

Town of Poultney, Vermont Annual Report



East Poultney Bridge Construction

Fiscal Year Ending
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June 30, 2023

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL)	911
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT	775-8002
STATE POLICE (emergency number)	911
(non-emergency number)	773-9101
TOWN CONSTABLE	558-2518
TOWN CLERK	287-5761
TOWN LISTER	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER	287-9751
LIBRARY	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club)	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL	287-5861
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT	775-4342
GREATER RUTLAND COUNTY SUPERVISORY UNION	775-4342
VILLAGE OFFICE	287-4003
VILLAGE WATER & SEWER	287-9727
POULTNEY POST OFFICE	287-9033

Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00am - 5:00 pm
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00 pm)

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

Town Manager's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
After 4:00 pm by appointment only

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room and by Zoom, or by warned Special Meetings.
2. Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room, or by warned Special Meetings.
3. Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location as are subject to change.
4. Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. Visit grcsu.org for details of time and location as are subject to change.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27, 2024 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Informational Meeting in person at West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00pm, See Warning at grcsu.org or Poultney.vt.gov or in this report for details

March 4, 2024 – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm.

March 4, 2024 – Pre-Town Informational Meeting at Poultney Fire Department Building at 55 Fire House Lane and via Zoom at 7pm, See Warning in this report for details or at Poultney.vt.gov

March 5, 2024 – Annual Town and Highway Meeting and Quarry Valley Unified Union School District voting by Australian Ballot at the Poultney Fire Department Building, 55 Fire House Lane, from 10:00am to 7:00pm

March 9th & 23rd, 2024—Rabies Clinic at Poultney Veterinary Hospital from 9am to 12pm—See notice in this report for details—Town Clerks Office will be open at the same date/time for Dog Registrations

April 1, 2024 – Base date for setting assessed value and determining ownership of real and personal property

April 1, 2024 – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$15.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$11.00. 50% penalty after this date

April 1, 2024 – Transfer Station Permits must be renewed by this date

May 31, 2024 – Property taxes due in full

July 1, 2024 – Fiscal year begins for 2024/2025

HOLIDAYS

Jan 01 New Year's Day

Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day

Feb 19 Presidents' Day

May 27 Memorial Day

July 04 Independence Day

Sept 02 Labor Day

Oct 14 Indigenous Peoples' Day

Nov 11 Veterans' Day

Nov 28 Thanksgiving

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Expires January 31, 2025

Barbara Bunce Betit	802-558-3490
Valerie Broughton	802-236-2790
Carol Bunce	802-287-5857
Alan-Glen Burnell	802-558-8723
Joseph DeBonis, Jr.	802-287-5282
Kathleen Hutson	802-287-9279
Ida-Mae Johnson	802-287-9744
Susan Kasuba	802-287-9835
Marianne Leone	862-219-0362
Andrew Ohl	802-855-1033
Richard Rupe	802-287-9692
Mark Teetor	802-287-5836

POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mary Jo Teetor

802-287-5836

POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Richard Rupe

802-287-9692

**Warning
Poultney Town Meeting 2024
In-Person and via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83935723883?pwd=QnEveVVrSkN2OUpCMIFEM0lPTzBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883

Passcode: 989910

Or Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US

Meeting ID: 839 3572 3883 Passcode: 989910

The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote in the Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney Fire Department, 55 Fire House Lane, in the Town of Poultney on **Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

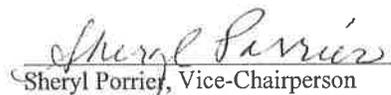
The meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 a.m. on the following day at the Poultney Fire Department located at 55 Fire House Lane, this being Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at which time business, involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot, will be transacted.

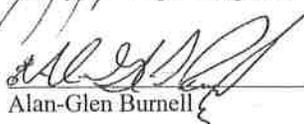
(Ballot boxes/Polls will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (e) Two (2) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?
2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,677,347, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,134,024, less surplus, if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025?
5. Shall the Town approve an additional allocation to the Poultney Rescue Squad in the amount of \$84,560 (this is in addition to the \$42,280 already included in the General Fund Budget in Article 3 of this Warning)?

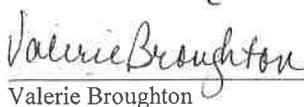
Dated this 25th day of January, 2024.


Jeffrey M. King, Chairperson

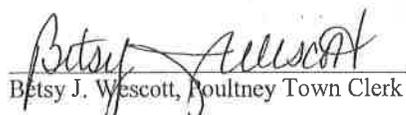

Sheryl Porrie, Vice-Chairperson


Alan-Glen Burnell


Mark Teetor


Valerie Broughton

Received, January 25, 2024


Betsy J. Wescott, Poultney Town Clerk

**Town of Poultney
Informational Meeting
March 6, 2023**

Moderator Jaime Lee called the informational meeting for the Town of Poultney to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Selectboard Chair Jeffrey King, Selectboard members Carol Bunce, Sheryl Porrier, Richard LaPierre and Alan-Glen Burnell, Town Manager Paul Donaldson, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Wescott.

Moderator asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Jaime Lee read the articles on the Warning.

Article 1 To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: (a) One (1) Town Moderator for a term of one year; (b) One (1) Selectboard member for a term of three years; (c) Two (2) Selectboard members for a term of one year; (d) One (1) Town Clerk for a term of three years; (e) One (1) Town Treasurer for a term of three years; (f) One (1) Lister for a term of three years; (g) One (1) Lister for an unexpired one year of a three year term; (h) One (1) Lister for an unexpired two year of a three year term; (i) One (1) Library Trustee for a term of five years; (j) One (1) Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Director for a term of three years?

Moderator asked if any candidate on the ballot would like to speak. Sheryl Porrier, Alex Hilliard, Mark Teetor, and Jeffrey King each introduced themselves and what office they were running for.

Article 2 Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?

There were no questions or comments.

Article 3 Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$1,539,503, less estimated receipts of \$104,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024?

Nic Stark asked which one of these columns is our rainy day fund. Is it the General Fund?

Town Manager Paul Donaldson asked if Nic was referring to a capital investment.

Nic Star stated yes. The General Fund is currently about 1% - 2% of our entire operating expenses. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends we have a two months minimum or 16.7% operating expenditures ready in a rainy day fund. What is the plan to grow our rainy day fund? How in future years will the budget shift to accommodate that?

Paul Donaldson stated generally the Selectboard has been discussing as historically the General Fund and Highway Budgets have been set at the bare minimum. It usually ends up with what we spend. We do put money aside for bridge repairs, equipment replacement, and other money in their own dedicated account. I know you have been at several Selectboard meetings this year and we have had a lot of robust conversations about the fact that the Selectboard is trying to start planning for what you are talking about. Historically, it has been a bare bones budgeting and that they are usually budgeting for what they are going to spend for the next fiscal year and not much else. The Selectboard has been trying to become more competitive in both the General Government budget and particularly the Highway budget as far as wages and salaries can remain competitive with neighboring towns. I think they are starting to get there. They don't want to dump a lot on the voters all at once as it would be an astronomical figure. Some people of said in previous Selectboard meetings if you are budgeting x amount for this building why aren't you doing it for the other building. My rhetoric is it would be nice to budget enough for every single building in every single unforeseen capacity for every single building on a yearly basis but it would probably less palpable for the voters in that kind of a chunk.

Nic Stark stated he would like to commend the Selectboard for the budget is only increasing by 5.7%. It is something well under the inflation amount.

Paul Donaldson stated the General Fund budget is at 5.62%.

Mary Sue Reed thanked the Board for the statement of benefits on page 11. I think it is important for the people to see the value of the total employment package. Mary Sue asked if can add the pension value on there as well.

Paul Donaldson stated yes we can. The employer contribution, I think, is 6.2% and employee contribution is 5.8%.

Mary Sue Reed asked for an explanation of what the Intergovernmental revenue and charges for current services are on page 18 schedule 3 under the Revenue section.

Paul Donaldson stated he believed that the intergovernmental revenues are properties in current use. We receive revenue from the State Park not being taxed. He doesn't know what the charges for current services are and will need to talk to the Auditor.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the unfavorable variances in the Expenditures section of page 18. Does the Board at this point and time study what the current expenditures are to make sure departments are on track.

Paul Donaldson stated yes we do, reports are generated for the Board and have been discussed. It is typically at the request of the Board. However, the next fiscal year reports will be provided quarterly. The Board looks at those numbers and try to project how much we were at last year, what are the costs this year, and what do we project them to be in the following fiscal year.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the Zoning Administrator position on page 22.

Paul Donaldson stated that he is currently continuing the position. In this proposed budget, the Selectboard has made Sarah Pelkey, Economic Development, a full time position. With this change, Sarah would be taking on some of the other various hats I wear. This will allow me to continue to be the Zoning Administrator.

Mary Sue Reed asked about the Health Benefits on page 24. Can you describe the health reimbursement account?

Paul Donaldson stated before this year the Board would lump in health and life insurance with the health reimbursement account. This year the Board decided to leave the health and life insurance on its own line and have the health reimbursement account on its own line. This is based on the fiscal year.

Mary Sue Reed asked about delinquent tax and if there were any properties at a point to be auctioned off any for past due taxes.

Paul Donaldson stated the last couple of years due to COVID there have been a moratorium on a lot of those delinquencies. Some people had benefited and qualified for assistance with their property taxes or water/sewer. There was some entanglement about if they receive those you can't go after them. So we are waiting for the dust to settle.

Andrew Ohl asked if could go back to the Economic Development that the Board has allocated, which seems like double, to make a full time position. Can you go over some of the successes that it has had for the Town and some accomplishments to justify this decision along with some goals we hope to achieve going forward as a full time versus a part time.

Sarah Pelkey answered these questions. I have been the part time Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Poultney since 2020 and have recently been working as the full time Community Development Director. There has been a little bit of a job description change with this happening. For the past few years as the part time Economic Development Coordinator, we have been working primarily on growing the outdoor recreational economy for the economy after the College closed. Vermont Counsel on Rural Development came into town to have a public meeting and one of the key goals of that meeting as developed by the Towns people that were there at that time was to grow the recreational economy as a way to establish a new economy in light of the College closing. There has been a lot of marketing and planning. The Town has been engaged in developing a new Recreational Website which is intended to be tourism along with brochures developed from that. We were trying to recover from the pandemic and work with the non-profits, the PDRC and the Chamber of Commerce. There were economic recovery programs from the State as well. These organizations have pulled themselves together and also tried to do this work. The focus has been establishing new business on Main Street for the last couple of years. I am happy to report that has been fairly successful. The main gest for the new role of Community Development is that the Selectboard is looking to care for the communities facilities as a primary focus. There are still a lot of State Level ARPA funds that will allow the community to invest in its infrastructure, waste water, water infrastructure, community facilities such as the Town Office, the Stonebridge, the Senior Center, and the Town Garage. That is a primary goal for that work as well as continuing the work for the economic development efforts for the community.

Andrew Ohl asked if there were any formal reports in updating the Town on the progress for the position or any economic development for example this has been established in the first quarter or second that the Town can see.

Paul Donaldson asked if it would be something different than from minutes from a Selectboard meeting. There isn't anything formal on a quarterly basis but is in the Town Report.

Alex Hilliard wanted to state as a business owner that was directly impacted by Sarah. She spear headed VORA, helping Nic with the implementation of the Town Branding, her efforts on the Town Trails, awesome marketing materials for the outdoor recreational economy, building awareness of grants for local business owners, helping business owners such as myself grow and scale businesses, connecting folks with conferences, helping individuals develop as community leaders, there are lots of impacts on Sarah's work on many of us. I think it would be hard to put numbers on paper to prove the impact in the community. Instead, you look at new of people who have been positively impacted by her in the community.

Patti McWilliams asked why there is no solid waste budget numbers for 2023-2024 in the Report.

Paul Donaldson stated that this is another number the Board has shifted. Traditionally the solid waste budget of \$18,000 was basically our tipping fees and carrier fees would be separated. The Board finally said to me, "you don't ever spend that \$18,000. I stated that I actually allocate it when the zero sort is hauled away along with the metal. I was spreading that number out into those budgeted numbers. It didn't disappear but went to another line item.

Margaret Mug asked about the Cultural and Recreation budget on page 18. It was listed as \$251,637 and now it is down to \$42,500.

Paul Donaldson stated he would have to check with the Auditor as he is not sure.

Margaret Mug asked about the same numbers on page 24 as on page 18.

Paul Donaldson stated it is all the allocations in the budget for those organizations. He would have to get clarification from the Auditor why it is listed like this and get back to her.

Mary Sue Reed wanted to thank the Board for dedicating the Fire Truck to Jonas Rosenthal.

Article 4 Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$1,016,937, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024?

Nic Stark asked about the sidewalk budget on page 26. I have learned that it is quite rare for towns in Vermont to have a line item for sidewalks in there highway budgets. I think it is great that we have one. But it has been zero for the last two years and continues to be zero. We are putting \$204,500 into roads for summer construction. What does that zero say to folks that don't have car in this Town.

Paul Donaldson stated that the only sidewalk in the Town of Poultney is the one on East Main Street that goes from the Village line to the East Poultney Green.

Nic Stark asked if we would ever need to service that sidewalk and are we saving for that.

Paul Donaldson stated that the Town is very fortunate because the Village of Poultney actually maintains that sidewalk for the Town of Poultney. Now, whether or not it needs to be repaired, probably at some point, and should we be budgeting a line item for that, perhaps. It goes back to the first discussion about allocating funds for projects.

Nic Start asked is it a legacy line item or why is it there?

Paul Donaldson stated there as a place holder.

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A §2651 c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provisions of Title 32?

Alex Hilliard asked about the working professionally qualified. When I think of the word professional, I think about money for something other than a hobby or recreational does that mean this position is going to more costly for us to maintain in the future?

Mary Jo Teetor stated that she is the current appointed Assessor as there aren't enough Listers at this time. Mary Jo read a statement from some advisors that I have from a few years ago. So Vermont Law required a Town have three Listers unless additional Listers are elected by the Town or the Town votes to eliminate the office pursuant to V.S.A. 2651c. The

Vermont Law requires each Lister to sign Grand List and swear that it is a true statement of all real estate and taxable personal real estate in the Town. If only one Lister signs the Grand List, the Town faces the risk of the tax payer will argue the Grand List is invalid. 32 V.S.A. 4262 allows Listers to legalize a defective or invalid Grand List including when they fail to subscribe to the attached local required on or before the deadline of February 15th of the following year. If there are fewer than three Listers, the Selectboard shall fill the vacancies or vacancy until the next election. If the Board of Listers falls below the majority and the Selectboard is unable to find a person or persons to appoint as Lister they can appoint an Assessor to perform the Listers duties until the next Annual Meeting. This is what happened last year because there were two Listers and one resigned to move on to something else. I was appointed so that the Grand List could be completed and filed legally. Meanwhile, I am still the only person in the office, so that is where we are at, so it is on the Ballot. If the Town votes to move forward, the Selectboard can appoint an Assessor. They could reappoint me or appoint another company or someone else that has the qualifications. I have taken several years of classes to become a Vermont Certified Assessor. It could very well cost a lot more. I think I am working well below what you would go out and hire a company to come in and do it for. But that is the Towns choice; it is up to them on how they do it.

Article 6 Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to exempt the real property of the Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. from taxation for a period of five years, to become effective July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2028 and remain in effect for five consecutive years, pursuant to Title 32 VSA Section 3840?

Paul Donaldson stated that the Title 32 VSA Section 3840 that Jaime just sited. It is a Statute that allows for non-profits to request of the voters to have their real and personal property exempt from taxation. In the past, the Poultney Rescue Squad has asked the voters and received the blessing of the voters and the Statute provides that they have to request the voters every five years to readdress the question and consider whether or not they want to continue to let the Rescue Squad to tax exempt of real property.

Alex Hilliard stated that the Statute states it is for non-profits. This is a LLC.

Katrina Davenport stated that the Rescue Squad has been a non-profit since 1970.

There was conversation back and forth if the Rescue Squad is really a non-profit or LLC.

Mary Jo Teetor stated she believed that they are a LLC but are grandfathered in because they have been under the auspicious of the non-profit organization for a long time. They are grandfathered in as far as the Vermont Statute is considered.

Alex Hilliard asked that they don't need to be registered as a non-profit but just getting the status of non-profit.

Mary Jo Teetor stated she did not know that detail. I know I have asked the question and was told that they are grandfathered in.

Katrina Davenport stated to her knowledge that we have never been a LLC and have always been a 501-C non-profit. It was mentioned in a Selectboard meeting but then corrected in the Selectboard meeting.

Moderator Jaime Lee introduced Senator Terry Williams.

Terry Williams spoke about what is happening at the State level.

Moderator Jaime Lee recessed the meeting until the polls open tomorrow morning at 10:00 am at the Poultney Fire House for voting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Betsy J. Wescott, Town Clerk

**RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022**

Moderator	-----		
Selectman – Three Year Term	Terry Williams		
Selectman – One Year Term	Carol A. Bunce		
Selectman – One Year Term	Sheryl A. Porrier		
Lister – Three Year Term	-----		
Library Trustee – 5 Year Term	Jean S. Davis		
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Rebecca Gardner		
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Katharine McWaters		
Question 2 – Independent Auditor’s Report	Yes 527 No 31	Passed	
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 469 No 84	Passed	
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 299 No 52	Passed	
Question 5 – Tax Stabilization Agreement for Regenerative Land Holdings	Yes 466 No 104	Passed	
Question 6 – Require Public an Opportunity for Remote Attendance And Participation in all Meetings both audio and visual	Yes 448 No 104	Passed	
Question 7 – Cease Assessing and Collecting Taxes on Personal Property	Yes 357 No 178	Passed	
Question 8 – Authorize Cannabis Retailers and Integrated Licensees	Yes 298 No 258	Passed	
Question 9 – Authorize the Selectboard to Appoint Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Merger between the Town of Poultney and the Village of Poultney Dependent upon the Village of Poultney Placing a Similar Feasibility Study on the Village Ballot	Yes 463 No 90	Passed	
Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Voting			
Article #3a – Moderator—Michael Moser	Yes 853 No 11	Passed	
Article #3b – Treasurer—Patricia Kulig	Yes 867 No 4	Passed	
Article #3c – Clerk—Betsy J. Wescott	Yes 924 No 5	Passed	
Article #4 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School Budget	Yes 666 No 315	Passed	

**RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023**

Moderator	Jaime Lee		
Selectman – Three Year Term	Jeffrey M. King		
Selectman – One Year Term	Sheryl A. Porrier		
Selectman – One Year Term	Mark Teetor		
Town Clerk – Three Year Term	Betsy J. Wescott		
Town Treasurer – Three Year Term	Betsy J. Wescott		
Library Trustee – Five Year Term	David “Bruce” Williams		
Quarry Valley Unified Union School Director – Three Year Term	Linda Smith		
Question 2 – Independent Auditor’s Report	Yes 445 No 33	Passed	
Question 3 – General Fund Budget	Yes 387 No 97	Passed	
Question 4 – Highway Budget	Yes 264 No 53	Passed	
Question 5 – Voters Authorize the Elimination of the Office of Town Lister in Accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651 c(b)(1) and And Replace it with a Professionally Qualified Assessor	Yes 312 No 156	Passed	
Question 6 – Poultney Vote to Exempt the Real Property of the Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. from Taxation for a Period of Five Years Effective July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2028	Yes 436 No 56	Passed	
Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Voting			
Article #7 – Quarry Valley Unified Union School Budget	Yes 592 No 354	Passed	
Article #8 – Surplus Transfer	Yes 701 No 241	Passed	

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
MODERATOR	Jaime Lee	1	2024
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Jean S. Davis	5	2027
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2028
	Ennis Duling	5	2024
	Nancy Luzer	5	2025
	Emily Sosnoff	5	2026
SELECTBOARD	Jeffrey King	3	2026
	Alan-Glen Burnell	3	2025
	Valerie Broughton	3	2024
	Sheryl A. Porrier	1	2024
	Mark Teetor	1	2024
TOWN CLERK	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2026
TOWN TREASURER	Betsy J. Wescott	3	2026
UNION SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Linda Smith	3	2026
	Eric Hier	3	2024
	Kristen Ann Ross	3	2024
	Rebecca Gardner	3	2025

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
ASSESSOR	Mary Jo Teetor	2024
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2024
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (2 Year Appointment)	Mark Teetor, Chair	2024
	Jaime Lee	2024
	Benjamin Thirkield	2024
	Margaret Mug	2024
	Vacant	2024
DOG WARDEN	Paul Donaldson	2024
FENCE VIEWER	Vacant	2024
FIRE WARDEN	Nathan Bourn	6/2024
FOURTH OF JULY DIRECTOR	Sarah Pelkey	2024
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Vacant	2024
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Jaime Lee, Chair	2024
	Mark Teetor	2024
	John Andrews	2024
	Douglas Langdon	2024
	Mary Sue Reed	2024
RECREATION DIRECTORS	Sheryl Porrier	2024
RECREATION COMMISSION	Sarah Pelkey	2024
RCSWD REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2024
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Sarah Pelkey	2024
	Paul Donaldson, Alternate	2024
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL	Sarah Pelkey	2024
	Paul Donaldson, Alternate	2024
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2024
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2024
TOWN SERVICES OFFICER	Town Manager	2024
TREE WARDEN	Stephens Handfield	2024
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER	Paul Donaldson	06/2024
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2024
OTTER CREEK COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT	Mark Teetor	2024
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Aaron Kerber, Coordinator	2024
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Paul Donaldson, Director	2024

TOWN EMPLOYEES

POSITION	NAME
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	Carol Bunce
BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY	Neisja Crawford
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	Sarah Pelkey
MANAGER	Paul A. Donaldson
ROAD FOREMAN	Joel Roberts
ROAD CREW	Richard Ferguson Kevin Ferguson Andrew Austin
TRANSFER STATION CREW	T. Daniel Williams Ronald McLaughlin Thomas McLaughlin

Town of Poultney
Employee Wage Report
Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Name	Wage	Insurance Premium	Position
Austin, Andrew	\$ 14,921.14	\$ 11,887.40	Highway Crew
Bunce, Carol	\$ 34,492.90	\$ 6,263.16	Assistant Town Clerk/Elections
Cook, Rebecca	\$ 45,100.12	\$ 18,840.18	Librarian/Clerk
Crawford, Neisja	\$ 39,444.96	\$ 18,840.18	Bookkeeper/Secretary/Library
Donaldson, Paul A.	\$ 61,846.98	\$ 9,420.12	Town Manager
Ferguson, Kevin	\$ 47,929.70	\$ 12,835.70	Highway Crew
Ferguson, Richard	\$ 61,395.90	\$ 13,409.40	Highway & Transfer Station
Frappier, Erin	\$ 8,839.13		Library Assistant
Kasuba, Susan	\$ 1,190.43		Office Assistance
Kelley, Ronald	\$ 32,355.58	\$ 5,557.68	Road Foreman
Kerber, Dale	\$ 39,342.50		Constable/Public Safety Grants
Letendrea, Denise	\$ 17,172.00		Library Assistant
McLaughlin, Ronald	\$ 17,974.28	\$ 5,142.06	Part-Time Transfer Station
McLaughlin, Thomas	\$ 6,451.96		Part-Time Transfer Station
Mead, Gary	\$ 15,950.00		Highway Crew
Paquette, Racheal	\$ 30,713.10		Library Assistant
Pelkey, Sarah	\$ 42,715.00		Community Development Director
Porrier, Sheryl	\$ 3,360.00		Recreation Commission
Robert, Joel	\$ 60,840.50	\$ 18,840.18	Highway Crew, Road Foreman
Simons, Josiah	\$ 864.00		Part-Time Transfer Station
Teetor, Mary Jo	\$ 11,561.05		Lister
Thirkield, Kimberly	\$ 178.50		Office Assistance
Wescott, Betsy	\$ 43,000.10	\$ 13,409.40	Town Clerk/Treasurer
Williams, Thomas D.	\$ 25,263.00		Part-Time Transfer Station
Health Reimbursement Agreement (HRA) costs:		\$ 40,301.28	



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Selectboard
Town of Poultney
Poultney, Vermont

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Poultney, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve (12) months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on test basis evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financials.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Poultney's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Poultney's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-8 and 36-38, respectively, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 and Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Poultney's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

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License #945

Barre, Vermont

November 14, 2023

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023

EXHIBIT A

	Governmental Activities	Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,575,160	\$ 2,575,160
Investments	-	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts)		
Taxes receivable	495,407	495,407
Grant receivable	185,724	185,724
Village receivable	11,569	11,569
Prepaid Expenses	4,493	4,493
Other assets	7,900	7,900
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)		
Land	15,000	15,000
Building and building improvements	1,354,281	1,354,281
Vehicles and equipment	1,145,220	1,145,220
Infrastructure	1,143,771	1,143,771
Total Assets	6,938,525	6,938,525
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	139,605	139,605
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	139,605	139,605
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	58,498	58,498
Accrued expenses	31,877	31,877
Deferren grant revenue	386,614	386,614
Due within one year	44,967	44,967
Non-current obligations		
Pension liability	353,418	353,418
Due in more than one year	270,008	270,008
Total Liabilities	1,145,382	1,145,382
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to the Town's participation in VMERS	8,959	8,959
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	8,959	8,959
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	3,343,297	3,343,297
Nonspendable	4,493	4,493
Restricted	396,219	396,219
Committed	1,404,909	1,404,909
Assigned	177,007	177,007
Unrestricted	597,863	597,863
Total Net Position	\$ 5,923,788	\$ 5,923,788

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

EXHIBIT C

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,648,314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,421	\$ 2,018,735
Investments	-	-	556,428	-	-	556,428
Receivables (net of allowance)						
Property taxes, interest and penalty receivable	495,408	-	-	-	-	495,408
Grant receivable	-	-	-	-	185,724	185,724
Village receivables	11,569	-	-	-	-	11,569
Prepaid Expenses	4,493	-	-	-	-	4,493
Due from other funds	6,027	576,299	-	290,337	629,376	1,502,039
Total Assets	\$ 2,165,811	\$ 576,299	\$ 556,428	\$ 290,337	\$ 1,185,520	\$ 4,774,393
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 58,498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,498
Accrued expenses	25,759	6,117	-	-	-	31,876
Other current liabilities	-	-	-	-	386,615	386,615
Deferred grant revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	1,256,424	-	12,038	-	225,678	1,494,140
Total Liabilities	1,340,681	6,117	12,038	-	612,293	1,971,129
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unavailable property taxes	417,855	-	-	-	-	417,855
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	417,855	-	-	-	-	417,855
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted	-	-	-	-	396,219	396,219
Nonspendable	4,493	-	-	-	-	4,493
Committed	-	570,181	544,391	290,337	-	1,404,909
Assigned	-	-	-	-	177,007	177,007
Unassigned	402,780	-	-	-	-	402,780
Total Fund Balances	407,273	570,181	544,391	290,337	573,226	2,385,408
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 2,165,811	\$ 576,299	\$ 556,428	\$ 290,337	\$ 1,185,519	

Amounts reported for Government Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	3,658,271
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	417,855
Long-term and accrued liabilities, including notes payable, net pension liability and accrued vacation are not due or payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	(668,393)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to the Town's participation in VMERS are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds	130,646
Net position of Governmental Activities	5,923,788

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2023

EXHIBIT D

	General Funds	Highway Fund	Safety Vehicle Fund	Library Renovation Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 1,367,362	\$ 946,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,200	\$ 2,483,137
Tax penalties and interest	67,667	-	-	-	-	67,667
Fees, licenses and permits	5,310	245	-	-	-	5,555
Grant revenue	-	-	-	300	-	300
Intergovernmental revenues	89,818	127,053	-	2,071	553,689	772,631
Charges for current services	143,551	-	-	4,011	9,669	157,231
Donations	-	-	-	-	3,504	3,504
Interest	158	-	52	-	34	244
Other revenues	20,755	9,030	44,400	-	27,132	101,317
Total Revenues	<u>1,694,621</u>	<u>1,082,903</u>	<u>44,452</u>	<u>6,382</u>	<u>763,228</u>	<u>3,591,586</u>
EXPENDITURES						
General government	569,650	-	-	-	147,938	717,588
Public safety	203,601	-	29,946	-	-	233,547
Public works	255,937	908,419	-	-	14,662	1,179,018
Cemetery	6,150	-	-	-	-	6,150
Conservation and development	87,017	-	-	179,905	1,044	267,966
Cultural & Recreation	42,500	-	-	-	55,597	98,097
Debt service expenditures						
Principal and lease payments	30,104	-	-	-	17,292	47,396
Interest	8,955	-	-	-	927	9,882
Capital expenditures						
General government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-	283,825	283,825
Public safety	-	-	59,688	-	-	59,688
Total Expenditures	<u>1,203,914</u>	<u>908,419</u>	<u>89,634</u>	<u>179,905</u>	<u>521,285</u>	<u>2,903,157</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>490,707</u>	<u>174,484</u>	<u>(45,182)</u>	<u>(173,523)</u>	<u>241,943</u>	<u>688,429</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	113,250	-	103,500	175,937	-	392,687
Transfers out	<u>(392,687)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(392,687)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(279,437)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,500</u>	<u>175,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>211,270</u>	<u>174,484</u>	<u>58,318</u>	<u>2,414</u>	<u>241,943</u>	<u>688,429</u>
Fund balances, June 30, 2022 (restated)	<u>196,003</u>	<u>395,697</u>	<u>486,073</u>	<u>287,923</u>	<u>331,284</u>	<u>1,696,980</u>
Fund balances, July 1, 2023	<u>\$ 407,273</u>	<u>\$ 570,181</u>	<u>\$ 544,391</u>	<u>\$ 290,337</u>	<u>\$ 573,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,385,409</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
 REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

EXHIBIT E

JUNE 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total government funds (Exhibit D).	<u>\$ 688,429</u>
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	88,812
Accrued compensation and expenses is not reflected in the government funds.	-
Government funds report note proceeds and repayment as revenue and expenditures, respectively. The statement of activities does not reflect these as current inflows and outflows, but shows on the statement of net position.	44,967
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(83,712)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in government funds.	<u>(27,591)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B).	<u><u>\$ 710,905</u></u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2023

SCHEDULE 3

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,457,298	\$ 1,367,362	\$ (89,936)
Taxes penalties and interest	34,500	67,667	33,167
Fees and licenses	1,000	5,310	4,310
Intergovernmental revenues	25,000	89,818	64,818
Charges for current services	24,000	143,551	119,551
Interest	1,000	158	(842)
Other revenues	750	20,755	20,005
	<u>1,543,548</u>	<u>1,694,621</u>	<u>151,073</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General government	687,020	569,650	117,370
Public safety	201,650	203,601	(1,951)
Public works	213,018	255,937	(42,919)
Cemetery	8,800	6,150	2,650
Conservation and development	263,460	87,017	176,443
Cultural and recreation	42,500	42,500	-
Debt service expenditures:			
Principal and lease payments	41,100	30,104	10,996
Interest	-	8,955	(8,955)
Capital expenditures:			
General government	-	-	-
Library	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>1,457,548</u>	<u>1,203,912</u>	<u>253,636</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>86,000</u>	<u>490,708</u>	<u>404,708</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Note proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	113,250	113,250
Transfer out	<u>(392,687)</u>	<u>(392,687)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>(392,687)</u>	<u>(279,437)</u>	<u>113,250</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (306,687)</u>	<u>\$ 211,270</u>	<u>\$ 517,958</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - HIGHWAY FUND
JUNE 30, 2023

SCHEDULE 4

	Original and Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 946,575	\$ 946,575	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenues	-	127,053	127,053
Other revenues	-	9,275	9,275
Total Revenues	<u>946,575</u>	<u>1,082,904</u>	<u>136,328</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Public works			
Roads	352,000	300,740	51,260
Equipment	140,000	192,256	(52,256)
Garage & other	33,450	34,709	(1,259)
Road crew	421,125	380,714	40,411
Total Expenditures	<u>946,575</u>	<u>908,419</u>	<u>38,156</u>
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>174,484</u>	<u>174,484</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfer out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 174,484</u>	<u>\$ 174,484</u>

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2022- 2023
(July 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

	<u>Homestead</u>	<u>Non-Homestead</u>
General Fund	0.4417	0.4417
Local Agreement	0.0031	0.0031
Highway Fund	0.3401	0.3401
School District (total)	1.3228	1.5284
Town Tax Rate	2.1077	2.3133
Village Tax Rate	1.7676	1.9732

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$ 1,353,298
Highway Fund	\$ 946,575
School District	\$ 4,955,977

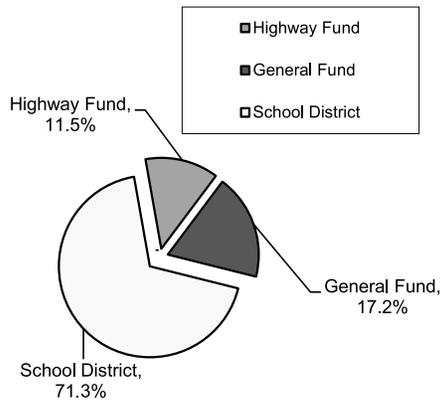
Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 7,255,850

Grand List

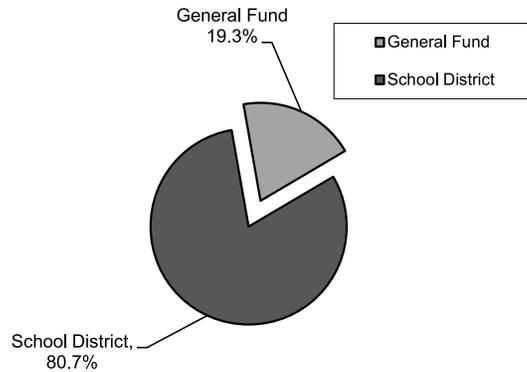
Village	\$ 66,582,700
Town Highway	\$ 278,307,351
Total Municipal Grand List	\$344,890,051
Homestead Education Grand List	\$ 134,938,103
Non-Residential Education Grand List	\$ 206,950,848

Property Taxes
Where it Goes...

Town Properties



Village Properties



General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2022-2023 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Proposed	% Change 24/25
SELECTMEN					
Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
Mtngs, Travel & Training	500	35	500	500	0.00%
Supplies		0			
TOTALS	3,500	3,035	3,500	3,500	0.00%
TOWN MANAGER					
Salary (70%)	43,293	43,293	47,655	47,655	0.00%
Communications (70%)	840	841	840	840	0.00%
Auto Allowance (70%)	1,260	1,260	1,260	1,260	0.00%
Dues, Subs & Mtngs.	455	2,295	455	455	0.00%
TOTALS	45,848	47,689	50,210	50,210	0.00%
ELECTIONS					
Salaries	2,300	2,230	2,300	2,500	8.70%
Supplies/Ballots	1,400	1,024	1,400	1,400	0.00%
Ballot Machine	2,500	572	2,500	2,500	0.00%
TOTALS	6,200	3,827	6,200	6,400	3.23%
BOOKKEEPING					
Salary (70%)	26,772	26,771	29,688	30,579	3.00%
Part-Time (70%)	5,400	1,369	5,778	6,125	6.01%
Supplies	1,000	1,049	1,000	1,250	25.00%
IT	1,300	20	1,300	1,400	7.69%
TOTALS	34,472	29,209	37,766	39,354	4.21%
LEGAL SERVICES					
	17,000	8,599	17,000	17,000	0.00%
Economic/Community Develc					
	26,000	42,733	58,240	60,320	3.57%
TAX LISTING					
Salaries	22,800	11,561	25,600	25,600	0.00%
Training	300	100	0	300	
Contract Services	2,100	1,480	2,600	2,600	0.00%
Reappraisal / BCA Services	600	0	600	600	0
Equipment	500	30	500	500	0
Supplies	500	1,118	500	500	0.00%
Mtngs. & Travel	500	50	500	500	0.00%
Communications	600	798	600	600	
Advertising	0	160	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS	27,900	15,297	30,900	31,200	0.97%
TAX COLLECTING					
Tax Billing/Advertising	600	815	600	600	0.00%
Printing	800	0	800	800	0.00%
TOTALS	1,400	815	1,400	1,400	0.00%
AUDITING					
Salaries	9,500	10,500	9,500	11,500	21.05%
Town Report	3,200	2,568	2,600	2,790	7.31%
TOTALS	12,700	13,068	12,100	14,290	18.10%
CLERK/TREASURER					
Salary	43,000	43,000	46,898	46,898	0.00%
Assistant	34,500	34,493	36,183	36,910	2.01%

General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2022-2023 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Proposed	% Change 24/25
Supplies	2,500	1,626	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Telephone	1,600	984	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Advertising	0	375	400	400	0.00%
Records Preservation/Disposal	2,500	1,914	2,800	2,800	0.00%
Mtngs., Travel, Training	2,000	2,067	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Records Computerization	4,260	3,905	4,260	4,800	11.25%
Subscriptions & Dues	150	146	150	150	0.00%
Town Clerk Bank Fees	0		150	150	0.00%
Computer Equipment	1,000	378	1,000	1,000	0.00%
TOTALS	91,510	88,888	97,940	99,208	1.29%
PLANNING & ZONING					
Zoning Admin.	13,000	27	0	16,000	
Office Supplies	200	0	200	200	0.00%
Advertising	650	127	650	650	0.00%
Printing	400		400	400	0.00%
Mapping	5,475	3,500	5,475	5,775	5.48%
CEDR	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Rut. Reg. Com/Dues	975	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
TOTALS	21,200	5,154	8,225	24,525	198.18%
TOWN OFFICE					
Supplies	3,500	1,121	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Photocopy Supplies	500	5	500	500	0.00%
Copier Service	2,500	2,038	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Computer Supplies	875	558	875	875	0.00%
Telephone	1,775	1,597	1,775	1,775	0.00%
Advertising	1,600	825	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Postage	6,100	5,451	6,100	6,100	0.00%
Subs & Meetings	450	514	450	450	0.00%
VLCT/Dues	5,350	4,905	5,350	5,800	8.41%
NEMRC / Services	800	75	800	800	0.00%
NEMRC / Contract	5,000	6,204	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Equip. Maintenance	500	120	500	500	0.00%
Equip. Purchases	700	652	700	700	0.00%
Town Website and software	700	840	4,900	5,500	12.24%
TOTALS	30,350	24,904	34,550	35,600	3.04%
TOWN HALL					
Custodial Service	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Cleaning Supplies	0	35	0	0	0.00%
Cleaning Equipment	0	30	0	0	0.00%
Repairs & Maint.	4,000	4,570	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Util/Electricity	3,500	3,443	3,500	3,800	8.57%
Water & Sewer	520	430	520	520	0.00%
Utility/Fuel	2,500	3,215	2,500	3,300	32.00%
TOTALS	12,120	13,224	12,120	13,220	9.08%
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Contract Services / Police	80,340	78,178	80,340	89,200	11.03%
Highway Safety Grant	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Public Safety Grant	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Constable Salary	7,000	3,900	7,000	7,000	0.00%
Constable Travel	500	1,901	500	500	0.00%
Constable Supplies	500	208	500	500	0.00%

General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2022-2023 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Proposed	% Change 24/25
Constable Communications	1,500	908	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Cruiser Sinking Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Cruiser Maintenance	2,250	1,046	2,250	2,250	0.00%
Constable Training	500	0	500	500	0.00%
Fire Department	113,250	113,250	120,800	128,050	6.00%
Fire Truck Payment	18,000	17,543	18,000	18,000	0.00%
Fire Equip Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	115,000	15.00%
Firehouse Capital Repair			0	20,483	
TOTALS	327,340	320,434	334,890	386,483	15.41%
HEALTH & WELFARE					
Visiting Nurse	6,728	6,728	6,728	6,728	0.00%
Mental Health	3,654	3,654	3,654	3,654	0.00%
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
ARC - Rutland Area	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.00%
Young At Heart	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500	0.00%
RSVP	405	405	405	405	0.00%
New Story fka Battered Womer	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Center Indep. Living	420	420	420	420	0.00%
Vt Assc Blind & Vis	525	525	525	525	0.00%
Public Health	300	0	300	300	0.00%
Dog Warden Salary	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Dog Warden Supplies	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Dog Warden Storage	100	0	100	100	0.00%
Dog Warden Travel	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Humane Society	625	625	625	625	0.00%
Rut Co Parent/Child	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Ben Rut Op Co (BROC)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Neighbor Works	500	500	500	500	0.00%
Rut Area Hospice	0	300	0	0	0.00%
Rut Adult Basic Ed	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.00%
Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Green Up Vermont	1,600	942	1,600	1,600	0.00%
Regional Ambulance	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716	0.00%
Chamber and Economic Develop.		500	3,020	3,020	0.00%
TOTALS	51,173	50,915	54,193	54,193	0.00%
SOLID WASTE					
Refuse/Non-Recycle	98,000	112,036	100,000	100,000	0.00%
Recyclables	28,500	32,181	28,500	28,500	0.00%
Util/Electricity	1,725	1,764	1,725	1,725	0.00%
Station Operator	20,500	25,263	20,500	37,340	82.15%
Assistant Operator	18,273	17,974	18,237	18,785	3.00%
Temp Assistant Operator	6,800	7,316	6,800	7,200	5.88%
Equipment Rental	3,900	3,895	3,900	3,900	0.00%
Telephone	400	661	400	400	0.00%
Compost	5,600	7,615	5,600	7,750	27.74%
Construction Demolition / Freor	2,500	3,928	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Repairs & Maint.	3,500	3,410	3,500	3,500	0.00%
Portable Toilet	1,600	1,788	1,600	1,800	12.50%
TOTALS	191,298	217,831	193,262	213,400	10.42%
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.00%

General Government Proposed Budget

ACCOUNT	2022-2023 Budget	2022-23 Expended	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Proposed	% Change 24/25
CULTURE & REC					
Little League	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Poultney Band	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
July 4th Activities	6,500	6,500	6,500	11,000	69.23%
Recreation	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%
Memorial Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Lake St. Catherine	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%
TOTALS	42,500	42,500	42,500	47,000	10.59%
LIBRARY					
Subsidy	175,937	175,937	187,664	201,374	7.31%
Library Loan Payment	20,000	18,678	20,000	19,000	-5.00%
Maintenance & Repairs	1,500	1,819	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Utility/Fuel Oil	3,500	4,591	4,000	4,600	15.00%
Water & Sewer	600	484	600	600	0.00%
TOTALS	201,537	201,509	213,764	227,074	6.23%
CONSERV. & DEVELOP					
Forest Fires	400	0	400	400	0.00%
Poul - Mettowee Con Dst	750	750	750	750	
Tree Warden	200	200	200	200	0.00%
TOTALS	1,350	950	1,350	1,350	0.00%
EMPLOYEES BENEFITS					
Retirement	25,000	14,391	25,000	23,500	-6.00%
Workmen's Comp.	9,900	11,391	10,100	10,800	6.93%
Unemploy Insurance	500	706	500	735	47.00%
Social Security	24,000	24,742	25,000	26,000	4.00%
Health & Life Ins.	96,350	61,213	79,050	106,000	34.09%
Health Reimbursement Account			24,500	32,930	34.40%
Uniforms	1,300	2,865	1,300	2,875	121.15%
TOTALS	157,050	115,308	165,450	202,840	22.60%
OTHERS					
Prop-Liab Insurance	17,000	18,324	18,500	19,000	2.70%
Pol Insurance Bond	7,000	6,389	7,400	7,600	2.70%
Grant Match	6,000	0	6,000	6,000	0.00%
County Tax	27,500	26,455	29,500	30,500	3.39%
Sr Citizen Bldg Loan	3,100	2,838	3,100	3,100	0.00%
Public Transportation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Bldg.-Equip. Fund	4,200	4,200	4,200	5,000	19.05%
Rescue Squad	42,280	42,280	42,280	42,280	0.00%
Poultney Historical Society	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.00%
Downtown Revitalization	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Stonebridge Inn			5,000	6,000	20.00%
Miscellaneous	4,000	3,300	4,000	4,000	0.00%
TOTALS	127,580	120,286	136,480	139,980	2.56%
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 1,438,828	\$ 1,332,241	\$ 1,520,840	\$ 1,677,347	10.29%

Highway Department Proposed Budget

	FY 22-23 Proposed	FY 22-23 Expended	FY 23-24 Budget	FY 24-25 Budget	% Change 20/21
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION					
Foreman	56,721	30,760	58,240	62,400	7.14%
Laborer	48,672	50,592	56,160	60,320	7.41%
Laborer	41,600	48,800	45,760	50,960	11.36%
Laborer	41,600	40,131	45,760	47,320	3.41%
Overtime	25,000	38,087	30,000	30,000	0.00%
Laborer	18,720	25,113	20,800	41,600	100.00%
Town Manager (30%)	18,554	18,554	20,424	20,424	0.00%
Communications (30%)	360	360	360	360	0.00%
Auto Allowance (30%)	540	540	540	540	0.00%
Dues,. Subs & Mtngs. (30%)	195	227	195	195	0.00%
Bookkeeper (30%)	11,473	11,474	12,723	13,105	3.00%
Asst. Bookkeeper (30%)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
TOTALS	263,435	264,637	290,962	327,224	12.46%
SUMMER CONSTRUCTION					
Operating Supp/Chloride	15,000	22,294	16,000	16,000	0.00%
Patching	1,500	4,814	1,500	2,000	33.33%
Culverts	5,500	6,234	6,500	6,500	0.00%
Resurface/Gravel	38,000	14,140	38,000	38,000	0.00%
Repaving	105,000		112,000	115,000	2.68%
Guardrails	1,500	2,900	1,500	1,500	0.00%
Reconstruction	20,500	77,044	24,000	27,000	12.50%
Roadside Mowing	5,000	5,600	5,000	10,000	100.00%
TOTALS	192,000	133,026	204,500	216,000	5.62%
TRAFFIC CONTROL/SIGNS					
	1,000	2,347	1,000	1,000	0.00%
TOTALS	1,000	2,347	1,000	1,000	0.00%
WINTER MINTENANCE					
Winter Sand	40,000	44,265	40,000	42,500	6.25%
Salt	41,000	36,971	46,000	46,000	0.00%
Snow Removal Equipment	4,000	11,646	4,000	4,000	0.00%
TOTALS	85,000	92,882	90,000	92,500	2.78%
CONS & BRIDGE REPAIR					
	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0.00%
TOTALS	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0.00%
STREET LIGHTING					
	14,000	12,486	14,000	14,000	0.00%
TOTALS	14,000	12,486	14,000	14,000	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
Retirement	14,500	14,134	15,225	16,500	8.37%
Workers Compensation	17,790	19,042	18,250	22,000	20.55%
Unemployment Ins	750	706	750	900	20.00%
Social Security	18,250	17,832	22,200	24,200	9.01%
Health & Life Ins	100,600	55,845	82,000	110,000	34.15%
Health Reimbursement	0	0	25,500	30,500	19.61%
Uniform Services	5,800	6,653	5,800	6,200	0

Highway Department Proposed Budget

	FY 22-23 Proposed	FY 22-23 Expended	FY 23-24 Budget	FY 24-25 Budget	% Change 20/21
TOTALS	157,690	114,211	169,725	210,300	23.91%
PLANT OPERATIONS					
Fuel Oil	0	0	0	0	
Supplies / Equipment	900	4,290	1,500	1,500	
Operating Supplies	0	2,123	0	0	
Repair & Maint Supplies	3,250	560	3,250	3,250	0.00%
Building Improvements	1,000	350	1,000	1,000	
Maintenance and Repair	0	2,082	0	0	
Environmental Compliance	0	740	0	0	
Small Tools & Equip	1,000	2,661	1,000	1,000	
Advertising	400	0	400	400	0.00%
Communications	2,000	2,384	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Electricity	2,600	2,695	2,800	2,800	0.00%
Water & Sewer	600	670	750	750	0.00%
TOTALS	11,750	18,555	13,200	13,200	0.00%
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT					
Operating Supplies	500	123	500	500	0.00%
Gas & Oil	28,000	30,654	30,000	34,000	13.33%
Repair & Maint Supplies	10,000	23,955	15,000	17,500	16.67%
Equip Replace Fund	90,000	90,000	90,000	105,000	16.67%
Repair & Maintenance	7,500	24,678	7,500	7,500	0.00%
Equipment Purchase	500	434	500	500	0.00%
Tires	3,500	36,739	4,000	8,000	100.00%
TOTALS	140,000	206,584	147,500	173,000	17.29%
OTHER					
Insurance Prop & Casualty	13,000	13,544	13,750	14,500	5.45%
Sidewalks	0	0	0	0	
Trees	2,500	350	2,500	2,500	
MRGP Permit	3,100	1,125	3,100	3,100	
Miscellaneous	3,100	1,135	3,100	3,100	0.00%
Communications			3,600	3,600	
TOTALS	21,700	16,154	26,050	26,800	2.88%
GRAND TOTAL	946,575	920,881	1,016,937	1,134,024	11.51%

**Estimated
Amount to be Raised by Taxes
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

General Government	\$ 1,677,347
Highway Fund	\$ 1,134,024
School District – Local	Available June 30
Est. State Education Taxes	Available June 30
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$ 2,556,440</u>

**Projected General Fund Receipts
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

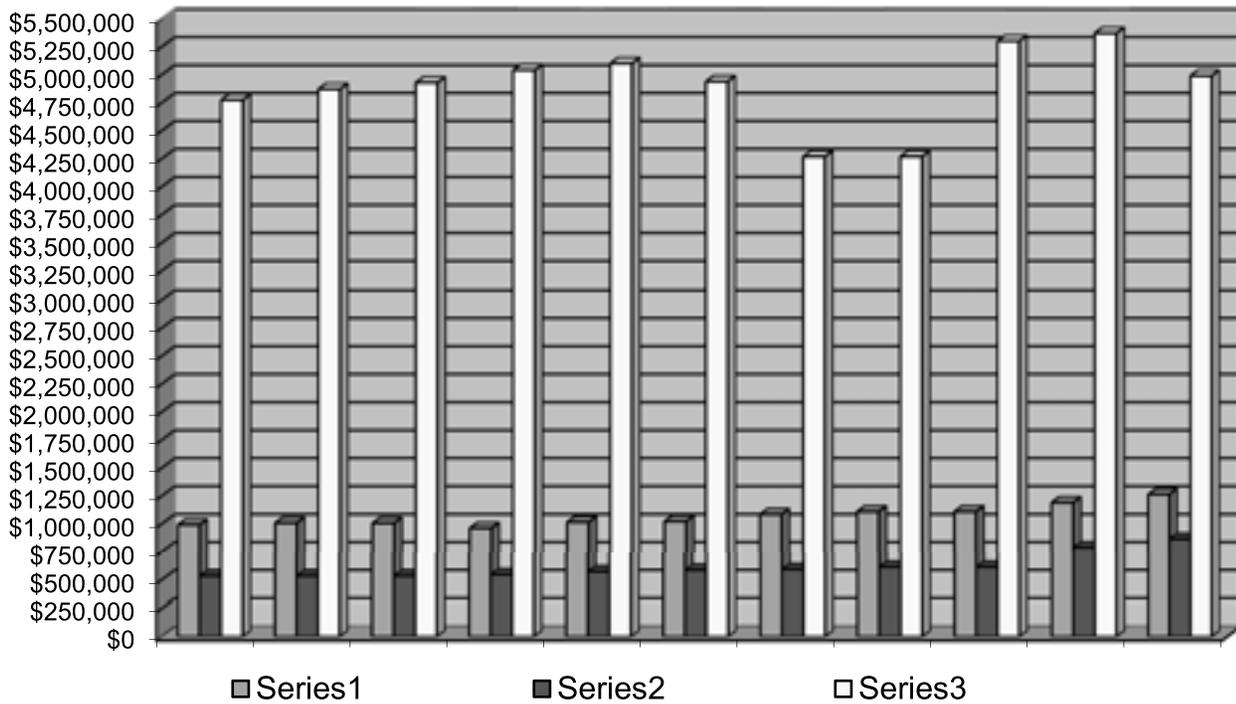
Taxes	\$1,573,097
Town Clerk Fees	24,000
Penalties	15,000
Delinquent Interest	19,500
Permits	6,500
Liquor Licenses	1,000
Dog Licenses	1,000
Miscellaneous	750
State Lands	17,000
Current Use	8,000
Fines	4,500
Interest	1,000
Recyclables	1,000
Trash Bags	5,000
Projected Total	<u>\$1,677,347</u>

**Projected Highway Receipts
July 01, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Taxes	\$ 1,134,024
Projected Total	<u>\$ 1,134,024</u>

Property Tax Trends for FY 2012 - 2023

Amounts Raised By Taxes



Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>School District</u>
FY 11	\$979,967	\$517,159	\$4,917,061
FY 12	\$990,833	\$534,352	\$4,899,014
FY 13	\$1,008,444	\$534,324	\$4,773,881
FY 14	\$1,006,355	\$543,216	\$4,870,492
FY 15	\$961,290	\$546,742	\$4,928,779
FY 16	\$1,015,591	\$573,248	\$5,040,278
FY 17	\$1,022,039	\$585,760	\$5,100,452
FY 18	\$1,084,471	\$593,266	\$4,938,297
FY 19	\$1,109,455	\$614,752	\$4,938,297
FY 20	\$1,133,408	\$634,183	\$4,268,068
FY 21	\$1,190,029	\$786,954	\$5,299,663

Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent Ending May 31, 2023

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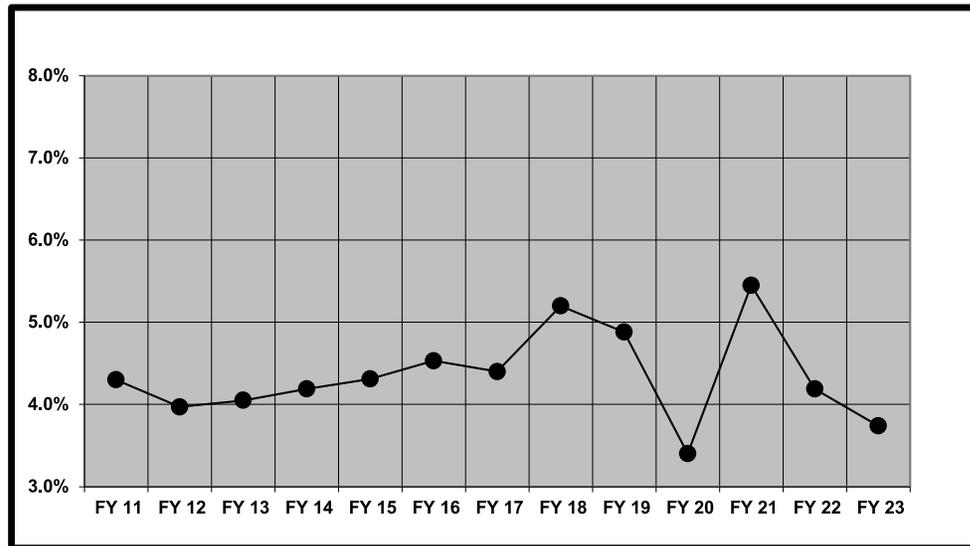


Table of Taxes Going Delinquent Ending May 31st of the stated FY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%
FY 04	\$ 258,412.85	5.65%
FY 05	\$ 272,469.40	5.55%
FY 06	\$ 248,797.95	5.06%
FY 07	\$ 263,185.20	4.90%
FY 08	\$ 219,133.80	3.83%
FY 09	\$ 263,545.59	4.09%
FY 10	\$ 276,542.12	4.31%
FY 11	\$ 275,539.64	4.30%
FY 12	\$ 255,294.52	3.97%
FY 13	\$ 256,018.75	4.05%
FY 14	\$ 268,640.87	4.19%
FY 15	\$ 277,516.71	4.31%
FY 16	\$ 300,289.23	4.53%
FY 17	\$ 295,364.75	4.40%
FY 18	\$ 344,587.30	5.20%
FY 19	\$ 322,593.83	4.88%
FY 20	\$ 248,749.31	3.40%
FY 21	\$ 398,678.56	5.45%
FY 22	\$ 315,203.96	4.19%
FY 23	\$ 284,869.56	3.74%

Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending May 31, 2023
Fiscal Year 2023

1999-2010	13,403.49
2010-2011	1,167.64
2011-2012	2,101.48
2012-2013	1,926.92
2013-2014	1,824.04
2014-2015	2,398.60
2015-2016	2,362.88
2016-2017	2,204.44
2017-2018	7,077.41
2018-2019	18,236.44
2019-2020	24,128.72
2020-2021	43,739.30
2021-2022	124,344.53

Taxes were due on May 31, 2023. Taxes became delinquent if not paid in full by that date.
On June 1, 2023 the following amounts were delinquent.

2022-2023	<u>310,507.80</u>
Grand Total	555,423.69

Our 2022/2023 fiscal year ended on 06/30/2023. Total delinquent taxes on 07/01/23 were \$503,915.26.
Delinquent property taxes as of January 1, 2024 are listed below (not including tax under \$100.00).
It is important to note that some properties have sold and ownership has transferred. These were the property owners of record when our Grand List was filed as required on 04/01/2023.

Listed Owner	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>
163 Main Street Poultney Property LLC					3423.20
Ainsworth-Hurley Linda	4,660.00		3,328.92	2,978.49	0.00
Ashback Barbara					6,844.88
Barber Katheryn			1,433.04	2,563.40	2,201.24
Boudreau, Shawn					4,077.16
Bushy, Paul					993.99
C/O Diminico, James					1,984.07
C/O Fowler, Devon					1,206.84
Cannata Deborah Ann Trustee			3,679.48	3,830.68	3,289.52
Cannata Trust					422.20
Clement Andrew				938.60	1,768.20
Cooper Donald E					907.20
Cram Linda					1,324.00
Crandall Holley Et					1,853.49
Derosia Shelia					2,442.27
Diminico James				1,614.27	2,756.76
Durum Theron			149.72	952.24	3.00
Fontaine Alexander					283.12
Gardner Nicholas				1,564.66	3,081.96
Gardner Matthew					329.51

Godzik Thomas Jr					1,386.66
Grandview Industries				1,190.14	7,160.24
Greene Anthony	414.95	2,903.24	2,690.64	2,386.48	2,015.56
Greene Marguerite	328.34	3,509.68	3,300.64	2,952.84	2,535.60
Guardala Salire Inc				2,869.52	2,427.04
Hayes Francis			543.42	648.08	556.40
Hayes Francis R &				1,808.44	970.48
Hayes Michelle			2,472.18	2,887.88	2,670.20
Hayes Rayeann				2,272.32	1,921.92
Hier William	309.68	295.40	278.84	248.76	213.88
Himes David & Gina				2,017.34	3,065.44
Howe Christopher				466.20	885.36
Howe Christopher					3,181.71
Humphrey Louise	1,167.31	1,058.64	998.52	927.16	814.84
Listed Owner	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Hyde Michael					1,169.28
Jurnak Ronald					4,327.64
Kinney Sandra				2,004.18	2,111.32
Knipes Deryk					5,638.72
Locke Samuel				2,090.00	2,453.76
Losso Kevin				1,883.58	6,469.32
Macdougall Margaret					653.01
Mead Martin Jr					711.00
Millington Lloyd					2,050.68
O'Connell Judy	3,593.25	4,515.76	4,246.80	3,799.24	3,262.00
Panzica Properties				1,557.88	1,337.64
Pitts Robert		3,071.36	2,887.00	2,557.56	0.00
Punderson Frank				1,015.24	871.72
Roberts Wray	365.32	349.28	328.64	293.92	252.20
Rudnicki Francis					5,713.72
Savage Douglas					286.61
Skovira John & Laura					2,249.68
Smith Mary			8,114.20	8,332.20	7,154.56
Stacey Jeremy				4,273.23	4,977.68
Thomas Lee					666.44
Thorton Wayne Sr	79.27	156.60	104.04	1,469.08	1,207.04
Vanderminden B Family LTD Partners					6,170.64
Vermont Structural					5,712.80
Vermont Structural					992.28
Vermont Structural					11,603.72
Williams Julie Ann					2,413.53

Total Delinquent Taxes as of 01/01/2024 311,898.37

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**Town of Poultney
Important Tax Information**

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week of August. Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address change in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.
2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and May 15th. **The final due date to pay taxes is May 31st.** Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.
3. **Transfer of Property:** If any and all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.
4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

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Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

Budget

General Government:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 01, 2024 - June 30, 2025) is \$1,677,347. This represents an increase in the amount of \$156,507 (up 10.29%) from the current Fiscal Year 2024 budget approved by voters in March 2023. Some of those items reflecting adjustments include, among others, increases to auditing services, records computerization, Zoning Administrator salary, mapping services, town website updating, utilities, police (RCSD) contracting services, fire equipment replacement fund and capital repair fund, library subsidy, insurances, and employee health insurance and salaries.

Highway District:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) is \$1,134,024. This represents an increase in the amount of \$117,087 (up 11.51%) above the current Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The proposed budget reflects an increase in the following line item budgets: paving, roadside mowing, winter salt, gravel, and equipment replacement. The increase also reflects converting a laborer position from part-time to full-time, wage increases and property and health insurance costs.

Calendar Year 2023

Road Improvements and summer construction

- Ditched White Road in its entirety.
- Cut trees/brush that were encroaching the Town R.O.W. (right of way), ditched, resurfaced road and replaced culverts as needed on Birdseye Rd. in its entirety.
- Assisted the Town of Mount Holly for 3 days as per the Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement including restoration of 1.9 miles of impassible roads and/or driveway aprons to multiple residents who had been trapped at home since the storm came through days before.
- Completed 19- 100 meter segments of required Municipal Road General Permit work. This included 18 segments on Watkins Hill Rd. and 1 segment on Dayton Hill Rd. (this work was partially funded through a State of Vermont Better Backroads Grant).
- Repaved Morse Hollow Rd. (1 Mile)
- Contracted for roadside and boom mowing on all Town Roads.
- Cut and cleared brush on multiple town roadways.
- Repaired or replaced multiple narrow bridge warning signs with up to date reflective devices.
- Repaired extreme road washes, destroyed Culvert Bridge, shifted and plugged driveway culverts and ditches that were draining onto and across roadways.
- Graded and regraded Town Roads as needed.
- Contracted with RA Filskov & Sons Inc. in the replacement of 2 side by side culverts with one 1-5 'X 7' X 30' galvanized squash culvert with fish baffles on Watkins Hill Road to meet ANR specs. (this work was partially funded by a State of Vermont Structures Grant).

Material applied to roads and/or stockpiled at yard

- Crushed Gravel- 2,490 Yards
- Crushed Limestone-2,786.34 Tons
- Limestone Fines- 67.4 Tons
- 11,000 Gallons of liquid Mag. Chloride for dust control

- 2,270 Yds. of Winter Sand in shed for storms
- 5 Emergency Culvert replacements
- 17 Culverts replaced or added

Identified and prioritized next year’s major projects

- Lewis Road: Cut all trees and brush encroaching the R.O.W., ditch/stone line as needed, add material and crown road as needed.
- Boom mowing all Town Roads as necessary.
- Clear all ditches of leaves and debris (Buffalo Blower)
- address and fix any Emergency Projects as needed.

Equipment replaced

- 2023 John Deere 410L Backhoe (DERA grant)
- 2014 International 7400, 6-Wheel dump truck with winter plows and sanding setup.
- 2023 Western Star 47X, tandem axle dump truck with winter plows and sanding setup.
- 2023 York Rake HT 10

Summary in Brief:

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste. **See the HHW Schedule at the end of this book for the next three collection dates;**
- The Planning Commission is currently working with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission on updating the Poultney Unified Bylaws;
- The Town of Poultney, along with various stakeholders and the RRPC, completed a Better Connections Grant to create a masterplan for future recreational economic growth;
- The replacement of the East Poultney Gorge Bridge was completed.

Future Plans:

- Continue to apply for Agency of Transportation Class 2 Paving and Bridge and Culvert grants;
- Prepare for the rebuilding of the South Street Bridge on VT Route 31, with the use of a temporary bridge during construction;
- Exploring funding options, and applying for the same, to make improvements to town-owned buildings.
- Continue working closely with Slate Valley Trails in an effort to connect the Village to their trail systems located in South and East Poultney;
- Continue to apply for State and Federal funding for various economic development and transportation projects;

The Poultney Selectboard and I would again like to thank all the volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Service Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public in so many ways.

**s/ Jeff King
Chairperson, Poultney Selectboard**

**s/Paul A. Donaldson
Poultney Town Manager**

Community Development Report

In 2023 Poultney continued to plan for and implement projects that reinforce the community as an outdoor recreation destination, a location that welcomes entrepreneurial investment and new business, a home to many dedicated non-profit and civic organizations, and a fantastic place to live.

Keeping pace with growth in the community, the Town evolved the role of its Economic Development Coordinator to that of a Community Development Director in January 2023. The new role allows the municipality the opportunity to build on previous economic development initiatives and match private investment in the community with public investment in municipal infrastructure such as water and wastewater systems, transportation networks, municipal facilities, and similar systems.

This past year, the Community Development Director spent time supporting boards, committees, and organizations including the Select Board, Poultney Recreation, Planning Commission, Town to Trails Steering Committee, Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, and the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce.

Project highlights include the development of a Poultney Town to Trail Master Plan, new trailside amenities along the D&H Rail Trail, the study of several municipal buildings for energy efficiency improvements, a new website for Poultney Recreation (www.poultneyrecreation.com), new wayfinding signs for Slate Valley Trails, an economic impact study, support for Poultney Recreation Summer Programs and Independence Day celebration, and the renewal of the East Poultney Village Center Designation and Poultney Village Downtown Designation (in partnership with PDRC).

Business highlights from 2023 include the sale of two long-standing Main Street businesses, Williams Hardware and Hermit Hill Bookstore, to new owners. New businesses that opened in Poultney this past year include the Rail Trail Eatery, Hope Haven Integrated Health, Dollar General, Lila's Boutique, Porcupine Bikes, Huntington Fine Arts, Cluckin' Café at Cones Point Country Store, and Rotundo Tattoo. Poultney also welcomed Heritage Family Credit Union with the addition of its interactive teller machine (ITM) on Main Street. Business growth and evolution continues at Analog Cycles, Rabid Baits, and Poultney Pub, and Bhakta Spirits continues to grow its luxury craft spirits business and advance the redevelopment of its headquarters, the Green Mountain College campus.

Poultney's community development work will continue in 2024, and, as of the writing of this report, the Town and Village are preparing to study the impacts of a municipal merger. Other initiatives will focus on creating new housing opportunities, improving community facilities, attracting new business, and supporting Poultney's amazing non-profits in achieving their goals. The Town is incredibly grateful for all the hard work of its many community volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pelkey

Community Development Director

poultneyeconomic@gmail.com

802-287-4297

CONSTABLE, POULTNEY, VT
106 KERBER LANE
POULTNEY, VT 05764

In 2023, the Poultney Constable responded to over 200 calls for service. The calls ranged from motor vehicle accidents, traffic stops, citizen assists etc. There were over 160 tickets issued for speeding violations, mainly in the Village of Poultney.

Speeding continues to be one of the chief complaints this office receives from Poultney citizens and because of this, much of the Constable's efforts are to address those complaints. The Constable's office continues to use grants provided by NHTSA and administered through the Vermont Governor's Highway Grant Program to address these complaints. This grant provides the cost of wages and equipment used to target speeding and aggressive driving.

I would like to take the time to remind those of us who have elderly parents and friends to talk to them about the multitude of scams occurring worldwide to attack the more vulnerable population. The scammers are very sophisticated and make their calls feel very real to the older population. As an example, one scam artist based in India was recently arrested, but not until his organization scammed people of over 8 billion dollars, and it took him only a few years to amass this much money from people. Talk to those you know who might fit into the category of being a vulnerable adult. Remind them that the Social Security Administration does not make phone calls to people and if they receive a call from someone purporting to be someone from that office, to hang up on them. There is a vast number of resources available to educate the vulnerable population and to get that information into their hands.

Thank You,
Dale Kerber,
Poultney Constable

Poultney Town Health Officer's Report - 2023

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 5 - dog bite incidents along with rabies questions;
- 2 - landlord / tenant issues pertaining to the State of Vermont's Rental Health Housing Code;
- 3 - illegal dumping sites that were cleaned up thanks to the Poultney Highway Crew;
- 1 – Septic complaint.

Respectfully submitted, Paul A. Donaldson, Poultney Health Officer

Animal Control

Please keep your dog up to date with rabies shots & register him/her annually with the Town Clerk. It is difficult to identify the owner of an unregistered dog in the event of an emergency. Please be a responsible pet owner & a good neighbor. To contact Animal Control: (802) 287-9751. Respectfully Submitted, Paul Donaldson, Animal Control Officer

Zoning Administrator's
Summary of Permits
March 4, 1986 - March 31, 2023

Permit Type	86 - 2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
Building	1144	7	12	1,163
Zoning	441	16	16	473
Subdivision	133	2	0	135
Total Permits	1,718	25	28	1,771

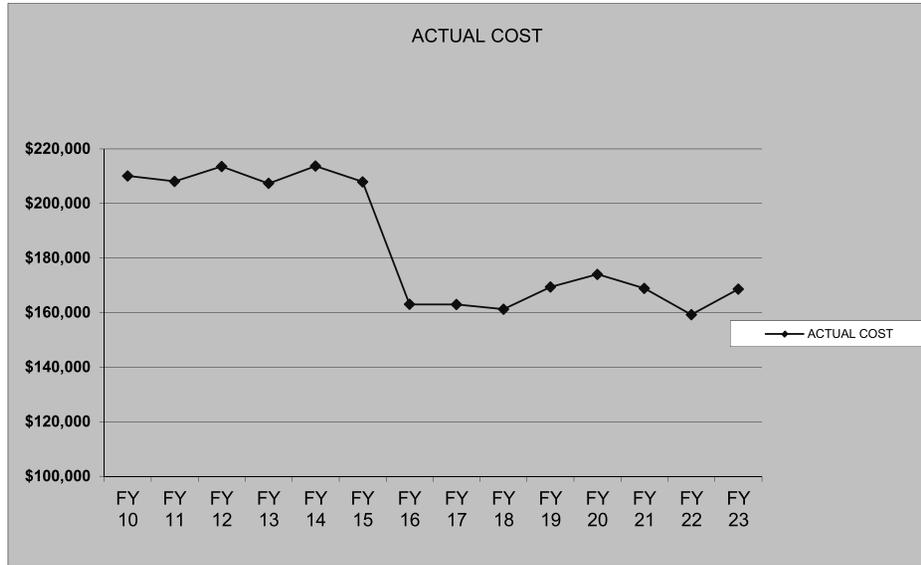
Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

Zoning Permits are issued primarily for new structures and change of land use.

You must obtain a permit before you change the use of land or buildings, build any new structure, make additions to existing buildings, or subdivide a parcel of land into 2 or more parcels. For more information, contact the Zoning Administrator at 287-9751.

S/Paul A. Donaldson
Zoning Administrator

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS
FISCAL YEARS 2010 - 2023**



Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 08	\$197,929.78	-3.19%
FY 09	\$213,735.08	7.98%
FY 10	\$210,076.38	-1.74%
FY 11	\$208,070.28	-1.00%
FY 12	\$213,555.45	2.76%
FY 13	\$207,310.09	-3.00%
FY 14	\$213,690.52	3.08%
FY 15	\$207,890.07	-2.79%
FY 16	\$163,013.19	-21.60%
FY 17	\$162,911.08	-0.06%
FY 18	\$161,187.88	-1.06%
FY 19	\$169,358.77	5.07%
FY 20	\$173,962.76	2.80%
FY 21	\$168,795.43	2.94%
FY 22	\$159,190.84	-5.69%
FY 23	\$168,603.27	5.91%

9.0%

**Poultney Fire Department
Year Ending December 31, 2023**

The Poultney Fire Department answered 159 calls for service in 2023. Below is a breakdown of the calls by type:

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 29	Grass & Brush Fire - 6
Fire Alarm Activations - 21	Standby for Coverage - 2
EMS Assists - 26	Extrication - 3
Structure Fires - 25	Wilderness Rescue - 2
Hazmat - 6	Good Intent - 4
Utility Call - 10	Chimney Fire - 1
CO Alarm - 9	Service - 2
Smoke Conditions - 4	Rubbish Fire - 4
Unattended Burn - 4	Structural Collapse - 1

These calls resulted in firefighters volunteering 1,432 hours to provide the services necessary to answer these calls. The combined training hours that the department trained to be prepared to respond to these incidents was 1,517.5 hours. The training hours recorded are the hours that the department formally meets and trains. This year we had two firefighters that in addition to regular training with the department attended courses from the Vermont Fire Academy. One of the firefighters attended Firefighter I which is a nationally accredited course consisting of 184 hours of classroom and hands-on training. The other firefighter took his already earned Firefighter I and continued to the Firefighter II which is also a nationally accredited course consisting of 92 hours of classroom and hands-on training.

We would like to thank the Conine Family Foundation for their generous donation that allowed the department to purchase a UTV for off-road rescues. This unit is very important to keep the department prepared for incidents that can happen as the Slate Valley Trails continue to expand and provide an excellent opportunity for the Town.

While the department has a dedicated group of 24 senior members and 2 junior members, we hope to recruit more volunteers to ensure we continue to be able to provide adequate protection to the community. Those who are interested could serve in a variety of roles ranging from personnel who assist on the fire scene to those who fight the fire. Anyone who is interested to see what we do is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Tuesday night from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

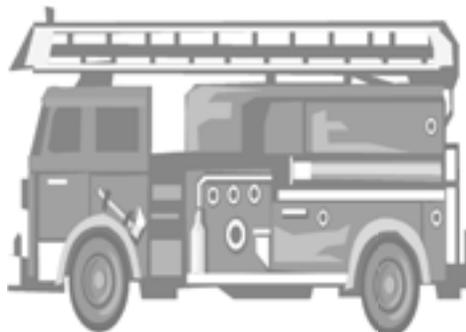
We would like to thank Nate Bourn for his 14 years of service. Nate served in multiple roles within the department, beginning his very first days as a Junior Firefighter to his last few years serving as an Assistant Chief. Nate has also served as the Town Fire Warden for the last few years. Nate has moved on to become a full time firefighter, and we couldn't be more proud!

In closing we would like to thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Village and Town personnel for their continued support of the Department. When you see members on the street, please thank them for their time and effort they put in for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully,
Aaron Kerber
Poultney Fire Chief

***2024* Slate of Officers include:**

Aaron Kerber	Fire Chief
Angelo Nitolli	1 st Assistant Chief
RC Dayton	2 nd Assistant Chief
Bill Jones	Captain
Dave Johnson	1 st Lieutenant
Medrick Petty	2 nd Lieutenant



POULTNEY FIRE DEPT. BUDGET	FY 23-24	PROPOSED FY 24-25
700-4500 FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION		
700-4500-15.01 Workers Compensation	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
700-4500-20.00 Sickness & Accident INS	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
700-4500-44.00 Appropriation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
700-4500-44.01 Annual Banquet	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Total FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATION	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00

FIRE DEPT. OPERATIONS		
700-4520-21.00 Chemicals	\$250.00	\$250.00
700-4520-56.00 Fire Prevention	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
700-4530-30.00 Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
700-4530-40.00 Dues, Subs & Meetings	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
700-4530-79.00 School & Training	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
700-4540-34.00 Communications	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
700-4540-34.01 Alert	\$5,050.00	\$5,550.00
700-4570-21.01 Fuel Oil	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
700-4570-68.00 Maint & Repairs (Bldg)	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00
700-4570-76.00 Electric	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
700-4570-76.01 Utilities - Water/Sewer	\$500.00	\$500.00
700-4580-21.01 Gas & Oil	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
700-4580-22.00 Repair & Maint. Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
700-4580-56.00 Other Contracted Services	\$5,750.00	\$8,000.00
700-4580-68.00 Equipment Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
700-4580-83.00 Equipment Replacement	\$35,000.00	\$37,500.00
700-4590-48.00 Property Insurance	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
700-4590-99.00 Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$300.00
700-5400-00.00 Health & Safety Services	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00

Total FIRE DEPT OPERATIONS	\$105,000.00	\$112,250.00

Total Expenditures	\$120,800.00	\$128,050.00

INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
For information, please call 802-287-5761

DOG REGISTRATIONS: State Law requires that **ALL** dogs 6 months or older be registered by April 1st of every year. You will need to bring the current rabies certificate. Spayed or neutered cost is \$11.00 and all others are \$15.00. After April 1st, a late fee of 50% will be added.

RABIES CLINIC: March 9th and 23rd, 2024 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

DMV: DMV forms are available in the office for pick up. The office does renewal of registrations for cars, trucks, trailers, campers, snowmobiles, and motorboats, current month and back two months. The cost is the registration amount in cash or check to DMV plus a \$3.00 fee for doing it here, in cash or check.

FISH & WILDLIFE: The office sells Hunting and Fishing licenses. I also have the current year books. The office also processes Legally Posted Land with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for a recording fee of \$5.00. This is good for 1 year from the date form is completed.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS: These are for Vermont residents 62 years or older, or a veteran of the armed forces. Cost is a one-time fee of \$2.00. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state wide reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont State Parks, Museums, and fully sponsored events.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Application renewals are available online through the DLL Portal. Licenses expire on May 1st every year. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license application. All liquor licenses, all tobacco licenses and catering permits go to the Selectboard for review before being electronically submitted to the DLL Portal. Catering Permits should be submitted with a Certificate of Insurance.

NOTARY PUBLIC: Services are provided at no cost. We do not notarize Powers Of Attorney or Wills.

VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX: You can request forms when available by calling 855-297-5600 or online at www.tax.vermont.gov or by email at tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov.

VOTING: If you are a Poultney resident and wish to register to vote or a current voter and need to update your information, please contact the Poultney Town Clerk for an application or register online at **My Voter Page** at <http://mvp.vermont.gov>. If you are moving to another town or state, please send a letter to my office. Absentee ballots are available at least two weeks before any election. A ballot can be requested from the Town Clerk's office or online at **My Voter Page**.

I want to thank everyone for their support. I enjoy serving my community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Wescott
Town Clerk

REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2023

FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
Tap Tavern
Toads Burgers Bar

SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Cluckin' Café & Cones Point Country Store
Dollar General
East Poultney Grocery Store
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

TOBACCO LICENSES

Brockton Corp. (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Cluckin' Café & Cones Point Country Store
Dollar General
East Poultney Grocery Store
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

DOG LICENSES

There were 345 dog licenses issued during 2023. By State statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1st each year. April 1st is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current Rabies Vaccination Certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding thirty-sixth months.

Rabies Certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2023 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to determine whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Spayed Female	\$11.00	Non-Spayed Female	\$15.00
Neutered Male	\$11.00	Non-Spayed Male	\$15.00

2024 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

Please note there will be Rabies Clinics this year on March 9th and 23rd, 2024 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Poultney Veterinary Hospital in Poultney. The vaccination fee will be \$10.00 per pet. If multiple pets need to be vaccinated, please call to pre-register. A prior Rabies Certificate must be provided upon arrival to receive a 3 year Rabies vaccination. If no prior Rabies Certificate is provided, the vaccination will only be for 1 year. Upon arrival, please leave your pet in the car. You will need to go in to register and pay for your pet before being vaccinated, 802-287-9292. The Town Clerks Office at Town Hall will be open the same dates and times for Dog Registrations. You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you to receive a license.

VITAL STATISTICS 2023

BIRTHS:	34
DEATHS:	22
MARRIAGES:	24

All records are available to view during regular business hours Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm

The new Vital Records Law (Act 46) went into effect July 1, 2019. This means that individuals now need to complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. If an individual refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office. Certified copies of birth and death certificates can now be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person resided.

Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certified copies and processes are not affected by the new law.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT
POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

New Books Added	1,005	Number of Library Card Holders	1,304
Total Book Collection	15,321	109 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance of	2,086
Periodical Subscriptions	35	Adult Circulation	13,503
Audio Books	469	Juvenile Circulation	9,320
DVDs	3,383	Online Circulation (hoopla, Kanopy, ListenUp VT)	3,524

In the 2022-2023 fiscal year Poultney Public Library was thrilled to return to all in-person library programs, including our annual Santa Story Time and Tree Lighting! Public health and safety remained a big concern, so some of our larger summer programs were held outdoors in an abundance of caution. Thanks to supplies from the Vermont Department of Health, we gave out hundreds of free Covid-19 test kits to community members.

New additions at the library included our Book Bike, a cargo bike that allows us to take library collections, book giveaways, and other programs out into the community. The cheery blue and white bike catches attention on every outing and is a great way to bring the library to community events.

In October 2022 the library held its first race fundraiser. The Dash for the Donuts is a .5k (yes, ½ kilometer) “race”. We start in front of Poultney High School, and end in front of the library. Business sponsors along the way have refreshment stations, and all participants get donuts at the library when they complete the race. We had 82 participants, and prizes are given out for a variety of categories (coming in first does not win a prize!). We will be making it an annual event.

Another first time event, now to be an annual event, was our Craft Supply Swap. For one week in January we invited people to drop off any unwanted craft supplies, as long as they were clean and usable. Folks cleaned out closets and craft rooms, and brought in enough craft supplies to fill our program room! The Saturday at the end of drop off week we had people come in and pick free craft supplies to take home with them. 151 people came throughout the day to “shop”!

The library holds a wide variety of programs and events including: story time, book discussion, summer reading program, game night, movies, lectures, concerts, and more. To make sure you don’t miss out on the fun check the TV in the library, watch our online calendar, or follow us on Facebook.

All Poultney residents are eligible for a free library card at Poultney Public Library. This card allows access to our books, movies, passes, recreational equipment, and online services. Online services include ebooks, audiobooks, video streaming, online classes, and research databases.

Thank you to all of our great library visitors and supporters! If you haven’t been to the library in a while, we hope you will stop in. We have something for everyone!

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca L. Cook
Librarian

If you have questions about this report, or about the Library and its services, please contact us during our regular hours at 287-5556.

Monday & Friday	10:00AM-5:00PM
Tues, Wed, Thurs.	12:00PM-7:00PM
Saturday	10:00AM-1:00PM
Telephone:	802-287-5556
Email:	ppl5556@yahoo.com
Website:	poultneypubliclibrary.com

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:00PM in the Library.

POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BUDGET JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

SALARIES:	Librarian	\$52090.00
	Assistant	34475.00
	Clerk	18561.00
	Asst. Clerk	10370.00
	Bookkeeping	1200.00
Building Maintenance		4000.00
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	8835.00
	Health Insurance	27000.00
	Retirement	5843.00
Library Materials		20500.00
Periodicals		1200.00
Telephone		1500.00
Electricity		5000.00
Travel, Dues, Education		1500.00
Supplies and Equipment		3500.00
Annual Equipment Maintenance Fees		3500.00
Computer Replacement		2500.00
Programming		1300.00
Postage and Miscellaneous		2500.00
	Total Budget	<u>\$205,374.00</u>
Less other income		
	(fines, copier fees, book sales)	<4000>
	TOWN APPROPRIATION	<u>\$201,374.00</u>



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.

January 15, 2024

Dear Town of Poultney Selectboard,

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc is requesting an increase in Town funding starting July 1, 2024. We are requesting a rate of \$41.00 per capita, which totals \$123,820.00 annually. If possible, I would like to propose dividing payments in thirds (July, November and March). We understand this is a significant increase from last year's per capita of \$28.00.

Poultney Rescue Squad has hired another full-time provider which brings us to 3 full-time people and 8 per diem staff and 3 volunteer members. Which was our goal when we increase our per capita in 2023.

The continued rising cost of supplies, insurance, maintenance of our vehicles, recruitment and training of our personnel is the reason why we have requested the raise in per capita. This will allow Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc to continue to provide the services both emergency and non-emergency to the community that everyone has come to expect.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hoisington
Interim Administrator
Poultney Rescue

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2023 Report Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of 11 paid employees and 3 volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to **332 calls in 2023**. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	231
Calls in Middletown Springs	32
Calls in Tinmouth	4
Interfacility transfers	28
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	37
Total Calls taken in 2023	332

We at Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc has made good strides this year regarding recruitment of new providers and is working diligently to retain them. With the ongoing Nationwide shortage in EMS, we are staying optimistic for 2024. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. Poultney Rescue would like to say Thank you to the surrounding agencies for their mutual aid coverage this year.

Poultney Rescue Squad is a nonprofit agency that operates 2 ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue Squad has a full crew on 7 days a week during the day with both paid and volunteer members covering nights. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 5th year with PRS. Our current board members are Kathy Stephenson, who has been on the board going on 5 years now and come 30 plus years in EMS, Debbie Hoisington who has been on the boards over 7 years and come with about 10 years in EMS and 30 years in the medical fields and our newest boards member Tom Fucile who comes to us with a fire and emergency service background. We would like to thank them for all their time put into supporting PRS.

Poultney Rescue Squad has 3 full-time and 8 per diem emergency care providers. Katrina Davenport AEMT full-time employee. Josiah Simons,EMR/full-time employee, our newest full-time employee is Sean Sequin who is currently EMT on OJT. PRS welcomed Rachael Lynch back as EMT and welcome Geanina Swanay as an AEMT. Our per diem staff is follows Chad Geno AEMT, Mason Havenstrite EMT, Mike McLean VEFR, James Reed EMT, Sam ST. Peter VEFR, Cadence Muth, EMT. A huge thank you to our volunteers: Medrick Petty/EMT, Malcolm McIntyre/AEMT, Katie Geno/EMT, Micheal Babcock/VEFR. We would also like to Thank the volunteer Ladies at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Debbie Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you would like to one of these courses, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 802-287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the communities in 2023. Thank you again for your continuous support. I would like to thank PRS members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hoisington, Interim Administrator

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RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff's Report

Town of Poultney

Thus far in the 2023-2024 contract period Rutland County Sheriff's Deputies have responded to 246 incidents, had 19 criminal arrests, performed 290 traffic stops issued 129 tickets in the town of Poultney. Deputies have developed a positive relationship with the board as well as the citizens of Poultney. I want to thank the citizens of Poultney for their positive feedback and support for the Sheriff's patrols. The Rutland County Sheriffs pride ourselves on being adaptable to the needs of the town when they arise. It is an honor to serve the citizens of Poultney. We hope to continue serving the citizens of Poultney for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff, David J. Fox

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Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"
2023 Town of Poultney, Annual Report
Jennifer Ellis, Community Outreach Coordinator

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty seventh year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 616,730 rides this year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year-round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 2,820 rides to Poultney on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the prior Green Mountain College location, Main Street, Stewarts and several other flag down locations. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use, as well as the savings in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to Poultney for many years.

For more information about schedules and services please call (802)773-3244, Est. 116 or visit MVRTD's web site at www.thebus.com .

MVRTD thanks the residents of Poultney for their support of public transportation.

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the District watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown; Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Whitnee Burgess; and Project Technician, Averie Noble.

Stormwater Management The District is currently working with several towns on planning and implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Fair Haven, and Wells to design stormwater projects, develop scoping studies, and implement green stormwater infrastructure with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year. The District is currently working on the Lake Watershed Action Plan for Lake St Catherine to identify stormwater runoff issues, assess natural resources, and propose high priority mitigation projects.

Waterways The District planted approximately 4,000 native trees and shrubs within the Poultney River and Mettowee River watersheds. Projects were focused along waterways within the riparian zone with the goal of stabilizing stream banks and reducing erosion, restoring native plant communities and habitat, improving water quality, and increasing flood resilience.

PMNRCD and partners removed the final barrier to fish passage for trout and other aquatic travelers in the headwaters of the Mettowee River. The culmination of the six projects, with ongoing work since 2016, helped open approximately 50 miles of connected habitat on the Mettowee River and its headwater tributaries.

Agricultural Programs The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and assists in developing long-range plans to continue sustainable conservation practices. PMNRCD provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator to farmers, which help to improve soil health.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

Clean Water Service Provider PMNRCD has partnered with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local CWSP.

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.

Poultney Historical Society

www.poultneyhistoricalsociety.org

2023 Annual Report

In 2023, with your membership support and that of the Town of Poultney, the Poultney Historical Society was able to provide the community with: 1) free programming and educational services, 2) access to archival & genealogical resources and our growing collection of the town's artifacts, and 3) thoughtful care & curating of its three East Poultney historic buildings and multiple exhibits housed in them. Together, these efforts continue to tell the unfolding story of our town's past and present.

During 2023 the Poultney Historical Society partnered with these community groups and the results were remarkable:

- **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee:** Providing historical research and photographs to the "Banners of Legacy" Project. You can now stroll Main Street and learn about Poultney's amazing history from the banners on the lamp posts.
- **Poultney Public Library:** Presenting two lectures in the library's media room, "Soup to Nuts: An Eccentric History of Food" with food historian Rebecca Rupp in the spring and "Vermont vs Hollywood: A 100 Years of Vermont in Film" with Amanda Gustin from the Vermont Historical Society in the fall.
- **Poultney Elementary School:** Fourth and fifth grade classes visited the East Poultney Schoolhouse this September where they heard all about the history of maple sugaring from Richard and Pam Green and sampled some sweet treats. Laura Burch of SVT Farm shared the history of sheep farming from soil to sweater.
- **Lake St. Catherine Association:** The **87th Annual East Poultney Day** highlighted "*Lakes, Mountains and Summer*" as the event's keynote address with talks about the lake's historical celebrities and Association's current work to maintain its beauty. Additionally, the day was filled with exhibits, local artisan products and foods, educational school reenactments and music from the Hermit Hollow String Band and Breanne Elaine.
- **East Poultney Cemetery:** This spring and fall the Historical Society cleaned gravestones and repaired fences in the East Poultney Cemetery. We will continue this work in the Spring; if you would like to lend a hand, please let us know.

The Poultney Historical Society depends upon memberships, contributions and the time and energy of our volunteers. Members receive regular news about the Society's work and historical events in Vermont, as well as the bi-annual newsletters. The Historical Society invites interested volunteers and organizations to help with a wide range of initiatives such as research, cataloguing and housing collections, planning programming and exhibits, and restoring the three historic buildings in our care.

Our mission—and our passion—is to protect and care for the treasures that tell the history of Poultney.

We are deeply grateful to the many people who have supported us again this year in so many ways.

Sincerely,
Krista Rupe, President of the Poultney Historical Society



January 15th, 2023

LAKE SAINT CATHERINE ASSOCIATION REPORT TO POULTNEY

The Lake St. Catherine Association (LSCA) had another successful year implementing our lake management programs for the benefit of Lake St. Catherine, with excellent support from the lake community.

Lake St. Catherine Watershed Action Plan (LWAP): In partnership with the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD), Castleton University, and Fitzgerald Environmental Associates (FEA), fieldwork on this project began in May. The LWAP will bring our partners and lake experts to LSC to perform various in-lake and watershed based measurements, testing, and studies to identify current or potential future issues, and design a long-term, comprehensive plan to address them to continue to improve water quality.

Lake St. Catherine Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP): Through extensive fieldwork in 2018 & 2019, PMNRCD and FEA created the LSC SWMP. This plan identified 50 projects in the LSC watershed to address runoff carrying pollutants into the lake. Six of these projects have been completed. In September, a lake community meeting was held in Wells, and 12 more projects were selected. These projects will be designed using a \$50k grant the LSCA earned from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP). These designed projects will then be submitted for funding and implementation.

Lake Wise Program: Lake Wise is a program developed by Vermont's Lakes and Ponds to recognize outstanding efforts by homeowners who live along a lakeshore to protect the water quality and habitat along the shoreline and within the near-shore area of the lake. Using a grant received from the LCBP, 20 assessments were completed, and 10 projects were implemented along the shoreline to limit runoff reaching the lake. 26 properties on LSC have earned the Lake Wise Award since 2019.

Greeter Program - Boat Launch Monitoring: Our Greeter Program is very important to the health of Lake St. Catherine. Our Greeters work to stop aquatic invasive species (AIS) from entering LSC at the boat launch in Wells and the State Park in Poultney. They also educate boaters about the dangers of AIS.

Milfoil Control: In 2023, our Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting team (DASH) worked throughout the summer hand-pulling milfoil in 5 locations, covering approximately 65 acres, and removing 1,057 17.5 gallon buckets of milfoil (7 dump trailers worth).

Poultney Community Events: The LSCA was happy to be asked to participate in the Poultney Comes Together Again: Community Talks & Town to Trails Open House which took place on June 16th at the Poultney High School. This was a great event! Lots of fantastic ideas for Poultney were shared. We were also very happy to be asked by the Poultney Historical Society to give a presentation about Lake St. Catherine and the LSCA at East Poultney Day.

Grants: The LSCA has been working hard throughout 2023 to bring grant funds to Lake St. Catherine for 2024. In July, we learned that the Libraries Love Lakes initiative at Lake St. Catherine will continue by earning an Education & Outreach grant for \$20,360. In early December, we learned that we had earned a grant for \$18,592 for the 2024 Lake Wise Program from the LCBP, which will be our 6th year for Lake Wise on Lake St. Catherine. We will also be applying for grants to purchase water testing equipment, and for helping to fund our aquatic invasive species prevention and control programs (Greeter Program, Milfoil Control Program).

Other Initiatives: Other initiatives included: two free boating license classes, placement and maintenance of lake buoys and markers, organization of volunteer opportunities, the LSCA Boat Parade, Dockside Chats, and constant communication of LSC news via our website (www.lakestcatherine.org) and Facebook pages.

Thank you to the residents and Town of Poultney for your continued support of the LSCA!

Submitted by,

Jim Candors

President, Lake St. Catherine Association

POULTNEY YOUNG at HEART SENIOR CENTER

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Young at Heart Senior Center has just celebrated their 48th Anniversary as of September, 2023. We are an active, thriving, growing and happy combination of people within our community and surrounding communities, who are 60 years and over. The center offers congregate dining and monthly events. Our meals are nutritious and our activities are educational, informed, healthy and social. We continue to keep up with the times in all aspects.

We work closely with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, RAVNA, and the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE), to provide access to information and services, including Meals on Wheels, Medicare and Health Clinics. We offer AARP programs, as well as monthly foot clinics, and blood pressure clinics. Bone Builders, a low-impact exercise program, meets twice weekly. We completed phase 1 of our Jonas Rosenthal Path to Health and Wellness.

As a senior meal site, seniors over 60 come from throughout the region to socialize and enjoy lunch. Each year we serve well over 10,000 meals including Meals on Wheels, our dining room, and lunches to go. Young at Heart is open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Lunch is ready for pick up by 11:00. Lunch is available at noon for in house dining. Suggested donations are \$3.50 for seniors 60 and older; under 60, \$5.00. Reservations are required by 9am the morning of. All are welcomed.

The Young at Heart Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 9-12. We offer many unique, quality items with an ever evolving inventory as new donations are added daily.

We currently have a bus trip scheduled for June to Maine.

We would like to thank all those people who help keep Young at Heart going. These include but are not limited to: our kitchen, dining room, events, programming, thrift store volunteers, and the Meals on Wheels drivers. A very special thank you goes to the Modern Woodmen of America, from Wells, VT, for their continuous support. We want to thank the community and local business people for supporting our fundraising efforts which included: Maplefest Dinner, 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, MWA Bingo, Basket Party, and Tea Cup auction. Thanks to everyone who has donated time, energy, products or funds which made them a success. Finally, a big THANK YOU to the VERMONT FOODBANK, HANNAFORD'S SUPERMARKET in RUTLAND, GRAND UNION, and SHAW'S of Poultney for their continued support.

2023- 2024 Board of Directors:

Jeff King- President, Suzy Kasuba- Vice President , Carol Stierle -Treasurer, Carol Brown– Secretary
Trustees: John Thomas, Sheila Nichols, Patricia Beatty, Mark Teetor, and Michelle McCarron

Site Director - Carrie LaFond-Hurlburt Kitchen Manager - Carol Stierle Cook-Diane Ferguson

Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.

The Stonebridge

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Poultney VT 05764

(802) 287-9558

The Poultney Food Shelf is a community service organization dedicated to addressing hunger in our communities. We serve the towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton (NY). The Food Shelf is a network partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and we work closely with other agencies such as BROCC, the Young at Heart Senior Center, and other food pantries throughout the area. We are funded by donations from area businesses, organizations, and individuals.

In 2023, we had 502 visits to our food shelf. We distributed 5,000 pounds of food to provide enough meals for 1,253 people. These figures do not include TEFAP (“government commodities”) that are distributed from our pantry, or the home deliveries made monthly to approximately 20 Poultney seniors and other homebound individuals.

We’d like to thank the Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Hampton communities for their continued support, as well as the following businesses and organizations: the Poultney Snowmobile Club, the staff and students of Poultney Elementary School, Poultney High School, Leap Frog School. Thank you to the members of the Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Woman’s Club, and the Poultney Rotary Club. Thank you also to the Poultney United Methodist Church, St. Raphael Church, the Welsh Presbyterian Church, First Light, and Green Mountain Power.

And THANK YOU to all the individuals and families who, through donations of food, supplies, and money, make it possible for the Poultney Food Shelf to continue serving those in need.



POULTNEY
DOWNTOWN
REVITALIZATION
COMMITTEE

Established in 2002, the **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, Inc.** (PDRC) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit charged with overseeing activities pertaining to bolstering Poultney's Designated Downtown.

As a result of our designation, businesses, non-profits, and income-producing properties (e.g. rentals) in buildings over 30 years old that operate within the Designated Downtown are eligible for state and federal tax credits for façade work and various code improvements. In addition, the Town, Village, non-profits, and others can receive priority consideration for many State grant opportunities, and our municipalities have access to Vermont's Downtown Transportation Fund for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving the designated area. Learn more about these resources by visiting poultneydowntown.com.

In 2023, the PDRC's application for Downtown Designation renewal was approved by the State of Vermont! Designation needs to be renewed every eight years, and businesses (along with nonprofit and rental property owners) will have continued eligibility for the state's Downtown and Village Center Tax Credit Program. The next deadline for a tax credit application will be announced this winter, and decisions are typically made in June. If your building needs updates, be sure to review this program to see if your planned activity is eligible for tax credits!

In addition to designation renewal, the PDRC took on a number of projects this past year. We completed Phase 3 of Street Tree maintenance, planting new trees along Main Street through the support of the Vermont Community Foundation's Hills & Hollows program and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation's Urban & Community Forestry Program for these efforts. We also hung a new suite of historical banners and QR codes in partnership with the Poultney Historical Society and erected murals in partnership with the Poultney Historical Society and area artists Annie Daley and Margaret-Désirée Mug through the ACCD Better Places Program.

In addition, we were pleased to carry on the tradition of holiday decorations, this year with light bursts and ribbons hung from the ornate light poles that adorn Main Street.

The PDRC's activities are underwritten both by the generosity of individuals who make tax-deductible donations to support the work we do, and by annual appropriations from the Town and the Village. We are grateful for this support and take seriously our obligation to spend our resources wisely to achieve the greatest benefit for our town. We are committed to make a difference as we move forward in building a bright future for Poultney.

For more information, visit poultneydowntown.com!

Sincerely,
Jaime Lee, PDRC President



**“Medic One” PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
ANNUAL REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023)**

To The Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney. “Medic One”, or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced personnel’s National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our “Medic One” is a vital part of our goal of *“Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism.”*

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Finger,
Chief Executive Administrator



RSVP & The Volunteer Center



**Community
Care Network
Rutland Community
Programs**
Rutland Community Program
thriving community, empowered lives

**2024 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY23
TOWN OF: POULTNEY• AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$405.00**

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately

15,188 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 37 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low-income residents of Rutland County. From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 92,293 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,934,917.

Services Provided to Poultney Residents

In FY'23, Poultney residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our RSVP Bone Builders classes. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Castleton Community Center, Young at Heart Senior Center, RSVP Operation Dolls & More, Fair Haven Concerned and RSVP Bone Builders. Poultney RSVP volunteers donated 5,012 hours of service to the community.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help continue to defray the financial impact of COVID-19 on our organization along with the cost of providing volunteer placement, support, transportation, and recognition. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to the increasing needs of our local communities.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 468-7056.

Sincerely, Maryesa White, RSVP Director

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Website: volunteersinvt.org



Town of Poultney

To the Officers and Citizens of Poultney:

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

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

Last year VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 127,393 home visits to 3,043 patients. **In Poultney, we provided 2,931 visits to 82 individuals.**

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

Sincerely,

Sara C. King, CEO

Dan DiBattista, President
Board of Directors

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Locations in Rutland, Bennington, Dorset and
Manchester



Community Care Network

RutlandMentalHealthServices

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

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

During fiscal year 2023, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 11,776 hours of services to 151 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dick Councelle
Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



NewStory Center Annual Report 2023

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

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

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

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2024, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **16 residents of Poultney** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

NewStory Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • www.nscvt.org
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September 13, 2023

Town Clerk and Select Board of Poultney

The Rutland county Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming lives with whole family services delivered through a unique and dynamic community framework of integrated programming. RCPCC serves children and families in Rutland County communities with programs such as; two Early Childhood Education centers (ECE), Children's Integrated Services (CIS), educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth (Learning Together and 7's Club), family navigation services (Parenting Class, Playgroups, etc), and food insecurity supports with our grocery store style food pantry. Our programming is family goal oriented and provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance available. Overall, RCPCC has served approximately 1,500 parents/caregivers and over 1,800 children in Rutland County. RCPCC continues to expand our services as the needs in our communities grow.

As the needs of the families we serve heighten, RCPCC is committed to expanding programming that supports our community. Many of the programs we offer exceed state-wide expectations in both capacity and volume. In order to meet the growing needs of our neighbors, friends, and families, RCPCC is expanding. Our new 2-Gen campus "One PCC Place" is a unique approach to delivering whole family programming. This space will provide a "one stop shop" environment where families can access all programming and case management services. At RCPCC "the coffee pot is always on".

With all the reverence, RCPCC is requesting a continuance of last year's total of \$1500. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to serve our communities.

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16 Chaplin Avenue Rutland, VT 05701 802.773.8397



November 16, 2023

To the Citizens of the Town of Poultney,

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

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION served **125** residents of the Town of Poultney. Whether they need food at the BROCCOMMUNITY Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistances, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

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

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year remains \$1,000.00.

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

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF POULTNEY
SUMMARY REPORT
Request Amount: \$420.00

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

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

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

During FY'23, **5** residents of **Poultney** received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)
(\$**5,500.00** spent on home modifications)
- Peer Advocacy Counselling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.



16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617

**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are the only official GED testing site in Rutland County.

Our flexible pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, online classes, internships and other creative options.

In addition to our Adult Basic Education programming, Vermont Adult Learning operates Energy Works, a workforce training program for jobs in the weatherization and heat pump installation fields. Participants partake of technical training, job readiness training and coaching, and job shadowing opportunities. If you like working with your hands and want to get started in a growing field, this could be for you. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1180 students statewide in fiscal year 2023. 173 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 5262 hours of education. This was a 20% increase in the number of students served here in Rutland County! We provided 142 hours of instructional service to 3 students from Poultney, including 1 student between the ages of 16-21..

Classes are held five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes available. VAL staff have successfully adapted our classes to an online format following the COVID19 pandemic. This has lessened the transportation barriers many of our students faced but increased the need for technology supports. In response, we have been able to supply our students with Chromebooks so they may remain engaged in their educational pursuits.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Poultney.

Contact: Chris Etori, Regional Director
Email: cettori@vtadulthoodlearning.org
Or call 775-0617 ext. 5011



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436

Report to the Citizens of Poultney

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

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 8,067 meals that were delivered to the homes of 47 older Vermonters in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 110 older Poultney residents came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 2,654 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 27 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 23 residents of Poultney.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 23 older Vermonters in your community for a total of 249.5 hours. Case managers meet with an older resident privately in their home or at another agreed upon location and assess their individual situation. They will work with the older resident to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the older resident desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older residents connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older Vermonters facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older Vermonters and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about issues and opportunities directly affecting older Vermonters via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older Vermonters; 7) Outreach services to older Vermonters dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older Vermonters in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to older Vermonters and younger disabled individuals.



VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
HELPING ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE IN A VISUAL WORLD SINCE 1926

Report of Services for Town of Poultney

During the 2023 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: 550 Vermont residents received SMART Device Training in FY23, the highest number in the program’s five-year history. Also during FY23, VABVI secured \$100,000 of partial program funding from the State of Vermont. In order to fully fund SMART, whose budget is more than twice that amount, VABVI has recently announced our several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY23, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 42 clients attended PALS meetings in FY23.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 13 visually impaired students to Rock Point by Lake Champlain. Activities included outdoor sports, nature walks, and living in cabins. Fund was had by all!

Community Outreach: VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. After more than a year of development, an accessible tactile sign is slated to be installed in Burlington's Waterfront Park by the end of 2023. Additionally, the New Americans Project will soon offer free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the agency provided services to a total of 1,083 Vermont residents. This total includes 5 adults in Poultney, and 102 adults and 13 students in Rutland County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at sgougher@vabvi.org. Thank you very much for your support!



12/11/2023

Town of Poultney

Re: 2023 Town Report

Dear Town Clerk- Betsy Wescott and Selectboard Members,

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

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

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

- 192 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 60 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 35 Energy Loans, totaling \$666,861 were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 13 rental units rehabilitated.
- 16 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$324,294 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 8 Home Repair Loans totaling \$110,482 and 49 Home Repair Grants totaling \$181,461 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$157,900 to a first-time home buyer.
- 4 loans totaling \$233,250 were made to homebuyers who utilized the state of Vermont's Share Equity Program.
- 95 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those 32 became homeowners.
- 67 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.
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Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather M. Starzynski".

Heather M. Starzynski, Executive Director
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RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Community and Economic Development

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

Town Planning and Zoning

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

Water Quality and Natural Resources

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

Emergency Preparedness and Climate Resilience

The RRPC led the charge responding and recovering from this summer's historic flooding. Beyond enhancing planning processes, we are committed to training local Emergency Management Directors (EMDs), ensuring swift and effective emergency responses, and building resilient communities equipped to navigate evolving climate dynamics.

Multimodal Transportation

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

Energy Conservation and Efficiency

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

Affordable Housing

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

Equity

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

Regional Planning

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

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

Devon Neary, Executive Director

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

This year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employees raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via www.rcswd.com/permits in about 5 minutes. Debit and credit cards are accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged. The RCSWD did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

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

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

Waste Disposal: During 2023, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 35,099 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 262 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 2013 the facility has processed over 259,843.27 tons of recyclables.

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

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

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



Disclaimer Due primarily to the use of cell phones, the town-by-town statistics do not provide an accurate count of the 911 calls made in any given town. To get an exact town-by-town count of 911 calls would require listening to the recordings of tens of thousands of calls to determine their exact location. This is because of the technology used to locate wireless callers. A wireless call is seen by the 911 system as either a Phase 1 call or a Phase 2 call. In a Phase 1 call, only the location of the cellular tower that received the call is transmitted to the 911 call-taker. In a Phase 2 call, the cellular system attempts to determine the exact location of the caller, but the accuracy varies.

Things Everyone Needs to Know to Be 9-1-1 Ready! Help us help you! In an emergency, seconds matter; being prepared can make a difference! Talking through scenarios with other family members can help you. **Be 9-1-1 Ready!**

Know when to use 9-1-1. Call or text 9-1-1 in an emergency: **to save a life, stop a crime, or to report a fire.** If you or someone else is hurt or very sick, call 9-1-1. If you're not sure if your situation is an emergency, err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1. The call-taker can assess the event and guide you. **Call when you can, text when you can't!**

Know your location. Emergency responders can't help you if they don't know where you are. Train yourself to pay attention to where you are. If you're traveling, be able to identify the road, your direction, mile markers, exits, etc. If you're visiting a friend's house, make a mental note of their address. Make sure everyone in your home knows your street address. Keep your address posted by your phone in case of an emergency.

Know your phone. We can call 9-1-1 from a variety of phones these days, which is great in an emergency. However, not all phones and devices provide the 9-1-1 call-taker with your location information. Landline phones will provide your location to the call-taker, but cell and VoIP phones may not. Contact your service provider for more information about the capabilities of your phone.

Remain calm. It may be hard to remain calm during an emergency, but when you do so, you make it easier for the call-taker to gather your information and get the right help on the way.

Don't hang up. If you have placed an emergency call to 9-1-1, stay on the line until the call-taker tells you it's ok to hang up the phone. They can dispatch help even when you are still on the line. In addition, they may require more information or be able to provide you with assistance, so don't hang up!

Don't hang up! If you've called 9-1-1 by accident, it's important to let the call-taker know. If you hang up suddenly, the call-taker may call you back or may even send someone to your home to check on your safety.

Old cell phones. Old cell phones may make entertaining toys for kids, but do you know that even deactivated phones with no service plan can still call 9-1-1? To avoid an unintentional call to 9-1-1, remove the battery before giving it to a child to play with. Better yet, recycle or donate your retired phone.



Vermont 2-1-1 is the number to dial to find out about hundreds of important community resources, like emergency food and shelter, disability services, counseling, senior services, health care, child care, drug and alcohol programs, legal assistance, transportation agencies, educational and volunteer opportunities, and much more.

About the Vermont 2-1-1 database:

The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others. We are constantly adding new resources to our database, but at last count it contains **1010** agencies that provide **10031** services across **2941** programs. Resource Specialists gather information by regularly attending community meetings throughout the state and contacting agencies directly to complete a formal update process at least annually.

Services fall under the following general categories:

Basic Needs	Consumer Services
Criminal Justice and Legal Services	Education
Environment/Public Health/Public Safety	Health Care
Income Support and Employment	Individual and Family Life
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services	Organizational/Community Services

Types of agencies in the database include:

Federal, state and local entities	Community Action Agencies
Non-Profit organizations	Churches
Service organizations and civic groups that provide services to the public	
Out-of-state entities that offer services to Vermonters	
And more	

To reach an Information and Referral Specialist in the Contact Center:

From within Vermont: [1-866-652-4636](tel:1-866-652-4636)
From Out-of-State: [1-802-652-4636](tel:1-802-652-4636)

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

- Legal and technical assistance, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. Staff responds to thousands of member questions and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs. In 2023, VLCT specialists provided government-specific finance training as well as resources and consultation that help Vermont's cities and towns comply with federal rules for receiving federal ARPA and infrastructure funding. Staff also provides input to state leaders on designing and implementing grant programs for municipalities.
- Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials. The League provides training via webinars, classes at members' locations, and its annual member conference, the largest gathering of municipal officials in the state. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials. VLCT's Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities' decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped cities and towns access additional resources to respond to the pandemic, repair roads and bridges, enact cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Specific success in 2023 includes securing \$3 million for towns to expand their capacity to access state and federal grants through the Municipal Technical Assistance Program, fighting to balance changes to local zoning laws with state land use laws to facilitate housing construction, elevating awareness of the financial difficulties rural emergency medical services face, amplifying municipal concerns as the Legislature contemplates moving toward a state-led reappraisal system, and increasing municipal authorities in statute. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- Access to insurance programs. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on important benefits for municipal employees: life, disability, dental, and vision insurance. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members.

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



ANNUAL REPORT TO The Town of Poultney 2023

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

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

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

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

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 36 animals from the Town of Poultney from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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

RABIES ALERT!



- Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know— even baby animals.
- Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.



Vermont Rabies Hotline:
1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)
If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-472-2437 or 802-241-8100. © 2018 Montpelier

Poultney Rabies Clinic

FEE: \$10.00 per pet

Saturday, March 9th and 23rd, 2024 from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Poultney Veterinary Hospital – 330 East Main St., Poultney, VT

**Leave Pet in Car and Owner only enter to register and pay for pet
802-287-9292**

If multiple pets, please call to pre-register.

1 year vaccination unless show proof of prior vaccination

**Town Clerk's Office open same day/times to register dogs
You must bring the new Rabies Certificate with you for license**

Per Vermont State Law ALL Dogs must be registered by April 1st of each year.

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

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

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: VSNIP.Vermont.Gov. VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and

vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

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

Thanks to now retired Lynn Murrell, DVM, who first agreed to extend reduced rates for animals in need, and all the Veterinarians and Clinics that served for the last forty years plus. A sincere thank you to Bernard "Snook" Downing for helping support many animals in need over the years with his hard work, contributions, and the donors we are unable to thank in print – but you know who you are!
Together We Truly Do Make a Difference! 800 HI VSNIP (1-800-448-7647)

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP Executive Director: VVSA



ARC

Advocacy* Resources* Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

PROGRAMS:

Representative Payee Program: ARC serves about 50 individuals living with Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities by managing each client's individual SS income and processing payments of their financial obligations monthly. In addition, as Rep. Payee, Kris works with other agencies and client's case managers to direct our members toward receiving appropriate services.

Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club: The Self Advocates Becoming Empowered - Rutland were able to give testimony before the House of Representatives this year about issues concerning them as individuals living with developmental disabilities. The largest group of Self Advocates attended the State Convention for Green Mountain Self Advocates in South Burlington this past spring. Our SABE-R group also gave mini-clinics on Disability Awareness at National Night Out. The Aktion Club (a Kiwanis member group) collaborated with RSVP and decorated postcards for shut-ins and Veterans this year, along with a self-sponsored Carwash and Bake Sale raising funds to help their peers who lost belongings in the flood at Bardwell House this summer.

Social Events/Great Outdoor Experiences: These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that builds a circle of support, family and community while practicing social skills, and getting physical exercise. Following years of limited activities due to COVID, we can boast over 450 attended 5 dances, 3 outdoor events and engaged in the community with new community partners.

Transportation: We are especially grateful to **MVRTD** through a grant, which allows us to provide transportation to some of our members who live in very rural areas who would otherwise be unable to access the services of Rutland Area.

On behalf of those we serve and their families for the last 65 years, we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Rutland Area. Rutland County's population claims nearly 32% as having a disability--the highest county in the State. We rely on the support of 17 towns in the Rutland Area along with grants, donations and small fundraisers throughout the year - NOT on *state or federal funding*. We choose to embrace peer to peer comradery, to offer opportunities for the disabled to share in the community through self-advocacy skills and respectfully appreciate the offerings from all of Rutland Area. For those wanting more information on these wonderful services or to volunteer, please call 802-775-1370.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Drake, Executive Director

Poultney Rotary Club

The Poultney Rotary Club was founded 96 years ago. We value the development of friends and community as an opportunity for service above self. We strive for high ethical standards and the appreciation that all community occupations should be valued. We support both our local community, our region, nation and international goodwill, peace, and service. We seek to cooperate with other organizations to improve our world. Meetings are held on Monday evenings in the first and third week each month at the Young at Heart Senior Center. However, they are occasionally changed due to presentation and programming commitments. We post meeting schedules and meeting locations on our website (<https://poultney-rotary.weebly.com>) and news on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PoultneyRotaryClub1927/>).

Poultney Rotary Club Activities 2023

Fund Raising/ Community Events

- 34th Annual Chili Cook off with Band and Silent Auction (September)
- *Swing into Spring* with Band and Community Dinner (March)
- *The Memorial Golf Tournament* at Milestone Golf Course (July)

Where the Funds Go!

- ◆ School Support:
 - \$5,000 Scholarships for Academic Achievement (2) for seniors pursuing college
 - \$500 Award for Excellence in Vocational, Technical, & Career Education (1)
 - Awards to National Honor Societies Seniors (10)
 - History Day finalist's trip to compete in Washington, DC
 - Supplies for *Trout in the Classroom* at elementary school
 - Food support in cooperation w/ Senior Center & Poultney Food Shelf
 - Back Pack Program & Supplies for High School and Elementary School
 - *Josh the Otter Program*, a water safety program for kindergarten students in Poultney, Wells, & Middletown Springs.
- ◆ Provided presentation of documentary, *The Anxious Nation* as part of Rotary Mental Health Initiative in cooperation with Castleton University
- ◆ Green-up Day Activities and Plant Sale support of Mettowee Conservational District
- ◆ Financial Support of Local Programs:
 - Young at Heart Senior Center
 - Stone Valley Arts Programs for community and schools
 - Poultney Recreation Program Scholarships
 - Poultney Recreation Puppet Residency
 - Tree of Giving (2 children)
 - Poultney Art Day Dance 2023
 - Vt Fish & Wildlife Green Mountain Conservation Camp Scholarship (1)
- ◆ Rutland Area ARC Picnic
- ◆ Christmas Decorations on Main Street in cooperation with PDRC
- ◆ International donations to World Polio, Rotary Foundation Humanitarian Efforts, and Shelter Box (International kit providing a complete family living unit/tent and supplies)

SLATE VALLEY TRAILS

Poultney Town Report

Slate Valley Trails, (SVT) is a dedicated community organization established in 2015. As a non-profit entity and a proud chapter of the Vermont Mountain Biking Association (VMBA), our primary objective is to construct, preserve, and advocate for foot and cycling trails in the Slate Valley region of southwestern Vermont.

Our endeavors extend beyond trail development; we are committed to fostering a sense of community among local individuals, organizations, and businesses. By doing so, we aim to contribute to the local economy, positioning the region as an inviting destination with enhanced access to trails. Simultaneously, we promote the myriad of health benefits associated with outdoor activities.

SVT's year in review

In 2023:

- Acquired landowner permissions to add trail connections closer to town
- Hired 2 seasonal full time trail maintenance workers who performed maintenance and upgrades on all of the trails
- Hosted 2 major fundraising events (Epic Mountain Bike Race & Scramble Running Festival) that brought over 400 participants
- Made significant improvements and upgrades to the Delaney Woods trail network
- Enhanced our summer youth programming which saw close to 60 youth participants
- Hosed over 100 free community events (group mountain bike rides, group trail runs, group hikes, group bird walks, group women's mtb rides)
- Hosted 5 successful volunteer trail work nights
- Resumed a 100% volunteer trail grooming program for winter trail activities like fat biking, skiing, and snowshoeing
- Participated in community events such as the Fourth of July Parade and Chili Cook-Off
- Held its first volunteer/landowner appreciation event dinner with close to 100 guests
- Gained 38 local business sponsors, 302 members, and 14 board members

In 2024, SVT plans to:

- Work with the Town to Trails Project to make better connections from downtown Poultney
- Enhance our trail maintenance program and grooming, maintaining our reputation as one of the best trail systems in New England
- Continue to host fun, engaging, and diverse events to draw in trail users, new and old
- Seek out a variety of grant opportunities to fund new trail builds, trail stewardship, signage, youth programming, and organizational capacity

Trailheads the organization stewards include: Delaney Woods, Endless Brook Trailhead, Fairgrounds Trailhead, Howe Hill, Lake St. Catherine Country Club Trailhead, Castleton University Trails, Poultney River Loop

SVT would love to have your help! SVT is supported by memberships, donations, business sponsorships, grants and LOTS of volunteer hours. To participate and play a role in advocating for outdoor recreational opportunities and our community, visit slatevalleytrails.org or contact info@slatevalleytrails.org.



OUR YEAR IN POULTNEY

December 2023

The Poultney Area Chamber of Commerce in 2023 with the intention of boosting the local economy, connecting with other members, and growing its membership. Any local company or group that want to support Poultney's expansion and success is welcome to join.

The Spring Plant Sale was another way that the required funds were raised. This was the second year for "SeptemberFest," which was marketed as an Art, Craft, and Food Fair, and has shown growth from last year. The Spring and Fall Town Wide Yard Sales proved to be a great success. All of them helped us finish the year in the black by contributing to our revenue budget. We appreciate the assistance provided by Chamber members Bob Williams, Wendy Cadieux, Nina Corbin, and Trish Peschl.

We still maintain our media partnerships with PEG-TV, Lakeside News and Rutland Sun, NYVT Media, and the Rutland Herald. This raises awareness of Poultney and increases the visibility of the Chamber and its members. Chambers members are listed in the Poultney Community Guide, which is another way we promote our members.

The Chamber had produced an annual events list for 2023. Both locals and visitors frequently reference the list, which is also posted on the internet. By calling 802-287-2010 or sending an email to PoultneyVTChamber@gmail.com, anybody can request that their event be posted.

Chamber Member Suanne Ohl of Northland Real Estate continues to provide Welcome Baskets to new residents. The baskets includes gifts and information about local businesses and organizations.

Coordination with our local IT expert Brenton Dupee of Nekonook Services has created an "enhanced listing" for Chamber members on the PACC website. This allows each member to list not only contact information, but provides some advertising for the business or organization (free with Chamber membership). Information can be supplied directly by the members, or the member can opt to use the Chamber service to develop the extra information.

The Chamber again participated in organizing and judging the 4th of July parade, chose a Citizen of the Year (Krista Rupe of Stone Valley Arts), Stuffed the Shanty with warm clothing for kids.

Economic Climate in Poultney in 2023: Growing and Changing

There has been an upswing in the number of people visiting Poultney from the past year or so as businesses and events return to normal. Some of the events will need to work to expand again to recover their former numbers. The Fourth of July parade drew large crowds and many floats as people returned to the area and celebrated the opportunity to be out and about.

Overall, things are looking better and moving ahead. There are two forces that can raise the town: development of the campus area, and the increase in tourists through recreation and historical tourism. The Chamber is working to move to the next level to support both developments, and to support its members through the changes brought on by online marketing.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting

February 27 and March 5, 2024

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Proctor High School in said town at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

February 27, 2024

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2024-25 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 5, 2024

- Article 7. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$20,400,847.55** which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

Informational Hearing on February 27, 2024

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 27, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Proctor High School, in Proctor, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Articles 7-8 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 5, 2024.

Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Said persons and voters are further warned and notified that pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2680(h), Article 7 constitutes a Public Hearing on the proposed budget.

Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 5, 2024

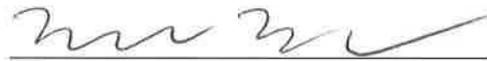
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Proctor:	Proctor Jr. Sr. High School	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
West Rutland:	West Rutland Town Hall	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dated on January 23, 2024.

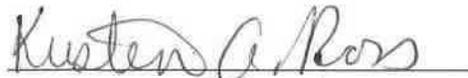
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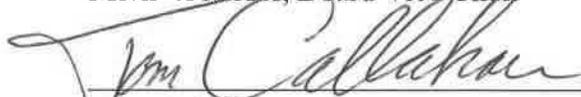
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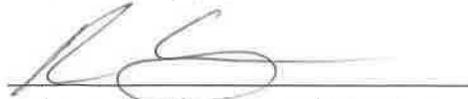
Michael Moser, Board Vice Chair



Kristen Ross, Clerk



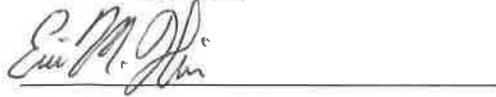
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Jessica Grabowski, Board Member



Eric Hier, Board Member



Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Board Member



Linda Smith, Board Member

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Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

REMINDER

The Quarry Valley Board of School Directors
Will Hold Its Annual Meeting as Follows:

DATE & TIME:

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7: 00 PM

LOCATION:

**Proctor High School
Almo Buggiani Gymnasium
4 Park Street
Proctor, VT**

**The Board Will Present the Proposed School Budget
To the Public and Will Be Available to Answer Questions.**

Please Join Us in Support of Your Schools!

If you would like to review the annual report ahead of the meeting, please contact your local School, Town Office, or Library. Additionally, the annual report will be made available online at

www.grcsu.org.



STATE OF VERMONT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Residents of the Town of Poultney:

It is my honor to continue to represent you as your Representative to the Vermont State Legislature.

We gaveled in on January 3, 2024, and it seems as if we have never left. As a State, we are still grappling with the effects of both the July and December flooding which caused considerable damage statewide.

On January 23 Governor Scott presented his 8.6-billion-dollar budget proposal across all funds, 353 million for Transportation, 2.4 billion for Education and 2.3 billion for the General Fund. The budget is a 3.57% increase over last year's budget. This increase is to fund what we can, using available revenue, **without** raising new taxes and fees. This year's payment for pensions increased to over 485 million dollars. We have put almost 2 billion dollars into the pension systems in the last five years.

Speaking of Education, the State Tax Letter of December 1 forecasted an 18% tax increase on our education property tax bills. Vermonters simply cannot afford this type of increase to their property tax bills. There are many conversations taking place in the Statehouse, most notably, removing the 5% cap for this year.

Closer to home, the East Poultney Bridge is now open for travel. We will begin the scoping study on the Vermont Route 31 (South Street) Bridge. Most of the construction phase of this bridge will take place in fiscal years 26 and 27. The great news about this bridge is, due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and this truss bridge being considered historic, our Town will not have to provide the 10% match usually required.

If you have questions or concerns, I am always here to listen. Please feel free to reach out to me at pmccoy@leg.state.vt.us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pattie

Representative Pattie McCoy
Rutland - 1

Rutland County Solid Waste District 2024 HHW Rural Rover Collection Schedule



Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (7am - 2pm)
(Online appointment recommended¹ in advance for the Gleason Rd facility)

NEW

Call us to find out more on the drop-in days

APRIL 6, 2024	CASTLETON 7:30AM - 11:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 12:00AM - 2:00PM
APRIL 13, 2024	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM - 1:30PM
APRIL 20, 2024	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 27, 2024	POULTNEY 8:00AM - 10:00 AM	IRA 11:30AM - 1:30PM
May 4, 2024	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00AM	
MAY 11, 2024	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
MAY 18, 2024	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 25, 2024	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 1, 2024		POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 8, 2024	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM	WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM
JUNE 15, 2024	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 22, 2024	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 11:30AM to 1:30PM
JULY 20, 2024	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WALLINGFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 7, 2024	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 11:00AM	WELLS 12:00PM - 2:00PM
SEPT 14, 2024		POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 21, 2024	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 28, 2024	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
OCT 5, 2024	KILLINGTON / PITTSFIELD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PROCTOR 11:30AM - 1:30PM

2024 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Questions call¹: 802-775-7209; or visit www.rcswd.com