost is \$4.00 per person. Donations are accepted.



Thank you to all who come out and attend our Senior Meals program and special thanks to the Coventry Village School students for assisting and creating holiday decorations. Thank you to everyone else who helps out!

**Program Coordinator ~ Deb Lucas**

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# 2022 ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

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Serving as Animal Control officer for Coventry in the year 2022,  
I have taken:

- ✚ 27 calls for Stray/Lost dogs
- ✚ 2 calls regarding Cats
- ✚ 5 calls for Livestock
- ✚ 0 call for Dogbites
- ✚ 1 call for Vicious Dog issue
- ✚ 6 calls for Animal Cruelty complaints
- ✚ 43 calls for Miscellaneous complaints/calls
- ✚ 3 surrenders



The majority of stray animals were reunited with their owners and the ones that were not, went to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Society and were placed for adoption. Stray dogs are not euthanized, and every effort is made to reunite them with their owners. If you find a stray dog, your duty is to contact animal control so that I may try to find owners and also protect the public by making sure the dog is vaccinated and licensed before returning it to the owners.

I would like to remind people to please license and register their dogs, and please put identification on your dogs. It is much easier, and less costly to reunite you with your pet, if they are wearing tags or identification. It is also wise to make sure your indoor/outdoor cats receive a scheduled rabies vaccine.

Please remember to spay and neuter your pets as there are millions of unwanted cats and dogs in the U.S. There are low cost spay/neuter programs available for pet owners. If you need information on free or reduced cost spay/neuter programs, please call me. (802)673-3791.

**DID YOU KNOW?** ~ By Vermont State Statute, all dogs must be registered with the Town Clerk by April 1<sup>st</sup> each calendar year. Current rabies certificate needs to be on file in the Town Clerk's office. This will be strictly enforced with law control in 2023 and may result in additional fines and penalties for dogs not registered. We encourage you to be proactive and register your dogs.

Thank you to the residents who diligently register and vaccinate your dogs. This tremendously saves us all time and is much appreciated!!

**Renee Falconer – {on Facebook}**  
**(802)673-3791**  
**grfalconer123@gmail.com**



The Animal Doctor  
56 Eastern Ave  
Newport Center, VT  
802.334.1503

## 2023 Vaccine Clinics



All Wednesdays in March from 10 AM to 12 PM

Curbside vaccines available for all dogs and cats!

Please bring previous vaccine records for your pets if you have them.

# COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT #1

## Welcome

to the Coventry Fire District #1. We are a small; yet, independent municipal entity operating within the Town of Coventry to provide clean, affordable drinking water to the members within the district's boundaries. Our Prudential Committee is a three (3) member board; but, currently consists of Dominique Gervais and Marie Sloan. We do have a vacancy and are actively looking for another committee member to join our team building the Fire District.

Over the past couple of years, the Prudential Committee has made great strides with its finances/regulations and attaining consistency with the Fire District and the members it serves. With the assistance of State Agencies, we have been diligently working to make strategic decisions to help rebuild reserves to enhance the financial stability of the Fire District for years to come.

We are very appreciative of the ARPA funding received from the Town of Coventry that is allowing water meters to be placed on all connections within the district. You will be hearing more in the near future as this project is implemented by our Systems Operator.

We would like to THANK our systems operator, Pedro Grondin, for his dedication and being a team player. Also, we sincerely THANK you, our fire district members, for being understanding and patient as we complete this transitional phase. It has been a great pleasure to help streamline this facility; allowing it to be the best it can be for its members and for our community to ensure safe affordable water.

Coventry Fire District #1 holds meetings at the Coventry Community Center and encourages the public along with the district members to participate and become involved in their water district. As the old adage goes, "it takes a TEAM to build a COMMUNITY" and the fire district is no different and welcomes your involvement.

We can be reached by emailing [firedistrict@coventryvt.org](mailto:firedistrict@coventryvt.org); calling 802-487-0125 or by mailing us at Coventry Fire District #1, PO Box 90, Coventry, VT 05825.



# RADON

One in 7 homes in Vermont  
has elevated levels of radon.

Request a FREE test kit today.

Phone: 1-800-439-8550

Email: [radon@vermont.gov](mailto:radon@vermont.gov)

IS Your Home safe?

LUNG CANCER



# THE SILENT KILLER!

Morgan, age 11, Good Shepherd Catholic School

 VERMONT

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
[HealthVermont.gov](http://HealthVermont.gov)

Dear Residents,

The primary role of the 9-1-1 address coordinator is to make sure that your physical address matches the states 9-1-1 maps and database. This is important so emergency services can find your location when you call for help. The 9-1-1 address also routes your call to 911 to the appropriate public safety answering point (PSAP) that is associated with the emergency services in your area. All addresses in the town of Coventry are distance based meaning the number of your address will tell emergency services approximately how far down the road they need to travel to find your location. All addresses must be assigned by the municipal 9-1-1 coordinator. You as a resident or building owner are not able to give your residence or building an address.

Part of the position is to audit addresses to verify that they are in fact correct and to update them by either giving them the appropriate number or update the 9-1-1 maps and database. If you have an address that has been audited and needs to be updated, you will receive a letter in the mail, so you know what your new address is. When we add or make changes to addresses, we notify the landowner/resident, state 9-1-1 board, post office, and emergency services.

An important note to know is that Google maps and other GPS's do not necessarily match what the 9-1-1 maps and databases have. Most of the delivery services such as FedEx and UPS use google maps or a version of it. If you do find that when you look up your address on google maps that it does not bring you to the correct place there is a way to submit a correction to them. In most instances it does make the correction. When it comes to emergency services, they sometimes use those GPS's that will not bring them to the correct place. When calling emergency services, if you know your address does not come up on a GPS correctly, please let the dispatcher know that prior to hanging up with them.

The best thing you can do to help emergency services find your address is to post the number out at the road. If you are in need of one, please contact me and we will provide a reflective sign. The cost for those are only \$10.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, Phil Marquette

9-1-1 Address Coordinator [philmarquette@coventryvt.com](mailto:philmarquette@coventryvt.com) 802-487-4091

Dear Coventry Residents,

By Vermont statute each town needs to appoint an Emergency Management Director to locally organize emergency management planning in its town for all hazard's events natural or manmade. As the EMD my roles in the position include creating and maintaining the towns Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP), managing the Local Emergency Operations Center (EOC), liaison of the town to the State EOC during an emergency event, coordinate community outreach for citizen preparedness, participate in the creation and maintenance of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and closely works with the road commissioner, select board, and other town officials to make sure we are prepared for any emergency in the town.

Along with keeping our LEMP up to date, the town has also continued to adopt the state town road and bridge standards, participates in the national flood insurance program, and has a current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. With these if there was a damage causing even and the state as a whole meets the minimum damage costs, the governor can ask for a Federal Emergency Declaration by the President. When this happens, we can get reimbursed by FEMA for 75% of the total cost of the repairs from the event. This is called the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund or ERAF. Out of the remaining 25%, the state automatically contributes 7.5% of that. However, since we do participate in the national flood insurance program, have adopted the state town road and bridge standards, have an updated LEMP, and a current Local Hazard mitigation plan, we are able to get reimbursed 12.5% of that remaining 25%. Therefore, it is important for us to keep these documents up to date.

I wanted to give you an update on the Ice Jam Project we have been working on over the last few years. As mentioned last year, In the summer 2019 the state was awarded funding to four Vermont Communities for the VT U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "Silver Jackets" to study the ice jam challenges in the communities, identify potential mitigation options, and conduct community education and outreach related to ice jam preparedness, response, and recovery. We received the preliminary mitigation assessment from the Silver Jackets in February 2022. With the help of VEM and NVDA we are now in the process of applying for funding through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program to cover the cost to hire an engineer to analysis all possible mitigation options brought up in this report, develop final plans for the preferred mitigation option, prepare a Benefit Cost Analysis for the project, and create a complete project application to fund the implementation of the preferred mitigation option. The project has been selected by the State project review board to be submitted to FEMA for consideration. We should hear from FEMA in the late summer 2023 on whether this project has been approved for funding.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions or if you would like to help or be included in any of the planning we are working on.

Sincerely, Phil Marquette

Emergency Management Director [philmarquette@coventryvt.org](mailto:philmarquette@coventryvt.org) 802-487-8091



Newport Ambulance Service Inc, P.O. Box 911 Newport, Vermont 05855

### Town of Coventry 2022 Report

Dear Citizens of Coventry,

Our call volume increased to 3107 calls in 2022 from a total of 3052 in 2021. In 2022 Newport Ambulance responded to 73 emergency calls in the Town of Coventry and transported 8 Town residents from North Country Hospital to receive care in other facilities. We have also responded to 61 calls for mutual aid.

Our Crews continue to work close with the Vermont Dept. of Health and Vermont Emergency Medical Services to assist with the statewide COVID 19 testing and Vaccine sites throughout the state. In 2022 Newport Ambulance hosted a drive through Covid testing site. We also have delivered thousands of Covid and flu vaccines to patients throughout Orleans and Essex County. We currently are serving as a drive through COVID-19 and Flu vaccine site at our 830 Union Street location 2 days a week.

Newport Ambulance has been fortunate to continue and receive funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Outbreak Testing & Vaccination Administration Grant. This funding will be used to purchase our new 2022 chevy ambulance, with a new Stryker power load stretcher, and pay for the station's driveway to be repaved without putting those costs onto the taxpayers.

Currently the ambulance service has 3 crews providing 24/7 service. This service presently has 6 ambulances, and a Paramedic first response car that are stocked and available to respond, at the Advanced Life Support level, at any time.

Newport Ambulance substation in Morgan and is running a crew there 24/7. This will help serve parts of Derby, Holland, Morgan, Charleston, and Brighton.

Newport Ambulance facilities are located at 830 Union St, Newport and 8437 RTE 111, Morgan.

Newport Ambulance Service thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving you and your town.

Respectfully

Jeffrey J. Johansen,

Executive Director



Jennifer L. Harlow  
Sheriff

**ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
PO BOX 355  
NEWPORT VT 05855

Telephone  
(802) 334-3333

Fax  
(802) 334-3307

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December 1, 2022

I cannot believe it is the end of the year already. I hope that everyone has had a good year and we have appreciated the opportunity working with all of you and look forward to working with you all next year as well.

I wanted to let you all know this year 2023 we will unfortunately need to increase our patrol rate. This past year I was able to level fund the patrol rate keeping it the same \$55.12 an hour. Due to the increase of fuel, retirement, health insurance and wages our department is unable to level fund this year.

Our new patrol rate for 2023 will be \$58.00 an hour. If there are any questions or concerns please reach out to me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer L. Harlow".

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow



Jennifer L. Harlow  
Sheriff

**ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
PO BOX 355  
NEWPORT, VT 05855

Telephone  
(802) 334-3333

Fax  
(802) 334-3307

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December 1, 2022

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to ask the Town of **Coventry** to consider the following appropriation of **\$13,630.00**, to allow for police services in your town for the contractual year of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Currently the Town of Coventry contracts approximately 4.5 hours a week and I would like to request the Town to consider 8 hours a week. This would increase the current hours per year from 235 to 416, with an appropriation request of **\$24,128.00**. This would allow for our department to be available and respond to calls for service with a high concentration on areas of concern by Coventry residents. The increase in hours would allow for more proactive patrol which is a natural deterrent for criminal behavior.

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department would like to be given the opportunity to continue working closely with the residents of **Coventry**.

Respectfully,

*Jennifer Harlow*

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

# SOCIAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS





“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it”

Robert Swan, Explorer

**Town of Coventry**  
**Ned Connell**  
**P.O. Box 8**  
**Coventry, VT 05825**

**Thank You Coventry**  
for helping keep Vermont a  
beautiful place to live, work & play!  
Your contribution makes a difference  
#togetherwecan #greenupVT

**Green Up Vermont**  
P.O. Box 1191  
Montpelier, VT 05601-1191

[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

### Appropriation Request Letter

Dear Residents of Coventry

**Thank you** for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with nearly 20,000 volunteers picking up 500 TONS of trash and 14,315 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live.

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

**As Green Up rolls into our 53rd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$100.00 appropriation.**

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

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

This past Green Up Day we saw the resurgence of gatherings which really gave an amazing boost to communities. Let’s keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2023, May 6th** and help us celebrate 53 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am honored to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

Kate Alberghini, Executive Director  
802-522-7245 • [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)

*Green Up’s mission is to promote the stewardship of our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.*

Green Up Vermont is a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit corporation.



## Rural Community Transportation, Inc.

1677 Industrial Parkway • Lyndonville, Vermont 05851

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Phone: (802)748-8170 • Fax: (802)748-5275 • <http://riderct.org>

*"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"*

October 19, 2022

Town of Coventry  
Coventry Town Office  
P.O. Box 8  
Coventry, VT 05825

Re: Request for town appropriation

Dear Coventry Voters,

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests that the following special appropriation article appear on the 2023 warning for the Town Meeting:

Article: Shall the Town of Coventry vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$850.00** for the support of **Rural Community Transportation, Inc.** to provide services to residents of theTown of Coventry.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In FY2022, RCT provided 562 rides to 8 residents of Coventry, traveling 10,689 miles at a total cost of \$6,675.25. RCT continued to provide safety-focused, demand-based rides in COVID-19 pandemic conditions without interruption in service.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match, and are therefore vital to RCT's operation.

We hope you will vote to fund this request, and RCT looks forward to continued service to the residents of Coventry.

Sincerely,

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Jessy Pelow  
Office Administrator

181 Crawford Road - Derby  
PO Box 724 Newport VT 05855  
Phone 802-334-6744 Fax 802-334-7455  
Toll free 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street  
PO Box 368 St. Johnsbury VT 05819  
Phone 802-748-3181 Fax 802-748-0704  
Toll free 800-649-0118

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October 20, 2022

Town of Coventry Select Board  
P. O. BOX 8  
COVENTRY, VT 05825  
townadministrator@coventryvt.org

RE: 2023 Town Meeting Appropriation Request

Dear Town of Coventry Select Board and Community Members:

The professional employees at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. follow their mission to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support. We ask you to financially support our mission and agency by including the following article in your 2023 Town Meeting Warning.

**ARTICLE:** Shall the Town of Coventry vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$2172 for the support of Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)(3), to support community members who cannot otherwise afford care?

This request is the same amount as voted at the 2022 Town Meeting.

A Fiscal Year 2022 Summary Activity Report of how Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) supported your town and the Northeast Kingdom is included with this letter.

For more information about our agency and services, please visit our website at <https://www.nkhs.org>, or call our offices in Derby (802-334-6744) or St. Johnsbury (802-748-3181). Emergency Services are available 24/7.

We strive to respond to community needs with quality care.

Respectfully,

Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors and Leadership Team

Contact Ruth Marquette at [RMarquette@nkhs.net](mailto:RMarquette@nkhs.net) regarding appropriation questions.

*We're all about being human.*



### **NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS) Requesting \$2172 in 2023**

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week

[www.nkhs.org](http://www.nkhs.org)

Thank you, Town of Coventry voters, for your appropriation support at your Town Meetings. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source to provide needed services to residents who cannot otherwise afford care. The 2023 appropriation request of **\$2172** is the same amount voted on at the 2022 Town Meeting. This represents 2.25% of appropriation requests from 48 towns. We offer supportive confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

#### **Summary Activity Report July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:**

- **2887** individuals of all ages in our service area utilized support services.
- **17** individuals **from the Town of Coventry** accessed supportive care at NKHS.
- Employees provided **over 94 hours** of community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in NKHS offices, area schools, and businesses at no cost to participants. We offered QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) suicide awareness and prevention trainings, Youth Mental Health First Aid, and other educational opportunities to at least 200 Northeast Kingdom community members.
- **552** total dedicated professional employees, **3 from the Town of Coventry**, support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Coventry voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community.

**Thank you so much for your support!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director  
Board of Directors  
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.



Jaime Laredo, Music Director

2 Church Street, Suite 3B | Burlington, Vermont 05401 | 802-864-5741 ~ 800-VSO-9293 | vso.org

Town of Coventry  
townadminisrator@coventryvt.org

November 26, 2022

Dear Town of Coventry Select Board,

The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Coventry for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your town. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program with a mission to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the 2023 Town Meeting Warning. We hope that you will consider sharing this letter and Article with town voters.

**Article: Shall the Town of Coventry voters approve the sum of \$100.00 as an appropriation to the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's educational and youth access programs?**

*SymphonyKids* involves a number of youth music education programs which benefit our youth in the Northeast Kingdom. We visited and drew students from communities across the NEK including Barnet, Brighton, Burke, Glover, Greensboro, Hardwick, Newport, North Troy, Walden, Waterford, Woodbury, and Wolcott during the financial year.

- 320 kids (elementary and middle school) attended the VSO's **Musicians in Schools** programs, which took place in both schools and libraries. These 45-minute concerts highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music with live performances by a trio of musicians and a storyteller.
- 12 high school chorus students from Lake Region Union High School are training and will participate in our December 2022 **Brass Quintet and Counterpoint concert** in Newport.
- 68 kids (ages 1-17) took part in our **Musical Petting Zoo** at Burke Mountain during the July 2022 Summer Festival Tour concert performance and received reduced price tickets.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grader Maaiké Dam from Kirby was the winner of our October 2022 **MasterClef** student music composition competition

The 2023 appropriation from your town will go towards the VSO's general education work in the NEK and access to VSO performances for young people in the community. Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated! Should you have questions about this appropriation request, please contact me at 802-673-2447 or raamarq@hotmail.com. For more information about the VSO, visit their website at <https://www.vso.org/>.

Thank you!

Ruth Marquette, on behalf of the North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra  
15 Taylor Street, Newport, VT 05855



*Musicians in Schools string trio at Hardwick Elementary*



*Musical Petting Zoo at Burke Mountain with the VSO's Summer Festival Tour concert*



*Kirby-based student Maaike Dam (center) with student finalists and composer Matthew Evan Taylor for VSO's MasterClef competition*

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

**Request Amount: \$130.00**

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

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

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

During FY'22, **1** resident of **Coventry** received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)  
(resident on waiting list for home modification, project has started)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

*Inc. Village of Orleans  
One Memorial Square  
Orleans, VT 05860  
802-754-8584*

*Town of Coventry;  
168 Main Street  
Coventry, VT 05825*

*November 21, 2022*

*Dear Town of Coventry; Select Board:*

*The Village of Orleans would like to thank the Town of Coventry for the 2022 appropriation of \$2,000.00 for our Jones Memorial Library.*

*The Village of Orleans is requesting \$2,500.00 in 2023 in order to operate and maintain the Jones Memorial Library.*

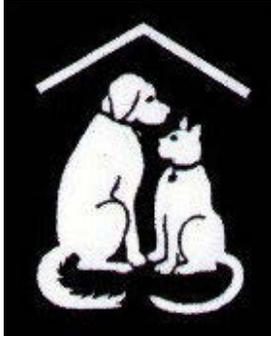
*Hopefully you feel and appreciate the benefits of the Jones Memorial Library; and any amount will be beneficial.  
Currently our anticipated 2023 budget for the library is in excess of \$60,000.00.*

*Should you have additional questions you can call the Village Office at 754-8584.*

*Thank you all for your consideration.*

*Sincerely,*

*John Morley*



Dear Town of Coventry

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is requesting that you include the following request in your 2022 Town Warning.

Shall the voters of the town of Coventry vote to appropriate the sum of \$750 to assist the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter with its commitments to rescuing, providing care to and finding homes for unwanted pets.

The shelter serves all the towns in Orleans County and Northern Essex. Funds received through town appropriations are used for general shelter expenses, animal medical needs and care. We do not count individuals served; however, all towns benefit for the services we provide. Coventry residents are among those individuals benefitting from our existence.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely

Betsy Hampton, Treasurer  
PMFAS Board Member  
November 20231

4473 Barton-Orleans Road  
Orleans, VT 05860

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Skilled Nursing  
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46 Lakemont Road Newport, Vermont 05855

Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN, Executive Director

October 12, 2022

TO: Selectmen/Aldermen - Town of Coventry  
FROM: Lyne B. Limoges, Executive Director  
RE: Article for Warning - 2023 Town Meeting (Suggested format)

Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. respectfully requests. that the following article be warned for Town Meeting 2023:

#### ARTICLE FOR WARNING

To see if the Town of Coventry will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc. for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency.

**Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.**

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11

Newport, VT 05855

1-844-GO NEKLS(466-3557) / toll free

(802) 334-6532 / phone

(802) 334-6555 / fax

info@neklsvt.org

www.NEKLSVT.org



LEARNING SERVICES

BEGIN · BELIEVE · BECOME

November 18, 2022

Town of Coventry,

Since the late 1960s, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS) has served the residents of Orleans, Essex, and Caledonia counties. NEKLS began in one location in Newport, and has since expanded to provide free services in five Community Learning Centers as well as various off-site and in-home educational programs. Residents of these counties who have accessed NEKLS services have worked toward obtaining a high school diploma or GED, gained job skills, and prepared for college courses, in addition to continuing support for the Orleans and Northern Essex County Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Community groups like NEKLS continue to face financial difficulties due to state and federal budget constraints. The hundreds of community members we interact with each year depend on town appropriations to keep programs free and help them achieve their goals. Funding supports the introduction of new educational options as well as the maintenance of current high-quality programs. NEKLS is asking for a \$500.00 town appropriation to fund programs that are available to locals.

In 2019, NEKLS added Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center, which is licensed for 98 children and cares for infants (6 weeks old) to school-age children year round (up to age 12). Bringing this childcare center to the community was a transformative project that included a partnership with NEKCA Head Start to create a spectacular center that recently earned 5 STARS in Vermont's Child Care Rating System.

Enclosed is our NEKLS appropriations flyer to include in your town report; it is a detailed summary of our services for taxpayers' information.

We hope you will continue to support NEKLS as we look forward to another year of being an important partner in your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michelle Faust'.

Michelle Faust

Executive Director

Enclosure: NEKLS Appropriations Infographic

***Our mission is to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.***

Newport (802)334-6535 / St. Johnsbury (802)748-5624 / Hardwick (802)472-3183 / Island Pond (802)723-1134 / Canaan (802)274-2608



Cultivating a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression

December 12, 2022

Town of Coventry  
Deb Tanguay  
P.O. Box 8  
Coventry, VT 05825

Dear Deb,

We at Umbrella thank you and your town voters for supporting our agency services in the past. We are asking for your support again to be added to the 2023 Town Meeting Warning.

Shall the Town of Coventry vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1125 for the support of Umbrella to provide services to residents of the Town?

Please find that we have sent the town report and financials with this request and we would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director



Activity Report for Coventry  
Fiscal Year 2023 \* July 2022 – June 2023  
Town Appropriation Request: \$1125

Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

- **Social Change** focuses on prevention education and initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, and creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. One of our strategies is to provide pathways for girls to work within this social change and prevention field through the Youth in Power Program. In FY22, we provided 1865 youth with educational workshops throughout our 17 school partners. We provided 214 adults with educational programs through 12 workshops and 5 advocacy training sessions.
- **Advocacy Program** serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation - which in total we characterize as gender-based violence. In our work, the client leads and we support them in any way they need us to including legal advocacy, housing advocacy, support with parenting after trauma and more. In FY22, 633 individuals received direct advocacy, 65 adults and 39 children were housed in our emergency shelters as a result of fleeing domestic or sexual violence and 25 people were housed in our Transitional Housing program.
- **Family Based Services** focuses on child-care and strengthening family relationships. *Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)* assists families in the Northeast Kingdom to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. *The Family Room* offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. In FY22, KCCC served 732 families and the Family Room worked with 50 families, serving 70 children.
- **Economic Empowerment** serves women with significant barriers to employment in Orleans and Northern Essex Counties. Our *Cornucopia* program, and our social enterprise, *Dolcetti* each wrap around women to support them in building job readiness skills while helping them to address challenges in their lives so they are able to move towards financial self-sufficiency. In FY22 as part of the skill-building program, participants packaged and prepared 30,453 meals for homebound seniors through Meals onWheels.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 8 households in Coventry were served by Umbrella in Fiscal Year 2022 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Coventry's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane  
Executive Director



December 13th, 2022

Orleans County Historical Society  
dba Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village  
109 Old Stone House Road  
Orleans, VT 05860-9557

Town of Coventry, Vermont

Dear Select Board Members:

The mission of the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village is simple yet essential: Preservation, Education, Inspiration. It is carried out each day by ensuring our heritage remains relevant to our community. Our organization brings local history to life each year for thousands of visitors; seniors, adults and children alike. We are proud to continue loyally serving our community with high-quality programming, events and research opportunities.

Since 1917, the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village has worked to preserve and share the rich history of our corner of the world. The historic village includes eight historic buildings, along with remarkable collections of furniture, paintings, clothing, tools, photographs, diaries, maps and letters that all illustrate aspects of our regional history.

This year we've increased outreach to our community through additional educational programming and affordable or free events. We continue to give tours to visitors through the season. Our onsite lodging options (airbnb, Harvest Host and Hip Camp) bring tourists from all over the map to Orleans County. Our collections team avails our rich and extensive collections representing our local history and families to the public year around.

Support from the towns in our community plays an important role in helping the entire site operate. With this in mind, we ask that you include the following article in your Town Meeting warning:

"To see if the Town of Coventry will appropriate the sum of \$550 for the Orleans County Historical Society to assist in maintaining the Old Stone House Museum and its programs, and direct the selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same."  
Our year-end financial report will be submitted on the first of January. I respectfully submit this request and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Veysey".

Molly Veysey, Executive Director  
Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village



December 2022

## 2023 Appropriation Request - Coventry

Felines and Friends Foundation strives to stabilize barn cat colonies and greatly reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), with the goals of improving the health and welfare of cats, minimizing the negative impacts on people and wildlife, reducing the number of cats/kittens entering local shelters.

Our volunteers humanely trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate un-owned or loosely-owned cats in neighborhoods and on farms for FREE. When possible we also assist low income residents with free or very low-cost cat spay/neuter services. Many cats we service are re-homed through regional animal shelters; others are returned to caretakers or owners to live a better life but with reduced nuisance behaviors.

Since Felines and Friends Foundation began on April 1, 2013 we have spayed/neutered and vaccinated more than 3,500 cats mostly in Orleans County, including more than 136 from Coventry through our targeted program. We've also done extensive work in the surrounding towns of Irasburg, Newport Town, Newport City and Brownington. In addition to our targeted work, in 2019 we began hosting low-cost, public cat spay/neuter clinics that have benefited residents of Coventry and the Northeast Kingdom.

We are seeking an appropriation of \$300 to continue this work in 2023.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Bonnie Geisler*

Bonnie Geisler  
Felines & Friends Foundation

PO Box 1316, Newport, VT 05855  
Vermont

Phone: 802-323-4793

 Felines & Friends Foundation –

Website: [FFFVT.ORG](http://FFFVT.ORG)

# Orleans County Fair Association

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278 Roaring Brook Road  
PO Box 580  
Barton, VT 05822  
[www.orleanscountyfair.net](http://www.orleanscountyfair.net)

The Orleans County Fair Association is proud to have served this community by hosting the Orleans County Fair since 1867, 156 years this year!

We are a non-profit organization with all the typical struggles being experienced in today's society. Our long-term success has come from old fashioned Northeast Kingdom pride and determination as well as reliance on the creativity of our volunteer members.

The OCFA is recognizing the need to maintain our wonderful traditions and history as well as seek and implement new ideas with an adjusted business plan. Roaring Brook Park is an expansive venue which in recent years has been helping to celebrate Memorial Day and 4th of July festivities as well as many other local celebrations. I'm sure most of you have attended the grounds at one time or other in the past. Our continued goal is to invite your return to the park and to introduce you to our new and exciting plans!

This past year we used our donations to maintain our grounds and replacing tables and chairs in our floral hall area. We are also working on funding to assist us with making our barn area better and the area of the barns to allow more exhibitors and spectators to enjoy the area. Our on-going efforts to maintain the 150 year traditions and to include modern entertainment and experiences brings us to you for a little help.

We are seeking an appropriation in the amount of \$500 toward these efforts. Any other amount would be wonderful. It is also our pledge to you that we will apply any funds received in an important and meaningful way and that we will report back to you next March on specifically how your contribution was utilized.

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

The Orleans County Fair Assoc.  
Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer  
[ocftreas@gmail.com](mailto:ocftreas@gmail.com)  
802-525-3555/802-673-9454

Enclosure

Tax Id # 036010725 - Orleans County Fair Association is a 501 (c) 5 organization which may make your contribution tax deductible as allowed by federal tax laws. Orleans County Fair Association did not provide any goods or services to you, the donor in consideration for this gift.



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

December 16, 2022

Town of Coventry  
Attn: Matt Maxwell  
168 Main Street  
PO Box 8  
Coventry, VT 05825

Dear Matt,

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

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

- We made **576 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **34,765 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **132,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,900** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Coventry. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$500.00.* These funds will directly benefit individuals and families right here in our region, who benefit from our unique services at no cost.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Service Delivery sheet for Orleans County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or [supportnne@redcross.org](mailto:supportnne@redcross.org).

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Jordan".

Lauren Jordan  
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St  
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St  
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St  
Portland, ME 04101

[www.redcross.org/nne](http://www.redcross.org/nne)  
American Red Cross of Northern New England



October 15, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

As the planning of the fifth annual Wednesdays on the Waterfront takes hold, it gives us great satisfaction to know that WOW is such a vital part of our community. This concert series offers a feeling of connection and belonging for concertgoers, and we are excited to be part of something that fosters positivity in Newport.

As we look to the future of Wednesdays on the Waterfront, we are excited about bringing you another exciting concert experience. We have already booked the dates and they are, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, and 8/9. We recognize that our summer concert series would not be possible without our generous community partners. It is on that note that we hope that you will consider a donation to Wednesdays on the Waterfront.

We have enclosed a copy of our sponsorship tiers and welcome donations that best suit your business. We look forward to hearing from you to confirm your commitment for the 2023 season and can be reached by e-mail at [wednesdaysonthewaterfront@gmail.com](mailto:wednesdaysonthewaterfront@gmail.com). Andrea can be reached by cell phone at 617-921-9936 and Veronique can be reached by cell phone at 802-274-3089.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Andrea and Vero*



December 10th, 2022

Town of Coventry:

Green Mountain Farm-to-School is requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Town of Coventry to support the Coventry Village School Garden Program and the associated Farm-to-School Program.

Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization with a mission to strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic relationships, education, and access between schools, farms, and communities. In 2022, our Green Mountain Farm Direct program distributed \$542,938 worth of local food from 51 farms and producers to 116 schools, retailers, restaurants, food shelves, and other institutions throughout Vermont; our Lunchbox program provided 4,000 free meals to NEK children in the summer months; and our Farm-to-School program served 2,412 students in 15 different NEK schools.

As part of our Farm-to-School program, GMFTS coordinates student and community involvement in the Coventry Village School Garden. Funding from the town will directly benefit every student in the school. Over the last year, each student at the school has been involved in maintaining and harvesting the garden. Produce from the garden was served to students in the school cafeteria or provided to community members in need in the summer months. GMFTS has also worked with the school to purchase local food, host monthly taste tests, teach nutrition and gardening workshops, lead farm field trips, and host a Fall Harvest dinner this past fall.

With the town's help, GMFTS can continue to provide the School Garden and Farm-to-School Program for the Town of Coventry, producing fresh local food for the cafeteria, and giving students the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy food choices. The funding from grants, towns, individuals, and businesses covers a portion of the school garden and Farm-to-School Program. Funds received from the town will pay for tools, seeds, equipment and supplies, as well as staff time needed to maintain the school garden in the summer months.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Coventry in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Cusack  
Executive Director



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OCCAC/SIU Town Report FY 22

Dear Citizens of Coventry,

The Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit is a non-profit organization dedicated to investigating, prosecuting, and providing victim advocacy services for victims of sexual violence, child physical and sexual abuse, and crimes against vulnerable adults. The OCCAC/SIU represents a collaborative partnership between the Orleans County State's Attorney's Office, Vermont State Police, the Orleans County Sheriff's Department, Newport Police Department, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, North Country Hospital and the Department for Children and Families, as well as various therapeutic service providers.

In fiscal year 2022, the OCCAC/SIU was involved in 60 investigations throughout Orleans County related to allegations of physical and sexual abuse against children and 3 investigations related to allegations of sexual violence against adult victims. Town funds supplement our state funds and help us to support our investigators in effectively investigating incidents, our victim advocate in helping victims from your community through this very difficult process, and the State's Attorney's office in attaining justice. Our goal is to prevent further trauma to the victims by providing a safe, non-threatening, family friendly space to meet and explore allegations of abuse. Members of our Team receive specialized training to investigate these sensitive cases.

The OCCAC/SIU is an associate member with the National Children's Alliance (NCA). As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the county, NCA awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child sexual and severe physical abuse. This designation means we meet rigorous national standards that ensure these allegations are investigated and prosecuted effectively and efficiently, while providing coordinated support services to victims and their families.

The Orleans County Children's Advocacy Center / Special Investigations Unit is requesting funds in the amount of \$500 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Meghan Gyles, Executive Director



November 7, 2022

Town of Coventry Select Board,

On behalf of the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, we are writing to ask for an appropriation from the town of Coventry to support our work with older Vermonters living in your community. Your support is vitally important as we continue to face challenges due to the increased costs of food and fuel, and the increasing need to protect and feed our elder Vermonters.

The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. In FY 2022 the Council aided **over 4,350 residents of the Northeast Kingdom**, and with our 14 congregate and home-delivered meals partners, **delivered 224,343 meals**. Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitians. We also offer a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Medicare Bootcamp, exercise and mobility programs; specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age; family and caregiver support programs and respite grants; case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place; and support to apply for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. Our work is supplemented by over 320 volunteers who serve as home-delivered meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

As a private, 501c (3) non-profit corporation, we have been serving older Vermonters for over 43 years. This year, we are requesting the amount of \$330.00 from the residents of the Town of Coventry. We have enclosed a brief letter in support of this request for inclusion in your town report and a copy of our 2022 Annual Report.

Suggested wording for the warning article for town meeting follows: *"Shall the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$330.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging in providing services to older Vermonters in the ensuing year."*

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Warm regards on behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the NEK Council on Aging,

Meg Burmeister  
Executive Director  
[www.nekcouncil.org](http://www.nekcouncil.org)



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

December 21, 2022

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation - Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, designs installations, and finds financial resources to support the costs of construction. During the **25+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling over **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for the installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

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

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2022 was **\$285,901**, of which **\$165,422** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **27 rural fire protection projects** throughout Vermont. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Division of Fire Safety of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these

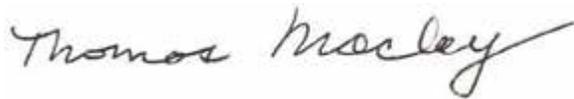
grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from **over 90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

**216** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case they are required. VACD's tax form 990 is also available upon request. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
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Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
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Jill Arace, Executive Director  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
(802) 496-5162 | [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)

**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot Volunteer Fire Department  
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Stowe, VT  
Lars Lund, VT Department of Forest Parks & Recreation  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office



## **GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

202 Main Street

Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-334-7902

Fax: 802-334-3890

Email: [info@goodrichlibrary.org](mailto:info@goodrichlibrary.org)

December 29, 2022

Town of Coventry  
168 Main Street/ P.O. Box 8  
Coventry, VT 05825

To the Citizens of Coventry:

The Goodrich Memorial Library is a community library that depends on the goodwill of the people who use it for support. Without this vital support, the library could not function as a viable source for reading material, life-long learning, programs, meeting spaces and so much more. Now more than ever, it is essential that we keep all our citizens informed about world events.

At present the Goodrich Memorial has 1,669 active patron cards, some of which are individual cards while others are family cards with multiple people on it. Of the 1,669, 104 are from Coventry. On behalf of all the families from Coventry we request the sum of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand) be included In the Coventry budget for 2023 to help maintain the level of service your residents have come to expectJ rom our library.

Thank you for your continued support

# Coventry Village School

## Annual Report 2022



Congratulations to head Coach Shannon Bowman and the Coventry Soccer Team. Undefeated League Champions. Way to go, CVS

# WARNING

## COVENTRY ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING

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The legal voters of the Town of Coventry, Vermont in the County of Orleans, State of Vermont,  
are hereby notified and warned to meet at the

**COVENTRY COMMUNITY CENTER  
168 Main Street, Coventry VT 05825**

**TUESDAY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**  
to act on the following articles of business:

Coventry Town School District budget and bond articles will be voted on by Australian  
ballot system at the Coventry Community Center.  
Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a **MODERATOR** for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect a **SCHOOL TREASURER** for a 1 year term.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 2 year term.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for a 3 year term.

**ARTICLE 5:** To elect a **SCHOOL DIRECTOR** for remaining 1 year of a 2 year term.

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$ **4,438,600.00** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to borrow up to an additional \$ **1,000,000.00** over the period of 30 years for the proposed building addition at the Coventry Village School? This article, if approved, will increase the board's total borrowing authority to \$4,200,000.00

Shall the voters of the Coventry School District vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?

**ARTICLE 8:** *Articles #6 and #7 will be voted using the Australian Ballot System on MARCH 7, 2023. The polls, located at the Coventry Community Center, will open at Nine O'clock (9:00 am) in the forenoon and close at Seven O'clock (7:00 pm) in the evening. Absentee ballots will be available until February 28, 2023.*

The Coventry Town School District will be holding an information meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Coventry Village School. This meeting shall constitute the public informational hearing required by 17 V.S.A. § 2680(h).

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**COVENTRY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MARCH 7, 2023**

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**ARTICLE VI**

Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend **\$4,438,600.00** which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

IF IN FAVOR, make a cross (X) in this square

IF OPPOSED, make a cross (X) in this square

**ARTICLE VII**

Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to borrow up to an additional **\$1,000,000.00** over the period of 30 years for the proposed building addition at the Coventry Village School? This article, if approved, will increase the board's total borrowing authority to **\$4,200,000.00**.

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IF OPPOSED, make a cross (X) in this square

Dear Coventry residents,

The 2022/2023 school year is off to a great start. We have avoided Covid closures, and we seem to be back to a mostly normal educational experience for our students. As many of you may know it has been very challenging staffing our educational institutions locally, regionally, and nationally. While we haven't been immune to these challenges, we are in a much better situation than many other schools. Coventry Village School is a great place to learn and is also a great place to work. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to our students and our ability to recruit and retain highly capable staff is a testament to our community and the support they receive from all of you.

Dr. Kristi Ellis has been an invaluable resource to our students and staff as our interim principal and although we will begin our search for a permanent administrator late in 2022, Dr Ellis will remain with us leading our literacy team.

We have completed our 2024 budget for CVS and we will be seeing about a 14% increase over what was budgeted last year. The factors that account for the increase are tuition and salaries which are out of the school board's control and the rest of the budget is level funded. What is important to know is that the State and grant revenue pay for 88% of the increase. In school budgets you have revenues and expenditures and the increase in spending is almost covered by the increase in revenue. The budget increase amounts to \$543,795. The residential taxpayers only pay \$98,841 of that increase. This will increase our tax rate by 16.33 cents, or \$16.33 per \$100,000 in property value.

As you may already know, the school has been working on creating a new addition to the existing building. This addition would primarily provide classrooms for our middle school students and create additional learning spaces for students in need of smaller group learning. Our architects estimated that the cost of the addition, fees, furniture, and equipment would be \$3.2 million, and the residents supported this construction effort by approving a \$3.2 million bond in March 2022.

Since the bond vote, we have hired a Construction Management (CM) firm, as prescribed by law, to begin the pre-construction phase of the project. The first large task of the CM was to estimate total cost prior to sending individual invitations out to bid on all the various pieces of construction.

In the last 18 months, almost every aspect of our economy has seen high inflation. Some of the largest increases are being felt in construction and construction-related labor markets. Everything from excavation, to lumber and steel, plumbing and electrical, to windows and doors. Some items have seen price increases up to 80% higher than even a year ago. With all these factors in play, our initial cost estimate from the CM came back at over \$5.5 million.

The voters of Coventry have not approved this amount. The School Board and building committee (especially Praneet Manon) are working on a solution to this problem and do our due diligence. Below is what we have been working on since the initial estimate:

- The architects were tasked to redesign the addition to bring it closer to the original estimate, while preserving as much of the initial square footage. The new addition design, which is a single-story addition, will save around \$1.4 million from the \$5.5 million estimate. Being only one story, the addition will have much less impact on the current building, allow for a much quicker construction phase, reduce a large amount of construction materials and equipment, yet give us the space we need.
- The current estimate for this version, while significantly less, is still above our bond total of \$3.2 million. We are still working diligently to find areas of savings but without a drastic drop in inflation and more manageable labor market it may not be possible in our set timeline.

What we are asking the residents of Coventry.

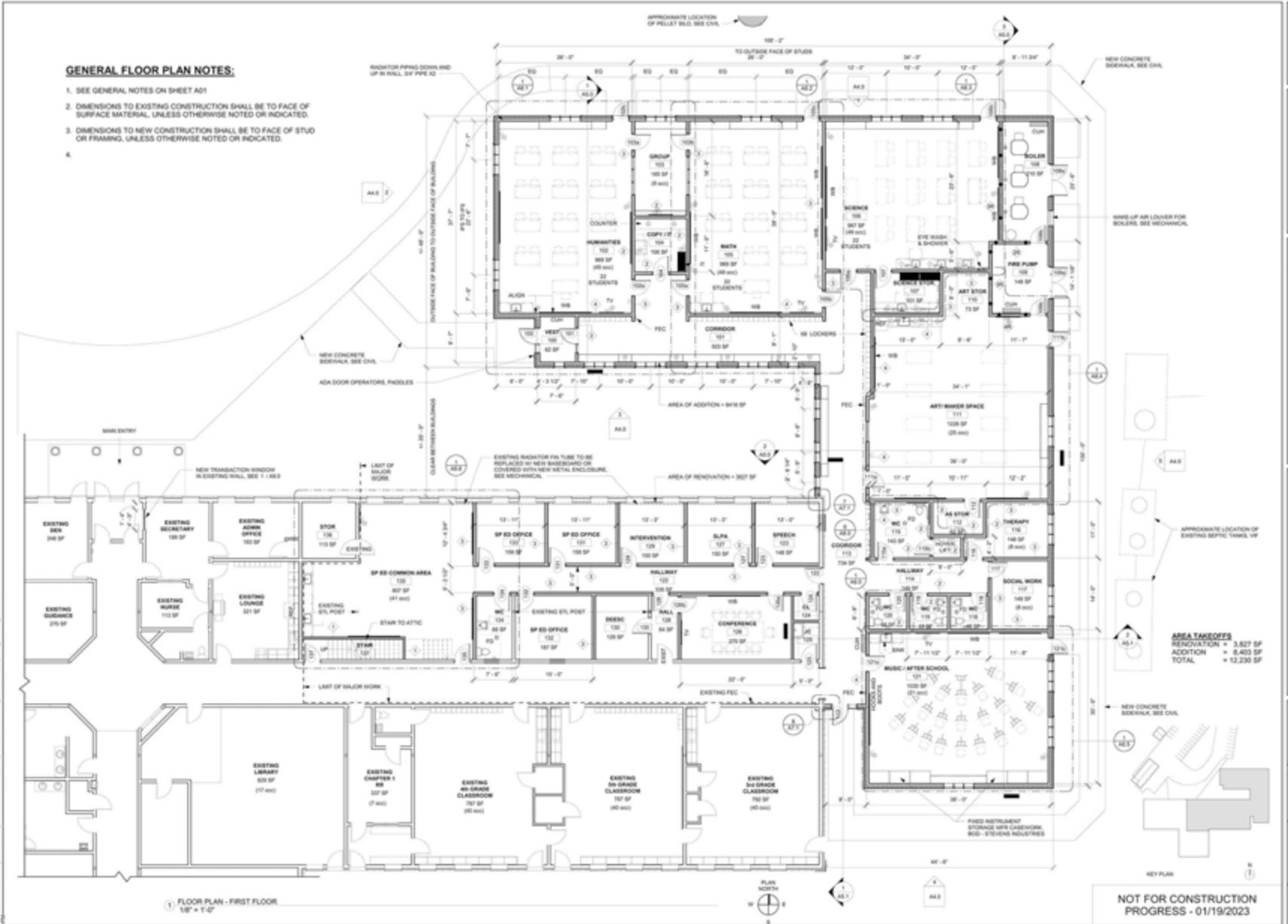
- *We ask the voters to approve an additional bond of up to \$1 million.*
- *This will be added to the 30-year loan already approved.*
- *Just like the initial bond, based on our current State funding, The State of Vermont will cover about 80% of the loan. That means that we are asking voters to approve an additional \$200,000 over 30 years to be added to the school budget. Averaged over the 30 years this means approximately \$6700 per year will be added to the school budget.*

Sincerely,

Jaime Stenger

Chair

CVS Board





**SCOTT + PARTNERS**  
ARCHITECTURE

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project address: 248 U.S. HWY 102 W. BRANDSBURG VT

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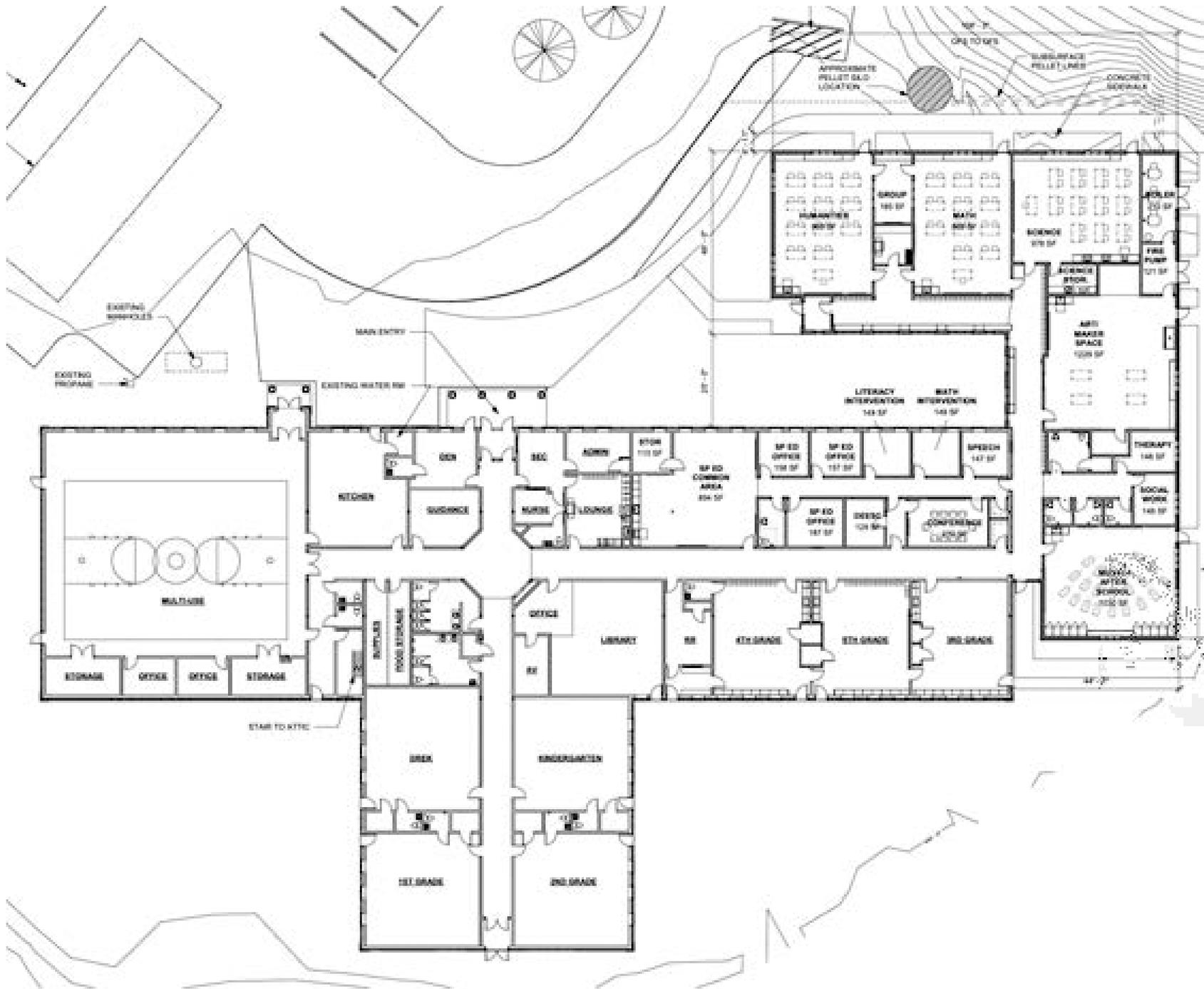
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## CVS Town Report 2023

Providing all children with an equitable and effective education is an essential responsibility entrusted to a local government. As the interim principal for the Coventry Village School, this idea fills me with a sense of urgency and purpose. Each day I enter the building intending to improve outcomes for students and staff, and I am grateful to serve a community fully vested in our children's future.

As a guest administrator, one of the things I admire most about the CVS Board of Directors and the school leadership is the investment in staff. CVS is full of master teachers, content experts, and learning specialists. This year, Ms. Ami English was honored as Vermont's Early Childhood Teacher of the Year, and Ms. Walls-Thumma earned her National Board Standards and Certification. The rarity and significance of both awards speak to the level of dedication and commitment of our staff members.

Teaching expertise is one of the five pillars of Vermont's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), a strategic approach to continuous improvement. MTSS is designed to help schools address the inequities produced by situations beyond our control (e.g., poverty, learning disabilities, language capacity). This framework understands that schools are systems and can only improve when all the components work together. MTSS was a driving factor in the 2024 budget creation process and a big part of the reason you see a healthy increase in expenses. As you compare budgets over the past few years, please remember we still have increased revenue with our Covid Relief Funds.

One driving MTSS initiative with budget implications is the goal of improving all students' literacy outcomes. Next year will be year three of this work which involves a significant overhaul of our literacy instruction in grades K-5. Last year using Covid Relief Funds, I was hired as a school-based literacy coach along with an instructional aide. In the previous two years, we have provided focused graduate courses and research opportunities for all teachers and support staff. These supports and experiences increased our collective expertise and highlighted the shifts necessary to support evidence-based literacy instruction and assessment. We recognize the massive work ahead but are confident in our content and strategies.

MTSS is also guiding our goal to integrate and layer student support services. Accommodations and direct services range in intensity along a general education to special education instructional continuum. We intend to match teacher expertise and group size to the needs of each learner. We have identified a collaborative staffing model to support all students at the general education side of the continuum. This model provides each student with a teacher and an instructional aide to deliver the core curriculum and first wave of intervention. With this team teaching model, we can provide responsive re-teaching and guided practice as soon as students struggle. Through daily assessment and professional feedback, we catch students before they fail. Prevention is so much better than remediation.

Thank you for reflecting on our goals and the purpose behind the budget increases. The past few years have presented educators with many challenges, and our budget reflects those challenges and opportunities. We have been managing daily staffing shortages, increased staff and student anxiety, and the reality of navigating both classroom and virtual learning environments. Looking to the future, we see more challenges like ACT 173, which will reduce our funding for special education services. We may also see increased state inspection and approval of local decisions regarding budget increases, making 2024 an excellent year to increase our budget. And perhaps the most significant issue is the national teacher and administrator shortage. It is easier to gain traction with qualified staff in all positions. Despite the many obstacles, Coventry Village School is moving forward. Your continued financial support and commitment to the purpose of education generate a positive culture and drive to do more for the students and families of Coventry.

Respectfully,  
Kristy Ellis, Ed.D  
CVS Interim Principal



## Enrollment 2022-2023

Grade Level	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Preschool	13	17	12	13	15
Kindergarten	16	9	12	11	9
Grade 1	20	14	6	15	9
Grade 2	14	20	15	9	13
Grade 3	12	15	20	14	10
Grade 4	13	11	12	20	15
Grade 5	12	9	10	13	19
Grade 6	19	11	10	11	12
Grade 7	12	20	15	11	14
Grade 8	16	14	21	12	10
Total	147	140	133	129	126

## Required CFP Notification

All CVS teachers are licensed for their 2022-2023 teaching assignments and three staff members are on provisional licenses. We use our Consolidated Federal Program School-wide Funds to hire 1.0 FTE and an additional 0.5 FTE Literacy Intervention teachers.

# COVENTRY VILLAGE SCHOOL

## PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY24 BUDGET
	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2022-6/30/2023	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
<b>DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$581,140.00	\$565,891.69	\$565,505.00	\$626,680.87
Salary - Elementary Para	\$13,788.80	\$13,775.06	\$0.00	\$0.00
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$10,800.00	\$9,478.73	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
Health Ins - Elementary	\$127,120.04	\$102,450.07	\$107,466.02	\$133,127.04
Health Reimbursement Account	\$27,720.00	\$11,041.13	\$21,420.00	\$24,400.00
FICA - Elementary	\$46,338.25	\$42,978.47	\$44,087.33	\$48,767.29
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$479.50	\$462.10	\$478.50	\$478.50
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$2,194.00	\$7,370.00	\$7,711.00	\$7,711.00
Municipal Retirement	\$7,548.47	\$998.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$4,242.32	\$4,739.18	\$4,410.94	\$4,888.11
Unemployment - Elementary	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Tuition Reimb. - Elementary	\$6,500.00	\$6,090.74	\$6,500.00	\$27,593.20
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$2,548.66	\$4,771.44	\$4,388.38	\$4,473.84
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,801.53	\$2,118.93	\$1,753.07	\$1,942.71
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$1,800.00	\$33,372.94	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Contract Services-NCSU 21C	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00
Contract Service-VSAC Grant	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Purchased Services-Medicaid Funds	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contract Repair Services-Music	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Contract Instructional Services from NCSU	\$58,208.80	\$62,428.64	\$56,768.37	\$59,385.00
Purchased Property Services - Elementary	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Other Purchased Services - GMFTS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Tuition-In State	\$850,000.00	\$899,659.93	\$977,000.00	\$901,000.00
Tuition-Out of State	\$48,669.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,278.00
Tuition-Private School	\$55,500.00	\$57,450.00	\$38,300.00	\$124,332.75
Tuition OBO Tech Center	\$36,788.00	\$36,788.00	\$47,555.00	\$47,555.00
Tuition-Tech Center	\$17,250.77	\$17,250.77	\$17,250.77	\$19,975.00
Travel - Elementary	\$0.00	\$232.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies - Classroom Teachers	\$4,500.00	\$14,510.31	\$4,500.00	\$6,500.00
Supplies-PBIS	\$1,500.00	\$197.03	\$4,000.00	\$500.00
Supplies-Art	\$1,000.00	\$318.89	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies-PE	\$500.00	\$561.62	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies-Music	\$750.00	\$708.69	\$750.00	\$750.00
Supplies-general	\$3,000.00	\$2,069.38	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Supplies-Enrichment	\$700.00	\$1,856.97	\$700.00	\$700.00
Supplies-Enrichment/PBL	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$5,500.00	\$4,957.51	\$5,500.00	\$8,000.00
Books\Periodicals - EDP Endowment	\$0.00	\$1,882.43	\$0.00	\$0.00
Manipulatives - Elementary	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Computer Software - Elementary	\$0.00	\$446.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment - Elementary	\$2,450.00	\$508.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Furniture	\$1,000.00	\$557.40	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Dues/FeesVSAC Funded	\$0.00	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues/Fees-Elementary	\$2,000.00	\$1,725.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Contingency	\$10,446.98	\$2,466.51	\$60,495.21	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$1,964,285.12</b>	<b>\$1,943,674.42</b>	<b>\$2,057,339.58</b>	<b>\$2,144,838.31</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>				
Salary - Pre-K Teacher	\$54,010.00	\$37,391.47	\$40,507.50	\$56,725.00
Salary- Pre-K Para	\$13,075.35	\$19,522.57	\$22,144.50	\$32,356.50
Substitutes Pre-K	\$0.00	\$836.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Ins - Pre-K	\$11,458.20	\$14,635.23	\$16,707.87	\$9,290.76

## COVENTRY VILLAGE SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY24 BUDGET
	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2022-6/30/2023	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,200.00	\$3,362.81	\$3,150.00	\$2,200.00
FICA - Pre-K	\$5,132.03	\$4,752.16	\$4,792.88	\$6,814.73
Life Insurance - Pre-K	\$43.50	\$53.85	\$58.73	\$69.60
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$0.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,402.00	\$1,402.00
Municipal Retirement Pre-K	\$719.14	\$1,220.17	\$1,384.03	\$2,103.17
Workers Comp - Pre-K	\$394.27	\$451.83	\$488.69	\$694.84
Tuition - Pre-K	\$900.00	\$3,809.00	\$900.00	\$2,732.00
Dental Ins-Pre-K	\$384.00	\$693.00	\$1,008.00	\$710.64
Long Term Disability - Pre-K	\$167.43	\$214.49	\$194.22	\$276.15
Tuition- In-State Pre-K	\$0.00	\$3,536.00	\$3,656.00	\$3,656.00
Supplies - Pre-K	\$500.00	\$1,503.96	\$500.00	\$500.00
Supplies-CRRSA Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$4,409.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies-ARPA Prek Grant	\$0.00	\$601.24	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$42.37	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues/Fees-Pre K	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$90,983.93</b>	<b>\$98,401.15</b>	<b>\$96,894.41</b>	<b>\$119,531.40</b>
<b>ATHLETICS</b>				
Salaries-Athletics	\$1,200.00	\$650.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
FICA-Athletics	\$91.80	\$49.73	\$229.50	\$229.50
Municipal Retirement	\$0.00	\$21.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
8th Grade Field Trip	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Contract Services-Referees	\$800.00	\$730.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Supplies-Athletics	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues & Fees-Athletics	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL ATHLETICS</b>	<b>\$4,691.80</b>	<b>\$1,451.61</b>	<b>\$6,629.50</b>	<b>\$9,629.50</b>
<b>SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS</b>				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$85,175.00	\$85,175.00	\$98,677.50	\$93,877.50
Salary-Schoolwide PreK Teacher	\$0.00	\$16,618.53	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$14,357.18	\$21,359.64	\$27,846.45	\$25,107.72
Health Ins - Schoolwide Pre-K	\$0.00	\$6,643.21	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,200.00	\$3,073.01	\$5,250.00	\$4,000.00
FICA - Schoolwide	\$6,515.89	\$6,106.24	\$7,548.83	\$7,181.63
FICA-PreK Teacher	\$0.00	\$1,423.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$87.00	\$87.12	\$97.88	\$87.00
Life Insurance-Pre K	\$0.00	\$12.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$0.00	\$7,562.85	\$20,712.41	\$19,704.89
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$621.78	\$711.64	\$769.68	\$732.24
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$4,098.00
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$384.00	\$1,008.00	\$1,008.00	\$1,008.00
Dental Ins-Schoolwide Pre-K	\$0.00	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$264.04	\$322.63	\$305.90	\$291.02
Long Term Disability-PreK	\$0.00	\$51.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies - Schoolwide	\$0.00	\$103.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$111,954.89</b>	<b>\$150,574.26</b>	<b>\$162,566.65</b>	<b>\$156,088.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Salary-Summer Services	\$0.00	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salary - Para	\$111,561.21	\$113,511.17	\$137,068.34	\$206,669.30
Substitutes Pay	\$3,000.00	\$99.96	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Health Ins	\$20,904.51	\$20,766.56	\$30,013.92	\$73,055.96
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,400.00	\$6,034.72	\$7,200.00	\$15,400.00
FICA	\$8,763.93	\$8,575.06	\$10,715.23	\$16,039.70
Life Insurance	\$208.80	\$204.46	\$182.70	\$208.80

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Municipal Retirement	\$6,135.87	\$7,215.86	\$8,566.77	\$13,433.50
Workers Comp	\$878.37	\$414.79	\$1,069.13	\$1,612.02
Unemployment	\$500.00	\$137.70	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dental Ins	\$681.04	\$917.67	\$1,025.28	\$2,743.80
Long Term Disability	\$425.46	\$326.20	\$424.91	\$568.59
Contracted Services-NCSU Assessment	\$354,044.00	\$354,044.00	\$300,513.31	\$302,257.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$511,503.18</b>	<b>\$512,923.15</b>	<b>\$500,279.59</b>	<b>\$635,488.68</b>
<b>EEE</b>				
EEE Local	\$23,212.07	\$23,212.07	\$19,239.00	\$21,717.39
<b>TOTAL EEE</b>	<b>\$23,212.07</b>	<b>\$23,212.07</b>	<b>\$19,239.00</b>	<b>\$21,717.39</b>
<b>GUIDANCE</b>				
Salary - Teacher	\$55,400.00	\$55,400.00	\$55,400.00	\$59,580.00
Health Ins.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$9,064.08
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
FICA	\$4,238.10	\$4,391.26	\$4,238.10	\$4,557.87
Life Insurance	\$43.50	\$43.56	\$43.50	\$43.50
VSTRS-OPEB Payment	\$0.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,402.00	\$1,402.00
Workers Comp	\$404.42	\$399.53	\$432.12	\$464.72
Tuition	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$2,732.00
Dental Ins.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$355.32
Long Term Disability	\$171.74	\$209.88	\$171.74	\$184.70
Purchased & Technical Services	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$350.00	\$281.84	\$350.00	\$350.00
Books\Periodicals	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Audio Visual	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Manipulatives	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues/Fees	\$0.00	\$465.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL GUIDANCE</b>	<b>\$63,107.76</b>	<b>\$64,591.07</b>	<b>\$64,437.46</b>	<b>\$80,684.19</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Salary - Teacher	\$25,734.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salary-LPN	\$0.00	\$15,628.50	\$0.00	\$38,012.02
Health Ins.	\$0.00	\$4,049.29	\$0.00	\$9,290.76
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
FICA	\$1,968.65	\$1,193.62	\$0.00	\$2,907.92
Life Insurance	\$43.50	\$16.98	\$0.00	\$26.10
VSTRS OPEB Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipal Retirement	\$0.00	\$793.37	\$0.00	\$2,470.78
Workers Comp	\$187.86	\$147.29	\$0.00	\$296.49
Tuition	\$0.00	\$2,056.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Disability	\$79.78	\$40.81	\$0.00	\$117.84
Supplies	\$270.00	\$650.99	\$270.00	\$270.00
Computer Software	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$28,483.78</b>	<b>\$24,576.85</b>	<b>\$470.00</b>	<b>\$55,791.92</b>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>				
Salary	\$40,801.68	\$44,748.05	\$42,490.80	\$0.00
Health Ins.	\$0.00	\$24,212.11	\$23,112.48	\$0.00
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0.00	\$5,214.62	\$4,800.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$3,121.33	\$2,993.11	\$3,250.55	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$26.10	\$65.30	\$26.10	\$0.00
Municipal Retirement	\$0.00	\$2,796.79	\$2,655.68	\$0.00
Workers Comp	\$261.13	\$306.43	\$331.43	\$0.00
Dental Ins	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2022-6/30/2023	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Long Term Disability	\$126.49	\$131.76	\$131.72	\$0.00
Testing Services-Psych Evals	\$0.00	\$4,982.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues/Fees	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$44,336.72</b>	<b>\$86,150.67</b>	<b>\$76,798.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>				
Purchased Svc-Reg Ed Speech	\$0.00	\$547.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salary - Para	\$23,608.83	\$21,832.18	\$23,701.28	\$27,563.82
Health Ins	\$8,122.46	\$12,954.65	\$12,899.88	\$14,363.76
Health Savings Account	\$1,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,400.00
FICA	\$1,806.08	\$1,543.45	\$1,813.15	\$2,108.63
Life Insurance	\$26.10	\$24.87	\$26.10	\$26.10
Municipal Retirement	\$1,298.49	\$1,364.53	\$1,481.33	\$1,791.65
Workers Comp	\$151.10	\$170.93	\$184.87	\$215.00
Dental Ins	\$341.76	\$342.89	\$341.76	\$355.32
Long Term Disability	\$73.19	\$72.65	\$73.47	\$85.45
<b>TOTAL SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$36,428.00</b>	<b>\$43,253.65</b>	<b>\$45,321.84</b>	<b>\$50,909.72</b>
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>				
OT Services-Regular Ed	\$0.00	\$249.95	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$249.95</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY</b>				
PT Services-Regular Ed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL PHYSICAL THERAPY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCE ROOM</b>				
Wages-Tooth Tutor	\$0.00	\$1,547.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salary - Para	\$26,481.93	\$30,000.80	\$26,625.20	\$33,980.21
Health Ins.	\$12,557.73	\$12,467.12	\$12,899.88	\$14,363.76
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,400.00
FICA-Tooth Tutor	\$0.00	\$118.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$2,025.87	\$2,075.23	\$2,036.83	\$2,599.49
Life Insurance	\$26.10	\$26.10	\$26.10	\$26.10
Municipal Retirement	\$1,456.51	\$1,875.08	\$1,664.08	\$2,208.71
Workers Comp	\$169.48	\$192.01	\$207.68	\$265.05
Dental Ins.	\$341.76	\$359.80	\$341.76	\$355.32
Long Term Disability	\$82.09	\$81.63	\$82.54	\$105.34
Supplies	\$0.00	\$120.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues-Fees-Resource Room	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCE ROOM</b>	<b>\$47,541.47</b>	<b>\$49,163.89</b>	<b>\$48,684.06</b>	<b>\$58,303.97</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>				
Improvement of Instruction Teacher	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$0.00	\$38.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,183.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,721.91</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Library Media Specialist From NCSU	\$25,785.34	\$35,993.83	\$37,723.40	\$42,265.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$14.82	\$200.00	\$200.00
Books\Periodicals	\$1,700.00	\$1,858.74	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Audio Visual	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Computer Software	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Dues\Fees	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$28,335.34</b>	<b>\$38,267.39</b>	<b>\$40,273.40</b>	<b>\$44,815.00</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Purchased & Technical Services-Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2021-6/30/22	7/1/2022-6/30/2023	7/1/2023-6/30/2024
Services/Programs Provided by NCSU	\$7,075.00	\$0.00	\$8,666.00	\$8,666.00
Purchased Property Services (copier lease)	\$4,480.00	\$9,881.81	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Supplies	\$500.00	\$2,339.38	\$500.00	\$500.00
Computer Software	\$500.00	\$2,340.58	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$14,555.00</b>	<b>\$14,561.77</b>	<b>\$17,666.00</b>	<b>\$17,666.00</b>
<b>PATH EXPENSES</b>				
PATH Stipend	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FICA	\$0.00	\$49.73	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PATH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$699.73</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ELECTED SCHOOL OFFICIALS</b>				
Salaries - Board	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
FICA	\$382.50	\$382.50	\$382.50	\$382.50
Contracted Services-Treasurer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00
Legal	\$500.00	\$168.70	\$500.00	\$500.00
Liability Insurance	\$5,991.00	\$6,002.30	\$5,822.00	\$7,513.00
Advertising	\$1,250.00	\$1,684.32	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Equipment-New Sign	\$0.00			
Supplies	\$0.00	\$630.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues	\$769.00	\$560.00	\$770.00	\$770.00
Other Board Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL ELECTED SCHOOL OFFICIALS</b>	<b>\$15,492.50</b>	<b>\$15,428.57</b>	<b>\$15,324.50</b>	<b>\$19,515.50</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
NCSU Assessment	\$81,560.00	\$81,560.00	\$81,964.00	\$133,663.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$81,560.00</b>	<b>\$81,560.00</b>	<b>\$81,964.00</b>	<b>\$133,663.00</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>				
Salary - Principal	\$82,750.00	\$87,750.00	\$82,750.00	\$90,000.00
Salary - Assistant Principal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Salary-8th Grade Trip Advisor	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Salary - Clerical	\$37,345.36	\$35,635.68	\$39,215.52	\$47,199.68
Substitute - Clerical	\$500.00	\$1,263.78	\$500.00	\$500.00
Health Ins	\$22,175.97	\$23,175.92	\$24,277.16	\$27,107.72
Health Reimbursement Account	\$4,200.00	\$3,912.07	\$4,200.00	\$4,000.00
FICA	\$9,302.05	\$9,229.00	\$9,445.11	\$10,610.53
Life Insurance	\$197.10	\$190.71	\$200.10	\$200.10
Municipal Retirement	\$2,053.99	\$2,352.24	\$2,450.97	\$3,067.98
Workers Comp	\$843.09	\$879.58	\$951.33	\$1,070.16
Tuition	\$500.00	\$900.00	\$500.00	\$1,800.00
Dental Ins	\$420.00	\$1,049.68	\$991.32	\$1,363.32
Long Term Disability	\$372.30	\$384.82	\$378.09	\$425.32
Postage	\$900.00	\$723.75	\$900.00	\$900.00
Travel	\$800.00	\$140.70	\$800.00	\$800.00
Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$2,069.75	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Supplies-Grant Funded	\$0.00	\$594.14	\$0.00	\$0.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$31.78	\$0.00	\$0.00
Furniture	\$0.00	\$247.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues/Fees	\$600.00	\$680.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>\$165,159.85</b>	<b>\$171,211.35</b>	<b>\$174,159.61</b>	<b>\$195,644.80</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Bookkeeping Services Through NCSU	\$19,700.00	\$19,700.00	\$20,300.00	\$21,100.00
Postage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Interest Current Loans	\$5,000.00	\$8,466.73	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

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Misc. Expenses	\$0.00	\$24.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$25,300.00</b>	<b>\$28,190.73</b>	<b>\$25,900.00</b>	<b>\$26,100.00</b>
<b>AUDIT SERVICES</b>				
Audit Services	\$5,450.00	\$5,150.00	\$5,150.00	\$4,900.00
<b>TOTAL AUDIT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$5,150.00</b>	<b>\$5,150.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>
<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>				
Purchased Services	\$2,200.00	\$1,840.00	\$6,104.00	\$6,104.00
Contracted Serv	\$46,350.00	\$46,344.00	\$46,350.00	\$57,500.00
Modular Classroom Rental	\$0.00	\$17,329.41	\$16,788.00	\$18,120.00
Water Services	\$2,550.00	\$4,387.50	\$2,550.00	\$7,650.00
Rubbish Services	\$2,160.00	\$2,474.14	\$2,160.00	\$3,180.00
Property Ins.	\$6,751.00	\$6,032.81	\$6,815.00	\$7,513.00
Telephone	\$2,800.00	\$2,652.41	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Supplies	\$3,400.00	\$6,227.51	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
Electricity	\$21,000.00	\$25,053.91	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Propane	\$20,000.00	\$35,821.89	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
Non-Instructional Equip.	\$800.00	\$26.59	\$800.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$108,011.00</b>	<b>\$148,190.17</b>	<b>\$131,767.00</b>	<b>\$155,267.00</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>				
Contract Service	\$10,180.00	\$17,482.57	\$10,180.00	\$10,180.00
Services/Repairs-Building Related	\$0.00	\$19,291.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$13.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies-Emergency Building Repairs	\$0.00	\$2,510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$10,180.00</b>	<b>\$39,296.75</b>	<b>\$10,180.00</b>	<b>\$10,180.00</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUND</b>				
Contract Services-VSAC Funded	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$6,000.00	\$4,671.23	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Lawn Care	\$1,400.00	\$1,095.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>	<b>\$9,766.23</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>	<b>\$7,400.00</b>
<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>				
Contracted Services	\$3,000.00	\$27,719.05	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$25.04	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CARE &amp; UPKEEP-EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,744.09</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Contract Services Through NCSU	\$63,000.00	\$68,958.50	\$65,642.00	\$72,203.00
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$63,000.00</b>	<b>\$68,958.50</b>	<b>\$65,642.00</b>	<b>\$72,203.00</b>
<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Contract Ex. Curr Svc Thru NCSU	\$2,000.00	\$2,522.06	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXTRA CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,522.06</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>				
Deficit Reduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00
Long Term Debt - interest	\$4,008.00	\$3,597.76	\$2,870.00	\$35,000.00
Long Term Debt - principal	\$38,000.00	\$37,336.58	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$42,008.00</b>	<b>\$40,934.34</b>	<b>\$40,870.00</b>	<b>\$118,000.00</b>
<b>COVID EXPENSES</b>				
COVID Expenses	\$0.00	\$183,788.38	\$188,345.50	\$287,262.63
<b>TOTAL COVID EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$183,788.38</b>	<b>\$188,345.50</b>	<b>\$287,262.63</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,501,980.43</b>	<b>\$3,877,214.71</b>	<b>\$3,892,304.00</b>	<b>\$4,438,600.00</b>

District: <b>Coventry</b> SU: <b>North Country</b>		<b>T054</b> Orleans County		Property dollar equivalent yield <b>15,479</b>	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil <b>1.00</b>
		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
<b>Expenditures</b>						
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 14 expenditures)	\$3,460,149	\$3,501,981	\$3,892,304	\$4,438,600	
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	-	
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	\$3,460,149	\$3,501,981	\$3,892,304	\$4,438,600	
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	
7.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$3,460,149	\$3,501,981	\$3,892,304	\$4,438,600	
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	
<b>Revenues</b>						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$376,276	\$430,666	\$433,827	\$532,669	
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenue (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA	
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$376,276	\$430,666	\$433,827	\$532,669	
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$3,083,873	\$3,071,315	\$3,458,477	\$3,905,931	
15.	Equalized Pupils	195.47	192.98	186.23	176.31	
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$15,776.71	\$15,915.20	\$18,571.00	\$22,153.77	
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$104.15	\$5.10	\$4.97	-	
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	\$52.08	\$56.46	-	
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-	
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	threshold = \$22,204 \$22,204.00	
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	2 year suspension	2 year suspension	suspended thru FY29	
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$15,777	\$15,915	\$18,571	\$22,153.77	
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	143.451%	140.631%	139.485%	143.121%	
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$22,153.77 ÷ (\$15,479 / \$1.00)]	\$1.4345 based on \$1.00	\$1.4063 based on \$1.00	\$1.3949 based on \$1.00	\$1.4312 based on \$1.00	
31.	Percent of Coventry equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.43)	\$1.4345	\$1.4063	\$1.3949	\$1.4312	
33.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	109.82%	133.87%	99.01%	90.98%	
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.4312 / 90.98%)	\$1.3062 based on \$1.00	\$1.0505 based on \$1.00	\$1.4088 based on \$1.00	\$1.5731 based on \$1.00	
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$22,153.77 ÷ \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.33% based on 2.00%	2.31% based on 2.00%	2.33% based on 2.00%	2.52% based on 2.00%	
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.52%)	2.33% based on 2.00%	2.31% based on 2.00%	2.33% based on 2.00%	2.52% based on 2.00%	
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$15,479 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$17,600 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.386. These figures use the estimated \$64,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

## NCSU Superintendent of Schools Annual Letter

As many of you may already be aware, after serving as NCSU's superintendent for the last eight years, John Castle stepped down from his post on June 30, 2022 to pursue another opportunity, and I took over beginning July 1, 2022. In my 33 years of working in education in a variety of roles, I've had the privilege to work for a lot of superintendents. John's sense of integrity, advocacy for our students, passion for teaching and learning, and strong moral compass made him a very effective leader. Our supervisory union is a better place because of John's commitment to and vision for our schools, and I'm very fortunate for the awareness and experience needed in order to offer consistency and continuity of these same commitments and vision through this transition.

We continue to frame our work with students by thinking about NCSU's Design for Learning and our Work and Learning Plan. Both documents can be found on NCSU's website at <https://sites.google.com/ncsuvt.org/ncsu-learning-design/home>. Since it's been about nine years since we've looked closely at the Design for Learning, we will soon engage NCSU stakeholders to provide input into this framework for a potential revision.

As you know, education has undergone many changes over the last few years, creating some big challenges, including staffing and funding changes.

Like many schools and businesses in our region and state, NCSU has experienced some challenges with filling positions and retaining staff. Currently, we have approximately 52 positions open across our supervisory union, including approximately 27 teaching positions and 29 support staff positions. When we are short-staffed, everyone who is working in the system is doing more than is usual, which creates stress in the system.

You may have heard about some changes in the way that special education is funded. The legislature has mandated switching from a reimbursement model to block grant funding. This has had an extremely negative effect on our SU-wide budgets. For this year and moving forward, the legislature is phasing in block grant funding. Instead of receiving 56% reimbursement of whatever the special education cost is, we receive a block grant per student. Districts and supervisory unions with lower special education students will see an increase in revenue, but at NCSU, we have lost approximately \$750,000 in revenue from FY22 to FY23.

Although our work with students in a post-pandemic world has had some challenges, I want to express how proud and grateful I am of our NCSU students, families, and staff. Illnesses continue to afflict both the students and staff. Because of increased absences, the need to differentiate and provide a multi-tiered system of support for students has increased. With students missing instruction, concepts or skills, and having different gaps in instruction, the need to deliver effective universal instruction while planning and implementing substantially different instructional pathways for the varied needs of students continues to be a large focus of our professional development and priority within schools. Additionally, students continue to require an increase of social-emotional support. For many students, a prolonged heightened

sense of anxiety and uncertainty has compounded this need. Despite these challenges, NCSU's community of students, families, and staff have rallied to keep our educational systems progressing. We have not only done what's required, but we are also continuing to strive for excellence and to exemplify our district's 4C's of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community. Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to serve our community in my new role.



**We encourage you to attend an informational meeting to better understand...**

*“What makes up our school budget”*

*“Why additional financing is required for the new school addition”*

**February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

**February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Hope to see you at the meetings.

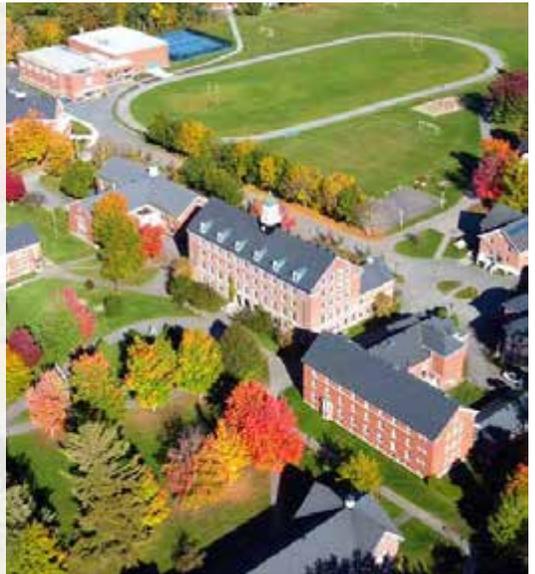
Meetings will be held at the Coventry Village School.





# Stanstead

College



## At a glance

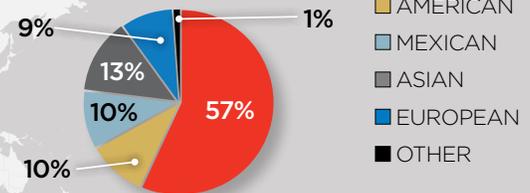
### Who We Are

Founded in 1872, Stanstead College is an independent boarding and day school for girls and boys in Grades 7 through 12. Students live and study in the heart of an extensive property surrounded by the beautiful hills of Quebec's Eastern Townships and Northern Vermont. Stanstead College is a recognized tuition-eligible high school option for many Vermont communities. The success of Stanstead College for 150 years rests in its ability to both reinforce traditional values and embrace innovation in a constantly changing world.

### Our Population

Enrolment in 2022-23 is **267** students, of which **194** are boarders and **73** are day students — **151** Canadian, **28** US and **88** international. There are **39** highly qualified faculty members, resulting in an average class size of **11** in the junior school and **15** in the senior school. The overall teacher-student ratio is **1 to 7**.

### Geographic Distribution



### OUR MISSION

By providing students with a structured and enriching educational experience in a small, globally aware community, Stanstead College builds a foundation for success at university and beyond.

### Academics

Stanstead College is based on a trimester system, with reporting periods in November, March and June. Students write formal examinations in June.

#### Grades 7-11

Based on Quebec Ministry of Education guidelines, the Stanstead curriculum is broadly divided into junior and senior levels, with core subjects in mathematics, science, English and level-appropriate French. Grade 11 is highlighted by advanced level courses in mathematics, chemistry, physics, English and French. Students with sufficient credits graduate with a Quebec Secondary School Diploma upon the successful completion of Grade 11 (Secondary V). While some Quebec students may opt to attend CEGEP (two-year college in Quebec) most Stanstead College students return for Grade 12 in preparation for attending university.

#### Grade 12

Stanstead College is one of only a few schools in Quebec that offer a Grade 12 year. Our university prep program includes courses based on Ontario curriculum as well as a full complement of Advanced Placement options from the College Board. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Stanstead College offers a selection of advanced courses to meet university entrance requirements in the United States, Canada and globally. Stanstead College is an SAT test centre for selected test dates.

### Grade 12 options

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Comparative Politics
- AP Economics
- AP English Language
- AP French
- AP Human Geography
- AP Physics
- AP Statistics
- AP Studio Art
- Advanced Functions
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- English
- Linear Algebra
- Physics
- Psychology
- Statistics



#### Accredited by



New England Association of Schools and Colleges

#### Members of



Canadian Accredited Independent Schools



Quebec Association of Independent Schools



The Association of Boarding Schools



Association of Independent Schools of New England



National Association of Independent Schools

## University Acceptances

In 2022, 100% of our Grade 12 graduates received acceptances to 4-year universities. There were 66 students in Grade 12. Our graduates received offers from many post-secondary institutions, including 34 Canadian, 41 American and 15 international schools across 6 provinces, 16 states and 6 countries. A third of the class chose majors in science, engineering or health while just under one third chose social sciences or business.

## Fields of study 2022

Arts	Management and Organizational Studies
Astronomy	Mathematics
Aviation	Physical and Mathematical Sciences
Biochemistry	Physical, Earth, Math &
Biomical and Electrical Engineering	Computer Sciences
Biomical Sciences	Physics
Business Administration	Political Science
Business Management and Design	PPL: Philosophy, Politics,
Chemistry	Economics and Law.
Economics	Pre-Veterinary Science
English	Psychology
Fashion Design	Public Administration
Food and Nutrition Science	Science
History	Software Engineering
Humanities	Sport Management
Kinesiology	Teaching English as
Liberal Arts	a Second Language

## Recent acceptances include

Acadia University	Reed College
Boston University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Bishop's University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brown University	St. Francis Xavier University
Carelton University	St. Lawrence University
Clarkson University	School of Visual Arts NYC
College of Holy Cross	Syracuse University
Concordia University	Trinity College
Cornell University	University College London
Emory University	University of British Columbia
Fordham University	University of Edinburgh
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Michigan
Hamilton College	University of New Hampshire
Harvard University	University of North Carolina
Harvey Mudd College	University of Ottawa
Lynn University	University of St. Andrew's
McMaster University	University of Toronto
McGill University	University of Vermont
Mount Allison University	University of Waterloo
Northeastern University	University of Wisconsin
Princeton University	Western University
Providence College	Yale University
Queen's University	<i>And dozens more...</i>

## How to Reach Us



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## Grading System

GPA	Letter value	Numerical value	<i>GPA is on a 4.0 scale unweighted</i>
4	A+	90%+	Outstanding - Chair's List
4	A	85-89	Superior - Head's List
3.7	A-	80-84	Excellent - Academic Honours
3.3	B+	77-79	Very Good
3	B	74-76	Above Average
2.7	B-	70-73	Good
2.3	C+	67-69	Satisfactory
2	C	64-66	Fair
1.7	C-	60-63	Passing
1.3	D+	57-59	Failure in Grades 7-11
1	D	54-56	
0	D-	50-53	
	E		Below 50 Failure in Grade 12

## Athletics

Our structured athletics program encourages teamwork, fair play, confidence, perseverance and, above all, health. Each term, students participate in one of many athletic options and have opportunities to compete against teams locally, provincially and nationally.

## Athletic Options

### Fall

- Hockey (varsity)
- Soccer
- Cross-Country
- Running
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Badminton
- Co-Ed Volleyball

### Winter

- Basketball
- Hockey
- Squash
- Swimming
- Cross-Country
- Skiing
- Curling
- Volleyball
- Yoga

### Spring

- Rugby
- Lacrosse
- Tennis
- Softball
- Golf
- Badminton
- Track

## Student Life

With an emphasis on developing social and leadership skills, Stanstead's extracurricular options provide the chance to expand horizons and share new interests. Organized activities take place during weekends, and special events are planned throughout the year.

## Club Options

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| • Art               | • Fencing          | • Reading           |
| • Board Games       | • Film             | • Robotics          |
| • Chess             | • Fishing          | • Skating           |
| • Community Service | • Gaming           | • TEDx              |
| • Cooking           | • Gardening        | • Tutoring          |
| • Dance             | • Home Maintenance | • Yearbook          |
| • Debating          | • Investment       | • Yoga              |
| • Drama             | • LGBTQ            | <i>Options vary</i> |
| • Environment       | • Music Jam        | <i>year to year</i> |