

Town of Springfield, Vermont



**ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2020**

**ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

In accordance with Act 162 (2020) all voting will be done by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, therefore, there will not be in-person floor voting on Monday, March 1, 2021.

A public informational hearing will be held on Zoom video conferencing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to hear reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees, to discuss all Australian Ballot articles on the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting Warning and to do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

**HOW TO JOIN AND ACCESS THE REMOTE
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING:**

MEETING ID: 863 3633 2110

- **By computer:** Join meeting by clicking here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86326222110>
You may be prompted to enter the Meeting ID. You may need to download software here <https://zoom.us/>
- **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the [https://zoom.us/ app](https://zoom.us/app).
You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID. One-tap mobile device click here: [+13017158592](https://zoom.us/j/86326222110)
- **By telephone:** Dial [1 \(301\)715-8592](https://zoom.us/j/86326222110) and when prompted enter the Meeting ID. Note that long distance rates may apply.
- **Meeting link** can also be accessed on the home page of the [Town of Springfield website](#)
- **Watch** live on SAPA TV or stream it from [Sapatv.org](https://sapatv.org)

If you have difficulty accessing the meeting or do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please call 802-885-2104.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD DIRECTORY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Population: 9,373
Altitude: 410 Feet
Miles: 47 Square
Size: 31,552 Acres

MEETING SCHEDULES

(held via video conferencing during Covid-19)

Please check the Town of Springfield Website: www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com for Agendas, Notices and Minutes of each meeting or call 802-885-2104 to request a copy. For School Board check: www.ssdvt.org or call 802-885-5141 to request a copy.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meetings held second and fourth Monday of each month (except for June, July, August) at 7:00 p.m., Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

SCHOOL BOARD

Meetings held first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

Meeting held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m., Huber Building, 80 Main Street

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Meeting held the first Wednesday of each month April thru November at 5:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Police Station

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Meeting is held on second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., only if an application is to be considered, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting is held when necessary in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Terminal Building, Hartness State Airport

SPRINGFIELD GREENWAYS, TRAILS, BYWAYS AND RURAL ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Municipal Office

TOWN

Municipal Offices:

96 Main Street

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No.

885-2104

Department of Public Works:

Fairground Road

Business Hours:

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No.

886-2208

Police Emergency

Tel. No. 885-2113

or. 911

Police Non-Emergency

201 Clinton Street

Tel. No. 885-2112

Fire and Ambulance Emergency

Tel. No. 911

Fire and Ambulance Non-Emergency

77 Hartness Avenue

Tel. No. 885-4546

Springfield Town Library:

43 Main Street

Business Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tel. No.

885-3108

Parks & Recreation Department:

139 Main Street

Tel. No. 885-2727

Senior Citizens' Center:

139 Main Street

Business Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No.

885-3933

Sewage Disposal Plant:

Clinton Street

Business Hours:

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

Tel. No.

885-2854

Transfer Station & Recycling Center:

Fairground Road

Business Hours:

Monday

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tel. No.

885-5827

SCHOOLS

Central Offices 885-5141

Athletic Director. 885-7905

Elm Hill School 885-5154

Union Street School 885-5155

Riverside Middle School 885-8490

Springfield High School. 885-7900

Technical Center. 885-8300

ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

TOWN MODERATOR		FIRST CONSTABLE	
Larry Kraft	2021	Paul "Stags" Stagner	2021
SCHOOL MODERATOR		JUSTICES OF THE PEACE	
Larry Kraft	2021	(Term expires in February 2021)	
SELECTMEN		Warren Cross	
John A. Bond**	2021	Alice Emmons	
Michael E. Martin	2023	Scott Farr	
Walter E. Martone*	2021	Elizabeth Gray	
George T. McNaughton	2022	Mark Greenvall	
Kristi C. Morris	2023	Charles "Chuck" Gregory	
SCHOOL DIRECTORS		Rick Hunter	
Jeanice Garfield	2022	Ernest "Puggy" Lamphere*	
Michael Griffin, Jr	2022	Peter MacGillivray	
Stephen Karaffa	2021	Melissa Mackenzie	
Patti Kemp	2023	Cynthia Martin	
Troy Palmer*	2021	Stephen Matush	
LISTERS		Char Osterlund	
David Coleman	2023	Kathleen Stankevich	
Terry Perkins	2021	David Yesman	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES		STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
Anna M. Boarini	2022	WINDSOR 3-1	
Jennifer Dechen	2021	Thomas A. Bock	
Kristin Durand	2023	WINDSOR 3-2	
Patrice Jones*	2022	Alice Emmons	
Margery Reurink	2021	Kristi C. Morris	
Greg Supernovich	2023	WINDSOR COUNTY	
Claire Trask***	2022	SENATORS	
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS		Alison Clarkson	
Michael H. Filipiak	2022	Richard McCormack	
Jane B. Waysville*	2023	Alice Nitka	
Marc Aube	2021	<i>*Chairperson</i>	
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		<i>**John A. Bond was appointed to fill the remainder of the term for Peter E. MacGillivray until Town Meeting 2021.</i>	
Cathryn Feickert	2023	<i>***Claire Trask was appointed to fill until Town Meeting 2021 the vacancy of Ralph Jacobs. At Town Meeting 2021 someone may run for the remainder of the term until Town Meeting 2022.</i>	
Scott Page*	2022		
Gerald Patch	2025		
Hugh S. Putnam	2024		
John N. Swanson	2021		
Barbara A. Courchesne, Ex-Officio			
TOWN AGENT			
Stephen S. Ankuda	2021		

APPOINTED STATUTORY POSITIONS

TREE WARDEN		SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER	
Mark Blanchard	2021	James Tucker	2021
WEIGHER OF COAL		FENCE VIEWER	
Mark Blanchard	2021	James Tucker	2021

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION		BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Jennifer Gehly*	2024	(for proposed budget FY21/22)	
Beth Gray	2022	Sharon Ayer	
Charles Gregory	2020	Jim Fog	
Larry Kraft	2022	Doug Johnston	
Stephen Kraft	2024	Gaenol Mobus	
Char Osterlund	2021	Char Osterlund	
Judith Stern	2023	Crissy Webster*	
Jesse Webster	2022		
Michael Martin (Liaison)	2020	AIRPORT COMMISSION	
George T. McNaughton	2021	Paul Bladyka	2022
(Liaison)		Kathleen Fellows	2022
Renee Vondle,		Bruce Johnson	2023
Administrative Officer		Michael Knoras	2021
DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISSION		Peter MacGillivray*	2021
Bonny Andrews	2022	Walter Striedieck	2020
(Open Position)		Walter Martone (Liaison)	2021
(Open Position)		HOUSING AUTHORITY	
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD		Peter Andrews*	2025
Lori Claffee	2021	Carol Cole	2022
Walter Clark	2021	Daniel Harrington	2021
Jennifer Gehly	2023	Walter Jabs, Jr.	2023
Stephen Kraft*	2021	Jeffrey Perkins	2024
Karl Riotte	2022	William Morlock, III	
Renee Vondle,		Executive Director	
Administrative Officer		GREENWAYS, TRAILS, BYWAYS AND RURAL ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
ENERGY COMMITTEE		James Fog*	2023
Brian Abild	2022	Charles Gregory	2023
Peter MacGillivray	2021	Josephine Hingston	2023
Melissa Mackenzie	2022	Bettina McCrady	2023
Char Osterlund**	2022	Kristi C. Morris (Liaison)	2023
Steven Osterlund	2023	John Bond (Liaison)	2023
Hallie Whitcomb	2021	<i>* Chairperson</i>	
David Yesman**	2021	<i>** Co-Coordinator</i>	

APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN MANAGER		PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	
Tom Yennerell 7/19-4/20		Jeffery Strong	
Steve Neratko 4/20-6/20		PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICE DIRECTOR	
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER		Andrew Bladyka	
Barbara A. Courchesne		LIBRARY DIRECTOR	
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR		Susan Dowdell	
Barbara A. Courchesne		ASSESSOR	
FINANCE DIRECTOR		Nichole Knight	
Cathy Sohngen		SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER & SEWER	
HUMAN RESOURCES		Richard Chambers	
Donna Hall		FIRE CHIEF	
POLICE CHIEF		Russell Thompson	
Mark Fountain		SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER DIRECTOR	
PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		Lori Johnson	
Renee L. Vondle			

REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD AND TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

2019-2020 has been a remarkable time both for the challenges that have confronted the Town, and for the ways in which our citizens and staff have risen to meet those challenges. We benefited from good momentum going into the spring when Covid-19 struck. The Woolson Block renovations, the completion of Comtu Park, and other projects already underway have continued more or less on-track. Through a combination of resourcefulness, customer loyalty and assistance our businesses have weathered the storm for the most part. As with many towns in Vermont, Springfield has seen increases in real estate sales. We're optimistic that those sales will have a positive effect on the grand list.

Judging from citizen participation during online meetings more people than ever are contributing to important discussions. We were very pleased to have an updated website ready when in-person visits to town offices became more difficult to accommodate. Citizens will find a great many resources online now including land records, cemetery records, a calendar of meetings, and current announcements. Despite a few changes in leadership Springfield has kept pace with the issues we've encountered.

Springfield revised its Town Charter during 2020 following a review that took several years. The proposed Charter is now awaiting approval by the Vermont State Legislature. We also revised our Zoning bylaws. It's important for the Town to keep fundamental rules and policies up to date, and we appreciate the hard work that our various committee members and officials devote to staying current with the requirements and responsibilities of government.

The paving and repair of our roadways is always an item of interest and represents a significant portion of the Town's budget. In FY2019-2020 we arranged for the paving and/or repair of 4.58 miles of roadway at a cost of \$522,000. Our Road Surface Management Plan is the result of an engineer's review of all of the Town's roads and allows us to balance costs & benefits. In 2020-2021 we plan on improving 5.62 miles of roadway including 1.45 miles of LaCross Road and 0.85 miles of Paddock Road.

The Town looks forward to resuming normal operations and reopening all of our facilities once our residents have been vaccinated and the Covid-19 pandemic has subsided. We want to thank residents for their voluntary compliance with state and federal guidelines for preventing the spread of the virus. Some say we have been lucky in Vermont. Actually, Vermont has benefited from a combination of geography, demographics, effective leadership, and public faith in government.

The proposed 2021-2022 Town budget is \$12,845,413. After subtracting revenues, the amount to be raised by the property tax is \$10,077,095. This equates to a 0.7% increase in the tax rate. This budget maintains the current level of services for Springfield residents. Although most fixed costs have increased, with the help of all our departments and the Budget Advisory Committee, we were able to identify some savings to reduce projections for next years budget, and also find increased revenue to offset costs. The Selectboard is also proposing to keep the Special Appropriation of \$700,000 to maintain our network of roads, and also the Special Appropriation of \$100,000 for maintenance of sidewalks.

Last year's Appropriation of \$30,000 for the Riverside Middle School parking lot will not be on the ballot for this Town Meeting. That \$30,000 was approved to do an engineering study and plan for the total rehabilitation of the lot that will be completed this spring. The Public Works Department will make necessary repairs to the lot in order to extend its life while we determine what this project will cost and how to finance it. Therefore the combination of the Town Operating Budget plus all the Special Appropriations, voted contracts, abatements, and Windsor County tax added together equals \$11,204,668. This is an increase of \$25,714 over the current year. It equates to a 0.2% increase in the budget. Therefore if the voters approve this budget, the taxpayers will see an increase in their property tax bill of approximately seven dollars for every \$50,000 of assessed value.

2020 was a year of multiple town managers for Springfield. With the departure of Tom Yennerell's replacement, we were fortunate that Frank Heald agreed to take over immediately as interim town manager. He has done a great job leading us through the budget process and into the new year. We are also very excited that Springfield native Jeff Mobus has agreed to take over as permanent town manager effective February 22, 2021. We believe that Jeff will be a crucial part of our efforts to build a better Springfield.

Selectboard
Water E. Martone, *Chair*
Michael E. Martin, *Vice Chair*
John A. Bond
George T. McNaughton
Kristi C. Morris
Frank Heald, *Interim Town Manager*

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Resolution No.	Effective Date	Description	Ordinance No.	Effective Date	Description
R-2019-1	October 28, 2019	Resolution to Park Street Land Sale	O-2019-1	September 1, 2019	Cemetery Ordinance Rate Adjustment.
R-2020-1	May 26, 2020	Resolution of Annual Tax Sale	O-2019-2	October 14, 2019	Town Zoning Bylaws
R-2020-2	June 12, 2020	Resolution of VT Local Government. Selectboard to adopt and show their support to our federal government	O-2020-1	April 27, 2020	Code of Ordinance

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Town of Springfield had three employees retire this year; Bruce Griswold, Maintenance Worker III, at the end of March 20, 2020, who worked just short of 12 years, David Hall, Chief Mechanic, at the end of March 2020, who had worked slightly over 44 years and Eric “Rick” White, Maintenance Worker II/Custodian, at the end of August 2020, who worked slightly over 31 years. All three employees worked in the Public Works Department. The Town of Springfield would like to acknowledge and thank these individuals for many years of dedication and service.

Employees with milestone employment anniversaries this year; they are as follows:

35 Years of Service: Robert Verge – Maintenance Foreman

30 Years of Service: Mark Fountain – Police Chief

20 Years of Service: Josephine Coleman – Tech Services Librarian

Mark Morris – Dispatcher

15 Years of Service: Tracy Craft – Adult Services Coordinator
Dan Farrar – Transfer Station/Recycling Center Manager

Jeremy Fitzgibbons – Police Officer

5 Years of Service: Sara Allen – Assistant Town Clerk/
Ambulance Billing Coord.

Jeremy Currie – Water Technician

Steve Neily – Police Officer

Ryan Prince – Police Officer

Cathy Sohngen – Finance Director

Congratulations for hitting the milestone anniversaries!

The Town also welcomed the following new hires:

Fire Department: Brian Chapman – FF/EMT, Kylee Haas – FF/Paramedic, Nicholas Skrocki – FF/EMT, Jordyn Bagalio – On-Call AEMT, Cameron Harbeson – On-Call FF/EMS-B, Roy Williams – On-Call FF & Rebecka Randzio – On-Call FF/EMT

Police Department: Vincent Franchi – Police Officer

Public Works Dept.: John Robison – Maintenance Worker II/Custodian, Donald Turner – Chief Mechanic, Nate Van Velsor – Maintenance Worker I/Custodian & Jack Snide – PT Recycling Attendant

Town Library: Molly McAllister – PT Library Clerk

Town Office: Steve Neratko – Town Manager

Donna M. Hall

Human Resources Manager

Phone: 802-885-2104

Email: toshir@vermontel.net

Website: www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com

TOWN CLERK

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 included the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting and Presidential Preference Primary in March and the Special Town School District Meeting Budget Revote in June.

It wasn't until the School District Budget Revote in June that we encountered the intricate challenge of how to conduct a public vote safely and securely during a pandemic while following the CDC, Vermont Department of Health and Governor Scott's guidelines. Thank you to the voters of Springfield who considered the health of the community and the election officials and chose to vote by absentee and to those in-person voters for wearing their masks and following health safety guidelines at the polling place. A special thank you to the dedicated election officials who worked the polls and assisted in making the process as safe as possible for everyone involved.

The 2019-2020 presented us with the challenge of keeping employees and the public safe while still providing town services such as registering new voters, responding to requests for absentee ballots; issuing dog, hunting, fishing, town, liquor and marriage licenses; providing certified copies of birth, death and marriage records; preparing cemetery lot deeds; receiving documents for recording in our land records; assisting and answering questions about our records and how to use them; issuing motor vehicle, snowmobile and motor boat renewal registrations. At times town hall was closed to the public and at times hours were limited to the public and somehow we managed to all work together and get through it using mail slots, email and phone calls and patience.

Our recodification and digitization of Town of Springfield Code of Ordinances was completed at the end of 2019 and provides the public and town officials with easy online access to codified and enacted ordinances to-date. Town of Springfield Code of Ordinances can be found at <https://www.municode.com/>. You can find an online tutorial unique to Springfield's ordinances located on the town's website at <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com/>.

The Town Clerk's Office has many responsibilities under the state's statutes and town's charter. In addition to management of the elections, another significant responsibility is preserving, managing, maintaining and recording the town's public records, which includes a variety of documents such as land records, minutes, permits, survey maps, vital records, licenses and election information.

Our land records are indexed and imaged from January 1966 to present. Land records and maps can be found at <https://uslandrecords.com>. Having our records online was extremely

beneficial when town hall closed to the public at the beginning of the pandemic. It helped employees to stay safe, keep working, to continue town services and still provide the public and title searchers the required access to public records.

Below are statistics for some of the services that were provided during Fiscal Year 2019-2020:

Cemetery Lots Sold	11
Certified Copies of Vital Records	1,142
Documents Recorded	2,801
Dog Licenses Issued	855
Hunting & Fishing Licenses Issued	38
Liquor Licenses Issued	29
Marriage Licenses Issued	37
Motor Vehicle Renewals	46
Passport Photos Taken	6
Town Licenses Issued	77
State of VT Green Mountain Passports	22

The Town Clerk's Office also produces the Annual Report each year for which the Selectboard awarded the printing bid to Springfield Printing Corporation. The Springfield Printing Corporation team goes above and beyond to accommodate, coordinate and make the production process as smooth as possible and so it is with much appreciation we thank Mark Sanderson and his staff at Springfield Printing Corporation.

The Secretary of State's Office provides a unique, voter-specific, online resource for all your election-related needs. Visit "My Voter Page" at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us> to register online, request an absentee ballot and track its status, update your voter registration record, find your polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.

Thank you to Assistant Town Clerk, Maxine Aldrich and Assistant Town Clerk/Ambulance Billing Clerk, Sara Allen for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to providing knowledgeable and friendly service to our community.

The Town Clerk's Office staff looks forward to serving you in person someday soon. Until then, please feel free to call anytime and to visit us online at <http://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com>.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk, CVC

Phone: 802-885-2104
Email: tosclerk@vermontel.net

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

The Assessor's office is located on the bottom floor of the Municipal Building and we are open Monday-Friday 8:00 to 4:30. Individuals requiring information regarding assessments whether a property owner, potential buyer, real estate appraiser, paralegal or member of the general public should feel free to call 802-885-2109 or email our office at toslisters@vermontel.net. All of the property records and maps are on our Town of Springfield Website as well. We will be happy to assist you any of your needs.

I would like to welcome Johanna Fairbanks to the Assessment Office, Johanna is in our office Thursday and Fridays, she will be handling all personal property, and mapping, and data entry on sales.

Having many sales in our town this year, I would like to welcome all of our new residents to Springfield, if you have any questions regarding tax bills, or your assessment please call or email our office, and once again welcome to Springfield.

Nichole Knight, *Assessor*
Johanna Fairbanks, *Assessment Clerk*
David Coleman, *Lister*
Terry Perkins, *Lister*
Phone: 802-885-2109

Email: toslisters@vermontel.net
Website: <https://springfieldvt.govoffice2.com>

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

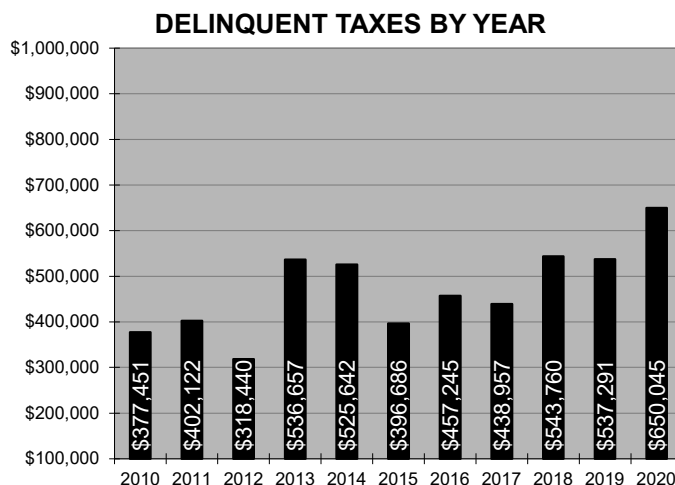
Total delinquency on June 30, 2020, was \$650,045. This amount has increased from the prior year's total of \$537,291. The Town held a tax sale on November 14, 2019. However, the Town did not hold another tax sale until November 12, 2020, after the close of the fiscal year. After the tax sale proceeds from this sale were applied and due to subsequent collection activity, this delinquent amount was reduced to \$207,032 as of December 31, 2020.

In an effort to address the continuing tax delinquency, the Board of Selectmen approved a new Delinquent Tax Collection Policy in 2009. This formal policy allows me to treat all payers of delinquent taxes equitably and to assist those in need of a plan to reduce and eliminate their delinquency.

Following the final tax due date, letters are mailed to delinquent taxpayers requesting that their delinquent taxes be paid in full or that an agreement be made with the collector for timely payment of these delinquent taxes.

The fourth and final tax due date for the current year's taxes is May 15, 2021. Taxpayers should make every effort to pay as much of their property taxes as possible prior to this date. After May 15, 2021, an 8% collector's fee, in addition to interest, will be assessed to any property tax unpaid on this date.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Delinquent Tax Collector
tosclerk@vermontel.net
802-885-2104



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is located in the Town Hall. The department is responsible for preparing bills for Town taxes and water/sewer. We also handle the payment of all bills. Other department functions are processing payroll, accounts payable, and the sale of transfer station stickers and punch cards. Normal office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm.

For the next fiscal year, property tax bills will be mailed no later than July 15, 2021. Quarterly tax payments are due on August 15, 2021, November 15, 2021, February 15, 2022, and May 15, 2022. The water and wastewater bills are on a 6-month cycle. The bills that are mailed in September are half due on October 31st and half due on December 31st. The bills that are mailed in March are half due April 30th and half due June 30th.

In 2013, the State of Vermont re-instituted the annual filing of the Homestead Declaration, form HS-145. Homestead filers can file either with their Vermont Income Tax return or online at the State of Vermont website (<http://www.state.vt.us/tax/propertyadj.html>). Please note that only Homestead properties are eligible for the state payment (formerly known as the rebate/prebate).

Please take a moment to review the results of the audit that appears later in this Town Report. It provides an objective view on the financial status of the Town. If you have any questions regarding the audit, please feel free to contact me.

The finance department continues to work with a consultant to upgrade the accounting software used by the Town. Several improvements have been made but more are required to obtain the desired efficiency of the software.

The Town now accepts electronic payments (credit card, debit card, e-check PayPal) for property taxes and water and sewer payments. Electronic payments can be made by accessing the Town's website. A convenience fee will be charged to use the service.

The dedication of the to finance staff during these unusual times doesn't go unrecognized. Dee, Shanine and Johanna's support and hard work during these challenging times is a true representation of their commitment to the Town. Many unique situations arose this year, these ladies went above and beyond to assist citizens while maintaining the public's safety.

Cathy Sohngen
Finance Director
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PLANNING & ZONING ANNUAL REPORT

SPRINGFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is primarily tasked with writing the Town Plan and crafting the Springfield Zoning Bylaws to implement the Town Plan and meet the needs of its residents. The PC meets regularly on the first Wednesday of each month. The Planning Commission welcomes and encourages the public to join in the planning process.

The PC is a Selectboard appointed commission of seven members. Current membership: Chuck Gregory, Judith Stern, Char Osterlund, Steve Kraft, Jesse Webster, Larry Kraft. Nonvoting ex-officio members are Michael Martin and George McNaughton. At this writing there is one vacancy. Jenn Gehly has resigned due to work conflicts. We thank Jenn for her leadership and wish her well!

Actions of the PC in 2020 included the following: The PC is in the process of rewriting Phase II Town Zoning Bylaws. With the completion of the codification process, the bylaws have been renamed to the Town Zoning Ordinances and are available on both the Town Clerk and Zoning webpages. The ordinances are searchable under the municode function that is found on the Town Clerk webpage.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The DRB holds public hearings for Conditional Use, Site Plan Review, Downtown Design Control Overlay District, Subdivision, Variance and Flood Plain development requests and appeals of decisions of the Administrative Officer.

The DRB consists of five members, appointed by the Select Board. Current membership on the DRB is: Stephen Kraft, Chair; Karl Riotte, Vice-Chair; Lori Claffee and Walter Clark. There is currently one vacancy.

The DRB is a quasi-judiciary body, whose hearings are conducted pursuant to the VT Municipal Administrative Procedures Act and VT Civil Procedures. The DRB takes evidence, both oral and written, and adopts decisions based on findings of fact and conclusions of law. The DRB will also entertain informal discussions of a proposed project which may not be ready for public hearing in order to give a potential applicant the opportunity to present an idea for development, discuss it with the DRB and receive response from the DRB as to the viability of the project within the context of the Town Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Actions of the DRB in 2020 included the following: Approval change of use to allow Springfield Food Co-op to move into People's Bank, seasonal retreat and outdoor center with lodging and trails access on Ruusenen Road, Glampgroup and Trout Fishing Retreat on Parker Hill Road, SOM to place multi-colored lights on Comtu Falls, Convert Park Street School to commercial office/ residential Black River Innovation Campus, establish two home businesses, one subdivision and three denials.

ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING ACTIVITY:

8 Garages/barns	7 Decks
5 Single Family Dwelling	6 Signs
6 Sheds	1 Fence
1 Convert to Living Space	1 Home Occupation
3 Residential Additions	1 Boundary Line Adj.

DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMISSION

In the Downtown Design Control Overlay District, also referred to as the Designated Downtown, no structure may be erected, reconstructed, substantially altered, restored, removed or demolished without review of the plans by the Downtown Design Review Advisory Commission (DDRAC).

The DDRAC consists of three members. The current members of the DDRAC are: Bonny Anderson, John Bond and one vacancy.

The role of the DDRAC is to review the application and make recommendations to the DRB. The DDRAC acts like a customer service board to prepare applicants for a successful DRB hearing. The DDRAC meets as needed as requests for development projects requiring DDRAC Review come to the Administrative Officer.

In 2020, the DDRAC reviewed and made recommendations to the DRB on the Springfield Food Co-op, lighting Comtu Falls, placing decorative bikes along Main Street and modifications to the historic Springfield Park Street School for the new Black River Innovation Campus.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

There is a vacancy in the code enforcer position. The two primary ordinances involve vacant buildings/urban blight and unregistered and/or uninspected vehicles not being stored properly. The objectives are always to bring the property into compliance with the ordinance. Unfortunately, when these objectives have not been achieved, further action needs to be taken. This year, so far, approximately 20 tickets were issued to property owners in an effort to bring the properties into compliance. It is worth noting to the reader that this process is a lengthy process. It is a due process with legal implications and a resolution can take months. The process has been successful in many cases; however, some cases are more complex than others and take more time. This position remains important to the Town of Springfield and we look forward to resuming our mission once we are able to hire a new employee.

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PARKS, RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The 2019-2020 fiscal year was a pretty normal year at the Parks and Recreation Dept. until March 16, 2020. With the youth basketball season just winding up and many of our teams participating in end-of-season tournaments, that's when COVID-19 shut down our Community Center and our programs for nearly the balance of the fiscal year, with a few exceptions.

The role of the Rec. Dept. quickly changed, and instead of running youth baseball and softball programs in the spring, we found ourselves thoroughly cleaning our building and facilities. We also spent some time catching up on painting, floor refinishing, and other maintenance projects. Following the Vermont Governor and the State's mandates, we put required signage out in the parks, closed all playgrounds, and maintained and monitored the use of the parks. We also worked with the Springfield School District and the Vermont Foodbank, using several of our parks for both daily and monthly food distributions to our students and to any local families that were in need.

Just before the end of the fiscal year, in mid-June, we were allowed to slowly reopen some outdoor facilities and programs, under new COVID-19 restrictions. We were able to get kids out on the baseball and softball diamonds, the outdoor basketball courts, open the town pool, and run some other summer sports camps.

Prior to the onset of COVID, the 2019-20 year was another busy and successful year at the Parks and Rec. Dept., as we continue to do our best to offer something for everyone in our community throughout the year. Our annual youth program cycle here consists of four basic seasons; summertime with the town pool and summer camps, the fall with football, soccer, and field hockey, winter with basketball and wrestling, and the spring with baseball and softball. Summer, fall, and winter programs all went well, and at least the pandemic hit us right between seasons in March.

Another important aspect of our department is our working relationship with so many other segments of our community. Working closely with the Springfield school district, the Booster Club, the All-4-One program, the Edgar May Health

and Recreation Center, the Town Library, and many others serves to enhance opportunities for all Springfield residents. In June of 2020 we began a new partnership with The SPACE (Springfield Peer and Community Engagement Teen Center), which is under the School District umbrella. The SPACE has moved into a section of the Community Center and will run programs there. All of these organizations listed above share facilities for activities and events, and partner together to run special events like Winter Carnival, Cosmos Field Day, The Dam Run, and Trunk or Treat.

With only three full time employees, the Rec. Dept. has a lot of ground to cover, literally. Along with Riverside Park and the Community Center, we're also responsible for the Commons, Freedom Park, Rotary Field, North Springfield Park, Hartness Park, and the Toonerville Trail (Bike Path). These facilities require a great amount of year-round maintenance, ranging from mowing and trimming to ball field and game preparations to snow removal, making ice rinks, and much more. We greatly appreciate everyone who pitches in to assist us, whether it's picking up litter, calling to let us know about an issue, or volunteering to make an improvement.

Along those lines, we'd like to recognize and thank all of the volunteers and sponsors that continue to make the Parks and Recreation Dept. teams and programs successful. It takes a number of volunteer coaches, giving many hours of their time, to field sports teams in each and every season, year in and year out. Those people continue to step up to keep Springfield's youth sports programs strong. In addition, the local business community never fails to provide support for these teams in the way of uniform purchases and extra equipment. For this we are proud and grateful to be in Springfield.

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One of four teams — 2019 season of third/fourth grade boys basketball

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department once again this year had several personnel changes. This situation is not unique to Springfield. Municipalities throughout the state and country are having difficulty filling positions. We have a lot of personnel who are nearing retirement and the physical demands and long hours are not appealing to those seeking employment these days.

Retirements or Departures Included:

Richard Johnson, Parks & Rec Maintenance – 12 years

Michael Parsons, Recycle – 16 years

Toby Lizotte, Highway – 31 years

Bruce Griswold, Highway – 11 years

David Hall, Chief Mechanic – 44 years of keeping the Town of Springfield's equipment running and rolling. We wish David and all who have started this new chapter in their lives much enjoyment and peace.

New Hires Include:

Mason Rabtoy, Highway

Eugene Lamoureux, Recycle

Nathaniel VanVelsor, Library & Town Hall Maintenance

Donald Turner, Chief Mechanic

We made it until mid-November 2019 before the first storm event hit us. The largest snowfall of 9" occurred between December 2nd & 3rd. Most storms were less than 6" and mixed with ice. Due to the change in weather patterns over the last few years we are seeing more icing events mixed with snow. We had twenty-nine storm events with a total snowfall of just over 66". Snow was removed from the downtown area five times while most people slept. The department used 3400 tons of salt and 5000 cubic yards of winter sand.

In keeping with the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) developed for the Town of Springfield we paved 4.58 miles of roads. There is always a significant amount of work that needs to be done such as repairing ditch lines, replacing culverts, replacing water services, raising and or lowering valves, basins, and manholes before the paving contractor can come in to do their work.

We would like to thank the residents of Springfield for their continued support in our effort to improve the quality of the roads in the Town of Springfield.

Equipment replaced this year included a one-ton truck with plow and sander, a large dump truck which is used as the main salt and sand truck for the downtown area which also has a plow. We also replaced our twenty-year-old sweeper which was on its last leg.

The Cemetery Department was able to purchase a much needed zero turn mower this year.

The Public Works Crew mows and trims over 20 grass islands, gathers and disposes of trash and recycling from all departments as well as the all public trash, pet waste and recycling bins throughout town. The Cemetery Sexton with the occasional help of a laborer maintains the three large cemeteries as well as five smaller ones.

The large planters were moved in and out of storage for the Garden Club and we removed debris from their garden clean ups as well as assisted with several tasks in their effort to beautify areas throughout the town.

After five years of planning and design including archeological digs, the South Street sidewalk project was finally completed this year. It sure is nice and will last for many years.

A few years ago, the State of Vermont issued the Town a Municipal Roads General Permit which focuses on preventing erosion. This year with a grant through SWCRPC we were able to complete a Road Erosion Inventory and workplan that needs to be completed within five years.

The Department of Public Works Personnel responds to many emergency and non-emergency requests from the citizens of Springfield. We try our best to address each request in a timely manner and with the professionalism they deserve. As winter approaches please remember to give the snow removal equipment the time and space they need to make the roads safe for all to travel.

We would like to thank the Town Manager and Select Board for their support throughout the year as well as the citizens of Springfield for their thank you cards and calls. They are truly appreciated by the crew. Most of all I would like to thank all the DPW employees for their dedication and professionalism under what are often not ideal conditions.

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WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

The employees with the water & sewer department continue to work hard to maintain an aging distribution system. With over 50 miles of both water and sewer lines, some of which were originally installed more than 120 years ago, this is increasingly more difficult.

The wastewater collections department continues to use our new sewer cleaning truck to ensure our system is operating to the best of its ability. Throughout the year this truck cleans and maintains miles and miles of sewer lines throughout town.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant continues to operate with minimal staff. It has become increasingly hard to find career minded individuals willing to learn this trade. We did have one new hire. Max Tier joined our team this past year. He has been training and we look forward to having Max as a fully licensed operator soon.

The water department is continuing with our lead reduction program. This past year we concentrated on Olive and Furnace Street. If you haven't had the opportunity to learn of this program there is information on the Town's website and also at the Town Office. We also hold an information meeting within the first couple months of every year.

This year also saw the purchase of a new backhoe to be shared by the two departments.

Ending, I would like to thank Alex Greer for his many years of service for the Town of Springfield Water Department.

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SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

As I sit to write this year's town report, I would like to start with an acknowledgement of what seems to be an unusually high number of local luminaries that passed away over the last year. Both young and old our community lost some of its fabric and character. The people who occupy great roles in many of our best stories and memories.

Sobering realities, we are on pace to respond to 2500 emergencies this year. Our department is organized to answer the first call. Our eleven operational career people translates into four shifts of two with swing personnel to cover vacation, injury, training etc. We call-back for coverage to create readiness for a second or third simultaneous call. We follow the national average of 78-82 % EMS response. Our EMS coverage is primarily our full-time employees. We have at most five to eight active participant operational on-call firefighters. We have another eight who are non-participants. These are people who are on the roster that have not maintained their training or have not responded to emergencies in several months. The non-participants cost little to nothing and help with our grant writing numbers. We find the majority of our recent on-call applicants are from neighboring communities who also belong to their local fire departments. This reality helps on isolated smaller incidents yet hurts when we are looking to get our apparatus out of the station and those on-call personnel are responding to their local department to come as mutual aid. This lag in response time of a second engine is critical. The second engine is what brings us up to an OSHA approved staffing level to aggressively attack the fire which is key to a successful outcome.

On-call participation has been on a downward spiral for years. We have already implemented automatic aid and bolstered run cards (2015). We have tried junior programs in the past that failed. We are constantly shaking the bushes looking for members. We are not alone. Volunteerism has been declining in most places for years. The average age of volunteers in the fire service continues to rise as the cycle of retirement and replacement by younger new hires has not been available. We see an alarming number of line-of-duty deaths in the volunteer fire service being cardiac related, often with reported ages in the 70's being a norm. Older volunteers that have dedicated so much of their lives to their community find it hard to retire when there is nobody coming in to replace them.

Finding on-call people is difficult at best. Initial firefighter training can be a two-year cycle if a State Fire Academy course is not run in our region. We have just adjusted our policy to conduct local training to bring the on-call person up to a safe operational minimum so they do not become stagnant and drop off our department awaiting formal training. The firefighter would then be enrolled in a Vermont Fire Academy certifying course once one was available. This initial training will give the firefighter a leg up in their certification.

We have great empathy for the numerous business owners that are unable to find help. These businesses that can't find traditional formal full or part-time employees. On-call firefighters are volunteers who get paid an hourly wage when they respond or train. Their designation is so different they come under the seasonal employee heading for the town. Most volunteers in the fire service today are paid a stipend for their time to off-set costs. On-call firefighters for the Town of Springfield have a mandatory nine-month training to become certified, participate in monthly training and are asked to respond on all special calls and first alarm and beyond alarm assignments. Being an active On-Call fire fighter is a selfless commitment to our community.

Fire Fighter Dan Baldwin retired after a long career. Dan

was an exceptional interior firefighter. There was a portion of his career that he was leaned on to share his experience and bring new, young firefighters into their first actual live fire experience. Dan maintained our Tower One with great attention to detail and took on the role of Tower Operator Trainer. We wish Dan and Jessie great luck in their new adventures. We will miss you.

Firefighter Ben Hoyt resigned from our full-time force. Ben is pursuing a different career path. He remains an on-call member. Ben and Firefighter James Knight have excelled in leading our EMS training and education. Ben and James are also certified ACE fitness trainers. We wish Ben nothing but luck in his future endeavors.

Working with retired Manager Tom Yennerell and the Board we were able to put off the replacement of 24- year-old Engine One for another year to fund a much-needed roof at the fire station. Engine One continues to pass its annual performance test which made this a viable option. I would like to posthumously thank John Hall. John was always our go to resource for preferred contractors and assured value for building maintenance type projects, in this case a roof. John's knowledge and experience saved our community tens of thousands of dollars over the years.

Our Training Grounds are 38 years old. We have worked for four years to repair and upgrade issues with the structures and to make them a safe usable resource. Firefighter Jack Potter, Firefighter Paul Spicer and Captain Aaron Sylvester have been the principle project managers with many others assisting as needed. Our Public Works Department has worked to cut a new door into the Tower and to improve the drainage by changing the grade. We are fortunate to have the product of a vision that Chief Ernest "Puggy" Lamphere turned into a reality. In 1982 Chief Lamphere championed an idea, built stakeholders within the region, orchestrated numerous donations and executed a grant through the Department of Labor. As time has passed most don't know the back story. Possibly, most don't care. I still see it as an amazing resource and effort. Another aspect of the story was State unemployment was hemorrhaging and looking for ideas for work programs under the project heading of "Vermont Futures". This project not only benefitted the fire service it was a stop gap for those who had exhausted their extended unemployment benefits. 38 years later Puggy's vision is still serving the fire and public safety sector.

We welcome three new full-time firefighters to our team since our last report. Brian Chapman returns to his hometown Springfield. Brian is a Firefighter-two/ Advanced EMT. Kylee Haas is a firefighter-two/Paramedic. She joins us from Medford Massachusetts where she has worked as an EMS provider. Nick Skrocki is a Firefighter-two and will soon be licensed as an Advanced EMT. Nick originates from Swanzey New Hampshire where he started his career in public safety. All three firefighters come to our community with a solid base and great enthusiasm.

I would like to thank and report that our workforce has been exceptional during the challenges faced during Covid-19. As with most industries there have been some PPE and equipment shortages that we have overcome. The adjustment to a new norm of heightened resiliency while information is constantly changing. Like all first line emergency providers the added personal risk and extended potential of transmittance to our families should be acknowledged as the stressor it was and is.

Russ Thompson

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTURES, PROMOTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTURES

None

PROMOTIONS

Patrick Call was promoted to Lieutenant.
Shaun Smith and Dan Deslauriers
were both promoted to Corporal.

APPOINTMENTS

Philip Perkins was hired as a full-time police officer.

TRAINING

Law enforcement officers, both full and part-time are required to attend training each year to maintain their state certification. All full-time and part-time officers must complete 30 hours of training in order to maintain their certifications. Mandatory training requirements consist of firearms qualifications, hazardous materials awareness, first aid, blood borne pathogens and use of force. Additionally, officers are also required to receive annual domestic violence and fair and impartial policing on line training.

In addition to the above mandated training classes, some department members attended the following training courses: FBI Leeda Supervisory Courses, Executive Leadership Training, Critical Incident Training, Field Training Officer Training, Death Investigation, ARIDE, and Peer to Peer Critical Incident Training.

COVID.19 PANDEMIC

The COVID.19 pandemic created many operational issues for the police department. Due to the severity of this virus and in order to preserve the staff that I had, I quickly implemented daily operation plans and a COVID.19 policy. I placed certain areas of the department into permanent lockdown in order to prevent staff from being exposed to the virus. I obtained N95 facial masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and facial shields issuing them to all staff members. I also required all staff members to don a face mask while in the police facility as the virus spread and worsened. For nearly 4 months, in order to make sure that we as an agency were following best practices, I attended weekly conference calls with the CDC and VT Department of Health.

The Governor's order and amendments had to be interpreted by law enforcement executives. As a result of this, I attended weekly conference calls with the Attorney General and members of his staff in order to seek guidance on civil and potential criminal sanctions for reported incidents of non-compliance taking place in the community.

SUPERVISORY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The two officers that were promoted to the Corporal's position and the one officer who was placed in an Acting Corporal's position were all sent away to specific supervisory training classes. Upon completing the supervisory training classes they all then embarked upon a mentorship program, specifically designed to guide and educate them on weekly supervisory related issues. Lieutenant Call and I would hold regular staff meetings with all of them to discuss supervisory related issues. Lieutenant Call played an integral role in investing his time and effort into this program. Lt. Call deserves great credit in the commitment he has made to this program and the great job that

he has done in developing these officers. This has been laborious for him, in addition to his many other duties and responsibilities.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Staffing the police department has continued to be a priority of the police administration. Sadly, the law enforcement profession continues struggle in terms of it no longer being seen as an honorable profession. This has hampered our ability to attract good candidates who desire to pursue a career in law enforcement. Many agencies across Vermont continue to have problems filling vacancies, which has been exacerbated by the George Floyd incident as the law enforcement profession as a whole has been vilified by the media.

In an effort to attract qualified applicants, our agency continues to advertise on the police academy webpage, the Springfield Police Department Facebook Page, the Town of Springfield webpage and in national minority website. Additionally, we have created accounts on other social media platforms, such as LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram as a means to try to attract police applicants. Pre-Covid.19, I registered our department to make appearances at college career/job fair days as a way of attracting applicants to apply to the police department. We did appear at one college career day and then all others were cancelled due to the COVID.19 pandemic.

Over the next two years, I am anticipating a minimum of 3 employees to retire from the police department. This will become problematic if we don't have any luck in filling more of our vacancies

DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

One of the many things that I focused on upon assuming command of the agency was providing better wellness support through EAP First to everyone in the agency. EAP First is an employee assistance program which focuses on the public safety sector and is offered by VLCT, the town's insurance provider.

A career in law enforcement comes with employees being exposed repeatedly to various forms of trauma and it was important to me to be able to better support all of my staff and their families too.

I had lengthy discussions with the Executive Director of EAP, Steve Dickens about creating a statewide network of peer support hubs that would be located in 4 different locations all throughout VT. These hubs by design would be comprised of agencies located within the individual hubs. The peer to peer program was subsequently created.

Our agency will serve as the Southeast Regional Peer Support Hub and will play a crucial role in the implementation of a VT Responder Peer Mentor and Support Network Program. Detective Bob Kelcey and Dispatcher Alicia Dipietro both attended a week long training class to become certified as peer mentors within our agency and the State of VT in the event of a critical incident. The creation of this peer to peer support program will help to provide critical support to an employee who has responded to a critical incident and suffers from trauma. Detective Kelcey and Dispatcher Dipietro have been doing a great job as peer mentors and have already responded to assist in other parts of the state with critical incident debriefings.

DRUG ISSUES

Our community continues to see a big problem with heroin laced with fentanyl and bath salts. We continue to partner with

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Federal and State agencies to address this very big problem that affects so many in our community. We also partner with the members of the drug task force in both VT and NH in order to address the sale of illicit narcotics. We executed search warrants at known drug dealer's homes in effort to combat this very serious problem.

Members of our patrol division and our K9 handler Officer Ryan Prince and his partner AJ, continue to do a great job in focusing on proactive enforcement initiatives in drug prone areas of the town. K9 AJ is a huge asset and plays a vital role in detecting illicit drugs on motor vehicle stops and he also assists in search and rescue incidents involving reported lost children and adults.

Officers continue to do foot patrols on Main Street and in specific neighborhoods experiencing elevated criminal activity.

PUBLIC OUTREACH INITIATIVES

We as an agency continued to promote the Coffee with a Cop Program. Local businesses that agree to participate provide the coffee and invite members of the public to participate. Members of the department show up and members of the community are encouraged to stop by and talk with members of the police department. Questions can be posed to staff about issues taking place in their neighborhood, to questions about the criminal justice system, to talking about the Red Sox Game. This is another great way to build positive relationships in the community one cup of coffee at a time.

Some members of the patrol division continued to participate in the Bigs and Blue Program. The program is run in conjunction with the Big Sisters and Big Brothers Program based out of Windham County. This program is offered in the elementary schools in which an officer mentors a student throughout the school year. The officer will connect with their student once a week in the schools, i.e. eat lunch with him/her, read to them, help them on a project etc. This of course is another great way to introduce a positive role model into the student's life in hopes of making a difference in their lives. The program was delayed due to COVID.19

The department also continues to be involved in the Springfield Opiate Outreach Program. The program focuses on reaching out to people who overdose post overdose. Our police social worker teams up with a recovery coach from Turning Point Recovery Center and approach the person post overdose in hopes of offering resources to them. Most importantly, this also provides an opportunity to offer resources to other family members who are being affected by the family member's addiction. Things like mental health services, adequate shelter, food assistance, health care resources are offered to all of them.

We continue to participate in the annual Child Youth Fair, when it is held, whereby parents are provided with kids photo IDs in case the child is lost or abducted.

SCHOOLS

The relationships that we share with the schools continue to be an important one. We continue to collaborate with all of the schools with the focus of maintaining positive work relationships. Prior to COVID.19 hitting, all officers were encouraged to stop by to walk the halls and or stop by to share lunch with the students if time permits. Many of the school staff and administrators are supportive of having an officer making appearances in the schools.

We also continue also continue to assign officers and Detectives to attend monthly crisis team meetings held at each school respectively. Since COVID.19 we have been attending

these meetings remotely on a virtual platform. The purpose of these meetings is to prepare for the possibility of a crisis and to have a plan of action in place to deal with it specific to the school.

Kudos to the school administrators and the staff for their commitment to continued preparedness training as well which is essential in the event an emergency arises requiring action.

We continue to partner with members of the Fire Department who may respond to an active shooter incident at any of the schools. We cherish the work relationship that we have with all of them as they all play an important role in responding to and helping to provide essential resources at the scene of an active shooter incident.

SELECT BOARD STATISTICAL DATA

The select board receives monthly stats from the police department regarding specific crimes that are reported and or investigated by the police department. I have listed the last three years for comparison purposes:

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Weapons	14	14	18
Weapons discharged	0	0	0
Bomb Threats	0	2	0
Auto thefts	5	12	8
DUI	26 Alcohol, (5 drug)	21 Alcohol, (5 drug)	20 Alcohol, (3 drug)
Vandalism	34	43	28
Burglary	27	43	30
Assaults	34	37	44
Robbery	2	1	1
Drugs	35	143	74
Family Offenses	101	135	119
Larcenies	131	137	111
Overdoses	41	33	28
Overdoses Fatalities	3	5	1

COMPLAINTS/MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS/ARRESTS

The following stats are a comparison of the last three years:

YEARS	07/17-06/18	07/18-06/19	07/19-06/20
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	8,721	9,344	8,430
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE CONTACTS	3,972	2,128	923
Total Traffic tickets issued	760	410	219
Written warnings issued	3,574	1,920	787
TOTALS	17,027	13,802	10,359
ARRESTS	07/17-06/18	07/18-06/19	07/19-06/20
Adult	382	361	399
Juvenile	24	9	14

GRANTS

We as an agency continue to take advantage of grants that we are eligible to receive.

The bulletproof grant will match 50% of the cost of a new bullet proof vest for police officers. We purchased (4) bullet proof vests with a cost savings of \$1393.00 to the local taxpayer. These vests have to be replaced every 5 years.

FEDERAL GRANTS

The State of Vermont received Federal Monies and offered grants to municipalities to purchase Eticket devices to be installed in our fleet of cruisers. The Eticket system feature

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allows the operator's license and registration to be scanned in the field, which populates the information into a ticket or written warning computer template. The officer is able to print a copy of it in the field and then transmit it electronically to the judicial bureau. This eliminates human errors in the field and eliminates mailing the tickets to the judicial bureau for processing.

NOTEWORTHY RECOGNITION

I would like to thank all of the staff at the police department for their continued cooperation in helping to address public safety concerns on a daily basis within the community. I am very proud of the job that our officers, detectives and dispatchers do to provide professional police services to the citizens of Springfield every day. The officers have continued to work a tremendous amount of overtime, helping to provide professional police services to the citizens of Springfield, at a time when the police profession is under great scrutiny.

Thanks again to my assistant Richard Stillings for the great job that he continues to do in fielding many daily requests from me and helping to process administrative requests received from attorneys, insurance companies and citizens.

Thank you to the citizens of Springfield who have continued to reach out to me via email, on the phone, and in person to express your support of the police department. I am forever grateful to all of you and appreciate your continued support during these very difficult and challenging times.

I want to thank my Lieutenant, Patrick Call for his hard work, commitment and dedication to helping me to manage the day to day issues and for assisting me in continuing to bring about positive changes within the police department. Your efforts are never taken for granted and I am proud to have you be part of the management team.

I would also like to extend a sincere appreciation to all members of the fire department for always supporting the police department, especially during high risk entry scenarios. The rescue team you assemble for each of these events give us all great comfort in knowing that you will quickly respond to provide care if is needed. A BIG thanks to Deputy Scott Richardson for assisting our department with any radio issue that may arise. Deputy Richardson's knowledge is exceptional.

Finally, thank you to the highway department for doing an excellent job in maintaining our lot during the wintertime and for maintaining our firing range during throughout the spring and summer.

Please do not forget to visit our police department Facebook page.

Any citizen who has any questions about anything, is welcome to reach out to me at the police department. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Mark Fountain, *Chief of Police*

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SPRINGFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Even though the Springfield Senior Center had to close in March 2020 due to the pandemic (opened back up late August), we continue to be a focal point in the community for activities, services and information for people 50 and over. We are located in the Community Center at 139 Main Street. We strive to have something for everyone from books and puzzles to strength training, yoga, ceramics and so much more! There are no membership fees associated with our Center; we strive to keep membership free so that every senior member of the community can participate. Please stop by the Center and pick up our monthly bulletin. You can also like us on Facebook to discover more information about the activities and events we hold and check out our monthly newsletter. You may also read our weekly articles in the Springfield Reporter and the Eagle Times weekend edition.

The Senior Center has continued to thrive. Our Yoga and Strength Training classes are very popular and Pickle Ball is also popular. We continue with Shuffleboard and Gym Walking plus we are looking for a Tai Chi instructor. Our instructor has moved on and Tai Chi is a wonderful program that connects the mind, body and breath while working on balance so we want to be able to keep offering this if possible. We are always looking for new programs to hold at the Center to promote successful aging.

In June of 2019 our ceramic instructor of 10 years, Cathy Buskey, retired. Everyone misses Cathy and wishes her a wonderful retirement. In late August 2019 we welcomed our new ceramic instructor, Heidi Schroder. The ceramics department was closed due to the pandemic but we hope to reopen in October with smaller classes for safety.

The Senior Center Christmas Bazaar & Cookie Walk was a popular event in November. It was a great start to Christmas shopping and our biggest fundraiser of the year. Due to the

pandemic we are unable to hold our November 2020 bazaar – BUT watch us next year make it bigger and better than ever!

We want to thank the Vermont Packing House for the \$500.00 Holiday Donation we received in 2019. This money will be used to buy some light weight folding table that will be especially helpful during our bazaars. Springfield community caring is so heartwarming!

In November 2019 the Center hosted a Veterans Luncheon along with Meals on Wheels, Green Mountain RSVP and the Kurn Hattin Homes Children Chorus. The Center also hosted the AARP Tax Program to help individuals with their taxes until we had to close due to the pandemic.

While following the CDC guidelines we are opening in phases in September 2020. Some of our programs will look different with smaller class sizes and some will still be on hold for a while longer.

For the Senior Center, 2020 has been a different year. We would like to extend a big thank you to the Taxpayers as your support continues to help us make our Center a place of warmth. Our motto is "Enter as strangers, leave as friends". Thank you to all in the community for being our friends, without your involvement we wouldn't be celebrating our 57th year. We look forward to what 2021 has to offer for us.

Advisory Committee-Parks & Rec, Terri Emerson, Gerri Piper, Linda Wilson, Martha Lucas, Mike Jenzen, Kay Mitchell and Sharon Yesman.

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SPRINGFIELD TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

Vermont's Universal Recycle Law, Act 148, has provided the subject matter for a number of these annual reports. From the start the law's intent has been to reduce the amount of material bloating the states one remaining landfill. To that end the law banned a number of easily recyclable items from the waste stream, cans, bottles, paper and so on. The final phase of this was put in place last July by requiring Vermont residents to exclude food waste from their household trash. It was hoped that people who had garden space would compost on their own. That would be great, but for many that was a non-starter. Foreseeing this the legislators included the provision that facilities taking trash would also have to take food waste separately for composting. We are working with a company called "Grow Compost of Vermont" to provide this service. It is an expensive hobby, yet demand continues to expand. Like the other mandated recyclables, contamination is an issue; Plastic, paper or anything that is not food waste must be kept out of the collection bins. Some flowers can be eaten, but "Grow Compost" asks that they are excluded as well. Please put all flowers in the yard waste compost pile on site along with other garden waste such as plants, vines and excess produce. (we have a limited number of food bins, so it would be better not to fill them with the great pumpkin harvest.)

The market for recycled material hovers between abysmal and something less than lucrative, yet environmental benefits must not be forgotten. The next generation may look at our flood of plastic waste and see feed stock for small, local, sustainable energy production. Perhaps, but until then reduction may be a path for individuals to take. Do any of us need another, whatever? If the answer is "yes" consider finding one made out of quality materials that will last a long time, such as a good stainless-steel water bottle, or textiles that are made of natural cotton or wool fibers. These examples would have value when it comes time to recycle them.

The year has brought challenges beyond the norm. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the steadfast nature of our cast and crew as they maintain this one aspect of Public Service.

Thanks to them, and Thank you.

Dan Farrar

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TOWN ATTORNEY

I submit my review of Springfield's significant legal matters for inclusion in the Town Report. I include those matters which are in active litigation, as well as those which may have a potential for future litigation and are appropriate for public disclosure. This report does not include any review of routine matters nor the numerous opinions rendered to the Selectboard and Administration concerning issues that arise during the course of any given year. This report does not address the status of personnel matters.

During 2020 we continued with our litigation with Donald Bishop. The Vermont Supreme Court affirmed the determination of the Selectboard that the structure at 23 Valley Street was an unsafe building and a public nuisance, and that the Town had the right to demolish such property. This structure was demolished, the hazardous waste removed from the basement soils, and the parcel seeded over. The Town will be seeking restitution for the costs incurred in the demolition and removal of this property. The Town continues seeking restitution from the Bishops for demolition and removal of the building which was adjacent to the most recent tear down, along with the burned out former Bishop home on Wall Street.

During 2019 the Town was sued by Russell Grochowicz regarding a sewer backup claim that occurred at his home across the road from Genesis Health Care on Chester Road. The Town was represented in this matter through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program. This matter is still pending.

During 2019 the Town was sued by Walter Kajenski and Micheline J. Snow-Kajenski regarding a broken drainage pipe. The Town is being represented by Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program. This matter is still pending.

During 2020 the Town was sued by Mary Sasso when she slipped and fell near the entry to the Copper Fox on Main Street. The Town is represented in this matter through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF Program. This matter is still pending.

There is currently no active litigation concerning environmental sites within the Town. However, long term ground water monitoring

is in place at a number of locations, and the risk will always exist that either changes will occur in the subsurface flow of contaminants or the state and federal government will impose higher and higher standards requiring affirmative remediation. Bradford Oil Company remains responsible for the former gas plant, and SRDC is moving forward with the J&L Plant 1 site redevelopment.

In these Annual Reports I historically have mentioned the Town awaiting conveyance from the State of Vermont of the surplus land around the Corrections Facility. The delays in receiving this land are not in any way the fault of the Selectboard or the Town Manager. What was claimed to be a substantial amount of surplus land when the prison was built, now apparently may be needed land for buffers and security. Without there being much demand for additional industrial land within the Town, resolving this issue is not likely interfering with any development. However, at some point this matter should be resolved.

Lastly, during 2020, the Town engaged a new Town Manager with an effective start of April 1, 2021. The Town Charter requires that the Town Manager take residence within the town within six months of commencement of work. This did not occur. Accordingly, the Selectboard terminated the contract and appointed former long-time Ludlow Town Manager, Frank Heald, as an Interim Manager, Frank will serve until a new Manager is in place. The Selectboard has entered into a contract with Springfield resident and former Town employee, Jeffrey Mobus, who is expected to take office as full time Town Manager on February 22, 2021. I personally have known Jeff forever, and have full expectations that he will do an exceptional job as Springfield's new Manager. I also need to thank Frank Heald for being there for the Town 24/7 faithfully performing the duties of acting Manager, being available to answer all inquiries, whether they are from citizens, employees, or Town officials.

Stephen S. Ankuda, Esq.

SPRINGFIELD TOWN LIBRARY

VISION: Springfield Town Library: a community hub for growth, connection, and discovery.

MISSION: The Springfield Town Library serves as the heart of our town. We connect people, ideas, and endeavors of all kinds. Together, we honor our heritage and embrace the future. We transform lives.

We, at the Springfield Town Library, are dedicated to help you in any way we can. Last March, when the pandemic struck we made multiple phone calls to over 300 people to check how they were doing. We curated important COVID-related information to post on our website and social media channels. We worked in the building – physically distanced - most of the time, with some staff working from home for a bit. When the library closed to the public, we took advantage of the time by rearranging the first floor to make the library more spacious and taking classes to improve our skills. Within 2 weeks of closing, we provided ‘surprise’ bags that hung on our railings (over 385, in fact). By May, you were able to arrange curbside pickup of library materials.

Programming looked different. Our youth services librarian Michelle Stinson recorded phone-a-stories and used Facebook to share some others. A storywalk was set up on the Toonerville Trail for all to enjoy. Michelle reached out to local daycares for essential workers to provide them with materials and resources. Our book clubs, for both children and adults, transitioned to online meetings. One of our first Zoom programs, Backyard Composting, had 50 participants! We were able to record the program and post on our newly created YouTube channel. Zoom Crafting programs with Tracey provided adults a safe way to chat while all created. We spread the word about these programs on Facebook, by reactivating our Instagram and Twitter accounts, and posting on Front Porch Forum. Like many of you, we did not like the ‘new normal’ but we adapted and made the best of the situation. Despite the challenges, we had over 3500 participants at our programs last year.

There was a lot more to the library news than the pandemic! July 1, 2019 to March 16, 2020 saw some great enhancements here. Tech Time came back to the library with help from RVTC students. The RBDigital magazine service was added, giving online access to 50 downloadable titles. We implemented print management software for our computers and began using a computer-based bookkeeping system. We launched Wowbrary, a weekly newsletter that highlights the newest additions to our collection and upcoming events. Homebound delivery had stalled for

a while but, thanks to RSVP volunteers, we were able to resume and expand this service. The children’s department began the wonderful “1000 Books before Kindergarten” program in October 2019. By June 30, thirty-nine children enrolled and some had already completed their one thousand books!

Building improvements took place last year. Light fixtures on the first and second floor were upgraded to LED, making the areas brighter and increasing our energy efficiency. An ADA audit was completed, giving us a list of improvements to be made. Casters were installed on the ‘new materials’ bookshelves so we can move them easily when hosting (post-CoVID) events in the lobby. The tile floors were stripped and waxed and the air conditioning system was repaired.

We said farewell to some staff. Adult Services Coordinator Ponnice Derby and Library Aides Barbara Slaton and Zach Obremski departed. Custodian Chris Palamar shifted to a different position in the Public Works department. Materials Handler Abigail Beaulieu worked with us from last summer until we closed in March – we wish her well in her college career. We welcomed our new custodian Nate Van Velsor and new Library Aides Mari Csiszer and Mary McMillen. We were excited to promote Library Clerk Tracey Craft to the Adult Services Coordinator position in January 2020.

We congratulated Tracey Craft for receiving the Vermont Certificate of Public Librarianship in May, after completing a prescribed course of 150 credits of professional development. All staff participated in trainings focused on Trauma Awareness, especially the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Use Disorder. Understanding is a key to supporting all our patrons.

We are here to do whatever we can for you. I am truly grateful to be part of this great library staff and the overall Springfield community for over a year now. I want to know what you think about our library and its services. Please contact me at springfield-library@hotmail.com or 802-885-3108 if you have suggestions for improvement.

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REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) for the Town of Springfield consists of the fifteen Justices of the Peace, the Selectboard and the Town Clerk. In addition to administering all elections in the Town of Springfield, this Board serves as the Board of Tax Appeals and Board of Abatement for the Town.

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 included the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting and Presidential Preference Primary held on March 3, 2020 and the Town School District School Budget Revote held on June 16, 2020.

During Fiscal Year 2019-2020 the Board of Abatement heard 5 requests from property owners.

The Town of Springfield is very fortunate to have a large group of people who take the time to serve as our elected Justices of the Peace as well as those who serve as our Election Officials. It is with great appreciation that we thank them for their professionalism, dedication and efforts. A special thank you to the School District for allowing us to use Riverside Middle School Gymnasium as our polling place, the attentive maintenance staff at Riverside Middle School and Riverside Middle School teachers, staff and students for their patience and cooperation during voting days.

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SPRINGFIELD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Springfield Energy Committee is a seven-member committee appointed by the selectboard and reviewed every three years. Its members are Char Osterlund, chair; David Yesman, vice-chair; Peter MacGillivray, selectboard member; Steve Osterlund, Brian Abild, Melissa Mackenzie and Hallie Whitcomb. The role of the committee is to assist the town with increasing its energy efficiency, and to promote energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

The energy plan, that is part of the overall Town Plan, was finally approved after a two-year process of writing, getting public input, and final approval by the planning commission, selectboard, and the Windsor County Regional Planning Commission.

Our first guest speaker of the year, Robert Dostis from Green Mountain Power, talked to us about energy resiliency and the importance of solar power and storage in creating that resiliency. As in past years, the energy committee partnered with other organizations to promote energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy. This included two weatherization workshops and co-hosting a presentation and follow up discussion of the National Geographic film, "From Paris to Pittsburgh" with the Universalist Unitarian Church in Springfield.

The energy committee's signature project was its collaboration with Vital Communities to develop a pilot program to expand weatherization outreach to mobile home parks and mobile homeowners. We personally knocked on 121 doors, talked to dozens of people, and left contact information for services around heating and weatherization needs.

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CEMETERY COMMISSION

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least but overall the operation of the town's eight cemeteries has continued to run smoothly during the past year, the full time crew during operating months of April to November consists of two men. At most times this year due to a shortage of help the cemetery was maintained by the sexton only. The crew is constantly doing their best to keep up with mowing and trimming in all of the town's cemeteries as well as other general maintenance and burials.

A large pine tree toppled down into section A this summer during a thunder storm but no monuments were damaged and the tree was cleaned up quickly and monuments up righted by the crew.

This year due to Covid-19 the commission did not meet but continued to keep in touch via email. We do have an active and interested Cemetery Commission but we are looking for interested people to join our commission for future seasons.

The sale of new lots this past year for Oakland and Pine Grove Cemeteries totaled 11, down 5 from the previous year. We have a small percentage of Section J. in Oakland open for sale and still a large portion of section # 5 in Pine Grove open for sale.

The Commission is currently working on future lot locations in the Oakland Cemetery at this time.

Anyone interested in purchasing a cemetery lot in the town's cemeteries can contact cemetery commissioner Scott Page at Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield at 802-885-3322.

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SOUTHERN WINDSOR COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) is an organization that serves the ten towns in the Southern Windsor County Region, including Springfield. The activities and programs of the SWCRPC are governed by a Board of Commissioners that are appointed by each member town. The primary function of the SWCRPC is to assist member towns with their planning and other community related activities, and to promote cooperation and coordination among towns.

During FY20, the dues from member towns contributed about 3% of the SWCRPC's annual budget of \$1,047,372. The town dues assessment of \$11,716 was determined on a \$1.25 per person based upon 2010 Census data. The remaining revenues were derived from federal, state, and other funding sources.

The SWCRPC offers member towns a broad range of services, including assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, water quality, emergency management, data, mapping and other planning activities. In FY20, the SWCRPC has provided a significant number of services to the Town of Springfield including:

- Assistance through our regional Brownfields Program for multiple properties, such as Park Street School, One Hundred River Street, and the Jones and Lamson site;

- Assistance with project management services, including the South Street sidewalk improvements, Toonerville Trail extension design, Woolson Block, and Jones and Lamson demolition environmental review;
- Continued technical assistance to the Planning Commission with preparing zoning and subdivision ordinance amendments;
- Assistance with emergency management planning;
- Assistance in updating the Local Emergency Management Plan;
- Provided information and technical assistance on Federal and State programs related to Covid-19 issues.

We would like to thank town appointed representatives Joe Wilson, Walter Martone, Jenn Gehly and Kristi Morris who have served on the SWCRPC Board and Committees this past year.

Thank you for your continued support of local and regional planning. For more information about the SWCRPC, call us at (802) 674-9201, visit our website at www.swcrpc.org, or look us up on Facebook.

Thomas Kennedy, AICP
Executive Director

SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT COMMISSION

This year started off with anticipation and excitement in planning for the 100th anniversary of the Hartness State Airport – originally called the Springfield Landing Field. The foresight of James Hartness to purchase flat farmland in North Springfield in 1919 and ultimately create the first recognized airport in Vermont was pure genius.

We also started off with routine maintenance items such as crack sealing, clogged culverts, and easements required for aviation on runway approaches. In late fall the walkway in front of the terminal was reconstructed with cement and looks great.

Much discussion continued through the fall regarding the 100th anniversary not knowing about a pandemic called Covid-19 and the impact it would have on all of us.

Our last meeting was held in February as Covid shut down all in-person meetings and we did not have the ability to Zoom our meetings at that time and the terminal building was under restricted access from visitors.

We are still hoping to celebrate the 100th, or 101st, or 102nd anniversary whenever it becomes possible.

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SOUTHERN WINDSOR/WINDHAM COUNTIES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor
www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org

The District was chartered in 1981 and serves fourteen towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Springfield's alternate is Matt Priestley.



Four hundred and thirty-two people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District's two collections in FY20, including 190 Springfield residents. We are planning to construct and open a permanent HHW facility in Springfield in 2021 which will be open for six months of the year, eight to ten hours a week. Before that facility is operational, we will probably hold at least one HHW event in 2021 – date and time to be determined.

All food scraps were banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. To help residents divert their food scraps from the trash, the District has offered backyard composting workshops for several years but had to cancel them in spring 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Instead, Ham Gillett made a video about the subject, which can be seen at <http://okemovalley.tv/virtual-composting-workshop>. We've also sold backyard composters for years. Composters make great presents – call the office to arrange a purchase – 674-9235 – only \$50! Another diversion option? The Springfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for free (including meat and bones).



All household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, button, coin cell, and rechargeable), are accepted at the Springfield Transfer Station. Batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary T. O'Brien
Recycling Coordinator
Thomas Kennedy
District Manager
Ham Gillett
Outreach Coordinator

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of Springfield Regional Development Corporation, thank you to the residents of the Town of Springfield for the continued support of SRDC.

All of our lives were upended in March because of COVID-19. At SRDC, we have remained open throughout the pandemic, but our focus shifted for many months to all matters related to business challenges that companies were facing. We co-wrote a regular Disaster Financing Worksheet with VtSBDC that attempted to explain the various federal and state programs that emerged and, most importantly, worked directly with over 150 businesses in the region on how to hold on. SRDC received an EDA grant to capitalize a COVID revolving loan fund (in addition to our regular Springfield Area RLF) and has been involved in various ReStart VT projects.

The Black River Innovation Campus (BRIC), a project that SRDC spawned, now includes two fledgling companies who have moved to Springfield – VOI and Arsana Health. Trevor Barlow, BRIC's Executive Director, is working on a variety of fronts to help create and nurture a tech/digital ecosystem for Springfield, all out of the former Park Street School, which is now owned by SRDC. We have also moved forward with predevelopment work, including engineering and architectural design, on what would be a \$23 million makeover of the facility.

The Park Street redevelopment would likely benefit from the federal Opportunity Zone program, which now has resulted in the sale of 5 properties in Springfield, with 3 others currently in due diligence and we have other significant OZ-related projects underway.

SRDC continues to work on the former Bryant Grinder facility as well as proceeding with the demolition of J & L Plant 1. We expect to have permission to solicit bids in the fall and are striving to move forward with the actual demolition in 2021.

SRDC assists existing companies in the community, as well as those looking to start a business. This includes

facilitating available resources, from training funds to specific financing programs and other incentives to help preserve and grow employment in our region. Our office includes the Small Business Development Center and Procurement Technical Assistance Center, which assists companies to more effectively bid on government contracts, both State and Federal.

The dominant issue with our area employers continues to be workforce development, and the lack of a skilled workforce. SRDC is a close partner with the River Valley Technical Center and River Valley Workforce Investment Board, as well as other regional stakeholders, and is actively working to address a variety of related issues, including increasing the workforce participation rate in the labor market area. We are a core partner on the Working Communities Challenge team, and the Federal Reserve of Boston recently selected Springfield as one of 4 VT Implementation Grant recipients.

We appreciate the continued support of the Board of Selectmen. Kristi Morris, on behalf of the Selectboard, sits as an Ex-Officio member of the SRDC Board. SRDC also values our strong partnerships with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Springfield On The Move.

To learn more about SRDC, please contact me at 885-3061 or bobf@springfielddevelopment.org. You can also go to our website www.springfielddevelopment.org or see updates on our Facebook page!

Again, many thanks for your continued support. Working together, we will ensure that "Great Things Happen Here" for many years to come.

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HUMANE SOCIETY

Springfield Humane Society is once again grateful to the citizens of Springfield for allowing us to serve them. This last fiscal year we hosted 10 low cost spay/neuter clinics for cats and rabbits (which would have been 12 had COVID not forced us to cancel 2) and held our first spay/neuter clinic for dogs. We also had our first low cost microchip clinic. We had five volunteer training days for individuals and groups, which was particularly good for high school students. And speaking of students, we had classes of school children in to read to the animals, and we visited preschools to talk about bite prevention and pet care.

We were happy to be invited to various Springfield events, as well as having two yard sales and a Christmas sale. And finally, through the generosity of one of our volunteers, we held a raffle for a weekend in NYC in the theater district.

We began what was starting out to be a great partnership with PetSmart in Lebanon NH. We brought them rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters even a couple mice and some fish! They were adopted out from there using our applications. The money went to the shelter. It got them out and seen more, leading to quicker adoptions! We continued our relationship with areas that are overpopulated, and transported dogs and cats in twice from VA and twice from Puerto Rico.

And then COVID-19 hit and changed a lot about our shelter life! We immediately stopped transporting animals in, including shelters in VT. We closed our doors for the first time since the shelter was founded. Spay clinics were initially canceled, but are back now without the use of volunteers and with staff getting people's pets from their cars, and sanitizing everything thoroughly of course. Even the pens!

Our adoptions were put on hold as well. In time we began to do "virtual adoptions" where the cats were introduced via video, people chose a cat and once their application was approved, they came and adopted outside. One thing that should be noted – not one cat that was adopted through staff recommendation was returned! Dogs were a bit easier. We have full descriptions and pictures on line and anyone interested in a particular dog would put in an application and once approved they met the dog outside in our big off leash play

yard. This has worked well. We now have approved applicants come into the shelter with their families, but only one family by appointment is allowed at any given time.

We expected to get a lot of requests from people wanting to surrender their animals due to financial reasons, and that proved to be somewhat true. This fiscal year we had 197 animals surrendered compared to 173 the previous fiscal year. I think it might have been more if not for our No Place Like Home program where food and supplies are given to people who cannot afford them, and a zero interest loan for vet care pays for the basics. It also offers free one on one training for "problem" dogs.

Our service to the town and their pets continued. We took in 62 stray dogs this fiscal year compared to 58 last fiscal year, but only 76 stray cats this year compared to 140 stray cats last year! Of this year's strays, 51 of the 62 stray dogs were returned home, and yet only 15 of the 76 stray cats. A total of 421 animals came to us this year, only 18 of which were euthanized due to aggression and/or very serious incurable medical conditions.

Surprisingly, our numbers are very similar to last year's numbers even with COVID effects, but we have been doing the same work without the use of volunteers since March, which has made things difficult for staff. Worse still, almost all of our spring and summer fundraisers were canceled, and we worry the same will continue with our fall fundraisers. This is putting a large strain on an already tight budget. We truly appreciate the many people who have continued to support us, and we hope this is a relationship that will continue for many years into the future.

Anne Eddy, *Executive Director*

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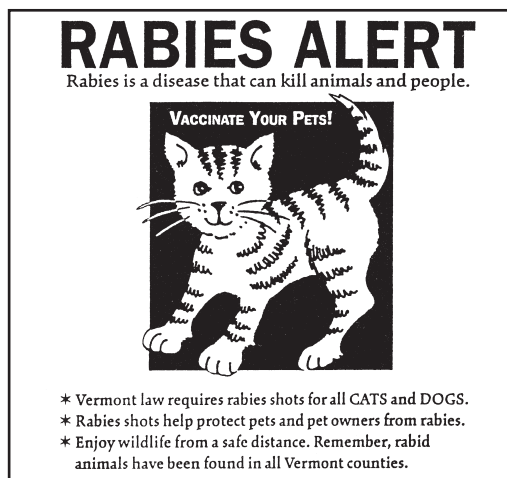
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SPRINGFIELD GREENWAYS, TRAILS, BYWAYS AND RURAL ECONOMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the five highest-priority goals, the Committee has done the following during the previous year:

1. After organizing itself, the Committee would proceed to gather together all, or as many of the various studies of pedestrian, bicycle or other pathways or sidewalks which have been made, but not yet constructed.

In addition to now having a map of the snowmobile trails, the committee have identified and mapped some 35 miles of walking, hiking and cycling trails. It developed a model “trail ticket” venue to provide trail users literature pertaining to each— a small map, directions to the trail head and descriptions of interesting points en route. It developed a website document which gives details of the eight major trails and recreation areas in Springfield.

2. Emanating out from the spinal trail system that runs north/south through Springfield, determine where there are voids in the access such as a gap in the trail or a lack of sidewalks, and then analyze how the gap could be remedied. This is expanded to include review of potential major trail developments outside of the spinal trail on the ridges and their potential for a trail system beyond that of the spinal trail connections, and also identify potential undeveloped walkways.

The Committee developed a working relationship with the staff of Muckcross State Park to improve the trail which will connect the Toonerville Trail through Muckcross to the Springfield Town Forest paths. As the town will begin to demolish the former J&L plant on Clinton Street in the summer of 2021, the Committee are taking steps to secure rights of way along portions of the Black River to extend the Toonerville Trail toward the Springfield Recreational Area.

3. Develop a scouting system to locate grants pertaining to trails, greenways, byways, and rural enterprises which could serve as Springfield destinations, and a grant team trained to react quickly to grant opportunities.

In the past year the committee began studying what has worked in other towns similar to Springfield and in 2020-21 will establish other objectives based on what we learn. Upon hearing in December 2019 that the Governor announced a \$200,000 VOREC funding, the Committee moved as quickly as it could and submitted by the January 23d deadline an application for \$18,250 for trail survey, marking, promotion, race planning, kiosks and other infrastructure. The committee learned in February that Springfield had been awarded the full amount. The grant agreement was finalized after months of pandemic-induced delays in October, with deliverables due on December 31, 2021. In addition, the committee applied in September 2020 for a recreational facilities grant from the Building Communities Grant program administered by the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services. If awarded, this grant and a town-approved matching grant will fund three new benches along the Toonerville Trail. This will reduce the gaps between benches to less than one-quarter mile. In both cases the committee worked closely with town officials, the Springfield Regional Development Corporation, the Southern Windsor County Planning Commission, Springfield Medical Care Systems and other stakeholders to maximize chances of success. The committee is currently considering whether to apply for a capital grant for parking and access improvements under the Recreational Trails program, due December 20, 2020.

4. Develop a checklist of rural economic, educational or cultural facilities or enterprises which would enhance the middle-class appeal, increase the Grand List, tie in with themes or developments

in the developed portion of town or otherwise improve the aesthetics and quality of life in the Springfield community, including meeting with the local real estate agents as a group to determine ways that rural areas of Springfield could be enhanced in order to increase real estate values and the marketability of the community.

During the past year, the committee started to familiarize themselves with the symbiotic relationship of trail systems and the economic life of a town. It approached the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and asked the members to provide us with any information that would facilitate trail users’ access to local businesses. The Springfield Area Historical Society was requested to write up short descriptions of historical interest for locations on or near all the trails identified in town. Funding for that work was provided in the VOREC grant that was approved in February of 2020 and has now been finalized. Trial implementation of the SAHS literature was postponed until 2021 because the planned 20th Anniversary Toonerville Trail Walk/Run was cancelled due to the covid-19 pandemic.

In order to support Springfield’s local businesses WE WILL ALSO LIST goods and services available along the trails, such as the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, Shanghai Garden (Chinese-American restaurant), the Cactus Patch (Mexican), Village Pizza (authentic Greek baklava), the Subway (more than just sandwiches), the farm-to-table fusion cuisine of The Copper Fox, the great wings and classic bar menu of Sheri’s and the stimulating aromas found at the Flying Crow coffeehouse.

5. Work on how to organize and fund trail maintenance, curb invasive species, and develop monitoring to avoid or reduce trail abuse or illegal activities.

The Committee conducted a survey of the Toonerville Trail pavement to identify incipient problems and have discussed with the Department of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department the requirements of a system to identify, track the status of and correct problems reported on trails. The Select Board was advised of the results of the pavement survey and asked to include a budget item to begin to address pavement maintenance. In response, the Board raised the trail budget from \$2,000 to \$20,000 and assigned the Parks and Recreation Department to coordinate with the committee to rate maintenance needs by the triage system. The Committee planned during 2020-21 to develop a plan to control waste-borne disease with the placing of waste disposal stations along the Toonerville Trail and elsewhere in town. In July Barbara Schultz submitted a report on the vegetation along the Toonerville Trail. In December, the Committee co-hosted a meeting with Black River Action Team to learn about dealing with invasive species. Funds to deal with the problem were received in the same VOREC grant application. The fall of 2020 saw the Town refurbish the foundation of one of the benches along the riverside, near the Gould’s Mills falls. Upon the lifting of the town-wide coronavirus lockdown, committee members worked on trail cleanup throughout the summer. They organized two community service activities in August and October, in which volunteers from the community at large, the Black River Action Team, and members of the Springfield Rotary and Lions clubs participated.

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EDGAR MAY HEALTH AND RECREATION CENTER

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center is pleased to make this annual report to the residents of Springfield. We are extremely grateful for the continued support to the Center by the citizens of Springfield.

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center continued its tradition of providing area residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to live an active and healthy lifestyle. 2020 was a challenging year for many including the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The EdgarMay was forced to close its doors due to Governor Phil Scott's Stay Home Stay Safe Order on Tuesday, March 16th. The Facility remained closed for 10-weeks, but that did not stop the EdgarMay from delivering health, wellness, and exercise activities. The EdgarMay transitioned quickly into offering FREE virtual services including daily workouts posted on our website and social media, live and recorded fitness classes via zoom and YouTube. During this 10-week period the EdgarMay lost 85% of its operating revenue.

The facility was able to re-open on June 1st with significant capacity restrictions as well as other health restrictions. Swimming was restricted to those who made a reservation as well as a limit of one person per lane. Fitness capacity was reduced to 20 individuals at one time, 25% of the facility's capacity. Participants were also required to wear masks in the building as well as maintaining physical distancing requirements throughout the facility. Throughout the summer the EdgarMay slowly increased services including swimming lessons, our youth swim team and outdoor exercise classes. Due to the restrictions and general concerns about indoor exercise the EdgarMay experienced a 40% loss of operating revenue. Due to COVID-19 many of the EdgarMay's programs and events could not happen due to restrictions on indoor activity. This includes many of our classes and community programs at our Studio Momentum location as well as many of our youth and family programs.

While the COVID-19 pandemic presented a number of challenges it did create new opportunities for virtual programs, outdoor classes and events, and a new way to interact with our members and the community. The EdgarMay launched a new smartphone app in October. This new app is free and open to anyone interested in activity and exercise. It provides daily workouts, activity tracking, and challenges.

During our 2020 fiscal year, 458 individuals benefitted from financial support in the form of scholarships to attend and participate in programs at the EdgarMay. The total scholarship dollars awarded in 2020 equaled \$48,046 this represents an 11% increase over the previous year. The EdgarMay continued to provide its scholarship program to cover our Prescription for Exercise Program, fitness classes, Swim Team and swimming lessons. Scholarships are provided based on a sliding fee scale to all income eligible individuals and families. The award amount is based on household income and household size and priority is given to Springfield residents and seniors.

While 2020 was a challenging year, there was some positive developments at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, including the launch of our capital campaign, Reaching New Heights, to build a 40' outdoor, rock climbing tower and outdoor fitness space for children. This project will begin

construction in the spring of 2021 and open before summer.

We look forward to a "return to normal" during 2021, but will continue to serve our communities exercise, wellness, and recreation needs in future.

The mission of the Health and Recreation Center is to provide area residents with the opportunities and resources necessary to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle. If you have not visited us, we hope you will. For additional information, please visit our website, www.myreccenter.org, email info@myreccenter.org, or call us at 885-2568.

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2020 Treasurer's Report

Revenue	Oct '19-Sept '20
Membership	\$324,927
Programs	\$116,065
Rental Fees	\$31,014
Annual Fund	\$42,796
Grants	\$84,143
Interest	\$956
Civic Improvement Fund	\$224,748
Total	\$824,649

Expenses	Oct '19-Sept '20
Depreciation	\$53,943
Insurance	\$41,946
Utilities	\$124,299
Wages	\$410,815
Equipment	\$9,558
Program Expenses	\$19,022
Advertising	\$3,760
Grant Expense	\$6,440
Membership Expense	\$18,076
Supplies	\$35,763
Maintenance	\$39,526
Professional Fees	\$48,053
SMCS Wages/Services	\$12,000
Studio Rent	\$12,000
Miscellaneous	\$21,270
Fundraising Expense	\$15,810
Equipment Rental	\$13,067
Total	\$885,348
Net Revenue	<u>(\$60,699)</u>

SPRINGFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY

The units at the Whitcomb and Huber Buildings moved from the public housing program to HUD's new RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) program on 10/1/16. This new program will give all the tenants a project-based Section 8 voucher, so that their rent remains affordable. It also allows the management at the housing authority to better predict their income for the upcoming year and gives them more flexibility on how the funds can be spent. These two buildings had a lower occupancy rate than normal at 95.82%. The current waiting list shows 50 applicants. We completed one large capital project, which was to insulate the exterior of the Huber Building.

The Authority also manages 61 Section 8 vouchers. Due to HUD funding cuts, we were only able to use 45 of our 61 allotment for the past year. However, the SHA did use all available HUD Section 8 funding to lease as many families as possible and paid over \$300,000.00 to the local landlords for leasing to our Section 8 tenants. Currently, there are 54 families on the waiting list. The waiting period for local residents is about 24 months. Due to the long waiting period for service, the Board closed the waiting list in 2019.

The Maples, the Rural Development project on South Street, shows 25 people on the waiting list. This past year saw an occupancy rate of 95.42%. Also, during the past year, we continued the process of vinyl floor and carpet replacement in the units. In addition, we re-shingled the entire roof. Our future plans include continued vinyl and carpet replacement and the purchase of new appliances.

The Mountain View Apartments has been owned by the SHA since 2007. This development had an occupancy rate of 97.77% this past year and a waiting list of 56 families. In June of 2018, HUD did an inspection of the property. Our score of 90% kept us as a HUD high performer for another 3 years. The major capital improvements this year consisted of our continued replacement of appliances, the replacement of the water lines under several buildings and the installation of new kitchens as the units become empty.

Westview Terrace Apartments were purchased by the Springfield Housing Unlimited organization in January of 2012. The property had an occupancy rate of 97.12% this past year. Currently, there are 11 families on the waiting list. These 58 units of family housing are a part of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program. They service families that can earn up to 60% of the median income for Windsor County. This project continues to be a valuable asset to the Town by providing people of limited income access to safe, clean, and reasonably priced rental housing. The major capital items this year consisted of new carpeting & flooring in several apartments.

Ellis Block was officially opened in October of 2011. This property includes a three-screen movie theater as well as another 9 units of affordable housing for the downtown area. The movie theater was an important part of the restoration of the Ellis Block building and continues to be a key part in the revitalization of downtown. The current theater operators, Chad and Jessie, continue to do an outstanding job in making the theater a vital part of the downtown.

The Ellis Block is owned by a partnership in which Springfield Housing Unlimited (SHU), the Authority created non-profit, is a co-general partner with Housing Vermont. The Springfield Housing Authority manages the property but has no ownership interest. This past year the nine units were 92% occupied. Currently, there are 8 people on the waiting list.

The Woolson Block is being co-developed with Housing Vermont. Work on the building finally began in May of 2019 and scheduled to be completed in December of 2020. Unfortunately, the pandemic caused a four month delay with the opening. The end results will be the addition of 20 new apartments and 4 refurbished store fronts. The commercial spaced will be master leased by Springfield on the Move. There will also be a Youth in Transition program on the garden level in the building. When completed, this building will be another key addition to the restoration of downtown.

Finally, the public can now access information on the SHA properties and get applications. The website address is www.springfieldhousingauthorityvt.org.



Woolson Block November 2020

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SPRINGFIELD ON THE MOVE

Hasn't this past year been an interesting one! Luckily, through Zoom, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing the SOM Executive Board, Board of Directors, and invaluable volunteers have been able to continue work this past year in your Designated Downtown. Our efforts include:

The Woolson Block Building: SOM developed WB Main, LLC to be the leaseholder of the 4 commercial spaces. This was done to protect the non-profit status of SOM. We have had the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the \$9M renovation and expect the project to be completed December 2020/January 2021. The Economic Development and Promotions Committees have been working to fill the commercial spaces with businesses that have the greatest likelihood of success. The global pandemic has created challenges in subleasing these spaces. If we are not able to fill a space/s, we plan to have short-term "pop up" businesses.

Downtown Street Lamps: Our 2019 Design and Beautification Committee, under the direction of Co-Chairs Carol Eramo and Alan Woodbury, repainted the bases of all the black streetlamps along Main Street. The street treatments and general wear and tear of being along our main corridor had taken its toll.

Decorative Bench Project: 2 custom-designed benches, based on Springfield's industrial history, were installed overlooking the Black River in the new Comtu Cascade Park downtown. We are looking forward to the final bench's installation at the Whitcomb Building at a later date.

Annual Upkeep Projects: Again, under Carol and Alan's guidance, the Design and Beautification Committee weeded, mulched, and maintained the Paul Putnam Park, the Comtu Cascade Park, the Theater Courtyard, the hedge in the People's Bank parking lot, and the alleyway in-between the Bank Block and Huber Buildings.

The Vermont Community Foundation awarded SOM \$4,500 to update our technology. With this funding, we now have a computer for the executive director and the treasurer/accountant. We were also able to purchase additional external hard drives to save our work as well as carrying cases for both laptops. We are grateful for this upgrade and it has helped tremendously during the pandemic.

Jeanne Carbonetti from Crow Hill Gallery in Chester reached out to SOM earlier this year to let us know that we would be the recipients of 10% of sales that resulted from her watercolor display at The Great Hall at One Hundred River Street. We are thankful that Jeanne considered us!

Springfield Community Raffle: working with the Springfield Rotary Club and SRCOC, SOM was able to raise additional funds at the end of our fiscal year to help us continue with our downtown maintenance costs.

2019 Holiday Season: Once again, Alan Woodbury procured the 40+ live balsam wreaths and hung them with his wreath-hanging crew throughout the downtown. We are thankful for the Springfield Garden Club's contribution toward the purchase of these wreaths. We collaborated with SRCOC, Alpha Delta Kappa, the Knit Wits, Renee Capen, Springfield Adult Day Care, People's United Bank, and numerous volunteers to be able to provide another wonderful experience for our local children and their families. Despite the wintry weather we had over 100 children participate!

TroutStock 2019 was a live music event held at Trout River Brewery in July 2019 and was a great success under sunny

skies! 4 local musical groups performed throughout the day, and Melissa Jenne was our grand prize winner of a gift package courtesy of The Inn at Weathersfield and The Copper Fox. We were not able to have this fun event this year due to the pandemic but are hopeful to have it in 2021. Plans are in motion for 2 additional fun events in the downtown area next year!

The Bakery Building, LLC was created to look at the financial potential and possible demolition of the old Bakery Building on Main Street. It was determined that it would be economically irresponsible to attempt to renovate a building that would never see a profit. Funds were raised by private citizens to pay for the entire project. NO Town or SOM funds were used for this project. The property was given from the Bakery Building, LLC to the Town of Springfield which allowed for additional green space to be in the Comtu Cascade Park. Many have commented on how wonderful it is to see the river from the street.

We had the opportunity to work with the SHS Community Action Class who brought the "SPACE" (Springfield Peer And Community Engagement) to the downtown. The SPACE is currently located at the Community Center.

SOM has been working to "Light the Falls" at the Park Street Bridge. We applied for and received a \$1,000 non-matching grant from Mascoma Bank, received a \$400 donation from Lawrence and Wheeler, and \$200 + installation labor donation from HB Energy to get this project to come to fruition in December 2020.

A brilliant splash of spring color was added along the sidewalk of the Comtu Park with 250 daffodil bulbs that were donated and planted in the fall 2019 by SOM volunteers.

Diane Parker and Buddy Dexter both decided to step down from our board of directors this past year. Diane has earned her retirement wings from People's United Bank and Buddy needed more time for his family. Both are already missed and we wish them the best in their endeavors!

Lastly, we have been working with our designated downtown businesses throughout the entire COVID-19 crisis. We are in continued collaboration with local and state organizations to assist individuals and businesses in the Designated Downtown area who have been directly affected by this economic challenge.

As many of you are aware, our board member and Design Committee Co-Chair Alan Woodbury passed away unexpectedly in July. We are all so thankful for his dedication to the betterment of Springfield for almost 55 decades. His humor, wonderful smile, good cheer, hard work ethic, and friendship will be sorely missed. He truly was the embodiment of a genuine and caring person. SOM is working with the Woodbury Family to honor Alan in the downtown area he worked so hard to beautify.

As always, we are grateful for your continued financial support and numerous volunteer hours to keep Springfield on the move. Your efforts are appreciated as we continue to strive toward a more economically viable and beautiful downtown.

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**SPRINGFIELD
SELECTBOARD**



TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD
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**APPLICATION FOR
APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

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OFFICE DESIRED:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> & Lumber |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Design Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenways, Trails, Byways and Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Warden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Commission | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

Reason(s) for desiring office: _____

Please state reason(s) you feel make you qualified for the office: _____

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REPORTS OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 10571 homecare visits to 403 Springfield residents. This included approximately \$264771 in unreimbursed care to Springfield residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 5395 home visits to 278 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 1922 home visits to 58 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 2918 home visits to 35 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 336 home visits to 32 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Springfield's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

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VALLEY HEALTH CONNECTIONS

(PRECISION VALLEY FREE CLINIC DBA VALLEY HEALTH CONNECTIONS (VHC))

Valley Health Connections is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 located at 268 River Street, Springfield, Vermont. We became incorporated in the State of Vermont on January 21, 2000 as Precision Valley Free Clinic. Our mission is to remove barriers and facilitate access to health care for uninsured and underinsured people, as well as to prevent people from becoming uninsured.

Valley Health Connections has always assisted patients with healthcare program enrollment, and since 2013, has been a certified assistor organization providing in-person assistance to eligible individuals and families who wish to enroll through Vermont Health Connect. We also help people transition from Vermont Health Connect to Medicare, assist people with enrollment in Medicare Part D, all of the Medicaid programs and Ladies First. From 7/1/19 to 6/30/20 **we served 501 Springfield residents and provided 1085 insurance enrollment assists to these residents; 22 Dental referrals, 10 pharmacy vouchers; 181 Charity Care applications, 121 Social Service enrollments. 92% of the Springfield Residents we worked with either became, or remained, comprehensively insured.** Our clinic provided over \$8000 in free medications and committed over \$10,000 in dental fees (dentures, crowns, fillings) for patients without dental insurance who needed assistance. There is never a charge for our services. We work in close partnership with Springfield Medical Care Systems and the Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured.

The staff and Board of Directors of Valley Health Connections wish to thank the people of Springfield for supporting their efforts to improve the health of town residents across the age spectrum. **Special Note: We have a lending library of Ipads available to help patients access their SMCS provider through Telehealth. Please call 802-885-1616 for assistance.**

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SPRINGFIELD SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM

The Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP) is a private, non-profit agency that helps families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or potentially homeless locate and secure permanent, affordable housing, and then provides program participants with up to two years of at home case management to address any issues that led to the housing crisis and to pursue positive life goals. Case managers provide help with budgeting, landlord-tenant mediation, assistance pursuing employment, education, childcare, substance abuse treatment and other services that lead to healthy, productive living.

SSHP covers the Springfield Agency of Human Services district and places participants in housing from Windsor to Saxtons River. SSHP has five, two-bedroom apartments, a three-bedroom apartment, and eight one-bedroom units that provide transitional housing to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Stays are typically limited to 90 days and approximately 90% of participants have successfully transitioned into permanent housing. For the fiscal year July 2019 to June 2020 SSHP has worked to house 86 individuals and 67 children who were experiencing homelessness or threatened with homelessness in Springfield. These families and individuals receive ongoing support services for up to two years.

SSHP administers a Housing Opportunity Program (HOP) that provides financial assistance for 1st month's rent, security deposit, back rent or back utilities owed to prevent housing insecurity.

A dedicated case manager assists people who are literally homeless to move into either transitional or permanent housing and then provides ongoing support. These people may be staying at a hotel paid for by General Assistance (State Aid) or they may be living in their car or a tent. Others may be living out in the elements such as under a bridge or in hallways. This case manager has initial contact with households experiencing homelessness and will work with the household to connect with services and supports.

The number of participants served was impacted greatly by the pandemic. In March of 2020 most congregate warming shelters throughout the state closed along with both shelters serving our district as they could no longer safely house individuals with social distancing per the pandemic response guidelines. As a result of these shelters closing the state of Vermont housed homeless individuals in motels and hotels throughout the state. In our district we saw almost 100 households being housed and needing case management support. As a result, we hired additional staff to focus on this response and to work with this population.

SSHP is also the lead agency for Coordinated Entry for the Springfield AHS district, which is a process by which each person experiencing a housing crisis is met with and directed to the best resource. As a result of this process we meet many households in our area experiencing a housing crisis.

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SPRINGFIELD FAMILY CENTER

The Springfield Family Center would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the support you provide our organization. The town of Springfield accounts for about ¼ of our annual operating budget. Rental income, grants and private donations comprise the remainder of crucial funds needed to sustain our ongoing work to meet the basic needs of our most at-risk residents.

In 2021, Springfield Family Center will be celebrating 50 years of operation during which time we assisted scores of struggling individuals and families facing significant economic hardships. This could not have happened without your help. The Springfield Family Center's food shelf and daily hot meal provide sustenance and nutrition to those who would otherwise go hungry. This past fiscal year, there were approximately 2,276 household visits to the food shelf which served 4,337 people cumulatively across our catchment areas. 14,337 hot meals were also served to community members facing adversity. Additionally, our day shelter and on-site showers and laundry facilities offer warmth and hygiene to those who have been exposed to harsh weather and social inequity. We continue to partner with other social service agencies that help guide people in mapping out their personal paths toward independence and self-sufficiency. Together, these multi-faceted offerings make us a unique and comprehensive hub for emergency provisions and help us to empower our neighbors to live with independence and dignity.

Unfortunately, the number of people struggling with food insecurity is rapidly increasing in our communities. As a nation, we are now faced with unprecedented times and swiftly changing situations that come with the COVID-19 virus. Unexpected layoffs and unpaid time off have impacted many in a significant way. Food shelves and community meal programs have become critical resources for people who suddenly find themselves out of work. Charitable food organizations are working harder than ever to sustain operations as they attempt to meet increased demands.

The Springfield Family Center has experienced a significant surge in the number of local citizens who are needing to access our food shelf and daily meals. During the first six months of the pandemic (March-September), the Springfield Family Center distributed 1,145 food boxes serving 2,578 people cumulatively across our catchment areas and also provided 21,407 community meals. These numbers do not include the quantities of fresh foods we have distributed such as: produce, dairy, eggs and bread. These numbers alone have surpassed what we typically provide during an entire fiscal year. The Springfield Family Center continues to work tirelessly on food drives, fundraising efforts and local outreach, in addition to collaborating with established partnerships with regional food shelves. Despite these efforts, we struggle to fully accommodate the number of food insecure visitors we see each day. Now, more than ever, the support we receive from generous folks like you is imperative to helping us carry out our important mission to our community.

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MEALS & WHEELS OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD, INC.

During the past fiscal year, October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020, Meals & Wheels served over 40,000 meals to seniors living in the greater Springfield area and at our congregate meal site for part of that year. Due to the Corona Virus, we have been forced to close our Congregate Lunch but we are still doing our part to help seniors “age in place” and keep them safe, while they do.

Beyond meeting the nutritional needs of seniors, another important role of our program is to provide a safety net. For many, the delivery volunteer may be the only contact they have for the day. Our volunteers report back about any concerns they have with the people they deliver to. At Meals & Wheels, we do our part in providing a safety net for many isolated seniors in our community.

With the Corona Virus gripping the nation, we’ve had to make changes in how we deliver the meals while still providing important personal contact but even with these changes, we are able to provide daily safety checks and healthy, nutritious meals.

All this work was done with the help of 3 employees and over 30 volunteers. We strongly believe that our program gives back to our volunteers, as much as they give to the program. We provide an opportunity to be a part of a vital service and a chance for volunteers to connect with others and to become part of the community. And for the people we serve, seeing one of our friendly volunteers can be the highlight of their day.

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WINDSOR COUNTY MENTORS

For nearly 50 years, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and supporting mentoring relationships between caring adults and youth to help them thrive. By doing so, we create opportunities for the youth of Windsor County to realize their potential as healthy, responsible decision-makers. Mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community.

WCM offers both school- and community-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

In FY 2020, WCM served and supported 42 school- and community-based mentorships, with children from 16 towns (including 8 mentorships in Springfield). Collectively, these mentors volunteered over 1900 hours. Our mentees were distributed among 16 Windsor County public schools.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

- Mentors (96%) would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- Mentee parents (100%) said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- Mentees (82%) reported having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

WCM employs three regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.wcmentors.org, or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Springfield for their support for the children of Windsor County.

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COMMUNITY BAND

In what was to be the Springfield Community Band’s 75th year of making music in town, we were faced with a difficult decision of public safety due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Due to the restrictions on group gathering sizes, we chose not to perform the 8 concerts in Springfield in the hope of keeping safe. We look forward to coming back in the Spring of 2021.

The community band plays a variety of music: from marches to movie themes, classical to swing and jazz, from whimsical to serious; there’s something for everyone. Our members range in age from teens to senior citizens: high school students, current and former band directors, and former band students. We are made up completely of volunteers who share a desire to play their instruments in an organized concert band type setting.

In recent years, the band has seen growth in both membership participation and in the size of the audience. It has been wonderful seeing so much enthusiasm from band members and audience members.

The Springfield Community Band is open to all musicians from Springfield and the surrounding area. Anyone interested in joining the band can contact: info@springfieldcommunityband.com. We do not hold auditions: we are a community band and welcome anyone with the desire to play their instrument.

We thank the Town of Springfield for their many years of continued support.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

Green Mountain RSVP (GMRSVP), an AmeriCorps Seniors program, is for people age 55 and older who want to volunteer in their community. We help local non-profit organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet community needs. Your town's funds help us to continue to support and develop programs for seniors who wish to volunteer. Our staff and administrative costs are covered by federal funds from the AmeriCorps Seniors Program.

30 GMRSVP Volunteers lived in Springfield and 36 served the community

- 22 volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to over 100 people in Springfield and surrounding towns. They continue to deliver during the pandemic with a minimal contact delivery system.
- 6 volunteers with the Springfield Santa Claus Club serving over 200 children and 160 residents at the rehab facility, senior housing and private homes.
- 3 volunteers at Springfield Hospital and Adult Day assisted visitors and read to Adult Day participants.
- 2 volunteers in the first grade at Elm Hill supported academic and social skills development.
- 1 volunteer Bone Builder leader at the Maples Senior Housing led a class of 5 twice per week.
- 1 volunteer Tai Chi Instructor met at the Great Hall at the Springfield Health Center with an average class size of 15. This group is currently meeting outside at a local park once a week.
- 1 volunteer driver for VABVI

We hosted the popular yearly Thanksgiving Luncheon for Veterans at the Senior Center last November. We have more active involvement with the SASH program now and 6 volunteers help with the monthly food drop at all three senior housing sites. 4 volunteers are now in companionship programs with Senior Solutions, addressing social isolation. We are planning a collaboration with the Art Gym for senior activities.

During the current and unprecedented times, GMRSVP has not seen any increases in funding through any of the stimulus packages provided by the federal or state entities. Our program did not meet the criteria or apply for any of the other funding opportunities. 38% of our volunteers continue to serve during COVID-19 and we are pivoting our programming to continue to serve the community, focusing on addressing social isolation, wellness, and food insecurity. We look forward to all our volunteers returning to service once deemed safe to.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Corey Mitchell in our Windsor County office at (802)674-4547 to learn how you can volunteer in Springfield.

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We thank you again for Springfield's contribution last year of \$12,500. As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The MOOver Rockingham relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds and provide operating support and the required match for our new vehicles. Springfield has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The MOOver Rockingham mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns we serve. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled non-emergency medical transportation services through our fleet of 23 buses, vans, and a network of 15 volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

The MOOver Rockingham's total operating expenses last year were \$2,625,578. We provided 137,859 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 571,129 miles over 28,299 hours.

Springfield's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

In Springfield we provide fixed route transportation along with van and volunteer services for the elderly and disabled. We provided 20,914 rides at a cost of \$356,219 in FY20. We are requesting a \$12,500 contribution from the Town of Springfield this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The MOOver Rockingham may improve service in your community.

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SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Springfield and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Springfield or in our region.

This is a summary of services provided to Springfield residents in the last year (07-01-19 through 06-30-20).

Information and Assistance: 652 Calls and Office Visits. Our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 866-673-8376 toll-free) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also on our web site at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Medicare Assistance: 127 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, "boot camps" for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 135 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance for 1,394.50 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 112 Springfield seniors received 19,419 home-delivered meals through Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield Inc. We also supported community meals available to Springfield residents through Meals and Wheels of Greater Springfield Inc. and other meal sites in our region. Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that are provided to local agencies to help operate senior meals programs, and provides food safety and quality monitoring and oversight. Unfortunately, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local agencies must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use Town funds to support the senior meals program or benefit from any funds given by the Town to support local Meals on Wheels. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases.

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for seniors that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Volunteer Visitors: Senior Solutions recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers of all ages who visit with isolated older adults and veterans and assist with shopping and chores. 23 Springfield residents received services from a volunteer.

Special Assistance: Senior Solutions provides flexible funds that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Other Services: Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Springfield.

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SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Community Solar Program, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Springfield we have provided the following services during FY2020:

Weatherization: 12 homes (25 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$207,066

Emergency Heating System Replacements: 18 homes (32 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$58,972

Emergency Home Repair: 2 homes (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$21,505

Head Start: 34 families (137 people) received comprehensive early education and family support services with a total value of \$553,350

VT Matched Savings: 3 households (8 people) earned matched savings of \$6,000, received \$2,201, and received financial literacy education services valued at \$4,520

Micro-Business Development: 2 households (8 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$4,080

Ready-for-Work: 4 households (12 people) received job readiness education & support valued at \$3,256

Tax Preparation: 31 households (31 people) received tax credits, refunds and services totaling \$84,859

Family Services: 185 households (371 people) received 970 services valued at \$8,325 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 114 households (229 people) received 450 assists valued at \$146,864

Housing Assistance: 37 households (79 people) received 112 assists valued at \$58,740

Solar Energy Program: 13 households (33 people) received solar energy credits on their electric bills to reduce their energy burden, totaling \$4,199

Thrift Store Vouchers: 60 households (107 people) received goods & services valued at \$5,457

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Springfield for their support.

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TURNING POINT RECOVERY CENTER

The purpose of the Springfield Turning Point Recovery Center is to enhance the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth of our community affected by any form of addiction. The Center seeks to facilitate recovery of individuals and their families in the Springfield area by providing a volunteer/staff drop-in center, a meeting location, substance free social functions, recovery coaching services, transitional housing, and prevention and resource center.

Turning Point Recovery Center would like to thank the Springfield voters for allowing our services to continue and improve our programs with the money we received from our community of \$9,000. With this money, Turning Point Recovery Center has been able to provide more recovery services to individuals within the Springfield community, by extending financial resources for our transitional housing program, bridging the gap from inpatient treatment programs to recovery, as well as our fundraising events to provide awareness on addiction and recovery.

Our transitional house, which houses seven guests, had been mostly full even with COVID. With the money the town approved for us to receive, Turning Point Recovery Center has

been able to provide services for these guests to help achieve and maintain sobriety. As hard as the journey to recovery is for these guests, Turning Point Recovery Center has been able to offer much more needed support with transportation, court, services, as well as employment services and access to other resources in our community. Of the 16 guests last year 13 are still connected to recovery, one unknown and two relapsed with unknown situations currently. That's an 81.25% success rate!

Turning Point Recovery Center, staff and volunteers, would like to publicly thank the town of Springfield, Vermont, and its voters for allowing us to update and advocate for the addiction/recovery community. Recovery is possible, with the help of the peer to peer support movement. The services we provide can help save a life.

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WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 125 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,163 people** (711 women, 34 men, and 418 children) who had been abused. These figures include 109 survivors and 62 children from Springfield. In addition, we provided 24 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 650 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

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WINDSOR COUNTY REPORT

With the advent of the pandemic in March of 2020, the County cut back its operations and took a very conservative approach to spending. Therefore, expenses during March, April, May and June, 2020, the last four months of the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year, were for the most part under budget, and the County's costs went down.

Because of these savings were able to lower the tax burden on Windsor County's 24 towns for the upcoming fiscal year. The amount of money that will be billed to the town for property taxes will decrease 3% from \$455,361 to \$441,319.

Additionally, we were able to increase our Operating Reserve and Capital Reserve accounts. The additional Capital Reserve funds will be used for Covid related improvements to the Court House in Woodstock and for two upcoming projects at the County Building in Woodstock - a new membrane roof for the cell block and the replacement of a very old boiler.

Honorable Jack Anderson

Honorable Elle Terie

Honorable Frederick M. Glover

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SPRINGFIELD ART & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

First and foremost, we want to thank the Springfield voters. Your continued support allows us to preserve our town's fascinating 300-year history.

Our \$9,500 Funding Request covers a little less than one-half of our annual expenses. We raise the remainder through memberships, donations, grants, and our historical calendar sale and yard sale. The Society is staffed completely by volunteers, so every penny received is used to preserve and promote Springfield's history.

We welcome visitors and there is no charge. Our museum is handicap accessible and there is plenty of parking. In a normal year we hold seven free programs annually usually on the third Saturday of the month. This year Covid-19 restricted our 2020 schedule. From mid-March to July we were not able to open the Society and have not been able to hold any of our scheduled programs; we will try to reschedule them all as soon as we are able. However we are open now, year round, Saturdays, 1-4 PM.

COVID-19 has not slowed the flow of historical donations and requests for information. All of these items and requests help us to learn more about the town and its people. We continue to work on our local history and genealogy libraries as well as a SHS yearbook collection. We now have a complete list of SHS graduates from 1862 to 2020.

Work continues on the Bernie Lashua negatives. As you can see by the picture we had many boxes lined up for the initial sort. So far we have purchased an additional 2,000 archival negative envelopes and 18 archival storage boxes. We have nine archival boxes filled with just photos of individuals and family groups. We expect to have about 30 such boxes before we are done. Once they are organized, they will be entered on a searchable spreadsheet which will be a valuable resource for local family research. Lately we have been sharing photos from the collection with the public via the Springfield Reporter "Picture of the Week" and in the Society's 2021 historic calendar. The Dairy Queen and A & W Drive-in Restaurant photos have been of particular interest.

Once again, thank you

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HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windham and Windsor counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services programs.

During FY20, HCRS provided 43,220 hours of services to 621 residents of the Town of Springfield. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Springfield.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1, 2021 – Monday evening Town Meeting informational public hearing at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

March 2, 2021 – Town Meeting Australian Ballot Voting at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium – Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2021 – Dogs must be licensed

April 30, 2021 – Third water/sewer installment due 20/21 year

May 15, 2021 – Final property tax installment due 20/21 tax year

June 30, 2021 – Fourth water/sewer installment due 20/21 year

August 15, 2021 – First property tax installment due 21/22 year

October 31, 2021 – First water/sewer installment due 21/22 year

November 15, 2021 – Second property tax installment due 21/22 year

December 31, 2021 – Second water/sewer installment due 21/22 year

February 15, 2022 – Third property tax installment due 21/22 year

April 30, 2022 – Third water/sewer installment due 21/22 year

May 15, 2022 – Final property tax installment due 21/22 tax year

June 30, 2022 – Fourth water/sewer installment due 21/22 year

**Statement of Taxes
Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

	Assessed Value	Grand List (1% of Assessed)	Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed and Billed
Real Estate	\$537,027,031	\$5,370,270	2.0305	\$10,904,334
Machinery & Equipment	\$13,557,428	\$135,574	2.0305	\$275,284
Total Town Taxes				\$11,179,617
Education		\$5,326,414		<u>\$9,178,583</u>
TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:				\$20,358,200

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Current year taxes collected	\$19,708,156
Current year taxes delinquent June 30, 2020	<u>\$650,045</u>
	\$20,358,200

DELINQUENT TAX COMPARISON CHART

Tax Year	Due as of 6/30/2020	Due as of 6/30/2019	Due as of 6/30/2018	Due as of 6/30/2017
2011	\$285	\$285	\$285	\$282
2012	\$1,932	\$1,932	\$1,932	\$1,932
2013	\$2,486	\$2,486	\$3,681	\$4,088
2014	\$5,705	\$5,705	\$5,705	\$5,705
2015	\$6,731	\$6,731	\$6,882	\$10,115
2016	\$5,136	\$5,357	\$8,339	\$80,867
2017	\$6,899	\$11,078	\$73,614	\$438,957
2018	\$8,105	\$158,103	\$543,760	-
2019	\$89,575	\$537,291	-	-
2020	\$522,908	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$649,762	\$728,967	\$644,198	\$541,946

**2019-2020
BUDGET TO ACTUALS AT A GLANCE**

REVENUE BUDGETED:		\$12,837,757
REVENUE RECEIVED:		<u>\$13,487,052</u>
	VARIANCE:	<u>\$649,295</u>
EXPENDITURES BUDGETED:		\$12,837,757
EXPENDITURES PAID:		<u>\$12,401,898</u>
	VARIANCE:	<u>-\$435,859</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:		<u>\$1,085,154</u>

TAX ANALYSIS PER HUNDRED ASSESSED TAX DOLLARS

	HOMESTEAD 20-21	NON- RESIDENTIAL 20-21	HOMESTEAD 19-20	NON- RESIDENTIAL 19-20	HOMESTEAD 18-19	NON- RESIDENTIAL 18-19
SCHOOL	\$1.7704	\$1.6629	\$1.7453	\$1.6060	\$1.7321	\$1.6604
TOWN & HIGHWAY	\$1.8250	\$1.8250	\$1.7579	\$1.7579	\$1.7615	\$1.7615
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$0.1891	\$0.1891	\$0.1649	\$0.1649	\$0.1478	\$0.1478
VOTED CONTRACTS	\$0.0091	\$0.0091	\$0.0088	\$0.0088	\$0.0086	\$0.0086
COUNTY TAX	<u>\$0.0074</u>	<u>\$0.0074</u>	<u>\$0.0073</u>	<u>\$0.0073</u>	<u>\$0.0078</u>	<u>\$0.0078</u>
	\$3.8010	\$3.6935	\$3.6843	\$3.5450	\$3.6578	\$3.5861

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

	PARKER	CEMETERY	LIBRARY	CAMPBELL	WOOLSON	STETSON	EUREKA	IMPROVE FUND	HUMANE SOCIETY	TOTAL
6/30/2019 INVESTMENT	\$340,225	\$682,838	\$364,474	\$20,769	\$45,333	\$15,795	\$21,298	\$58,089	\$323,847	\$1,872,668
6/30/2019 CHECKING	\$1,308	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,308
6/30/2019 TOTAL BY FUND	\$341,533	\$682,838	\$364,474	\$20,769	\$45,333	\$15,795	\$21,298	\$58,089	\$323,847	\$1,873,976

19/20 REVENUE	\$7,583	\$15,215	\$8,093	\$463	\$1,011	\$335	\$475	\$1,295	\$7,094	\$41,566
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19/20 EXPENSES

MISCELLANEOUS	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$497	\$0	\$0	\$5,163	\$9,860
POSTAGE	\$39	\$79	\$42	\$2	\$5	\$2	\$2	\$7	\$37	\$215
INVESTMENT FEES	\$2,077	\$4,165	\$2,215	\$127	\$277	\$92	\$130	\$355	\$1,938	\$11,376
OPERATING TRANSFERS	\$0	\$11,648	\$6,201	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,849
TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	\$6,316	\$15,892	\$8,458	\$129	\$282	\$591	\$132	\$362	\$7,138	\$39,300

19/20 NET OPERATING	\$1,267	-\$677	-\$365	\$334	\$729	-\$256	\$343	\$933	-\$44	\$2,264
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19/20 NON OPERATING

GAIN/LOSS ON SALE	\$4,770	\$9,577	\$5,092	\$291	\$635	\$207	\$298	\$814	\$4,472	\$26,157
CAP GAIN DISTIBS	\$9,139	\$18,355	\$9,759	\$557	\$1,217	\$397	\$572	\$1,559	\$8,574	\$50,129
PRINCIPAL RECEIPTS	\$0	\$3,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44	\$3,644
PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$1,503	\$0	\$0	-\$13,796	-\$15,299
TRUSTEES FEES	-\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$450
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS	-\$4,150	-\$8,715	-\$4,638	-\$248	-\$540	-\$170	-\$254	-\$692	-\$4,284	-\$23,691
TOTAL NON OPER EXPS	\$9,309	\$22,817	\$10,213	\$600	\$1,312	-\$1,069	\$616	\$1,681	-\$4,990	\$40,490

NET NON OPERATING	\$10,576	\$22,140	\$9,848	\$934	\$2,041	-\$1,325	\$959	\$2,614	-\$5,034	\$42,754
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6/30/2020 INVESTMENT ACCT	\$348,621	\$704,978	\$374,322	\$21,703	\$47,374	\$14,470	\$22,257	\$60,703	\$318,813	\$1,913,241
6/30/2020 CHECKING	\$3,488	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,488
6/30/2020 BALANCE	\$352,109	\$704,978	\$374,322	\$21,703	\$47,374	\$14,470	\$22,257	\$60,703	\$318,813	\$1,916,729

SUMMARY SELECTBOARD'S PROPOSED BUDGET

FISCAL 2021-2022

OPERATING BUDGETS	18-19 EXPENDED	19-20 EXPENDED	20-21 BUDGET	21-22 BUDGET	DIFF FROM 20-21
ADMIN	\$1,334,667	\$952,949	\$992,140	\$1,046,505	\$54,365
FIRE/AMB	\$1,537,866	\$1,503,780	\$1,723,520	\$1,691,800	-\$31,720
FIXED	\$3,265,222	\$3,556,014	\$3,664,077	\$3,720,725	\$56,648
LIBRARY	\$482,847	\$477,926	\$550,256	\$552,086	\$1,830
PARKS & REC	\$340,433	\$312,234	\$377,735	\$395,253	\$17,518
POLICE	\$1,975,274	\$1,823,815	\$2,115,500	\$2,084,557	-\$30,943
PUB WKS	\$2,743,837	\$2,693,484	\$2,980,049	\$3,151,720	\$171,671
REIMB SVCS	\$169,269	\$153,400	\$153,000	\$141,000	-\$12,000
SENIOR CTR	\$48,824	\$51,671	\$56,127	\$61,768	\$5,641
TOTAL OPERATING	\$11,898,238	\$11,525,273	\$12,612,404	\$12,845,413	\$233,009

BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL 2021-2022					
	19-20	20-21	21-22	\$ DIFFER	% DIFFER
OPERATING BUDGET	\$11,877,207	\$12,612,404	\$12,845,413	\$233,009	1.85%
REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES	\$2,188,550	\$2,587,018	\$2,768,318	\$181,300	7.01%
TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$9,688,657	\$10,025,386	\$10,077,095	\$51,709	0.52%

BUDGETED REVENUES
(OTHER THAN TAXES)
FISCAL 2021-2022

	<u>21-22</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>18-19</u>
GENERAL	\$1,072,875	\$870,875	\$868,500	\$822,500
TOWN CLERK	\$102,300	\$85,700	\$84,600	\$85,050
POLICE	\$37,050	\$47,850	\$48,150	\$50,150
FIRE/AMBULANCE	\$862,343	\$885,543	\$485,300	\$403,100
PUBLIC WORKS	\$646,000	\$646,000	\$663,500	\$577,500
PARKS & RECREATION	\$8,000	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
LIBRARY	\$9,500	\$10,250	\$10,500	\$11,750
ZONING	\$15,250			
REIMBURSEMENTS & OTHER	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$35,300</u>	<u>\$23,000</u>	<u>\$50,600</u>
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,768,318	\$2,587,018	\$2,188,550	\$2,005,650

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

THE TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE JULY 1, 2021–JUNE 30, 2022 FISCAL YEAR IS:

FIRST QUARTER: AUGUST 15, 2021

SECOND QUARTER: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

THIRD QUARTER: FEBRUARY 15, 2022

FOURTH QUARTER: MAY 15, 2022

ANY PAYMENT NOT RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 1% INTEREST CHARGE. ANY 2021-2022 TAX BALANCE UNPAID AFTER MAY 15, 2022 WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY OF 8%.

SECURE MAIL SLOTS ARE LOCATED IN THE GROUND FLOOR WHITE DOOR AND IN THE SECOND FLOOR BROWN DOOR AT THE TOP OF THE OUTSIDE STAIRS.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE ON-LINE AT THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD'S WEBSITE:
www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
JUNE 30, 2020

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS

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Krogh-Wisner, P.C.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Selectboard
Town of Springfield, Vermont

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Springfield, Vermont (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

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, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Springfield, Vermont as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedules 1 and 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board 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's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 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. Such 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. In our opinion, the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 5, 2021 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting; on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and on other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Montpelier, Vermont
February 5, 2021

Mudgett Jennett &
Krogh-Wisner, P.C.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2020

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Town of Springfield's (the Town) financial performance including an overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Readers should consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements which are located after this analysis. This discussion and analysis provide comparisons between FY 2020 and FY 2019.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Government-wide Highlights

The Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2020 by \$34,888,925 compared to \$35,384,811, at June 30, 2019. This represents a decrease of \$495,886, compared to a decrease of \$183,701 for fiscal year 2019.

Fund Highlights

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$10,206,940, an increase of \$1,058,620 in comparison with an increase of \$736,400 for the prior year. Of the total fund balance, \$7,532,636 represents amounts restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes, such as reserves and encumbrances approved by management, and \$624,159 is nonspendable, leaving an unassigned balance of \$2,050,145.

Long-term Debt

The Town's long-term debt decreased \$864,841 during the fiscal year and had a total ending balance of \$14,159,922. The Town has a capital lease with an ending balance of \$6,656 at June 30, 2020, compared to an ending balance of \$12,877, at June 30, 2019.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Town's financial statements consist of five sections: 1) Independent Auditor's Report, 2) Management's Discussion and Analysis, 3) Basic Financial Statements, 4) Supplementary Schedules and 5) Compliance Reports.

- **Independent Auditor's Report** - This is a description by the auditors of the scope of their work and their official opinion of the financial statements of the Town for the 2020 fiscal year.
- **Management's Discussion and Analysis** - An introduction to the basic financial statements that is intended to be an easily read analysis of the Town's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions.
- **Basic Financial Statements** - This section of the report includes government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements.
- **Supplementary Schedules** - This section of the report includes schedules 1 and 2, which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). These schedules contain required historical pension information for the Town's portion of VMERS.
- **Compliance Reports** - This section includes the auditor's report on the Town's internal controls over financial reporting and on compliance with a description of their findings. Internal controls deal with the Town's processes and procedures that ensure our financial statements are accurate and that Town assets are being safeguarded in a reasonable fashion.

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town's financial position, which helps readers determine whether the Town's financial position has improved or deteriorated during the fiscal year. These statements include all non-fiduciary financial activity on the full accrual basis of accounting. This means that all revenues and expenditures are reflected in the financial statements even if the related cash has not been received or paid as of June 30.

- **Statement of Net Position** - This statement presents information on all of the Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources and its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may indicate whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.
- **Statement of Activities** - This statement presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

The government-wide financial statements have separate columns for governmental activities and business-type activities. The Town's activities are classified as follows:

- **Governmental Activities** - Activities reported here include general government, police, fire and ambulance, public works, parks and recreation, senior citizens, library, special appropriations, education, and interest on debt. Property taxes and federal, state and local revenues finance these activities.
- **Business-type Activities** - Activities reported here include the water and sewer, and solid waste activities.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All the Town's funds are categorized as governmental, proprietary or fiduciary.

- **Governmental Funds** - The basic services provided by the Town are reported in the governmental funds. These statements provide a detailed, short-term view of the functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the full accrual basis of accounting, but the governmental fund financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. This allows the reader to focus on assets that can be readily converted to cash and determine whether there are adequate resources to meet the Town's current needs.
- **The Town reports three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund statements for the General and Special Revenue Funds which are considered major funds. Data from the other governmental fund, the Permanent Fund, is also presented, as it is the only nonmajor governmental fund.**
- **Proprietary Funds** - Proprietary funds report activities that operate more like those of private-sector business and use the full accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary funds are reported as business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements. Since proprietary funds use accrual basis accounting, there are no differences between amounts reported on the government-wide statements and the proprietary fund statements. The Town uses proprietary funds to account for its Water and Sewer, and Solid Waste Funds.

- **Fiduciary Funds** - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of other parties. Fiduciary activity is not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's fiduciary fund is the Trustees of Public Funds Fund.

Reconciliation of Government-wide Financial Statements to Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements and the governmental funds of the fund financial statements do not use the same accounting basis and measurement focus. Because the focus of governmental funds is more limited than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. This comparison can help readers better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on the page immediately following each governmental fund financial statement.

The following indicates some of the reporting differences between the government-wide financial statements and the governmental funds financial statements.

- Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported on governmental fund statements.
- Long-term liabilities, unless due and payable, are not included in the fund financial statements. These liabilities are only included in the government-wide statements. Long-term liabilities include long-term debt and accrued compensated absences. Proceeds from long-term liabilities provide current financial resources on the fund financial statements.
- Property taxes not available to pay current period expenditures are deferred in governmental fund statements, but not deferred on the government-wide statements.
- Deferred inflows of resources relating to deferred pension credits, deferred outflows of resources relating to deferred pension expense, and net pension asset or liability are reported on the government-wide statements, but are excluded from the fund financial statements.
- Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on the government-wide statements but is reported as expenditures in the fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$34,888,925 at year end. Net position decreased by \$495,866 from the previous fiscal year.

	TABLE 1 Net Position			
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Assets	\$ 27,837,528	\$ 28,071,234	\$ 25,989,420	\$ 25,433,434
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,247,959	1,126,673	154,242	139,252
Liabilities, as restated	(5,267,758)	(5,754,186)	(14,312,256)	(13,718,772)
Deferred Inflows of Resources	(250,262)	(391,116)	(14,062)	(17,594)
Net Position, as restated	\$ 23,567,467	\$ 23,052,606	\$ 11,817,344	\$ 11,836,320
			\$ 35,384,811	\$ 34,888,925

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The larger portion of the Town's net position, \$27,177,353 and \$27,998,476 in 2020 and 2019, respectively, reflects its net investment in capital assets less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. These assets are recorded net of depreciation in the financial statements. The Town uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; therefore, those assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. The remaining portion of the Town's net position, \$7,711,572 and \$7,386,335, in 2020 and 2019, respectively, represents restricted and unrestricted net position.

The following condensed financial information was derived from the Government-wide Statement of Activities and provides detail regarding the change in net position.

	TABLE 2 Change in Net Position					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
REVENUES						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ 1,238,782	\$ 1,397,989	\$ 2,965,516	\$ 2,893,698	\$ 4,204,298	\$ 4,291,687
Grants and Contributions	561,588	1,557,900	385,156	-	946,744	1,557,900
Other	77,769	382,190	-	21,120	77,769	403,310
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	18,790,434	19,014,421	-	-	18,790,434	19,014,421
Investment Earnings	238,125	219,414	25	24	238,150	219,438
Total Revenues	20,906,698	22,571,914	3,350,697	2,914,842	24,257,395	25,486,756
PROGRAM EXPENSES						
General government	4,866,815	6,751,790	-	-	4,866,815	6,751,790
Police	2,066,745	1,886,839	-	-	2,066,745	1,886,839
Fire and ambulance	1,396,941	1,441,392	-	-	1,396,941	1,441,392
Public Works	3,578,474	3,348,365	-	-	3,578,474	3,348,365
Parks and recreation	372,524	359,623	-	-	372,524	359,623
Senior citizens	48,824	51,671	-	-	48,824	51,671
Library	492,091	493,541	-	-	492,091	493,541
Special appropriations	832,980	876,625	-	-	832,980	876,625
Education	7,308,109	7,387,126	-	-	7,308,109	7,387,126
Water and Sewer	-	-	3,091,193	3,077,677	3,091,193	3,077,677
Solid Waste	49,512	39,804	10,000	-	10,000	-
Interest	-	-	326,888	268,189	376,400	307,993
Total Program Expenses	21,013,015	22,636,776	3,428,081	3,345,866	24,441,096	25,982,642
Transfers In (Out)	(450,000)	(450,000)	450,000	450,000	-	-
Increase (decrease) in Net Position	\$ (556,317)	\$ (514,862)	\$ 372,616	\$ 18,976	\$ (183,701)	\$ (495,886)

Total governmental activities expenses were \$21,013,015 and \$22,636,776 in fiscal years 2019 and 2020, respectively. The expenses do not include capital outlay, which is reflected as capital asset additions in the government-wide financial statements.

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Program revenues are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the reporting government's taxpayers or citizenry. They reduce the net cost of the function to be financed from the government's general revenues. Total program revenues from governmental activities were \$1,878,139 in 2019 and \$3,338,079 in 2020. Governmental activities program revenues from charges for services include licenses and permits, planning fees, forfeitures, sale of supplies and several other revenues. Program revenues in the grants and contributions category include federal, state and local grants, and local contributions that are restricted for program use.

General revenues are all other revenues not categorized as program revenues and include property taxes and investment earnings. Total general revenues from governmental activities were \$19,028,559 in fiscal 2019 and \$19,233,835 in fiscal 2020.

Fund Financial Statements

- **Governmental Funds** - The combined fund balance of the governmental funds was \$9,148,320, as restated at June 30, 2019 and \$10,206,940 and June 30, 2020, \$7,532,636 of the FY 2020 fund balance is restricted, committed or assigned; \$624,159 is nonspendable, leaving a remaining unassigned balance of \$2,050,145. The fund balance of the General Fund increased from \$2,497,568, as restated, in FY 2019 to \$3,758,723 in 2020.

Revenues and expenditures in the General Fund vary from their operating budgets, as shown on the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual - General Fund. Management has reviewed these variances and finds them to be acceptable. The overall budgetary variance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 was a positive \$1,261,155. Revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$684,505. Expenditures were less than budgeted amounts by \$566,717.

- **Proprietary Funds** - The Town's proprietary funds provide the same information found in the government-wide financial statements. Total net position of the Town's proprietary funds at June 30, 2020 was \$11,836,320, an increase of \$18,976 over the previous fiscal year, as restated.

Capital Assets

The following is a schedule of capital assets as of June 30, 2019 and 2020.

	2019	2020	2019	2020
Land	\$ 360,612	\$ 360,612	\$ 281,434	\$ 281,434
Infrastructure	19,065,407	19,065,407	26,565,167	26,565,167
Machinery and equipment	9,068,234	9,481,894	1,076,158	1,090,058
Buildings and improvements	4,189,485	4,240,406	18,584,251	18,605,971
Total Capital Assets	32,683,738	33,148,319	46,507,010	46,542,630
Less Accumulated Depreciation	15,673,980	17,074,907	20,480,652	21,272,111
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 17,009,758	\$ 16,073,412	\$ 26,026,358	\$ 25,270,519

The Town has an investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, of \$43,036,116 and \$41,343,931 on June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020, respectively. The net decrease (including additions and deductions) between the two periods amounted to \$1,692,185.

Debt

The following is a schedule of long-term debt as of June 30, 2019 and 2020.

	2019	2020
Governmental activities -		
EPA loan	\$ 213,926	\$ 185,891
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank		
2015 Series 5	1,100,000	990,000
Total governmental activities	\$ 1,313,926	\$ 1,175,891
Business-type activities -		
USDA - Rural Development		
USDA-91-06	\$ 1,649,256	\$ 1,599,641
USDA-92-04	1,149,382	1,091,515
USDA-92-10	95,237	91,096
USDA-92-12	328,497	314,213
USDA-92-14	303,637	290,432
USDA-92-15	456,701	440,425
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank		
2014 Series 3	2,240,000	2,100,000
ARI-002	403,371	372,343
AR3-028	440,606	403,889
RF1-019	183,126	137,345
RF1-055	311,566	259,637
RF1-089	149,145	134,231
RF1-130	34,816	32,138
RF3-172	231,897	225,638
RF1-184	220,602	220,602
RF1-203	1,156,667	1,156,667
RF3-034	61,917	41,884
RF3-060	868,365	785,329
RF3-240	2,874,426	2,771,250
RF3-312-1	453,223	437,036
WPL-258	98,400	78,720
Total business-type activities	\$ 13,710,837	\$ 12,984,031

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town had \$1,175,891 in long-term debt outstanding in governmental activities compared to \$1,313,926 in the prior year. For the business-type activities, long-term debt outstanding was \$12,984,031 compared to \$13,710,837 in the prior year. Total long-term debt decreased by \$864,841.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of its citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors. Questions concerning any of the information provided in the report should be addressed to the Town of Springfield, 96 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020
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ASSETS:	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Current assets -			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,191,465	\$ 269,171	\$ 4,460,636
Investments	2,358,483	-	2,358,483
Delinquent property taxes	778,427	-	778,427
Accounts receivable, net	509,814	1,200,714	1,710,528
Grants receivable	182,685	-	182,685
Inventory	-	250,675	250,675
Prepaid expenses	78,229	-	78,229
Due (to) from other activities	2,657,339	(1,557,645)	1,099,694
Total current assets	10,756,442	162,915	10,919,357
Noncurrent assets -			
Notes receivable and accrued interest, net	1,241,380	-	1,241,380
Capital assets	33,148,319	46,542,630	79,690,949
less - accumulated depreciation	(17,074,907)	(21,272,111)	(38,347,018)
Total noncurrent assets	17,314,792	25,270,519	42,585,311
Total assets	28,071,234	25,433,434	53,504,668
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred pension expense	1,126,673	139,252	1,265,925
LIABILITIES:			
Current liabilities -			
Accounts payable	329,807	7,025	336,832
Accrued interest	-	67,332	67,332
Accrued wages	239,721	40,338	280,059
Accrued benefits	436,962	98,296	535,258
Current portion of long-term debt	145,000	772,947	917,947
Total current liabilities	1,151,490	985,938	2,137,428
Noncurrent liabilities -			
Accrued compensated absences	256,278	112,788	369,066
Net pension liability	3,308,871	408,962	3,717,833
Capital lease obligation	6,656	-	6,656
Long-term debt	1,030,891	12,211,084	13,241,975
Total noncurrent liabilities	4,602,696	12,732,834	17,335,530
Total liabilities	5,754,186	13,718,772	19,472,958

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Deferred pension credits	142,349	17,594	159,943
Revenues collected in advance	248,767	-	248,767
Total deferred inflows of resources	391,116	17,594	408,710
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	14,890,865	12,286,488	27,177,353
Restricted	6,573,669	125,766	6,699,435
Unrestricted	1,588,071	(575,934)	1,012,137
Total net position	\$ 23,052,605	\$ 11,836,320	\$ 34,888,925

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Expenses	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Grants and Contributions	Charges for Services	Other		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:								
Governmental activities -								
General government	\$ 6,751,790	\$ 901,385	\$ 332,994	\$ 382,190	\$ (5,135,221)	\$ (5,135,221)	\$ -	\$ (5,135,221)
Police	1,886,839	6,035	43,272	-	(1,837,532)	(1,837,532)	-	(1,837,532)
Fire and ambulance	1,441,392	-	639,568	-	(801,824)	(801,824)	-	(801,824)
Public works	3,348,365	644,721	336,724	-	(2,366,920)	(2,366,920)	-	(2,366,920)
Parks and recreation	359,623	-	40,347	-	(319,276)	(319,276)	-	(319,276)
Senior citizens	51,671	-	-	-	(51,671)	(51,671)	-	(51,671)
Library	493,541	5,759	5,084	-	(482,698)	(482,698)	-	(482,698)
Special appropriations	876,625	-	-	-	(876,625)	(876,625)	-	(876,625)
Education (payment to School District)	7,387,126	-	-	-	(7,387,126)	(7,387,126)	-	(7,387,126)
Interest on debt	39,804	-	-	-	(39,804)	(39,804)	-	(39,804)
Total governmental activities	22,656,776	1,557,900	1,397,989	382,190	(19,298,697)	(19,298,697)	-	(19,298,697)
Business-type activities -								
Water and sewer operations	3,077,677	-	2,893,698	-	(183,979)	(183,979)	-	(183,979)
Solid waste	-	-	-	21,120	21,120	21,120	-	21,120
Interest on debt	268,189	-	-	-	(268,189)	(268,189)	-	(268,189)
Total business-type activities	3,345,866	-	2,893,698	21,120	(431,048)	(431,048)	-	(431,048)
	<u>\$ 25,982,642</u>	<u>\$ 1,557,900</u>	<u>\$ 4,291,687</u>	<u>\$ 403,310</u>	<u>(19,279,745)</u>	<u>(19,279,745)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,279,745)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES		- PROPERTY TAXES				19,014,421	-	19,014,421
		- INVESTMENT INCOME				219,414	24	219,438
TRANSFERS IN (OUT)						(450,000)	-	-
						18,783,835	450,024	19,233,859
						(514,862)	18,976	(495,886)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION						23,567,467	11,817,344	35,384,811
NET POSITION, July 1, 2019, as restated						\$ 23,052,605	\$ 11,836,320	\$ 34,888,925
NET POSITION, June 30, 2020								

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**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020
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	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Fund	Totals Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,336,913	\$ 1,854,552	\$ -	\$ 4,191,465
Investments	-	2,358,483	-	2,358,483
Delinquent property taxes	778,427	-	-	778,427
Accounts receivable, net	509,814	-	-	509,814
Notes receivable, net	-	1,238,083	-	1,238,083
Accrued interest receivable	-	3,297	-	3,297
Grants receivable	-	182,685	-	182,685
Due from other funds	1,836,865	-	1,097,042	2,933,907
Prepaid expenditures	78,229	-	-	78,229
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,540,248</u>	<u>\$ 5,637,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,042</u>	<u>\$ 12,274,390</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITY				
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$ 329,600	\$ 207	\$ -	\$ 329,807
Accrued wages	239,721	-	-	239,721
Accrued benefits	436,962	-	-	436,962
Due to other funds	-	276,568	-	276,568
Total liabilities	<u>1,006,283</u>	<u>276,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,283,058</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:				
Revenues collected in advance	239,617	9,150	-	248,767
Unavailable revenue - taxes and fees	535,625	-	-	535,625
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>775,242</u>	<u>9,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>784,392</u>
FUND EQUITY:				
Fund balances -				
Nonspendable	78,229	-	545,930	624,159
Restricted	283,734	5,351,175	551,112	6,186,021
Committed	387,648	-	-	387,648
Assigned	958,967	-	-	958,967
Unassigned	2,050,145	-	-	2,050,145
Total fund balances	<u>3,758,723</u>	<u>5,351,175</u>	<u>1,097,042</u>	<u>10,206,940</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund equity	<u>\$ 5,540,248</u>	<u>\$ 5,637,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,042</u>	<u>\$ 12,274,390</u>

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION:**

Amount reported on Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - total fund balances	\$ 10,206,940
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position are different because -	
Capital assets used in governmental funds are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in the funds.	
Capital assets	33,148,319
Accumulated depreciation	(17,074,907)
Liabilities not due and payable in the year are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Accrued compensated absences	(256,278)
Capital lease obligation	(6,656)
Long-term debt	(1,175,891)
Deferred taxes are reported in the governmental funds to offset uncollected taxes which are not available financial resources.	
Unavailable revenue - taxes and fees	535,625
Balances related to net position asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Deferred pension expense	1,126,673
Deferred pension credits	(142,349)
Net pension liability	(3,308,871)
Net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Net Position	<u>\$ 23,052,605</u>

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
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	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Fund	Totals Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Property taxes	\$ 19,105,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,105,050
Less payments to School District	(7,387,126)	-	-	(7,387,126)
Intergovernmental revenue	113,136	1,146,624	3,600	1,263,360
Licenses, fees, and permits	332,994	-	-	332,994
Departmental income	1,320,997	68,812	-	1,389,809
Investment income	36,240	103,729	79,445	219,414
Miscellaneous	971	350,944	-	351,915
Total revenues	<u>13,522,262</u>	<u>1,670,109</u>	<u>83,045</u>	<u>15,275,416</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current -				
Finance and administration	960,799	-	-	960,799
Police	1,756,435	96	-	1,756,531
Fire and ambulance	1,289,935	-	-	1,289,935
Public works	2,201,975	-	-	2,201,975
Parks and recreation	297,112	39,635	-	336,747
Senior citizens	51,671	-	-	51,671
Library	471,296	-	-	471,296
Fixed costs	2,752,043	-	-	2,752,043
Miscellaneous	-	625,386	23,309	648,695
Special appropriations	876,625	-	-	876,625
Grant expenditures	-	1,444,309	-	1,444,309
Reimbursable services	153,400	-	-	153,400
Bad debt expenditures	-	23,021	-	23,021
Capital outlay	608,724	-	-	608,724
Debt service - principal	151,221	-	-	151,221
- interest	39,804	-	-	39,804
Total expenditures	<u>11,611,040</u>	<u>2,132,447</u>	<u>23,309</u>	<u>13,766,796</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	1,911,222	(462,338)	59,736	1,508,620
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Interfund transfers in (out), net	(650,067)	200,067	-	(450,000)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,261,155	(262,271)	59,736	1,058,620
FUND BALANCES, July 1, 2019, as restated	2,497,568	5,613,446	1,037,306	9,148,320
FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 3,758,723</u>	<u>\$ 5,351,175</u>	<u>\$ 1,097,042</u>	<u>\$ 10,206,940</u>

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,058,620
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Government-wide Statement of Activities are different because -	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.	
Additions to capital assets, net of dispositions	658,895
Depreciation	(1,595,241)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position.

(Increase) decrease in compensated absences	(43,936)
Principal payments on capital lease	6,221
Proceeds from long-term debt	(6,965)
Principal payments on long-term debt	145,000

Property tax revenue in governmental funds includes deferred revenue of the prior year but excludes deferred revenue of the current year as taxes uncollected within 60 days are unavailable at year end.

Unavailable revenue - taxes and fees	(626,254)
Prior year	535,625
Current year	

Changes in net pension asset or liability and related deferred outflows/inflows of resources will increase or decrease the amounts reported in the government-wide statements, but are only recorded as an expenditure when paid in the governmental funds.

Net (increase) decrease in net pension obligation	(646,827)
Change in net position of governmental activities - Government-wide Statement of Activities	\$ (514,862)

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original and Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES:			
Property taxes	\$ 11,309,207	\$ 11,717,924	\$ 408,717
Intergovernmental	750	113,136	112,386
Licenses, fees, and permits	331,100	332,994	1,894
Public works	637,500	626,245	(11,255)
Police	48,150	43,272	(4,878)
Fire and ambulance	485,300	639,568	154,268
Parks and recreation	5,000	1,810	(3,190)
Library	9,750	10,102	352
Investment income	11,000	36,240	25,240
Miscellaneous	-	971	971
Total revenues	12,837,757	13,522,262	684,505
EXPENDITURES:			
General government -			
Finance and administration	912,191	960,799	48,608
Police	2,078,507	1,816,694	(261,813)
Fire and ambulance	1,251,674	1,322,399	70,725
Public works	2,828,438	2,696,224	(132,214)
Parks and recreation	319,595	312,234	(7,361)
Senior services	53,393	51,671	(1,722)
Library	546,185	477,926	(68,259)
Fixed costs	2,916,224	2,752,043	(164,181)
Reimbursable services	141,000	153,400	12,400
Special appropriations	960,550	876,625	(83,925)
Debt service - principal	115,000	151,221	36,221
- interest	55,000	39,804	(15,196)
Total expenditures	12,177,757	11,611,040	(566,717)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OR (EXPENDITURES)	660,000	1,911,222	1,251,222
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Interfund transfers in (out), net	(660,000)	(650,067)	(9,933)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 1,261,155	\$ 1,261,155

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020
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		Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals Proprietary Funds
ASSETS:				
Current assets -				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 266,228	\$ 2,943	\$ -	269,171
Accounts receivable, net	1,200,714	-	-	1,200,714
Inventory	250,675	-	-	250,675
Due from other funds	-	122,823	-	122,823
Total current assets	1,717,617	125,766	-	1,843,383
Noncurrent assets -				
Capital assets	46,542,630	-	-	46,542,630
less - accumulated depreciation	(21,272,111)	-	-	(21,272,111)
Total noncurrent assets	25,270,519	-	-	25,270,519
Total assets	26,988,136	125,766	-	27,113,902

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS
OF RESOURCES:**

Deferred pension expense	139,252	-	-	139,252
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LIABILITIES:

Current liabilities -				
Accounts payable	7,025	-	-	7,025
Accrued interest	67,332	-	-	67,332
Accrued wages	40,338	-	-	40,338
Accrued benefits	98,296	-	-	98,296
Current portion of long-term debt	772,947	-	-	772,947
Due to other funds	1,680,468	-	-	1,680,468
Total current liabilities	2,666,406	-	-	2,666,406
Noncurrent liabilities -				
Accrued compensated absences	112,788	-	-	112,788
Net pension liability	408,962	-	-	408,962
Long-term debt	12,211,084	-	-	12,211,084
Total noncurrent liabilities	12,732,834	-	-	12,732,834
Total liabilities	15,399,240	-	-	15,399,240

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020
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	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals Proprietary Funds
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred pension credits	17,594	-	17,594
NET POSITION:			
Net investment in capital assets	12,286,488	-	12,286,488
Restricted	-	125,766	125,766
Unrestricted	(575,934)	-	(575,934)
Total net position	\$ 11,710,554	\$ 125,766	\$ 11,836,320

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals Proprietary Funds
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Charges for services	\$ 2,893,698	\$ -	\$ 2,893,698
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Wages	1,233,371	-	1,233,371
Administrative	171,952	-	171,952
Maintenance	182,645	-	182,645
Wastewater	543,957	-	543,957
Dewatering and composting	58,673	-	58,673
Depreciation	881,799	-	881,799
Total operating expenses	3,072,397	-	3,072,397
Operating income (loss)	(178,699)	-	(178,699)
NONOPERATING			
REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Redemption contribution	-	21,120	21,120
Grant expenses	(5,280)	-	(5,280)
Investment income	24	-	24
Interest expense	(268,189)	-	(268,189)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(273,445)	21,120	(252,325)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(452,144)	21,120	(431,024)
Operating transfers in	450,000	-	450,000
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(2,144)	21,120	18,976
NET POSITION, July 1, 2019, as restated	11,712,698	104,646	11,817,344
NET POSITION, June 30, 2020	\$ 11,710,554	\$ 125,766	\$ 11,836,320

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
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	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals Proprietary Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 2,781,350	\$ -	\$ 2,781,350
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(1,012,509)	-	(1,012,509)
Cash paid to employees for services	(1,102,757)	-	(1,102,757)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	666,084	-	666,084
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Grant expenses	(5,280)	-	(5,280)
Purchases of capital assets	(125,960)	-	(125,960)
Waste management district refund	-	21,120	21,120
Change in due to/from other funds	-	(21,120)	-
Principal paid on bonds	(726,806)	-	(726,806)
Interest paid on bonds	(268,189)	-	(268,189)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(1,126,235)	-	(1,126,235)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Transfers in (out)	450,000	-	450,000
Change in due to/from other funds	10,439	-	10,439
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	460,439	-	460,439
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Investment income	24	-	24
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	312	-	312
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, July 1, 2019	265,916	2,943	268,859
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, June 30, 2020	\$ 266,228	\$ 2,943	\$ 269,171

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
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	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals Proprietary Funds
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (178,699)	\$ -	\$ (178,699)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities -			
Depreciation	881,799	-	881,799
(Increase) decrease in -			
Accounts receivable	(112,348)	-	(112,348)
Inventory	(76,512)	-	(76,512)
Increase (decrease) in -			
Accrued interest	15,196	-	15,196
Accrued wages	40,338	-	40,338
Accounts payable	6,034	-	6,034
Net pension liability	79,945	-	79,945
Accrued compensated absences	10,331	-	10,331
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 666,084	\$ -	\$ 666,084

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

	Trustees of Public Funds Fund
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 99,225
Investments	1,820,923
Total assets	1,920,148
LIABILITIES:	
Due to other funds	1,099,694
NET POSITION:	
Restricted	\$ 820,454

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION -
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

		Trustees of Public Funds
		<u>Fund</u>
ADDITIONS:		
Investment income	\$ 18,916	
Contributions	<u>44</u>	
Total additions		<u>18,960</u>
DEDUCTIONS:		
Disbursements	<u>33,761</u>	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		(14,801)
NET POSITION, July 1, 2019		<u>835,255</u>
NET POSITION, June 30, 2020	\$	<u>820,454</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. Summary of significant accounting policies:

The Town of Springfield, Vermont (the Town) is an incorporated municipality operating under "The Comprehensive Revision of the Charter of the Town of Springfield, Vermont" approved by voters May 21, 1985. The Town operates under a Selectboard-Manager form of government. The Town's major operations include police and fire protection, ambulance, public works, library, parks and recreation, community development and general administration services. In addition, the Town owns and operates a water and sewer system.

A. Reporting entity - The Town is a primary unit of government under reporting criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Those criteria include a separately elected governing body, separate legal standing, and fiscal independence from other state and local governmental entities. Based on these criteria, there are no other entities which are component units of the Town.

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing *Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes U.S. GAAP for governmental units.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements - The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the financial position of the Town is consolidated and incorporates capital assets as well as long-term debt and obligations. The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net costs by category. Direct expenses that are clearly identifiable with the category are offset by program revenues of the category. Program revenues include charges for services provided by a particular function or program and grants that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of the particular segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are summarized in a single column.

C. Basis of presentation - The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, fund balances or net position, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

C. Basis of presentation (continued) -

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - This fund accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The Town also reports the Permanent Fund, a nonmajor governmental fund, to account for the financial resources to be used for the support of the Town's libraries and cemeteries.

The Town reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water Fund and Sewer Fund - The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the Town's water and sewer operations.

The Town also reports the Solid Waste Fund, a nonmajor proprietary fund, which consists of residual balances since the fund ceased operations.

The Town also reports fiduciary funds which are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity (trust funds) or as an agent (agency funds) for the benefit of parties outside of the Town. The Town's fiduciary fund is the Trustees of Public Funds Fund, which is a private purpose trust fund.

D. Measurement focus and basis of accounting - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction that can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is made.

The proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. Unbilled service revenue is accrued in the Water and Sewer Fund.

Property taxes are recorded as revenue in the year for which taxes have been levied, provided they are collected within 60 days after year end. Licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received because they are generally not measurable prior to collection. Investment earnings and certain intergovernmental grants are recorded as earned.

Ambulance service revenue is recognized as billed. Accounts receivable for ambulance services are reviewed and adjusted for collectability on a routine basis. Allowances for doubtful accounts are established as considered necessary. The allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2020 was \$70,364.

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**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

E. Budgets and budgetary accounting - The Town approves a budget for the General Fund at an annual Town Meeting. The tax rate is determined by the Selectboard (the Board) based on the education and municipal grant lists and the approved operating budget. The accounting method used for budget presentation is the same method used for the financial presentation of operations under U.S. GAAP. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control during the year for the General Fund. The Town does not legally adopt budgets for other governmental funds. All budgeted amounts lapse at year end.

Encumbrances, for which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to set aside that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as assignments of fund balances for future expenditures since they do not constitute current expenditures or liabilities. Appropriations lapse at year end. Outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2020 totaled \$847,612.

F. Property taxes - Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property owned as of April 1st. Listers establish a grand list of all property and the Board sets the tax rate required to raise the tax revenue authorized by Town and School District voters and the Vermont Agency of Education. Property taxes for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 were payable in four installments due August 15, 2019, November 15, 2019, February 15, 2020 and May 15, 2020.

G. Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and deferred outflows/inflows of resources as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Risk management - The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and others; environmental liability; and natural disasters. The Town manages these risks through participation in public entity risk pools covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. There were no settlements in excess of the insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

I. Cash, cash equivalents and investments - The Town considers all cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition to be cash and cash equivalents. Investments and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the individual fund and government-wide financial statements. Investments of the Town are reported at fair value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, a level 1 input, or quoted prices for similar assets, a level 2 input, which are valuation techniques under the framework established by U.S. GAAP for measuring fair value. The Town does not own investments valued with level 3 inputs in inactive markets, or other methods for estimating fair value.

J. Inventory - Inventory in the Water and Sewer Fund is valued at weighted average cost. Inventory is recorded as an expense when consumed rather than when purchased.

K. Prepaid items - Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

L. Capital assets - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, equipment, vehicles and infrastructure, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year and an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000, or \$25,000 for infrastructure. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The Town does not retroactively report infrastructure assets. The Town began capitalizing newly acquired or constructed general infrastructure assets since the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Net interest costs are capitalized on projects during the construction period. Normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of an asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the useful lives shown below:

Governmental Activities:	
Buildings	40 - 50 years
Improvements	20 - 40 years
Machinery and equipment	7 - 20 years
Police vehicles and ambulances	3 - 5 years
Infrastructure - Roads & Bridges	10 - 20 years
Land improvements	20 - 50 years

Proprietary Fund:

Wellfields, reservoirs, mains and pipe	67 years
Treatment plants and pump stations	40 years
Meters and hydrants	10 - 67 years
Chlorinating and pumping facilities	50 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

M. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources - In addition to assets and liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are reported as separate sections in the applicable statement of net position or balance sheet. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources in the current period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources in the current period.

N. Compensated absences - Vested or accumulated leave is reported as a fund liability of the applicable fund in the governmental and proprietary fund financial statements. At June 30, 2020 the Town reported \$436,962 and \$98,296 in the General and Water and Sewer Funds, respectively. Accumulated sick leave estimated to be paid as terminal leave upon retirement is recorded in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. At June 30, 2020, the Town reported \$256,278 and \$112,788 in the governmental activities and Water and Sewer Fund, respectively.

O. Long-term obligations - Governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary funds report long-term debt and other long-term obligations as liabilities in the applicable statement of net position. Governmental funds report the amount of debt issued as other financing sources and the repayment of debt as debt service expenditures.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

P. Fund equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds may report five categories of fund balances: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts associated with inventory, prepaid expenditures, long-term loans or notes receivable, and trust fund principal to be held in perpetuity.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by the Town's highest level of decision making authority, the voters, as a result of articles passed at Annual or Special Meetings.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are intended to be used by the Town for specific purposes as authorized by the Board.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in another classification. Deficits are also classified as unassigned.

The Town's policy is to apply expenditures to fund balance in the order of restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned unless the Board specifies otherwise.

2. Deposits and investments:

Fair value and classification - Deposits and investments are stated at fair value as described in note 1.I. The classification of investments as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Investment	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2
Government bonds	\$ 545,006	\$ -	\$ 545,006
Municipal bonds	50,124	-	50,124
Corporate bonds	508,264	-	508,264
Mutual funds	2,386,495	2,386,495	-
Corporate stock	689,517	689,517	-
	<u>\$ 4,179,406</u>	<u>\$ 3,076,012</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,394</u>

Special Revenue Fund investment policy - The Town's Investment Committee has oversight responsibility for funds received and held pursuant to an agreement with the State of Vermont concerning the placement of a correctional facility in the Town and has appointed advisors with discretion for the management of the investments in accordance with the Investment Committee's objectives. The investment policy regarding the allocation of the invested funds is 65% in equities, 30% in fixed income, and 5% in liquid assets.

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2. Deposits and investments (continued):

Fiduciary Fund investment policy - The Town's Trustees of Public Funds are charged with maximizing the return on all investment funds held in the Trustees of Public Funds Fund, while maintaining their security. By state statute, the Trustees may invest in any security issued, insured, or guaranteed by the United States; highly rated bonds, repurchase agreements and debt securities of any federally insured financial institution; shares of a registered investment company, or a unit investment trust, if such mutual investment fund has been in operation for at least ten years and has net assets of at least \$500,000,000; or deposits in federally insured financial institutions. The Trustees have set an approximate investment objective of 40% to 60% in stock mutual funds, with a maximum limit of 15% of the portfolio for any one investment.

Custodial credit risk - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Town will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. As of June 30, 2020, \$238,291 of the Town's bank balance of \$4,371,149 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Interest rate risk - Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the fair value of certain investments. Investments subject to interest rate risk and their maturities as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Fair Value	Less than One Year	Investment Maturity	1 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years
Government bonds	\$ 545,006	\$ 51,000	\$ 239,573	\$ 254,433	
Municipal bonds	50,124	50,124	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	508,264	20,024	294,832	193,408	
	<u>\$ 1,103,394</u>	<u>\$ 121,148</u>	<u>\$ 534,405</u>	<u>\$ 447,841</u>	

Concentration of credit risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. As of June 30, 2020, the Town does not hold more than 5% of its investments in any one issuer, other than mutual funds.

Credit risk - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of or counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Town's investments in corporate bonds are subject to credit risk. The credit quality ratings as rated by Standard & Poor's are as follows:

Bond Rating	Fair Value
AAA	\$ 76,587
AA+	545,006
AA	218,090
A	232,765
BBB	30,946
	<u>\$ 1,103,394</u>

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3. Notes receivable:

The Town, through various federal loan programs, has received grants and advanced funds to encourage community development. These loans, generally secured by subordinated collateral positions, are recorded as notes receivable. Notes receivable as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Current Interest Rate	Maturity Date
Mountain View Housing	0.00%	December, 2030
South View Housing	2.00%	November, 2027
South View Housing	0.00%	October, 2042
Springfield Fence	2.00%	November, 2020
Alva Waste	4.00%	January, 2021
Heritage Deli and Bakery, Inc.	3.00%	March, 2020
100 River Street, LLC	1.00%	September, 2021
Springfield Housing	0.50%	October, 2019
Rusted Roof LLC	2.00%	June, 2025
SRDC	3.00%	July, 2028
Springfield Food Co-op	1.00%	November, 2024
Flying Crow Coffee Co, LLC	5.00%	December, 2028
Springfield on the Move	0.00%	December, 2020
		<u>1,244,305</u>
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts		<u>\$ (6,222)</u>
		<u>\$ 1,238,083</u>

4. Capital assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2020
Governmental activities -				
Capital assets, not depreciated:	\$ 360,612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360,612
Land and improvements				
Capital assets, depreciated:				
Infrastructure	19,065,407	-	-	19,065,407
Machinery and equipment	9,068,234	607,974	194,314	9,481,894
Buildings and improvements	4,189,485	50,921	-	4,240,406
Total capital assets, depreciated	<u>32,323,126</u>	<u>658,895</u>	<u>194,314</u>	<u>32,787,707</u>

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4. Capital assets (continued):

Governmental activities (continued) -

Less accumulated depreciation for:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2020
Infrastructure	8,432,781	889,190	-	9,321,971
Machinery and equipment	5,544,349	538,473	194,314	5,888,508
Buildings and improvement	1,696,850	167,578	-	1,864,428
Total accumulated depreciation	15,673,980	1,595,241	194,314	17,074,907
Total capital assets, depreciated, net	16,649,146	(936,346)	-	15,712,800
Capital assets, net, governmental activities	17,009,758	(936,346)	-	16,073,412

Business-type activities -

Capital assets, not depreciated:

Land and improvements	281,434	-	-	281,434
Capital assets, depreciated:				
Wellfields, reservoirs, mains, and pipes	26,565,167	-	-	26,565,167
Treatment plants and pump stations	15,542,067	21,720	-	15,563,787
Meters and hydrants	188,173	-	-	188,173
Chlorination and pumping facilities	3,042,184	-	-	3,042,184
Equipment	887,985	104,240	90,340	901,885
Total capital assets, depreciated	46,225,576	125,960	90,340	46,261,196

Less accumulated depreciation for:

Wellfields, reservoirs, mains, and pipes	7,834,583	469,390	-	8,303,973
Treatment plants and pump stations	10,915,024	285,781	-	11,200,805
Meters and hydrants	173,173	2,468	-	175,641
Chlorination and pumping facilities	722,602	93,396	-	815,998
Equipment	835,270	30,764	90,340	775,694
Total accumulated depreciation	20,480,652	881,799	90,340	21,272,111
Total capital assets, depreciated, net	25,744,924	(755,839)	-	24,989,085
Capital assets, net, business-type activities	26,026,358	(755,839)	-	25,270,519
Capital assets, net	\$ 43,036,116	\$ (1,692,185)	\$ -	\$ 41,343,931

Depreciation expense of \$1,595,241 in the governmental activities was allocated to expenses of the general government (\$71,795), police (\$140,308), fire and ambulance (\$151,457), public works (\$1,185,290), parks and recreation (\$24,146) and library (\$22,245) programs based on capital assets assigned to those functions.

Depreciation expense of \$881,799 in the business-type activities was fully allocated to the water and sewer program.

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5. Interfund receivable and payable balances:

Interfund receivable and payable balances, due to the pooling of cash for cash receipts and disbursements, as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
Governmental funds -		
General Fund	\$ 1,836,865	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund	-	276,568
Permanent Fund	1,097,042	-
	<u>2,933,907</u>	<u>276,568</u>
Proprietary funds -		
Water and Sewer Fund	-	1,680,468
Solid Waste Fund	122,823	-
	<u>122,823</u>	<u>1,680,468</u>
Fiduciary funds -		
Trustees of Public Funds Fund	-	1,099,694
	<u>\$ 3,056,730</u>	<u>\$ 3,056,730</u>

6. Interfund transfers:

Interfund transfers constitute the transfer of resources from the fund that receives the resources to the fund that utilizes them. Transfers made from the General Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund totaling \$450,000 were comprised of the General Fund's annual contribution to reimburse CSO debt service expenditures paid by the Water and Sewer Fund. Transfers made from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund totaling \$200,067 were for matching grant expenditures.

7. Long-term obligations:

Long-term obligations activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2020	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities -					
Accrued compensated absences	\$ 212,342	\$ 43,936	\$ -	\$ 256,278	\$ -
Long-term debt	1,313,926	6,965	145,000	1,175,891	145,000
Capital lease obligations	12,877	-	6,221	6,656	-
Net pension liability	2,811,903	496,968	-	3,308,871	-
	<u>\$ 4,351,048</u>	<u>\$ 547,869</u>	<u>\$ 151,221</u>	<u>\$ 4,747,696</u>	<u>\$ 145,000</u>
Business-type activities -					
Accrued compensated absences	\$ 75,720	\$ 37,068	\$ -	\$ 112,788	\$ -
Long-term debt	13,710,837	-	726,806	12,984,031	772,947
Net pension liability	347,539	61,423	-	408,962	-
	<u>\$ 14,134,096</u>	<u>\$ 98,491</u>	<u>\$ 726,806</u>	<u>\$ 13,505,781</u>	<u>\$ 772,947</u>

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8. Superfund Site:

On June 6, 1991, the Selectboard authorized the Town Manager to enter into a Partial Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Browning-Ferris Industries of Vermont, Inc., Embart Industries, Inc. and Textron, Inc. The Town voted to approve the decree on July 30, 1991. This Partial Consent Decree serves principally to outline the legal duties and relationships of the settling defendants with regard to the Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD is the EPA decision document which sets forth the action for remediation from the seeps and known areas of groundwater contamination. The Town will operate and maintain the pre-treatment plant(s) for 29 years following one year of operation by Textron and Embart. The effluent from the pretreatment plant will be treated at the sewage treatment facility. In consideration of the Town's efforts, Embart and Textron have paid the Town \$200,000. The Town is also responsible for oversight costs incurred by the EPA. A discounted liability of \$839,197, for past and current oversight costs of \$871,019, was originally recorded in the statement of net position. The additional annual oversight costs are added to the Town's EPA loan which is to be repaid at a rate of \$35,000 per year at 0% interest. At June 30, 2020, the remaining balance owed is \$185,891.

9. Debt:

Long-term - Outstanding long-term debt as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Governmental activities -

Notes from direct borrowings:

General obligation note, United States Environmental Protection Agency, no interest, annual principal payment of \$35,000.	\$ 185,891
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - 2015 Series 5, interest at 4.212%, annual principal payment ranging from \$115,000 to \$110,000, due November 2028.	990,000
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,175,891</u>

Business-type activities -

General obligation bonds:

General obligation bond, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, USDA-91-06, interest at 4.0%, semi-annual payments of \$57,540, due September 2040.	\$ 1,599,641
General obligation bond, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, USDA-92-04, interest at 4.5%, semi-annual payments of \$54,489, due December 2033.	1,091,515
General obligation bond, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, USDA-92-10, interest at 4.125%, semi-annual payments of \$4,016, due September 2035.	91,096
General obligation bond, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, USDA-92-12, interest at 4.125%, semi-annual payments of \$13,852, due September 2035.	314,213
General obligation bond, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, USDA-92-14, interest at 4.125%, semi-annual payments of \$12,804, due September 2035.	290,432
General obligation bond, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, USDA-92-15, interest at 4.5%, semi-annual payments of \$18,324, due December 2037.	440,425
Total general obligation bonds	<u>3,827,322</u>

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9. Debt (continued):

Long-term (continued) -

Business-type activities (continued) -

Notes from direct borrowings:

General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - 2014 Series 3, interest at 2.033% annual principal payment of \$140,000, due November 2034.	2,100,000
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - AR1-002, no interest, annual payment of \$31,029, due November 2031.	372,343
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - AR3-028, no interest, annual payment of \$36,717, due June 2031.	403,889
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-019, no interest, annual payment of \$45,782, due September 2022.	137,345
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-055, no interest annual payment of \$51,928, due September 2024.	259,637
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-089, no interest annual payment of \$14,915, due May 2029.	134,231
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-130, no interest, annual payment of \$2,678, due November 2031.	32,138
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-172, no interest, admin fee at 2%, annual payment of \$10,027, due December 2046.	225,638
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-184, no interest, admin fee at 2%, annual payment of \$19,768, due December 2039.	220,602
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF1-203, interest at 2%, annual payment of \$65,610, due December 2039.	1,156,667
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF3-034, interest at 3% at .6%, annual payment of \$21,890, due October 2021.	41,884
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF3-060, no interest, admin fee at 1.7%, annual payment of \$152,042, due June 2042.	785,329
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF3-240-2, no interest, admin fee at 1.7%, annual payment of \$16,187, due November 2046.	2,771,250
General obligation note, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank - RF3-312, interest at -.3%, annual payment of \$19,680, due March 2022.	437,036
Total notes from direct borrowings	<u>78,720</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 9,156,709</u>
	<u>\$ 12,984,031</u>

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9. Debt (continued):

Long-term (continued) - Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2019	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2020	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities -					
Notes from direct borrowings:					
EPA loan	\$ 213,926	\$ 6,965	\$ 35,000	\$ 185,891	\$ 35,000
2015 Series 5	1,100,000	-	110,000	990,000	110,000
Total governmental activities	1,313,926	6,965	145,000	1,175,891	145,000
Business-type activities -					
General obligation bonds:					
USDA-91-06	1,649,256	-	49,615	1,599,641	51,620
USDA-92-04	1,149,382	-	57,867	1,091,515	60,500
USDA-92-10	95,237	-	41,141	91,096	4,314
USDA-92-12	328,497	-	14,284	314,213	14,881
USDA-92-14	303,637	-	13,205	290,432	13,755
USDA-92-15	456,701	-	16,276	440,425	17,018
Total general obligation bonds	3,982,710	-	155,388	3,827,322	162,088
Notes from direct borrowings:					
2014 Series 3	2,240,000	-	140,000	2,100,000	140,000
AR1-002	403,371	-	31,028	372,343	31,029
AR3-028	440,606	-	36,717	403,889	36,717
RF1-019	183,126	-	45,781	137,345	45,782
RF1-055	311,566	-	51,929	259,637	51,927
RF1-089	149,145	-	14,914	134,231	14,915
RF1-130	34,816	-	2,678	32,138	2,678
RF3-172	231,897	-	6,259	225,638	6,384
RF1-184	220,602	-	-	220,602	9,079
RF1-203	1,156,667	-	-	1,156,667	47,605
RF3-034	61,917	-	20,033	41,884	20,633
RF3-060	868,365	-	83,036	785,329	63,312
RF3-240	2,874,426	-	103,176	2,771,250	104,931
RF3-312	453,223	-	16,187	437,036	16,187
WPL-258	98,400	-	19,680	78,720	19,680
Total notes from direct borrowings	9,728,127	-	571,418	9,156,709	610,859
Total business-type activities	13,710,837	-	726,806	12,984,031	772,947
Total long-term debt	\$ 15,024,763	\$ 6,965	\$ 871,806	\$ 14,159,922	\$ 917,947

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9. Debt (continued):

Long-term (continued) - Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

	Governmental Activities Notes from Direct Borrowings	
	Principal	Interest
Year ending June 30,		
2021	\$ 145,000	\$ 31,955
2022	145,000	29,143
2023	145,000	24,755
2024	145,000	20,080
2025	145,000	14,750
2026-2029	450,891	19,363
	<u>\$ 1,175,891</u>	<u>\$ 140,046</u>
	Business-type Activities Notes from Direct Borrowings	
	Principal	Interest
Year ending June 30,		
2021	\$ 162,088	\$ 159,963
2022	169,073	132,718
2023	176,361	145,688
2024	183,965	138,085
2025	191,897	130,153
2026-2030	1,091,005	519,244
2031-2035	1,176,901	266,542
2036-2040	619,924	68,288
2041-2045	56,108	1,115
2046-2047	-	-
	<u>\$ 3,827,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,561,796</u>
		<u>\$ 9,156,709</u>
		<u>\$ 1,560,847</u>

In prior years, the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank (VMBB) has refunded the 2001 Series 1 and 2008 Series 1 direct borrowings with the 2010 Series 4 and 2015 Series 5 direct borrowings, respectively, resulting in interest savings to the Town of \$100,450. These savings allocations, to be received between FY17 and FY29, have been reflected as a reduction of interest in the debt service requirements table. There is no remaining principal balance due on the 2010 Series 4 direct borrowing Bond at June 30, 2020.

In the event that the Town is in default on their payment obligations issued from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank (VMBB), the State Treasurer has the ability to intercept State funding until the default is cured.

10. Capital Lease:

The Town has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of equipment. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes and, therefore, the cost and depreciation of this asset is included with other capital assets of the Town. The cost of the asset acquired by capital lease is the present value of the future lease payments. The future minimum lease obligations is \$7,121, and the net present value of this minimum lease payment is \$6,656, as of June 30, 2020.

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11. Fund balances:

Fund balances of the governmental funds are as follows:

Fund Balances:	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Permanent Fund
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid items	\$ 78,229	\$ -	\$ -
Cemetery principal	-	-	545,930
Total nonspendable	78,229	-	545,930
Restricted:			
Weatherfield Dam	100,000	-	-
Unsafe buildings	32,923	-	-
Reappraisal	75,117	-	-
Records restoration	75,694	-	-
Revolving loan funds	-	1,759,583	-
Civic improvement	-	2,665,989	-
Grants and other purposes	-	925,603	-
Library	-	-	379,285
Cemetery	-	-	171,827
Total restricted	283,734	5,351,175	551,112
Committed:			
Ambulance equipment	137,860	-	-
Fire equipment	218,481	-	-
Highway equipment	21,137	-	-
Parks and recreation equipment	10,170	-	-
Total committed	387,648	-	-
Assigned:			
Weatherfield Dam - earnings	48,486	-	-
Airport	9,624	-	-
Renovation	53,245	-	-
Future expenditures	847,612	-	-
Total assigned	958,967	-	-
Unassigned	2,050,145	-	-
	\$ 3,758,723	\$ 5,351,175	\$ 1,097,042

12. Restatements:

The Town has restated beginning fund balances of the General Fund, from \$2,507,378 to \$2,497,568, and beginning net position of the Water and Sewer Fund from \$11,702,888 to \$11,712,698, due to a correction of General Fund expenditures previously reported in the Water and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,810.

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**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
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JUNE 30, 2020**

12. Restatements (continued):

For this same reason, the Town has restated beginning net position of the governmental activities and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements from \$23,577,277 and \$11,807,534 to \$23,567,467 and \$11,817,344, respectively.

13. Pension plans:

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System -

Plan description: The Town contributes to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS or the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement plan with defined benefit and defined contribution plans, administered by the State of Vermont. The State statutory provisions, found in Title 24, Chapter 125, of the V.S.A., govern eligibility for benefits, service requirements and benefit provisions. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of VMERS is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. VMERS issues annual financial information which is available and may be reviewed at the VMERS office, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, 05609-6200, by calling (802) 828-2305 or online at <http://www.vermonttreasurer.gov>.

Benefits provided: VMERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits do vary between the groups included in the Plan, but are determined for the members of each group as a percentage of average compensation in a certain number of the highest consecutive years of service. Eligibility for benefits requires five years of service.

Contributions: Defined benefit plan members are required to contribute 2.75% (Group A), 5.125% (Group B), 10.25% (Group C) or 11.6% (Group D) of their annual covered salary, and the Town is required to contribute 4.25% (Group A), 5.75% (Group B), 7.5% (Group C) or 10.1% (Group D) of the employees' compensation. Defined contribution plan members are required to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute an equal dollar amount. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by the Board of Trustees. The Town's contributions to VMERS for the years ended June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018, were \$406,889, \$411,734, and \$393,386, respectively. The amount contributed was equal to the required contributions for the year.

Pension liabilities: deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources: These financial statements include the Town's proportionate share of the VMERS net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources for pension expense, deferred inflows of resources from investment earnings and contributions, and the related effects on government-wide net position and activities. The State of Vermont has provided the following information to all employers participating in VMERS, which is based on its calculation of the Town's 2.14294% proportionate share of VMERS defined benefit plan.

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Town's share of VMERS net pension liability	\$ 3,308,871	\$ 408,962	\$ 3,717,833
Deferred outflows of resources -			
Deferred pension expense	\$ 1,126,673	\$ 139,252	\$ 1,265,925
Deferred inflows of resources -			
Deferred pension credits	\$ 142,349	\$ 17,594	\$ 159,943

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

13. Pension plans (continued):

Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (continued) -

Additional information: VMERS obtains an annual actuarial valuation for the pension plan. Detailed information is provided in that report for actuarial assumptions of inflation rates, salary increases, investment rates of return, mortality rates, discount rates, and the calculations used to develop annual contributions and the VMERS net position.

The Town adopted GASB Statement No. 68 in FY 2014 and is developing the ten years of required supplementary information in schedules 1 and 2. This historical pension information includes the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability of VMERS and Town's Contributions to VMERS.

14. Long-Term Solar Contracts:

The Town has entered into separate long-term power purchase agreements for the acquisition of solar power with Springfield Solar Alliance II and with WE 490 Fairbanks Road, LLC. The 20 year contracts call for the Town to purchase all or a portion of the electrical power generated by the other party. The Town receives net metering credits on its bills from Green Mountain Power related to the individual power meters specified in each contract. For the contract with Springfield Solar Alliance II, the Town pays a set service price to the generator which is fixed for the first ten years and after that time the price is tied to 87.5% of the net metering credits received by the Town for the next ten years. For the contract with WE 490 Fairbanks Road, LLC, the Town pays the generator a monthly amount based on an estimated 87.5% of the net metering credits for the related meters. The total payment on this contract is true-up and a new monthly amount is set annually.

15. Subsequent events:

The Town has evaluated subsequent events through February 5, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY						Schedule 1					
	VMERS											
	JUNE 30, 2020											
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	2.1429%	2.2459%	2.3134%	2.3734%	2.4083%	2.5294%	2.6611%					
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,717,833	\$ 3,159,442	\$ 2,802,773	\$ 3,054,530	\$ 1,856,657	\$ 230,849	\$ 969,590					
Town's covered payroll	\$ 5,921,199	\$ 5,742,412	\$ 5,566,465	\$ 5,352,509	\$ 4,960,528	\$ 4,928,946	\$ 4,967,335					
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	66.482%	55.019%	50.351%	57.067%	37.429%	4.684%	19.519%					
VMERS net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	80.35%	82.60%	83.64%	80.95%	87.42%	98.32%	92.71%					

SCHEDULE OF TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS

	VMERS						Schedule 2					
	JUNE 30, 2020											
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Contractually required contribution	\$ 406,889	\$ 411,734	\$ 393,386	\$ 377,793	\$ 360,727	\$ 336,636	\$ 326,277					
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	406,889	411,734	393,386	377,793	360,727	336,636	326,277					
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -					
Town's covered payroll	\$ 5,921,199	\$ 5,742,412	\$ 5,566,465	\$ 5,352,509	\$ 4,960,528	\$ 4,928,946	\$ 4,967,335					
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.276%	7.170%	7.067%	7.058%	7.272%	6.830%	6.568%					

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The Selectboard
Town of Springfield, Vermont

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Springfield, Vermont (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Montpelier, Vermont
February 5, 2021

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

The Selectboard
Town of Springfield, Vermont

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of Springfield, Vermont's (the Town) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplements* that could have a direct and material effect on the Town's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Town's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Town's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Town of Springfield, Vermont complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Town's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Montpelier, Vermont
February 5, 2021

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Passed Through to Subrecipients</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Passed through the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development - Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14-228	07110-IG-2017-Springfield-00001	\$ - 450,000	\$ 450,000
U.S. Department of Justice: Bulleproof Vest Partnership Program	16-607		-	1,393
U.S. Department of Transportation: Passed through the Vermont Agency of Transportation - Highway Planning and Construction Highway Planning and Construction Highway Planning and Construction Total Highway Planning and Construction	20-205 20-205 20-205	BR0626 CA0483 CA0404	- - -	3,528 14,438 336,687
			-	354,653
Passed through the Vermont Department of Public Safety - National Priority Safety Programs Total U.S. Department of Transportation	20-616	02140-NH19405C-703H	- -	4,658 359,311
U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services: Passed through the Vermont Department of Libraries - Grants to States	45-310	01130 Courier LSTA19.1	-	390
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements Total expenditures of federal awards	66-818		- \$ 450,000	118,720 \$ 929,814

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
JUNE 30, 2020

1. Basis of presentation:

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Town under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Town, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in financial position, or cash flows of the Town.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies:

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. The Town has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance.

3. Subrecipients:

The Town provided federal awards totaling \$450,000 under CFDA No. 14-228 Community Development Block Grants/State's Program.

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TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

A. Summary of Auditor's Results:

Financial Statements -

Type of auditor's report issued: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
 - Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None reported*
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? *No*

Federal Awards -

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? *No*
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? *None reported*

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: *Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516 (a)? *No*

Identification of major program:

- *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
CFDA 14.228 - Community Development Block Grants/State's Program*
- Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: *\$750,000*
- Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? *No*

B. Audit Findings - Financial Statements:

There were no audit findings identified for the year ended June 30, 2020.

C. Audit Findings - Federal Awards:

There were no audit findings identified for the year ended June 30, 2020.

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

We consider prior audit findings 2019-001 General Journal Entries to be resolved.

REPORTS OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The 2019-2020 school year was a year like no other. As the year started, the district moved ahead with trying to complete more steps in its recently completed strategic plan, but a failed budget vote followed by the onset of a global pandemic forced a radical recalculation in what was possible. Ultimately, the year was a testament to the flexibility, professionalism, thoughtfulness, and courageousness of the staff, students, and families of Springfield School District.

In 2019-20, our district was made up of four schools, three targeted programs, and a collaborative program. Those programs provided for a total student body of approximately 1,200 students. From Kindergarten through 2nd grade, students attended Elm Hill Primary School. Grades 3 through 5 were located at Union Street Elementary. Students then move to Riverside Middle School for grades 6-8. High School students completed their journey with us at Springfield High School.

The district also continued to host a collaborative program, the Occupational Development Program (ODP). The program is a collaboration with Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, Two Rivers Supervisory Union, and Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union. These supervisory unions help develop the goals and budgets of the programs. Our district serves as the fiscal agent. As the fiscal agent, we hire and supervise staff as well as develop the program's curriculum. When partner schools send a student to the program, the collaborative then receives tuition for that student's education.

ODP is stationed at Springfield High School. This program targets students with developmental disabilities. Its program includes internships, classroom learning, and an apartment program to teach independent living. Its location at Springfield High School allows for many students to take high school courses while also engaging River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) offerings.

In addition to our schools and collaborative program, the district also ran the All-4-One program, Early Essential Education, and coordinated with private pre-K providers to offer students pre-K services. The All-4-One program provided before and after school education and play programming students K-12. The program is funded through a combination of federal grants and fees.

With the help of community stakeholders, the district continues to be guided by a multi-year strategic plan. To view more of the plan go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ssdvtplan>. Here are the mission, vision, and values as created through the community-wide process.

Mission

To provide students with effective academic and social-emotional learning in schools with a positive culture that are supported by the community.

Vision

We empower capable cosmopolitans who are ready and motivated to improve their community and engage with the world.

Values

As a district, we value:

1. Collaboration
2. Professionalism
3. Kindness

Amongst the strategic goals for the district is the development of a public PreKindergarten (Pre-K) option based in our schools.

During last year's town meeting vote, the district, in line with the first goal of the strategic plan, proposed a budget that included a school-based Pre-K option. The proposal was designed to be an early intervention system that targeted the needs of some of our least prepared Pre-K youth. The goal was to assist certain students in a way that helped the entire P-12 system be both more effective and more efficient. The bulk of the start up cost for the project was to be covered by federal funds. Unfortunately, the proposal, as well as the rest of the budget, was rejected by the voters. It was one of only a few rejected school budgets in the state.

Fresh on the heels of the budget defeat, the district came face-to-face with the challenge that would shape the foreseeable future: COVID-19. After participating in a Sunday meeting of school superintendents with the Governor's office, I made the determination that Springfield Schools would be temporarily closed as we prepared to move to remote instruction. Overnight, parents, students, and staff had to begin to respond to the changing reality.

School staff led by capable principals quickly redesigned our instructional delivery systems. Laptops were prepared and distributed to students across our community. On the fly, teachers created new learning opportunities for a distance learning world. Community partners like VTEL stepped up to assist families with getting access they needed to things like internet. Our support staff, All-4-One program, and food services worked together to become the community's kitchen. From March 19th through the end of June, the district provided 74,876 free meals to Springfield families.

As the appreciation for the schools' central role in stabilizing Springfield grew, the community rallied to support the second budget proposal developed by the School Board.

As we moved into the end of the school year, the school community once again rose to the occasion. This time it was to work together to help Springfield High School seniors feel loved and appreciated. With many senior events not possible to run, parents and school staff collaborated on activities ranging from a drive-thru "Arch Day" to five small scale graduations. Even in the midst of the global pandemic, the Springfield school community kept showing the strength of Cosmopolitan Pride. I look forward to seeing how that strong sense of community will help us going forward.

Dr. Zach McLaughlin
Superintendent of Schools

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

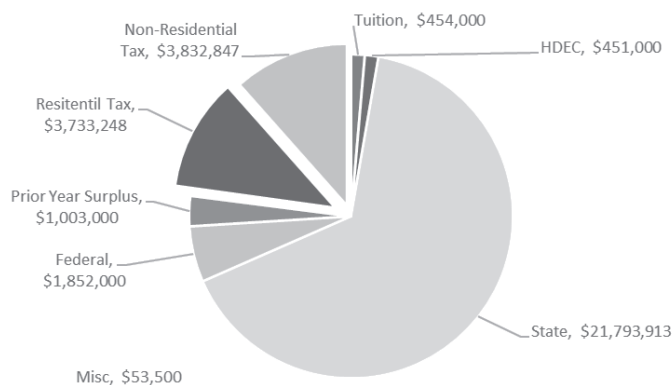
The annual audit of the financial records of the Springfield School District for the 2019-2020 school year has been delayed due to the challenges of the COVID pandemic. A statement from the Auditor appears elsewhere in this Annual Town School District Report. The audit will be complete no later than March 31, 2021. Once the district receives the audit it will be available for review at either the district office or the district web site at www.ssdvt.org. If anyone wishes to review the audit report in its entirety, they may contact me at 885-5120.

Although unaudited, the audit is far enough along that both the Auditor and the district are comfortable using a surplus of \$1,400,000 from the fiscal year 2019-2020 to build the 2021-2022 budget. The district is applying \$1,000,000 of the surplus as revenue to help lower next year's tax rate. The district is

Springfield School District – Chief Financial Officer (Continued)

asking the voters to establish and transfer \$400,000 of the prior surplus to an operating reserve or tax stabilization reserve. This new reserve will assist in the district's goal of keeping the residential tax rate relatively stable for the next few years.

Please remember, that although the district is required to receive voter approval to spend \$32,431,509, the taxes the town of Springfield will raise to support this spending is estimated to be \$7,566,096, or 23.33%. Another way to explain this is that for every tax dollar (\$1.00) raised in Springfield, the State of Vermont sends Springfield three dollars and twenty nine cents (\$3.29) for the operations of its schools. Of the \$7,566,096 raised in Springfield, \$3,733,248 is by the residential tax and \$3,832,848 is by the non-residential tax. Springfield residents are forecasted to receive \$1,488,876 in income sensitivity (prebates) payments to lower their tax obligation.



Richard C. Pembroke
Chief Financial Officer

ELM HILL

The Elm Hill School educates approximately 240 children in grades K-2. During the 2019-20 school year, there were 15 classrooms (5 kindergarten, 5 first grade and 5 second grade) with approximately 16 students in each class each. Our families are very supportive of our school and we typically see family members of between 80 and 90% of our students' at our parent conferences.

The Springfield Elementary Schools PTA generously donated \$2500 to Elm Hill School from the 2018 Comedy Night Fundraiser profits. These funds were used to purchase a climbing dome that was installed on the Elm Hill playground last year. The PTA also provides a supply of snacks for our students throughout the year. We are so grateful for the PTA's ongoing support! Also, Vermont Packinghouse employees voted to donate \$800 to Elm Hill to support in augmenting science curriculum and instruction resources. It's heartwarming that local businesses are so generous in their support of our schools!

Kari Magoon was recognized by the University of Vermont as an Outstanding Teacher for the 2019 school year! We are all honored to work with such a talented educator!

Elm Hill students continue to enjoy various fruits and vegetables several days/week as a part of the grant funded Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program managed by our school nurse. We also continue to partner with Springfield Medical Center to provide dental cleanings and sealants to our students, regardless of insurance status. This partnership also includes access to mental health supports and pediatric care during the school day. Lions Club and PediaVision continue to work with our school nurse for sight screenings as well.

In the spring of 2020, our primary school was faced with the incredible challenge of navigating the transition to remote learning with our district's youngest learners, reenvisioning K-2 teaching/learning. Our early focus was on technology training as well as the distribution of Chromebooks and materials/supplies to all K-2 students. We created teaching teams to support ongoing collaborative planning and instruction. Continuity of Learning Plans were developed for each grade level. There was also ongoing transition planning for incoming Kindergarteners and rising 3rd graders. To end the school year, the Elm Hill staff organized a Reverse Parade to wish our students a Happy Summer.

We always welcome questions and community engagement at Elm Hill School. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time (885-5154).

Dr. Christine Pereira, *Principal*

UNION STREET SCHOOL

When I took over as interim principal of Union Street School in early fall of 2019, I knew that my primary task would entail providing stability for students, staff, and Union Street families. To that end, I put into place a Planning Room whereby dysregulated students could leave the classroom for short periods of time before re-entering the Classroom. We reinstituted morning recess as a way to begin the day on a positive note and to release as much student energy as possible prior to asking them to engage in academics. In addition, we trained teachers in the use of Intentional Language as part of our Responsive Classroom approach to building safe and strong classroom communities.

Perhaps most importantly, we attempted to bring fun back to Union Street School. After all, school should be a place where students experience joy on a daily basis. Happiness trickles down from staff to students and vice versa, so we implemented fun competitions and activities that would unite our school and create a familial feel.

By the time schools closed due to COVID, we had essentially established the stability initially sought and were prepared to teach students remotely through increased teacher collaboration. Although the remote learning environment presented challenges for all involved, as a staff we worked hard to adapt to varying family needs so that we could support students from afar, both academically and social-emotionally.

Over the summer, we strengthened critical school-based systems. For example, our Child Study and Assessment Teams solidified the processes and approaches to working with students individually (Child Study) and aligning our school-wide assessments (Assessment Team). Again, our goal has been, and will continue to be collecting and analyzing both individual and school-wide data to improve everything we do here at Union Street School so that school is something our students look forward to within an academically engaging atmosphere.

David Cohn, *Principal*

RIVERSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A school year like nothing we have experienced before. Up until March it was quite typical with all of our traditional events. Our annual Open House/Barbecue kicked off the year

Springfield School District – Riverside Middle School (Continued)

and was well attended. It is always great to start the year with that event. The entire RMS community gets together and families can interact with each other in an informal setting to start the evening with a nice meal prepared by the RMS teaching staff. Much of what we serve is grown by local vendors and some is grown by our students and staff. The second part of the evening is an opportunity for families to tour the school and meet teachers in their rooms and discuss programming for the school year. From that point on the yeast was typical for the most part. We had our October Costume assembly along with our monthly Friday morning meeting recognition assemblies, including Students of the Month. We did our traditional parent conferences in November and our annual Mini-Course Day before Thanksgiving. After returning from Winter break we started the new year with our reteaching of RMS expectations that help ensure a positive learning environment for our students and overall success in middle school. We rolled into February and enjoyed the second iteration of a “Day of Code”. This event included students from grades 6-12 having the opportunity to experience cutting edge technology and to explore some of their own interest in the Technology field including future job opportunities.

In March, we entered a new world that has changed all of our lives, the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic. March 15th, we began the emergency closure of our schools. RMS became part of the amazing effort by the SSD to keep our students and staff safe while continuing to educate. This is one of the most amazing efforts I’ve been a part of. With Zach McLaughlin’s leadership our teachers, staff and administration worked to ensure that all of our students were able to continue their education, were provided daily meals, and were provided access to the internet during the closure period. We ended the school year with a virtual commencement for our 8th Graders and a “Farewell Parade” that meandered through town and by our students’ homes. The RMS staff is incredibly grateful for the support and partnership we received from the greater Springfield community during these very challenging times.

Steven G. Cone, *Principal*

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

The school year was certainly an eventful one! SHS hosted its first ever Student Exhibition Night on January 15, 2020. Students were able to highlight different school projects that they had completed and shared them with the public. It was an amazing turn out and all that attended had a great time. It was an excellent opportunity for the community to come into the school and see what our amazing students have been engaging in and learning. We had hoped to do another one at the end of the school year but a national pandemic forced us to cancel our plans. On March 15, 2020 our school was shut down due to COVID-19. Our teachers, staff and administration worked tirelessly to ensure that all of our students were able to continue to receive their access to education, were provided daily meals, were provided access to the internet and had an adult to check in on them to make sure that they were being successful. Our teachers had a week to switch their teaching mode to remote teaching. Students had to adapt to remote learning and families stepped up to support their students while they were learning from home. It was amazing seeing the community come together to support one another.

Our school year ended with the traditional senior arch day, with a few minor tweaks. Students were met with an arch of

balloons that they were able to drive their cars through, their teachers and families lined the parking lot and cheered as they drove by. It was nice being able to continue on with such an awesome tradition and seeing the student’s smiling faces made it even more special! Graduation looked different as well. We graduated 98 seniors during 10 different mini ceremonies that were sliced together by SAPA TV into a DVD. Students were allowed to select their graduation ceremony slot and who they wanted to graduate with. Each student was recognized by the reading of a student statement. With so many losses, being able to hold graduation was a huge win. It was a pleasure to be a part of that special day!

We learned a lot about ourselves and the community during the 2019-2020 school year. We learned that we can adapt, learning doesn’t just happen within the walls of a school and if we all work together and support one another, amazing things can and do happen!

Bindy Hathorn, *Principal*

OCCUPATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP)

The Occupational Development Program (ODP) is a collaborative high school special education program operating within the Springfield High School (SHS) and following the same guidelines as has been established for the broader, SHS community. It is the mission of the Occupational Development Program (ODP) to provide students with relevant experiences and education in academic, vocational and social skills within a safe and supportive environment; through those experiences ODP strives to foster life long independence and integration within their communities.

During the 2019-2020 school year, students were enrolled from the following towns:

Springfield	17
Ludlow	3
Windsor	11
Chester	3

The 2019-2020 school year required our ODP students, faculty, and staff to show flexibility, openness to new modes of learning, and perseverance. Our students have worked hard and learned a lot, whether in the context of their ODP classes, within mainstream SHS classes, during On-the-job training experiences, or at River Valley Technical Center. Our seniors participated in monthly transition meetings to plan for their lives after graduation in the areas of education, work, and independent living. Each of them took the next step toward adulthood with their own, unique goals. Toward helping them attain those goals, they pursued a program of studies that both challenged them, and also supported them to acquire the skills required for their next steps.

One highlight of the past year involved our program apartment, which is located within the Southview complex. Because we moved into a different apartment at the end of the previous year, there was work to be done to organize and decorate this apartment -- relevant, important, and engaging work. Our 8th and 9th grade students used their creativity to decorate the walls with self-portraits, making the space ‘their own.’ Our Juniors and Seniors did the more practical work of unpacking and organizing, a skill that they will need as they move toward independence. The result is a cozy, inviting space that will continue to help our students gain the independent living skills they will need.

In June of 2020, ODP graduated 5 students. We are excited to see them move forward into their adult lives.

Springfield School District – Occupational Development Program (Continued)

Visits and tours of ODP are available and encouraged throughout the school year. Please call 885-7906 for more information or for a tour of our program.

Dana Gordon-Macey, *ODP Director*

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Springfield School District is committed to meeting the needs of all children and youth from the ages of three through twenty-one, or graduation from high school. There are a variety of services designed to meet the needs of students who are experiencing difficulties making progress in the curriculum. Some students require short term interventions; for others modified curricula, or accommodations meet their needs, and some require specialized instruction designed to meet their individual needs in order to experience success in school. Students who require support services are identified by various means, including “child find” activities which are mandated by federal law, and referrals from parents, teachers, human service agencies and the medical community. Generally, support services fall into one of three broad categories: support services offered under Vermont’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), provision of modifications and accommodations in the regular curriculum and school environment, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Special Education services.

(Note; In March of 2020, our district along with other districts in the state of Vermont completed the remainder of the 2019 – 2020 school year fully remote. All academics, related services, like Speech and Occupational Therapy were offered to students virtually.

For this school year, starting on September 8th, our district entered into a hybrid educational model. Half of the student population came two days a week in person and the three other days were offered via remote learning, virtually. Again, during this time, all students, including Special Needs students, had their academics provided within this model. IEP services, and related services were also delivered within the hybrid model.

Some students pursued an option under a fully remote model. In this instance, educational services, including special education and related services were offered via remote platform where appropriate.)

Definition of Support services - Vermont’s Multi-tiered systems of supports (MTSS)

Schools are committed to helping all children succeed. They have many ways to help children learn and to ensure those who need additional supports are successful. The Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) is one-way schools provide those supports. MTSS is a multi-step process of providing instruction and support to promote the academic and behavioral success of all children. Individual children’s progress is monitored and results are used to make decisions about further instruction and intervention.

Modifications and accommodations - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (504 Plan)

Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act guarantees that people with disabilities will not be discriminated against due to those disabilities in their access to their education. Students protected under Section 504 have been identified as having a disability that has a substantial impact on a major life function such as: caring for one’s self, breathing, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, or learning. A 504 Plan is developed to describe the modifications and/or accommodations that are to be

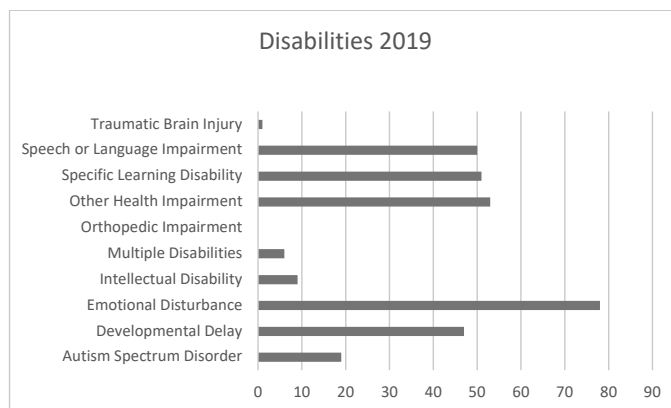
provided to the student who meets the criteria to assure access to the general curriculum.

Special Education Services – Individual Education Plans (IEP)

Criteria for eligibility for special education services are defined by state regulations as defined by the federal legislation – Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA). These children have been identified as: a) having a disability b) that adversely effects their education and c) requires specially designed instruction not available in the regular education curriculum.

The Special Education Department works closely with the rest of the district to improve outcomes for our students. The following graphs illustrate the data taken from both the Docusped program used by the district for record keeping and information reported to the Agency of Education on students with disabilities served by our district.

The first chart shows the distribution of students in disabilities for the Child Count turned in Dec. 1 of 2019. Please note that at the time of writing this report, the numbers for the present year have not been calculated, thus the year delay.



For 2019, the overall number of students receiving Special Education Services, ages 3-21 was 314. This represents an increase of 45 identified students in the district from 2018.

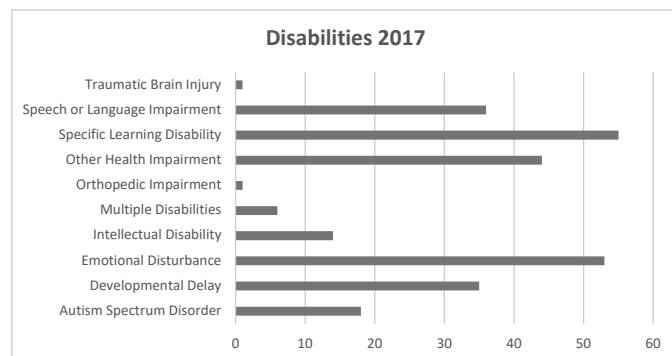
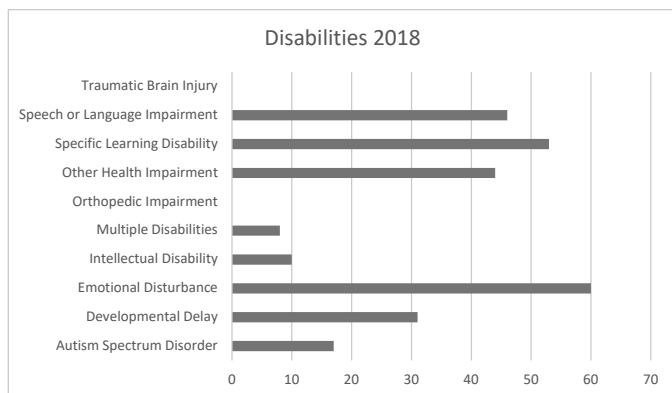
A closer review of the categories reveals a significant increase 16 students for Developmental Delay and 18 for Emotional Disturbance. We also had an increase of 9 for Other Health Impairment. On a smaller scale, we had an increase of 4 students for Speech Language Impairment, 2 for Autism Spectrum Disorder and 1 for Traumatic Brain Injury. We had a decrease in the areas of Specific Learning Disability and Multiple Disabilities of 2 each respectively. We had decrease of 1 student in the area of Intellectual Disability.

The significant increase in the areas of Emotional Disturbance appears to reflect the behavioral concerns we are seeing as a district. The increase in the area of developmental delay appears to reflect what we and other districts are seeing in that there are more of our youngest students being identified as eligible for Special Education services.

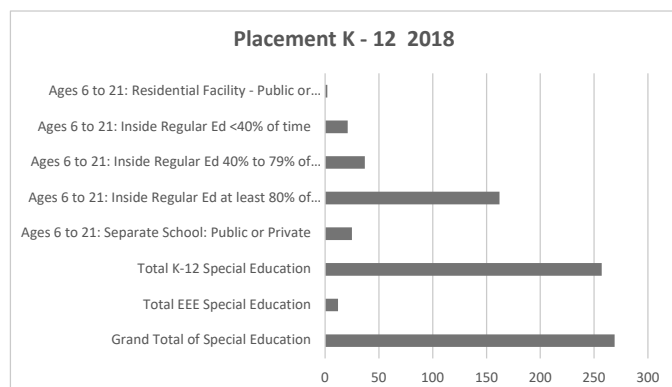
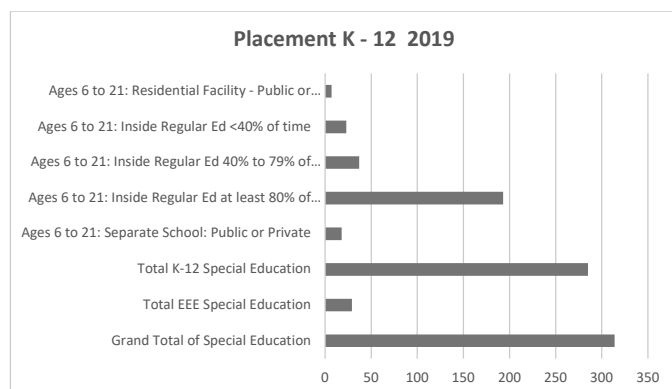
For 2018, the overall number of students receiving Special Education Services, ages 3-21 was 269. This represents an increase of 6 identified students in the district from 2017.

A closer review of the categories reveals an increase of 7 and 10 for the categories of Emotional Disturbance and Speech or Language Impairment respectively. There was also a small increase in the category of Orthopedic Impairment, which is up 2 from last year. Areas of decrease were noted in the other categories ranging from a decrease of 1 – 4 in those categories.

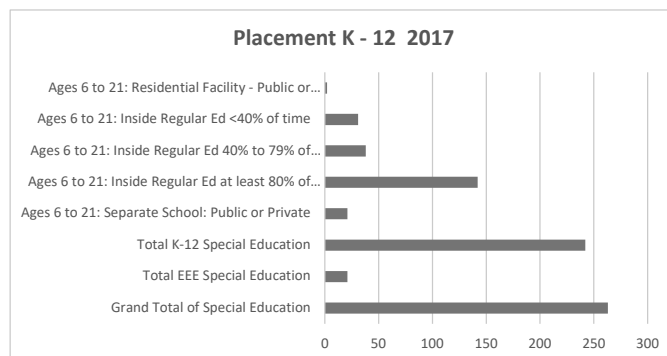
Springfield School District – Student Support Services (Continued)



The next chart shows the various placement options where students are receiving the majority of their education. The target placement for the K-12 population is the Regular Education Classroom 80% or more of the time. Please note that EEE is for children ages 3-5. This program is a voluntary program.

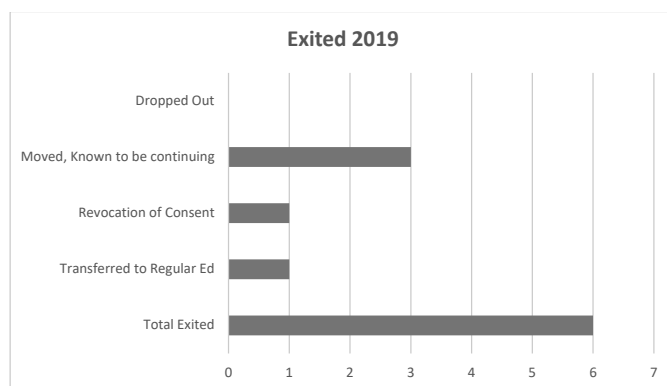


A review of 2019 with 2018 reveals as previously mentioned, the increase in students identified for Special Education. Some significant pieces are that we had 51 more students placed in the category of “inside regular ed. at least 80% of the time”. This seems to indicate an improvement of where students are being placed when it comes to the Least Restrictive Environment in general terms. Unfortunately, we had 5 more students than last year placed in a residential setting. Often placement in that setting is made through a decision of the Case Review Committee or CRC, which is comprised of several agencies/departments within the state of Vermont. Placement by CRC means that the district is responsible for the IEP for that student, but the cost of the residential placement is covered by the Agency of Education/ Department of Mental Health.



A comparison 2017 to 2018 according to the two charts indicates that in general we have students moving into less restrictive settings. For instance, we increased our students in the category of being in regular education at least 80% of the time by 20 students, with 11 less students in the 40%- 79% and less than 40% categories. Unfortunately, we have 4 more students placed in a separate school.

This final chart shows the reasons for students exiting special education. A review of this data for 2019 revealed the following:



A comparison of 2018 to 2019 indicates that we had less students exit special education. Specifically, we had 9 less students move out of district on IEP's than last year. The other categories remained relatively flat from one year to the next.

Kelly Ryan
Director of Special Services



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January 19, 2021

School Board
Springfield School District
Springfield, Vermont

We were engaged by the Springfield School District and have audited the financial statements of the Springfield School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020. Due to the challenges of the pandemic, numerous delays have occurred to complete the audit for the above-mentioned fiscal year. It is expected that a complete copy of the audited financial statements, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the District's office prior to March 31, 2021.

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SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FY22 PROPOSED BUDGET NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Springfield School District's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) is \$33,173,509. This will be voted upon in two parts. The voters of Springfield will vote on an article for \$32,431,509 to support the PreK through 12th grade population. The PreK portion of this vote supports paying tuition to private partners at the rate of \$3,536. The remaining \$742,000 will be voted upon as part of the separate regional vote for the River Valley Technical Center budget.

There are multiple pages included in this report which present information about the FY22 Proposed School Budget.

The Enrollment Projections show a net decrease of fourteen (14) students is anticipated in our K-12 population. The district's preschool partner program enrollment is anticipated to be 140.

Staff reduction for the 2021-2022 school year is as follows:

- One half time (.5) Art teacher at Springfield High School
- One half time (.5) Music teacher at Springfield High School
- One half time (.5) PE Teacher at Springfield High School

These reductions are a result of lower enrollments in these subject areas.

The Summary page shows a few key informational items. The FY22 Proposed Budget represents a \$156,186 decrease, which is a 0.47% decrease over the current year. This compares to a 5.83% increase in FY21. The Residential School Property Tax Rate will decrease by 3.68 cents. The Non-Residential rate, which is fixed by the state and will not change with local spending decisions, is recommended by the House Ways & Means Committee to decrease by 2.69 cents to \$1.6360.

The Expenditures page breaks down the FY22 budget into general categories. The \$156,186 decrease is primarily a result of \$120,318 loss of Federal Grant dollars.

The Net Cost by Cost Center page represents the cost to operate the various departments net of no Education Fund revenue. For example, Grants have a net cost to the Education Fund since they are 100% funded by the federal government. Special Education is the second highest cost center after netting out the state and federal reimbursements. The High School is our highest cost center. The revenue in the schools largely represent tuition from neighboring school districts.

The Revenues page provides detail on the various revenue sources that fund the school budget. The decrease in the General State Support Grant (which impacts the local tax rates) is \$530,536 or 2.26%. This is the net of the combined expenditure

reduction and revenue increase. Special Education reimbursement is down \$107,015 or 1.82% as a result lower anticipated expenses. Tuition revenue is forecasted to fall \$29,800 and we are not forecasting an energy fund transfer in FY22.

The Three Prior Year Comparison page provides some historical information and is presented in a format required by the State. The document outlines how the actual homestead tax rate is calculated.

The Historical Tax Rate Calculation page provides you with the variables and calculations used to determine the Actual Homestead Tax Rate. Equalized Pupils, Excess Spending Threshold, Property Yield, Base Tax Rate, and the Common Level of Appraisal are all determined by the state from various factors. This report also provides you with the historical trends for each component of the tax rate calculation. Please note that at the time the Board adopted the budget and at the time of this printing, Equalized Pupils and the Property Yield had not been finalized by the state therefore these are estimates only.

Since the board adopted the budget, the district has received adjustments to both Equalized Pupils and the Yield. Although still not final, with these two estimates, if the budget article passes, per pupil spending is currently estimated to be down 3.87% to \$18,239. The yield is estimated to be up 0.93% and the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is down 3.19%, all of which result in the estimated residential tax rate to be down

3.68 cents (\$0.0368). Tax revenue only funds about 25% of the school budget. Two-thirds of Springfield households pay their property taxes based on their income, not their property value, and are forecasted to pay a maximum of 2.76% of their income in school property taxes, which is a decrease over the 2.82% paid this year.

In Article 11, the board is asking the voters to approve the creation of an operating expense reserve fund for the purpose of stabilizing future district tax rates. The \$400,000 funding of this reserve is coming from the district's FY20 surplus which was largely a result of the savings the district realized from its change in operations to respond to the COVID pandemic. This surplus provides the district with a rare opportunity to preplan for the funding of the district in future years and be better positioned to respond to external factors out of the control of the district. The goal is to stabilize the tax rate and mitigate large swings in variables such as the yield and the CLA, which the district has no control over.

Richard C. Pembroke
Chief Financial Officer

SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Net Cost by Cost Center
FY22

BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY22 REQUESTED	FY22 REVENUE	FY22 Net Cost
PreK	\$610,167	\$0	\$610,167
Elm Hill	\$2,793,604	\$0	\$2,793,604
Union	\$2,491,027	\$18,000	\$2,473,027
Riverside	\$2,898,584	\$54,000	\$2,844,584
High School	\$4,045,155	\$366,000	\$3,679,155
Special Ed	\$8,996,743	\$5,792,800	\$3,203,943
Plant	\$3,219,259	\$452,000	\$2,767,259
Capital Plan	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Debt Service	\$1,733,500	\$0	\$1,733,500
District Wide Svcs	\$3,323,470	\$1,270,000	\$2,053,470
GRAND TOTAL	\$30,611,509	\$7,952,800	\$22,658,709
RVTC	\$742,000	\$0	\$742,000
TOTAL w/o Grants	\$31,353,509	\$7,952,800	\$23,400,709
GRANTS	\$1,820,000	\$1,820,000	\$0
Grand Total	\$33,173,509	\$9,772,800	\$23,400,709

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT HISTORICAL TAX RATE CALCULATION

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	
Total Expenditures	2.94%	2.17%	-0.18%	2.16%	0.58%	4.36%	0.88%	4.38%	5.83%	-0.47%	↓
Local Revenues	-0.41%	3.33%	-0.35%	9.38%	4.53%	13.59%	-0.32%	-2.42%	14.18%	4.33%	↑
Education Spending	3.97%	1.83%	-0.13%	0.00%	-0.71%	1.19%	1.35%	7.01%	2.90%	-2.34%	↓
Equalized Pupils	-1.25%	-0.35%	-1.93%	-0.80%	-0.50%	-0.83%	-0.37%	-3.93%	-0.43%	2.06%	↑
Ed Spending/Eq Pupil	5.28%	2.19%	1.84%	0.81%	-0.21%	2.03%	1.73%	11.38%	3.34%	-4.32%	↓
Yield	2.10%	4.91%	1.46%	0.00%	4.48%	4.73%	0.59%	4.80%	3.29%	0.93%	↑
Equalized Tax Rate	\$ 1.5818	\$ 1.6273	\$ 1.7029	\$ 1.7342	\$ 1.6730	\$ 1.6299	\$ 1.6483	\$ 1.7322	\$ 1.7332	\$ 1.6431	
% ETR Increase over PY	5.5%	2.9%	4.6%	1.8%	-3.5%	-2.6%	1.1%	6.3%	0.06%	-5.20%	
CLA	4.4%	1.6%	2.6%	0.0%	0.6%	-0.4%	-13.5%	-9.8%	-1.36%	-3.19%	↑
Actual Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.5003	\$ 1.5189	\$ 1.5498	\$ 1.5786	\$ 1.5144	\$ 1.4817	\$ 1.7321	\$ 1.7453	\$ 1.7704	\$ 1.7336	
% AHTR Increase over PY	1.08%	1.24%	2.04%	1.85%	-4.06%	-2.16%	16.90%	17.79%	1.44%	-2.08%	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY22 Change
1 Total Expenditures	27,587,559	28,185,921	28,136,012	28,742,934	28,909,582	30,170,460	30,436,739	31,492,214	33,329,695	33,173,509	(156,186)
2 Local Revenues	6,288,057	6,497,346	6,474,646	7,081,993	7,402,479	8,408,162	8,381,551	8,204,424	9,367,450	9,772,800	405,350
3 Education Spending	21,299,502	21,688,575	21,661,366	21,660,941	21,507,103	21,762,298	22,055,188	23,287,790	23,962,245	23,400,709	(561,536)
4 Equalized Pupils	1,373.85	1,369.02	1,342.55	1,331.78	1,325.17	1,314.18	1,309.26	1,262.56	1,257.08	1,283.03	25.95
5 Ed Spending per Eq Pupil	\$15,504	\$15,842	\$16,134	\$16,265	\$16,230	\$16,560	\$16,846	\$18,445	\$19,062	\$18,239	-\$823
Excess Spending Threshold	14,841	15,456	16,166	17,103	16,466	17,386	17,816	18,311	18,756	18,789	\$33
Excess Spending exclusions	731	726	734	739	731	744	749	784	832	707	-\$125
EdSp/EqPup with over threshold	15,504	15,842	16,134	16,265	16,230	16,560	16,846	18,445	19,062	18,239	(823,20)
Base Ed Amt/Prop Yield	8,723	9,151	9,285	9,285	9,701	10,160	10,220	10,648	10,998	11,100	102
6 District Spending Adjustment	177,731%	173,122%	173,770%	175,171%	167,299%	162,988%	164,829%	173,224%	173,321%	164,312%	-9,009%
Base Tax Rate	0.89	0.94	0.98	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
7 Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	1.5818	1.6273	1.7029	1.7342	1.6730	1.6299	1.6483	1.7322	1.7332	1.6431	-0.0901
8 Common Level of Appraisal	105.43%	107.14%	109.88%	109.86%	110.47%	110.00%	95.16%	99.25%	97.90%	94.78%	-3.12%
9 Actual Homestead Tax Rate	\$ 1.5003	\$ 1.5189	\$ 1.5498	\$ 1.5786	\$ 1.5144	\$ 1.4817	\$ 1.7321	\$ 1.7453	\$ 1.7704	\$ 1.7336	\$(0.0368)

To cut 1c on actual homestead tax rate	\$ 134,500	Homestead	100,000	Tax increase/(decrease)	\$ (36.77)
			200,000	Tax increase/(decrease)	\$ (73.54)
			300,000	Tax increase/(decrease)	\$ (110.32)

Springfield School District
Projected Enrollment
1/21/2021

		ACTUALS										PROJECTED									
		FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29				
Enrollment	Elm Hill	84	85	95	99	87	93	79	83	85	87	85	84	84	85	85	85				
	1	100	87	81	90	85	86	81	80	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77				
	2	94	100	81	78	86	80	80	83	76	72	72	72	72	72	72	72				
	Total	278	272	257	267	258	259	240	246	237	236	234	233	233	234	234	234				
	Union	82	90	112	86	73	88	84	75	86	78	75	75	75	75	75	75				
	3	92	81	91	110	83	66	92	83	74	85	77	74	74	74	74	74				
	4	91	87	73	92	114	88	68	87	84	74	85	78	74	74	74	74				
	Total	265	258	276	288	270	242	244	245	243	237	237	226	223	223	223	223				
	RMS	112	96	84	71	92	108	88	70	85	82	72	83	76	73	73	73				
	6	91	111	90	86	76	90	104	90	70	85	81	72	83	75	72	72				
	7	93	92	109	89	88	70	91	99	89	69	83	80	71	82	74	71				
	Total	296	299	283	246	256	268	283	259	243	235	237	235	230	230	219	216				
	SHS	141	130	117	144	122	105	97	122	130	116	90	109	105	93	107	97				
	9	114	119	118	99	115	106	85	91	103	110	98	76	92	89	79	90				
	10	110	100	101	104	73	104	88	77	76	87	92	83	64	78	75	66				
	11	113	103	98	92	94	69	92	79	71	71	80	85	76	59	72	69				
	12																				
	Total	478	452	434	439	404	384	362	369	380	383	360	353	337	318	332	323				
	SSD	1,317	1,281	1,250	1,240	1,188	1,153	1,129	1,119	1,105	1,091	1,069	1,048	1,023	1,005	1,008	996				
	Total																				
		-2.30%	-2.73%	-2.42%	-0.80%	-4.19%	-2.95%	-2.08%	-0.89%	-1.28%	-1.23%	-2.01%	-2.01%	-2.38%	-1.72%	0.29%	-1.24%				

**Springfield School District
FY22 Proposed Budget
Summary**

CATEGORY	FY20 ACTUAL AMOUNTS	FY21 CURRENT BUDGET	FY22 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHG
Operating Budget	\$ 27,322,327	\$ 30,889,377	\$ 30,853,509	\$ (35,868)	-0.12%
Capital Budget	\$ 437,339	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	0.00%
Grant Budget	\$ 2,429,452	\$ 1,940,318	\$ 1,820,000	\$ (120,318)	-6.20%
Total Budget	\$ 30,189,117	\$ 33,329,695	\$ 33,173,509	\$ (156,186)	-0.47%

Est. Non-Prop. Tax Revenue	\$ 22,365,658	\$ 24,100,894	\$ 24,118,537	\$ 17,643	0.07%
Income Sensitivity Payments	\$ 1,598,322	\$ 1,488,876	\$ 1,488,876	\$ -	0.00%
Est. Property Taxes Raised	\$ 7,404,612	\$ 7,739,925	\$ 7,566,096	\$ (173,829)	-2.25%

Est. Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.7424	\$ 1.7704	\$ 1.7336	\$ (0.0368)	-2.11%
Est. Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$ 1.6060	\$ 1.6629	\$ 1.6360	\$ (0.0269)	-1.62%

The Springfield School District 2020 audit has been delayed due to the challenge of the COVID pandemic. A statement from the Auditor is in this Town Report. The audit will be completed prior to March 31, 2021 and will be available for review at the School District Central Office at 60 Park Street and on the district website at: www.ssdvt.org

Springfield voters have established five Reserve Funds. These funds may only be used for the specific defined purpose of the fund. The balances at 6/30/20 are as follows:

HDEC Facilities Reserve Fund	\$ 462,158
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$ 24,921
Capital Projects Reserve Fund	\$ 302,119
Roofing Reserve Fund	\$ 4,279
Energy Reserve Fund	\$ 251,012

**SPRINGFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET SUMMARY EXPENDITURES
FY22**

BUILDING or DEPARTMENT	FY19 APPROVED	FY20 APPROVED <i>RESTATED</i>	FY21 APPROVED <i>RESTATED</i>	FY22 REQUESTED	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHANGE
PreK	\$0	\$553,460	\$579,690	\$610,167	\$30,477	5.3%
Elm Hill	\$2,663,086	\$2,638,669	\$2,578,566	\$2,793,604	\$215,038	8.3%
Union	\$2,551,005	\$2,317,446	\$2,459,265	\$2,491,027	\$31,762	1.3%
Riverside	\$2,712,524	\$2,790,168	\$2,900,403	\$2,898,584	-\$1,819	-0.1%
High School	\$4,109,178	\$4,098,686	\$4,134,329	\$4,045,155	-\$89,174	-2.2%
Special Ed	\$7,227,930	\$7,855,764	\$9,278,475	\$8,996,743	-\$281,732	-3.0%
Plant	\$2,689,356	\$3,082,905	\$3,279,245	\$3,219,259	-\$59,986	-1.8%
Capital Plan	\$469,150	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	0.0%
Debt Service	\$1,929,124	\$1,897,900	\$1,785,400	\$1,733,500	-\$51,900	-2.9%
District Wide Svcs	\$3,137,735	\$3,075,152	\$3,096,004	\$3,323,470	\$227,466	7.3%
TOTAL	\$27,489,088	\$28,810,150	\$30,591,377	\$30,611,509	\$20,132	0.1%
RVTC	\$918,476	\$847,000	\$798,000	\$742,000	-\$56,000	-7.0%
TOTAL w/o Grants	\$28,407,564	\$29,657,150	\$31,389,377	\$31,353,509	-\$35,868	-0.1%
GRANTS	\$2,029,175	\$1,832,463	\$1,940,318	\$1,820,000	-\$120,318	-6.2%
Grand Total	\$30,436,739	\$31,489,614	\$33,329,695	\$33,173,509	-\$156,186	-0.5%

VOTED ARTICLES:

Local Article
RVTC Obligation
Total

\$32,431,509
\$742,000
\$33,173,509

Springfield SD FY22 Revenue

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual <i>unaudited</i>	FY21 Approved	FY22 Proposed	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
LOCAL SOURCES							
Elementary Tuition	74,965	40,880	71,600	54,000	54,000	-	0.00%
Secondary Tuition	496,734	401,160	375,232	404,800	375,000	(29,800)	-7.36%
Excess Cost Revenue	22,800	22,800	45,997	25,000	25,000	-	0.00%
Tuition	594,499	464,840	492,829	483,800	454,000	(29,800)	-6.16%
Interest	9,650	41,100	39,339	20,000	30,000	10,000	50.00%
Interest	9,650	41,100	39,339	20,000	30,000	10,000	50.00%
Miscellaneous	10,840	17,585	35,202	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
Services to VT LEA	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
RVTC	360,272	355,568	398,275	350,000	375,000	25,000	7.14%
HDEC	75,761	76,641	79,797	76,000	76,000	-	0.00%
SARC	1,156	5,283	-	1,000	1,000	-	0.00%
Fund Transfer	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Gate Receipts	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	0.00%
Rentals	18,222	19,499	4,940	18,000	10,000	(8,000)	-44.44%
Misc Revenue	468,751	527,076	520,714	457,500	474,500	17,000	3.72%
Total Local Sources	1,072,900	1,033,016	1,052,882	961,300	958,500	(2,800)	-0.29%
STATE SOURCES							
General State Support Grant	21,034,349	21,405,928	23,155,562	23,481,245	22,950,709	(530,536)	-2.26%
Tech Tuition on Behalf (RVTC)	584,023	571,762	516,442	481,000	450,000	(31,000)	-6.44%
Education Spending Grant	21,618,372	21,977,690	23,672,004	23,962,245	23,400,709	(561,536)	-2.34%
State Aid Transportation	205,434	218,671	229,335	215,000	185,000	(30,000)	-13.95%
Transportation Reimb	205,434	218,671	229,335	215,000	185,000	(30,000)	-13.95%
Special Ed Mainstream Block Grant	487,333	475,736	474,475	463,000	467,800	4,800	1.04%
EEE Grant	-	-	95,253	102,000	100,000	(2,000)	-1.96%
Special Ed Formula Reimb	2,649,339	2,322,496	2,491,408	3,921,124	3,600,000	(321,124)	-8.19%
Special Ed Extraordinary Reimb	853,717	836,331	716,522	1,388,691	1,600,000	211,309	15.22%
Special Ed Reimbursements	3,990,389	3,634,563	3,777,658	5,874,815	5,767,800	(107,015)	-1.82%
State Placed Student Reimbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Drivers Education	8,443	7,607	6,300	7,000	6,000	(1,000)	-14.29%
High School Completion	17,475	2,694	936	2,000	500	(1,500)	-75.00%
Grants/Reimbursements	25,918	10,301	7,236	9,000	6,500	(2,500)	-27.78%
Total State Sources	25,840,113	25,841,225	27,686,233	30,061,060	29,360,009	(701,051)	-2.33%
FEDERAL SOURCES							
Indirect from Grants	36,163	42,823	32,773	38,000	32,000	(6,000)	-15.79%
School Lunch	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
School Breakfast	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Grants	2,067,465	2,029,175	2,050,428	1,940,318	1,820,000	(120,318)	-6.20%
Total Federal Sources	2,103,628	2,071,998	2,083,201	1,978,318	1,852,000	(126,318)	-6.39%
OTHER SOURCES							
Prior Year Revenue	-	540	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Refund of Prior Year Exp.	1,698	3,855	225,591	3,000	3,000	-	0.00%
PY Surplus Applied	\$ 516,774	\$ 714,502	\$ 318,783	\$ 326,017	\$ 1,000,000	673,983	206.73%
Total Other Sources	518,472	718,897	544,374	329,017	1,003,000	673,983	204.85%
TOTAL REVENUE	29,535,113	29,665,136	31,366,690	33,329,695	33,173,509	(156,186)	-0.47%

District: Springfield SU: Springfield		T193 Windsor County		Property dollar equivalent yield 11,100 13,232	Homestead tax rate per \$11,100 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00 Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$30,436,739	\$31,492,214	\$33,329,695	\$33,173,509
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	NA	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$30,436,739	\$31,492,214	\$33,329,695	\$33,173,509
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$30,436,739	\$31,492,214	\$33,329,695	\$33,173,509
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$8,381,551	\$8,204,424	\$9,367,450	\$9,772,800
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	NA	NA
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$8,381,551	\$8,204,424	\$9,367,450	\$9,772,800
14.	Education Spending	\$22,055,188	\$23,287,790	\$23,962,245	\$23,400,709
15.	Equalized Pupils	1,309.26	1,262.56	1,257.08	1,283.03
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,845.54	\$18,444.90	\$19,061.83	\$18,238.63
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$683.68	\$667.75	\$630.85	\$600.10
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$65.55	\$75.13	\$75.46	\$23.53
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	\$41.34	\$126.09	\$84.18
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,846	\$18,445	\$19,062	\$18,238.63
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	164.829% based on yield \$10,220	173.224% based on yield \$10,648	173.321% based on \$10,998	164.312% based on yield \$11,100
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$18,238.63 ÷ (\$11,100 / \$1.00)]	\$1.6483 based on \$1.00	\$1.7322 based on \$1.00	\$1.7332 based on \$1.00	\$1.6431 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Springfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.64)	\$1.6483	\$1.7322	\$1.7332	\$1.6431
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	95.16%	99.25%	97.90%	94.78%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.6431 / 94.78%)	\$1.7321 based on \$1.00	\$1.7453 based on \$1.00	\$1.7704 based on \$1.00	\$1.7336 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$18,238.63 ÷ \$13,232) x 2.00%]	2.72% based on 2.00%	2.82% based on 2.00%	2.82% based on 2.00%	2.76% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.76%)	2.72% based on 2.00%	2.82% based on 2.00%	2.82% based on 2.00%	2.76% based on 2.00%
36.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,763 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$12,825 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.73. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate. - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.					

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S WARRANT ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 2, 2020 AND MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District were notified and warned to meet at the Springfield High School Cafeteria in said Town on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (7:30 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon all matters which may be voted upon by acclamation and not otherwise to be voted by ballot, following which all articles to be voted by Australian Ballot on March 3, 2020, were discussed, and then meeting adjourned to the Riverside Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) on March 3, 2020, to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

ARTICLE 1: Voters electd the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Cemetery Commissioners	Selectmen
First Constable	Town Agent
Library Trustees	Town Moderator
Lister	Town School District Moderator
School Director	Trustees of Public Funds

ARTICLE 2: Voters approved to receive and act on reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3: Voters approved the salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4: Voters approved to pay each Selectperson the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office.

ARTICLE 5: Voters approved the sum of TWELVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FOUR and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,612,404.00) for the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote.

ARTICLE 6: Voters authorized the Board of Selectmen to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Town of Springfield in accordance with the terms of said grants, gifts, or bequests.

ARTICLE 7: Voters approved the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$700,000.00) for repaving, road construction, gravel road improvements, and ancillary professional services for the projects specified in the Road Surface Management System Report dated March 2015 or other duly warranted sidewalk improvements.

ARTICLE 8: Voters approved the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) for a sidewalk reconstruction plan to study grant sourcing and for the

reconstruction of sidewalks in various locations throughout the Town.

ARTICLE 9: Voters approved the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) for engineering, planning and permitting for the paving and drainage improvements of Riverside Middle School parking lot.

ARTICLE 10: Voters denied borrowing an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$278,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and other financing sources, for the purpose of making improvements for the completion of Comtu Cascade Park located between Main Street and the Black River.

ARTICLE 11: Voters approved the Springfield Town School District to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the School Board, to borrow money to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year, and also authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the School Board, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes rated to meet the requirements of the Town School District for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 12: Voters approved the Springfield Town School District approve a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget.

ARTICLE 13: Voters approved the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget.

ARTICLE 14: Voters denied the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$32,654,523.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,202 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.10% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 15: Voters denied the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$125,333.00), which is the

amount the school board has determined to be necessary (along with \$199,478.00 of federal grant monies) for the establishment of two full day, full year Prekindergarten classrooms for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed article, when added to Article 14, if approved, will result in total combined education spending of \$19,302 per equalized pupil. This combined projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.65% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 16: Voters approved the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to the Springfield Community Band for eight (8) concerts.

ARTICLE 17: Voters approved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.

ARTICLE 18: Voters approved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

ARTICLE 19: Voters approved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home.

ARTICLE 20: Voters approved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections (formerly Precision Valley Free Clinic) to help the uninsured access health care.

ARTICLE 21: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the support of the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield.

ARTICLE 22: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Springfield through volunteer service.

ARTICLE 23: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot & cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield.

ARTICLE 24: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Windsor County Partners d/b/a Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County.

ARTICLE 25: Voters approved the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in home case management services for 6 months to two years after placement.

ARTICLE 26: Voters approved the Town appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger, homelessness and related social-service needs in the community.

ARTICLE 27: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town.

ARTICLE 28: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to the Springfield Art and Historical Society to assist in preserving, maintaining, and displaying, for the public, the history and art of the Town of Springfield, Vermont.

ARTICLE 29: Voters approved the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Turning Point Recovery Center Drop-In Center and Transition House to help with the everyday cost of providing recovery services and housing for men and that are in recovery from alcohol, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

ARTICLE 30: Voters approved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

ARTICLE 31: Voters approved to do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING JUNE 16, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield School District were notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium in said town on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article:

ARTICLE 1: Voters approved the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINTY FIVE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$ 32,531,695.00), which is the amount the school

board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,062 per pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.34% higher than spending for the current year.

There was an electronic and in-person Public Hearing on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside Middle School for the purpose of discussing the proposed school budget as presented in Article 1.

**THE WARRANT TO BE VOTED
ON AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
BEING HELD ON MARCH 2, 2021
APPEARS ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES.**

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The legal voters of the Town of Springfield and Town of Springfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Riverside Middle School Gymnasium in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. (8:00 o'clock in the forenoon) until 7:00 p.m. to vote by ballot for Town and Town School District Officers, for all appropriations to be voted by ballot, and all other items of business to be voted by ballot.

In accordance with Act 162 (2020) all voting will be done by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, therefore, there will not be in-person floor voting on Monday, March 1, 2021.

A public informational hearing will be held on Zoom video conferencing on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to hear reports of the Town Officers, Town School District Officers and Committees, to discuss all Australian Ballot articles on the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting Warning and to do any other business that can legally be done under this Warning.

HOW TO JOIN AND ACCESS THE REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING:

MEETING ID: 863 3633 2110

- **By computer:** Join meeting by clicking here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86326222110>
You may be prompted to enter the Meeting ID. You may need to download software here <https://zoom.us/>
- **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the <https://zoom.us/app>.
You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID. One-tap mobile device click here: [+13017158592](tel:+13017158592)
- **By telephone:** Dial [1 \(301\)715-8592](tel:+13017158592) and when prompted enter the Meeting ID. Note that long distance rates may apply.
- **Meeting link** can also be accessed on the home page of the [Town of Springfield website](#)
- **Watch** live on SAPA TV or stream it from Sapatv.org

If you have difficulty accessing the meeting or do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please call 802-885-2104.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers and Town School District Officers for the ensuing year:

Cemetery Commissioner	Selectmen
First Constable	Town Moderator
Library Trustees	Town School District Moderator
Lister	Trustees of Public Funds
School Director	

the budget of the Town for salaries, incidental and necessary Town expenses, including highways, and for the purposes for which the law requires appropriations, and for which a Town may legally vote? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town Moderator for the ensuing year? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to pay each Selectperson the sum of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving the Town in that office? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWELVE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,845,413.00) for

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$700,000.00) for repaving, road construction, gravel road improvements, and ancillary professional services for the projects specified in the Road Surface Management System Report dated March 2015 or other duly warranted sidewalk improvements? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) for sidewalk reconstruction in various locations throughout the Town? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

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ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District authorize the school board to borrow money not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year by issuing bonds or notes? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve a salary of FIFTY and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) per meeting for the Town School District Moderator for the ensuing year, the funds for which are included in the school budget? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the payment to each School Board member of FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help defray the costs and expenses incurred in serving in that office, the funds for which are included in the school budget? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District approve the School Board to spend THIRTY TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED NINE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$32,431,509.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,324 per pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.87% lower than spending for the current year. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters of the Springfield Town School District create an operating expense reserve fund, with an initial transfer of \$400,000.00 from the district's FY20 surplus, to be under the control of the board of school directors, for the purpose of paying operational expenses that were not anticipated at the time of the budget preparation by the board? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to the Springfield Community Band for eight (8) concerts? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Southeastern

Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Springfield in responding to the emergency needs of the community and to provide all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,500.00) to help support the high-quality home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH? Care is provided regardless of ability to pay. (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$8,500.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to help support the Valley Health Connections (formerly Precision Valley Free Clinic) to help the uninsured access health care? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) for the support of the MOOver f/n/a the Current operated by Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Springfield through volunteer service? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of

Warning (continued)

Greater Springfield that provides daily hot & cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Springfield? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) to Windsor County Partners d/b/a Windsor County Mentors, for youth mentoring services provided to the children of Windsor County? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to the Springfield Supported Housing to assist families and individuals find permanent housing and provide in home case management services for 6 months to two years after placement? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,000.00) to the Springfield Family Center to assist with the cost of providing a free meal daily, a free food shelf, and other services related to hunger, homelessness and related social-service needs in the community? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,500.00) to the Springfield Art and Historical Society to assist in preserving, maintaining, and displaying, for the public, the history and art of the Town of Springfield, Vermont? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town of Springfield appropriate the sum of NINE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) to Turning Point Recovery Center Drop-In Center and Transition House to help with the everyday cost of providing recovery services and housing for men and that are in recovery from alcohol, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.? (By Australian Ballot, the Ballot Box will be open at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.)

Dated this 25th day of January, 2021
at Springfield, County of Windsor
and State of Vermont.

Walter E. Martone, *Chair*
John A. Bond
Michael E. Martin
George T. McNaughton
Kristi C. Morris

Board of Selectmen
Town of Springfield

Dated this 25th day of January, 2021
at Springfield, County of Windsor
and State of Vermont.

Troy Palmer, *Chair*
Jeanice Garfield
Michael Griffin, Jr.
Stephen Karaffa
Patti Kemp

Board of School Directors
Springfield School District

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Town Clerk's Office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 10, 2021.

REGISTER TO VOTE: Election Day voter registration law went into effect January 1, 2017. You may register to vote on Election Day at the polls and then proceed to vote on that day. You may also register to vote (by appointment during closure due to Covid) at the town clerk's office 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F or online at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email or online at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the March 2, 2021 Town and Town School District Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 1, 2021. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's Office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the Town Clerk's Office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you and mail or deliver it back to the Town Clerk's Office before Election Day or bring to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are ill, injured or disabled before Election Day, you can request by the close of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 1, 2021 to have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be added to the checklist today.

- If the Town Clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a Superior Court Judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail or online, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to

their car by two Election Officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your Town Clerk or any Election Official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Accuvote Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- State name and, if asked, street address to the Election Official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the Election Official.
- An Election Official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one" or "Vote for not more than two," etc.

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- **WRITE-IN** candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot(s) into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

Barbara A. Courchesne
Town Clerk, CVC
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RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The River Valley Technical Center School District sending school region includes Bellows Falls Union High School, Black River Union High School, Fall Mountain Regional High School, Green Mountain Union High School, and Springfield High School. We also enroll students from the Compass School as well as home-schooled students and adult students. In this past year, 261 high school students enrolled in various technical education programs from 16 area towns served by the Center. River Valley Technical Center offered many programs for high school students last year, including Pre-Technical Foundations and Integrated Pre-Technical Studies for grades 9 and 10, Business and Finance, Information Technology, Advanced Manufacturing/Engineering, Industrial Trades, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Carpentry, Criminal Justice, Human Services, Audio Video Production, Health Sciences, and Culinary Arts.

River Valley Technical Center prepares students to be career and college ready through hands-on learning which incorporates academic skills, technical skills, and our Essential Employability Skills which include: Dependability, Communication, Organization, Collaboration, Problem Solving and Work Ethic. Students receive embedded academic credits/proficiencies and elective credits which help fulfill their high school graduation requirements.

Our Cooperative Education program provided students with 58 job shadow experiences, 13 paid and 57 unpaid work experiences, as well as many field trips and guest speakers from local business and industry. The COVID-19 Pandemic had significant impact on the Career and Technical Student Organizations events and competitions resulting in the cancellation of some of the statewide competitions. But students still participated in the RVTC Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society where eleven new students were inducted. David Groenewold, RVTC Culinary Arts Instructor, was recognized by the National Restaurant Association as a 2020 ProStart Educator of Excellence. His students also fared well at the ProStart Invitational; Brenna Laduc-BFUHS, Alannah Green-BFUHS, Heather Papineau-adult student, and Christian LaValley-SHS finished third in the Culinary Competition. Loganne Laprise-GMUHS and Hayley

Martin-BFUHS finished in first place in the Management Competition. Many students earned college credits through dual credit enrollment with area colleges and 138 students earned 262 industry recognized credentials. Ninety percent of our graduates last year are either in post-secondary education, the military or employed within six months following high school graduation, with thirty-five percent of our students going on to post-secondary placements.

River Valley Technical Center offers diverse programs in Career and Technical Education to provide learning opportunities for an array of ages beyond high school, including adults and middle school students. Last year, 58 students participated in our Tech Time afterschool programs, 276 middle school students toured RVTC, and we taught STEAM lessons in 16 classrooms at 5 area schools. In addition, 143 elementary school students participated in STEAM lessons in their classrooms and through after school programs. Our Adult Services program offers adults opportunities for learning specialized skills, such as Licensed Nurse Assistance and Emergency Medical Technician programs. Due to the current pandemic, we were unable to run our RVTC Tech Camp, some middle school tours, and adult education classes in 2020, but we plan to continue this programming in the future.

We would like to thank Mitch Sidd, Industrial Trades and Steve Karaffa, Criminal Justice Instructors for their years of service to RVTC and our students, Happy Retirement Mitch and Steve!

RVTC enjoys a high degree of student satisfaction with 100% of our students reporting that they are proud to be an RVTC student. If you meet one of our students, talk to them about RVTC!

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WARNING RIVER VALLEY TECHNICAL CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021 INFORMATIONAL MEETING, AUSTRALIAN BALLOT & ANNUAL MEETING

(Member districts: Bellows Falls Union High School District #27, Ludlow Independent School (formerly Ludlow Mount Holly Unified Union School District#39), Green Mountain Unified School District #35, and Springfield School District)

INFORMATIONAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 25, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are hereby warned that a Public Informational Meeting will be held concerning the Australian Ballot Article on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting: <https://vtvlc.zoom.us/j/86704323158> or dial in at (646) 876-9923, meeting ID: 867 0432 3158.

VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 2, 2021

The legal voters of each member district are further warned to vote on the following Article by Australian Ballot at their respective polling places:

ARTICLE 1: *Shall the voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District approve the sum of two million, eight hundred eighty-five thousand, five hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,885,535) to defray current expenses for the ensuing fiscal year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations?*

Robert Flint, *Chair*
Lyza Gardner
Jeanice Garfield
Paul Orzechowski
Lois Perlah

FLOOR VOTE OF ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 5, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The legal voters of the River Valley Technical Center School District are further warned to meet in the Howard Dean Education Center, Springfield, Vermont, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian Ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The business to be transacted to include:

ARTICLE 1: To see what compensation the School District will pay to the officers of the River Valley Technical Center School District.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act on the reports of the School District officers.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the School District will authorize the Board of Directors to receive and expend funds received through grants, donations, or other outside sources during the ensuing year, so long as such funds do not change the technical-education tuition assessment derived from the operating budget approved by the School District voters.

ARTICLE 4: To authorize the Board of Directors to borrow funds through a bridge loan to cover expenses while waiting for state funding to arrive.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this School District Annual Meeting.

For more information about the proposed 2021-2022 budget, please contact the office of the RVTC Superintendent/Director at (802) 885-8301. Copies of the RVTC Annual Report are available at town clerk offices and high schools of the member districts, on our website at rvtc.org, or upon request by contacting the RVTC office.

David Clark, *Vice Chair*
Andrew Pennell, *Secretary/Board Clerk*
James Rumrill
Sarah Vogel
Jeff Mobus, *Clerk, River Valley Technical Center School District*

VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Bellows Falls Union High School District #27

Athens	Athens Town Hall	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Grafton	Grafton Brick Meeting House	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Rockingham	Masonic Temple	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Westminster	Westminster Town Hall	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Two Rivers Supervisory Union

Ludlow	Ludlow Town Hall	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Mount Holly	Mt. Holly Town Office	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.
Andover	Andover Town Hall	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Chester	Chester Town Hall	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Cavendish	Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Station	10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Springfield School District

Springfield	Riverside Middle School	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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