

ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Stratton, Vermont



July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINK

(Sorry, no Potluck Lunch this year)

If you intend to attend,
Please read the enclosed COVID-19
Protocol Document so that you understand
how these meetings will be conducted.

On the Cover: A photograph of Grout Pond in the morning, taken by Chris Liller

RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

Be sure to file your

**Homestead Declaration
and Property Tax Credit Claim
(HS-122 and HI-144)**

(see <https://tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit>)

by April 15, 2022

**Filing extensions
do not apply to these documents.**

**The penalty can be 8% or more
of your Property Tax Bill**

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COVID 19 Protocol / Voting Rules for the Town and School District Meetings of March 1, 2022

We expect this meeting to proceed rapidly to the issues at hand. Stratton is a Floor Vote Town, meaning that meetings are held in person and issues are voted from the floor. To retain this method during the COVID 19 Pandemic, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) The meeting will be held at the Stratton Town Hall, 688 Strat.-Arl. Rd., in Stratton. Hand Sanitizer and Wipes will be available for all attendees. Please refrain from using the restrooms.
- 2) If a paper ballot is required, registered voters attending the meeting in the Town Hall at the time ballots are collected will be allowed to vote.
- 3) Doors to the Town Hall will be opened for attendees no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Maintain social distancing from other groups when entering the building and while inside the building.
- 4) All attendees entering the building should wear a face mask.
- 5) No tables will be provided. Chairs will be arranged for proper social distancing and can be organized so that family groups can remain close to one another, but distanced from other groups or individuals also in attendance.
- 6) Attendees should check in with the Clerk to be included on the voter check list. This will allow roll call to proceed quickly.
- 7) No refreshments – drinks, etc. will be allowed into the building or served.
- 8) The meeting is governed by the Moderator, who may apply or alter rules to ensure that a safe, sufficient and legally conducted meeting occurs.
- 9) No Campaigning or discussions in regard to potential persons interested in elected positions are allowed within the Town Hall during any part of the meeting preceding the elections of officers.
- 10) The Moderator will call the meeting to order promptly at 10:00am and the clerk will proceed with roll call.
- 11) During the elections of Town Officials, the meeting will proceed as follows: If only one person is nominated per position, the Moderator will proceed accordingly to close nominations and secure the position for the nominee; however, if multiple nominations are made, then the vote will proceed to a paper ballot. The Clerk will already have appointed two BCA members to collect ballots. Once the nominees are known, indicate your choice for the position on the paper ballot provided. **PLEASE STAY AT YOUR SEAT!** The BCA members will walk the ballot box around to collect all voted ballots. Each voter must deposit their own vote into the ballot box. The Clerk will at this time tally the number of voters participating in the election and the count will proceed.

[To win an election, a nominee must have a majority of votes. In the event of three or more nominations, after three consecutive votes, if no one receives a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be removed from the ballot and another round begins, removing the nominee with the least votes after each subsequent round until someone receives a majority.]

Should the above scenario play out, each round of voting will be carried out in the same manner as described above.

- 12) Once all positions have been filled, the Moderator will quickly move to the following articles and conclude the meeting as rapidly as possible.
- 13) Upon Adjournment of the Town Meeting the Moderator will call the School District Meeting to order as Warned and that meeting will proceed in the same manner as given above.
- 14) Once the Meetings have concluded, all attendees should exit the Town Hall immediately while maintaining social distancing guidelines. *Newly elected individuals must take their oaths of office before assuming their duties – See the Town Clerk for your oaths.*

Thank you in advance for following these rules and guidelines.

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January 19, 2022

Selectboard
School Board
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stratton, Vermont and the Stratton Town School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

Sullivan, Powers & Company

ELECTED POSITIONS

NAME

TERM EXPIRES

Moderator:	Diana Stugger	2022
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2023
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2023
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2022
	Larry Bills	2024
	Chris Liller	2022
	Greg Marcucci	2023
	Kevin Robinson	2022
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2023
	Ray Hawksley	2022
	George Rigoulot	2022
	Rob Wadsworth	2024
	Chris Mann	2022
Listers:	Kent Young, Chair	2024
	Candie Bernard	2022
	Elizabeth Liller	2023
School Directors:	Allison Young, Chair	2022
	Melissa Walker	2024
	Allison Young	2022
	Kellie D’Elia-Laskin	2023
	Devon Crowther	2022
	Claire Sears	2022
Cemetery Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2023
	Chris Liller	2024
	Larry Bills	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2022
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2022
Constable:	Boomer Walker	2022
Town Agent:	John Waite	2022
Justices of the Peace*:	Patricia Coolidge	Feb. 1, 2023
	Helen Eddy	Feb. 1, 2023
	Nancy Ferrucci	Feb. 1, 2023
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	Feb. 1, 2023
	Vacant**	Feb. 1, 2023

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

Assistant Town Clerks:	Candie Bernard	
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Candie Bernard	
Zoning Administrator:	Ray Hawksley	2023
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Chris Mann	2023
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2023
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2022

	Diana Stigger	2022
	Paul Bernard	2023
	Tom Montemagni	2024
	Greg Marcucci	2024
Emergency Mgt Coordinator	George Rigoulot	
Regional Emergency Management Committee Members:	George Rigoulot (as EMC)	
	Al Dupell	
Fire Warden:	Kevin Robinson	
Asst. Fire Warden	Chris Liller	
Dog Warden:	Pat Salo	
Pound Keeper:	Pat Salo	
Fence Viewer:	Selectmen	
Weigher of Coal:	Selectmen	
Inspector of Lumber:	Selectmen	
Tree Warden:	Al Dupell	
Board of Civil Authority:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectmen	
Board of Abatement:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Listers, Selectmen	
Deerfield Valley Communications		
Union District Rep.	Betsy Wadsworth	
Union District Alt. Rep.	Candie Bernard	
Union District Alt. Rep.	Alyson Peterson	
Road Foreman:	Chris Liller	
Road Crew:	Stuart Chapin	
	Tim Bills	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	
Asst. Transfer Station Attendants:	Gerry Cloutier	
	Dan Gilbeau	
Windham Solid Waste Management Dist. Rep.	Kent Young	

* Justices of the Peace are elected during the General Election held in November of even years.

** Robert Lahue was elected JP at the General Election of 2020; however, he moved from Town and, therefore, had to resign. Residents interested in the position should contact the Town Clerk.

Incompatible Offices. There are a number of statutes that regulate whether a public official may hold more than one office. This chart provides an easy reference to assist you in determining whether two offices are incompatible to hold.

CHART OF INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Can a Person Hold Both of These Offices?	Auditor	Selectperson	School Director	Town Manager	Town Treasurer	Election Official & Candidate (Australian Ballot)	Election Official & Candidate (Not Australian Ballot)	School District Employee	Spouse
Auditor	—	No	No	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	3
Selectperson	No	—	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	
School Director	No	Yes	—	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	No	
Town Manager	No	No	No	—	No	No	No	Yes	
Town Treasurer	No	No	No	No	—	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Town Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Assistant Town Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	No	Depends ²	N/A	N/A	Yes	
Town Agent	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
First Constable	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Road Commissioner	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Cemetery Commissioner	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Trustee of Public Funds	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Lister	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Assessor	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tax Collector - Current	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Tax Collector - Delinquent	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Trustee of Public Funds	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Grand Juror	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Inspector of Elections	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Justice of the Peace	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

1 Within same supervisory union.
 2 See 24 V.S.A. § 1622.
 3 A spouse of a town clerk, town treasurer, selectperson, trustee of public funds, town manager, water commissioner, sewer system commissioner, sewer disposal commissioner, first constable, road commissioner, collector of current or delinquent taxes, or town district school director, or any person who assists any of these officers may not be an auditor. 17 V.S.A. § 2647.

**WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10:00AM to act upon the following matters of the Town.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Selectmen:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Planning Commission:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Lister:	one three-year term
Cemetery Commissioner:	one three-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector:	one one-year term
Trustee of Public Funds:	one one-year term
Constable:	one one-year term
Town Agent:	one one-year term

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:

Aids Project of Southern Vermont	400.00
American Red Cross	500.00
Big Heavy World	250.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue	2,000.00
The Gathering	1,000.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
Joann Liller Scholarship Fund	500.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00
Senior Solutions	700.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	1000.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Family Network	250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00

Visiting Nurse Association	800.00
Wardsboro Public Library	6,100.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	5,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,600.00
<u>Women's Freedom Center</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$40,633.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$65,550.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town of Stratton authorize cannabis retailers and integrated licensees to conduct business in Town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. §863? "Cannabis Retailer" is defined as a person or business licensed by the State of Vermont's Cannabis Control Board to sell cannabis and cannabis products to adults 21 years of age and older for off-site consumption. An "Integrated Licensee" is defined as a person or business licensed by the State of Vermont's Cannabis Control Board to engage in the activities of a cultivator, wholesaler, product manufacturer, retailer, and testing laboratory in accordance with Vermont State law.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to maintain a reserve fund within the Highway Budget for Guard Rail installation, maintenance and replacement.

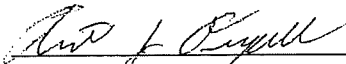
ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

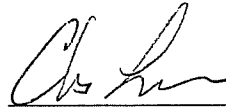
ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$954,671.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,008,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

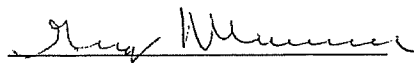
ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Stratton Board of Selectmen


 Albert Dupell


 Chris Liller

 Larry Bills


 Greg Marfucci

 Kevin Robinson

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
100-2000-00.00	General Fund Revenues							
100-2004-00.00	Current Taxes	323,004.53	778,438.43					after transfers to School, State of VT, Highway Fund, etc
100-2005-00.00	Current Use	6,818.00	5,070.00					
100-2006-00.00	Delinquent Taxes	126,870.95	51,246.04					
100-2007-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Interest	32,293.75	17,861.96					
100-2016-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Penalty	20,826.90	21,665.49					
100-2100-00.00	Tax Sale Redemption Proceeds	5,940.04	-					
100-2105-00.00	Zoning/Building Permits	2,835.50	2,699.38					
100-2200-00.00	911 Fees	35.00	140.00					
100-2200-50.00	Sales/Meals Option Tax	430,134.09	343,006.82					
100-2250-00.00	Appraisal Revenue	15,266.50	15,295.00					
100-2400-00.00	PILT Revenue	39,045.00	38,263.00					transferred to School District each year
100-2401-00.00	Interest-Checking	459.43	460.50					
100-2500-00.00	Interest-Savings	357.60	221.86					
100-2505-00.00	Clerk's Fees	35,782.85	66,244.59					
100-2510-00.00	Sales - Town History	160.00	280.00					
100-2515-00.00	Dog Licenses	703.00	597.00					
100-2520-00.00	Marriage/Civil Union Licenses	660.00	240.00					
100-2600-00.00	Beverage Licenses	1,290.00	1,520.00					
100-2700-00.00	Traffic Fines	886.50	115.50					
100-2750-00.00	Town Hall Revenue	50.00	50.00					
100-2825-00.00	Local Share of State Education Tax	29,362.47	29,492.21					
100-2900-00.00	Pay As You Throw Revenue	6,547.00	11,628.00					
100-2900-50.00	Fire Alarm Fine	-	800.00					
100-2999-00.00	Cemetery Revenue	-	-					
	Miscellaneous Revenue	9.76	2,559.82					
	Total Receipts	1,079,288.87	1,387,895.60					
Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
100-3000-09.01	Salaries	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
100-3000-09.02	Salaries - Selectmen	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-09.03	Salaries - Zoning Administrator	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-09.04	Salaries - Planning Chair	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
100-3000-09.05	Salaries - Fire Warden	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-09.06	Salaries - ZBA Chair	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-09.07	Salaries - Health Officer	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	
	Sub-Total Salaries	15,600.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
	Wages							
100-3000-10.01	Wages - Selectmen	7,000.00	5,600.00	7,000.00	5,400.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
100-3000-10.02	Wages - Town Clerk	58,000.00	58,982.58	59,500.00	66,758.95	68,000.00	60,000.00	
100-3000-10.03	Wages - Assistant Town Clerk	3,000.00	1,923.76	3,600.00	1,059.51	3,000.00	10,000.00	
100-3000-10.04	Wages - Treasurer	53,000.00	54,843.11	56,000.00	57,393.72	59,000.00	60,000.00	
100-3000-10.05	Wages - Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	332.16	900.00	171.78	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-10.06	Wages - Selectmen's Clerk	1,500.00	1,203.08	2,000.00	962.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-10.08	Wages - Listers	33,000.00	37,650.28	37,000.00	47,836.95	38,500.00	38,000.00	
100-3000-10.09	Wages - Auditors	1,500.00	426.80	-	-	-	-	
100-3000-10.10	Wages - Planning	3,500.00	250.00	3,000.00	600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-10.12	Wages - Election Officials	-	-	-	1,246.12	-	2,000.00	
100-3000-10.14	Wages - Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,000.00	450.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
100-3000-10.17	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	14,000.00	11,148.12	14,800.00	13,985.76	15,500.00	16,000.00	
100-3000-10.19	Wages - BCA/IPs	3,000.00	1,400.00	3,000.00	450.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-10.21	Wages - Transfer Station Attendant	-	-	-	-	31,000.00	33,500.00	
	Sub-Total Wages	179,500.00	174,189.89	187,800.00	195,864.59	232,000.00	236,500.00	
	General Expenses							
100-3000-15.00	FICA	16,000.00	17,563.40	19,000.00	19,443.91	19,000.00	19,000.00	
100-3000-20.00	Office Supplies	7,000.00	5,886.40	7,500.00	7,563.26	7,500.00	7,500.00	
100-3000-38.00	Office Equipment	2,000.00	2,356.25	2,000.00	2,005.81	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-40.00	Dues	1,279.00	1,279.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,430.00	
100-3000-48.00	Insurance - Unemployment	1,000.00	100.00	1,000.00	439.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-48.01	Insurance - Liability, Bonding, Workers Comp	45,000.00	46,166.00	45,000.00	39,794.00	45,000.00	50,000.00	
100-3000-48.02	Insurance - Health & Dental	60,000.00	75,110.05	64,000.00	68,459.69	75,000.00	71,500.00	
100-3000-31.00	Legal Fees	1,500.00	1,659.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3000-61.04	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	-	462.50	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-68.01	Mowing - Daniel Webster	-	-	-	300.00	-	500.00	
100-3000-69.00	Animal Control Expense	3,500.00	3,304.33	3,500.00	2,876.54	3,500.00	3,500.00	
100-3000-76.02	Street Lights	2,000.00	1,628.39	2,000.00	1,663.82	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-93.00	911 House Numbering	100.00	201.72	100.00	157.22	200.00	200.00	
100-3000-94.00	Appraisal/Reappraisal	-	26,728.76	-	61,203.00	10,000.00	-	expense covered by reserve account and payment from state of VT
100-3000-97.00	Training/Seminars	500.00	30.00	500.00	30.00	500.00	500.00	
100-3000-99.00	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	671.37	1,500.00	3,167.18	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3002-00.00	PILT Transfer to School District	-	39,045.00	-	38,266.00	-	-	not raised through taxes
	Sub-Total General Expenses	141,379.00	222,192.17	148,930.00	246,696.43	172,030.00	164,130.00	
100-3100-00.00	Selectmen Expense	500.00	99.96	500.00	483.17	500.00	500.00	
100-3200-00.00	Lister Expense	-	857.00	-	2,270.25	-	-	not raised through taxes
100-3300-00.01	Town Report Expense	2,000.00	961.45	2,000.00	1,002.45	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3300-95.00	Outside Audit Expense	-	9,183.00	3,500.00	8,552.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	
100-3400-34.00	Town Clerk Expense	1,500.00	80.95	1,500.00	2,921.01	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3400-36.00	Land Records Preservation	1,500.00	-	8,000.00	-	12,000.00	15,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
100-3400-54.00	Copier Expense	6,000.00	3,620.38	5,150.00	3,902.35	5,000.00	5,000.00	
100-3500-00.00	Treasurer Expense	3,500.00	1,229.61	3,500.00	1,184.12	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3500-00.01	Bank Reconciliation Expense	-	1,475.00	-	1,232.50	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3600-00.00	Planning Expense	5,000.00	536.60	3,000.00	1,369.08	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3650-00.00	Zoning Expense	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	Town Hall Expenses							
100-3700-68.00	Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance	-	3,852.93	-	3,289.28	-	-	expense covered by reserve account
100-3700-76.00	Town Hall Fuel/Heat	2,500.00	2,012.09	2,600.00	2,352.64	2,500.00	2,500.00	
100-3700-76.01	Town Hall Electricity	1,600.00	1,348.75	1,600.00	1,115.79	1,600.00	1,600.00	
	Sub-Total Town Hall Expenses	4,100.00	7,213.77	4,200.00	6,757.71	4,100.00	4,100.00	

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
100-3770-68.00	Cemeteries Expense	4,500.00	2,711.66	3,000.00	2,900.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3780-68.00	Meetinghouse Expense	-	-	-	1,557.09	-	-	
	Town Office Expenses							
100-3800-34.00	Town Office Telephone	3,500.00	2,024.14	3,000.00	2,510.31	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3800-68.00	Town Office Repairs/Maintenance	12,000.00	15,222.75	17,000.00	17,979.35	17,000.00	40,000.00	
100-3800-76.00	Town Office Fuel/Heat	3,500.00	2,103.41	4,000.00	3,511.39	4,000.00	4,000.00	
100-3800-76.01	Town Office Electricity	2,500.00	2,266.32	2,500.00	1,976.84	2,500.00	2,500.00	
	Sub-Total Town Office Expenses	21,500.00	21,616.62	26,500.00	25,977.89	26,500.00	49,500.00	
100-3900-00.00	Election Expense	500.00	-	1,000.00	252.21	50.00	250.00	
100-4000-00.00	Marriage License Expense	-	650.00	-	50.00	-	-	not raised through taxes
100-4100-00.02	Rescue Services	6,246.72	6,246.72	6,309.36	6,309.36	6,372.00	12,980.00	
100-4100-00.03	Mutual Aid Expense	39,897.00	39,897.00	41,094.00	41,094.00	43,149.00	44,228.00	
100-4200-00.00	Dog License Expense	-	291.09	-	550.08	-	-	not raised through taxes
100-5000-00.00	Town Functions	3,000.00	1,900.47	3,000.00	200.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-5500-00.00	Transfer Station Operations	45,000.00	56,616.95	55,000.00	61,948.97	30,000.00	40,000.00	
100-6000-00.02	Rec Area Rent	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	
100-6000-00.03	Rec Area Labor/Maintenance	20,000.00	10,151.02	20,000.00	17,055.76	20,000.00	20,000.00	
100-6000-00.12	Rec Area Pavilion	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
100-6000-00.25	Old Town Common Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	-	
100-9000-00.01	Fire Truck Payments	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	-	-	
100-9300-00.00	County Tax	65,000.00	71,047.00	73,874.00	71,117.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
100-9700-00.00	VT Retirement	12,000.00	10,734.54	11,000.00	12,151.65	12,500.00	14,000.00	
100-9800-00.00	Green Up Day	200.00	102.86	200.00	299.60	200.00	300.00	
100-9900-00.00	Total Appropriations	95,983.00	95,983.00	94,812.39	89,812.39	103,366.00	106,183.00	
	Total Expenditures	852,219.65	931,402.64	901,683.68	995,325.59	907,769.00	954,671.00	
	Net Change in Fund Balance		147,886.23		392,570.01			

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

	Balance 7/1/2020	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2021
Outside Audit	6,453.72	6.00	-	(5,052.00)	1,407.72
Rec Equipment	20,824.72	19.33	-	-	20,844.05
Rec Pavillion	70,557.94	65.47	5,000.00	-	75,623.41
State Reappraisal	95,405.36	88.53	-	(48,178.25)	47,315.64
Computer/Office Equipment	483.74	0.45	-	(5.81)	478.38
Land Records Preservation	1,500.00	1.39	8,000.00	-	9,501.39
Meeting House/Church	4,796.22	4.45	-	(1,557.09)	3,243.58
Town Hall	24,602.78	22.83	-	(3,289.28)	21,336.33
School House	11,524.64	10.69	-	-	11,535.33
Lister Education	2,938.71	2.73	-	-	2,941.44
Bridge Funds	112,120.01	104.04	-	(101,109.06)	11,114.99
Culverts	41,945.10	38.92	-	(1,716.40)	40,267.62
Paving	150,685.61	139.83	-	(70,403.25)	80,422.19
Equipment Replacement	173,266.08	160.78	-	(250,573.85)	(77,146.99)
Totals	717,104.63	665.44	13,000.00	(481,884.99)	248,885.08

STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

	Balance 7/1/2020	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2021
Willis	300.00	-	-	300.00
Andrew King	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Chester Allen	75.00	-	-	75.00
Forrester	280.00	-	-	280.00
Ball Farm	200.00	-	-	200.00
Pike Hollow	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Warren Trust	1,418.88	10.72	-	1,429.60
Totals	6,273.88	10.72	-	6,284.60

**Town of Stratton
Tax Reconciliation
June 30, 2021**

Beginning Delinquents (6/30/2020)	51,258.80
Total 2020 Tax Billings	14,783,141.21
Taxes sent to Stratton School District	(1,063,747.00)
Taxes transferred to Highway Fund	(780,500.00)
Taxes sent to State of Vermont	(12,001,203.79)
State Payments	(84,095.00)
Late Fee Retained by Town	30.00
Local Share of State Education Taxes	(29,492.21)
Current Taxes	(778,438.43)
Delinquent Taxes Collected	(51,246.04)
Abatements	(102.26)
Total	45,605.28
Total Per Delinquent List (6/30/2021)	45,605.28
Difference	0.00

Breakdown 2020 Taxes Billed	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Non Residential Ed.	1.6965	12,656,125.98
Homestead Ed.	1.6459	521,424.40
Local Agreement	0.0002	1,600.01
Highway	0.0976	780,722.86
General Fund	0.1024	819,118.74
		14,778,991.99
Late Homestead Penalty		4,149.22
2020 Total Taxes Billed		14,783,141.21

DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2020

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe*	2020	721.64
Barakett, Patricia*	2020	11,873.74
Blasi, Gregory*	2020	2,769.13
Buturovic, Edin*	2020	4.35
Collins, David*	2020	107.09
E & T Properties LLC*	2020	15,962.21
Epifanio, William*	2020	14.40
Eshenfelder, Peter*	2020	837.73
Fitzpatrick, Martin*	2020	1,147.08
Hollander, David*	2020	5,148.28
Nuzzo, Robert*	2020	5,088.39
Pritchard Margaret*	2020	5,309.02
Reney, Mary*	2020	180.89
Sasco Farms Vermont LLC*	2019	15.98
Sasco Farms Vermont LLC*	2020	2,820.65
Sestiti, Edward*	2020	92.32
Smalley, Alexander	2020	171.48
		52,264.38

* Paid after June 30, 2021
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

**2010 Pierce Arrow-XL Aerial Platform Fire Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule**

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	5/14/2015	84,398.38	10,418.04	73,980.34
PD	2	5/14/2016	84,398.38	8,442.77	75,955.61
PD	3	5/16/2017	84,398.38	6,414.75	77,983.63
PD	4	5/14/2018	84,398.38	4,332.59	80,065.79
PD	5	5/14/2019	84,398.38	2,194.84	82,203.54
Totals			421,991.90	31,802.99	390,188.91

**2014 Pierce Pumper Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule**

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	9/29/2014	56,813.93	3,687.91	53,126.02
PD	2	9/29/2015	56,813.93	9,205.43	47,608.50
PD	3	9/29/2016	56,813.93	7,781.93	49,032.00
PD	4	9/29/2017	56,813.93	6,315.88	50,498.05
PD	5	9/29/2018	56,813.93	4,805.99	52,007.94
PD	6	9/29/2019	56,813.93	3,250.95	53,562.98
PD	7	9/29/2020	56,813.93	1,649.42	55,164.51
Totals			397,697.51	36,697.51	361,000.00

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
Highway Fund Revenues								
200-2000-00.00	Current Taxes		621,000.00		780,500.00			
200-2001-00.01	Equipment Sale Revenue		4,500.00		28,000.00			
200-2005-00.00	Savings Interest		449.38		443.58			
200-2010-00.01	State Aid - Class 2		70,264.35		71,405.39			
200-2010-00.02	State Aid - Class 3		18,101.83		17,417.89			
200-2400-00-03	Grant Funds		65,697.20		213,938.40			
200-2999-00.05	Insurance Proceeds		-		-			
	Total Receipts		780,012.76		1,114,705.26			
Employee Leave								
200-5010-00.00	Employee Leave	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	26,000.00	
200-5010-10.02	Employee Leave - Stuart	-	7,525.78	-	8,466.12	-	-	
200-5010-10.05	Employee Leave - Chris	-	6,711.92	-	11,198.71	-	-	
200-5010-10.07	Employee Leave - Grayson	-	2,470.83	-	2,218.62	-	-	
200-5010-10.08	Employee Leave - Tim	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5010-10.09	COVID 19 Leave	-	801.61	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Employee Leave	20,000.00	17,510.14	20,000.00	21,883.45	20,000.00	26,000.00	
200-5010-20.00	Health & Dental Expense	35,000.00	29,897.32	31,000.00	33,936.29	35,000.00	60,500.00	
200-5010-30.01	VT Retirement	6,000.00	7,675.46	8,000.00	8,291.84	9,000.00	13,000.00	
200-5100-15.00	Highway FICA	11,000.00	10,713.29	13,000.00	10,615.81	13,000.00	15,000.00	
200-5110-00.00	Summer Roads - CL2	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	40,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5110-10.00	Labor - S2	-	19,096.79	-	14,103.22	-	-	
200-5110-20.00	Materials - S2	-	5,835.98	-	4,355.40	-	-	
200-5110-24.00	Hired Equipment -S2	-	-	-	8,710.00	-	-	
200-5110-30.00	Flood Damage - S2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL2	50,000.00	24,932.77	50,000.00	27,168.62	40,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5111-10.00	Summer Roads - CL3	80,000.00	-	70,000.00	-	80,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5111-10.00	Labor - S3	-	28,677.26	-	29,247.35	-	-	
200-5111-20.00	Materials - S3	-	21,262.73	-	24,409.89	-	-	
200-5111-24.00	Hired Equipment - S3	-	10,440.00	-	8,090.00	-	-	
200-5111-30.00	Flood Damage - S3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL3	80,000.00	60,379.99	70,000.00	61,747.24	80,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5113-00.00	Retreatment - Paving	210,000.00	116,138.38	110,000.00	180,403.25	60,000.00	250,000.00	partially funded through grants & reserve account
200-5114-00.00	Crack Sealing	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	25,500.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	
200-5140-00.00	Winter Roads - CL2	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	
200-5140-10.00	Labor - W2	-	20,739.06	-	17,966.44	-	-	
200-5140-20.00	Materials - W2	-	78,930.73	-	65,978.23	-	-	
200-5140-24.00	Hired Equipment - W2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Winter Roads CL2	100,000.00	99,669.79	100,000.00	83,944.67	100,000.00	100,000.00	
200-5141-00.00	Winter Roads - CL3	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	90,000.00	
200-5141-10.00	Labor - W3	-	19,011.61	-	20,867.87	-	-	
200-5141-20.00	Materials -W3	-	59,120.48	-	54,390.50	-	-	
	Sub-Total Winter Roads CL3	80,000.00	78,132.09	80,000.00	75,258.37	80,000.00	90,000.00	
200-5150-00.00	Brush & Mowing	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	30,000.00	

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
200-5150-10.00	Labor - Brush & Mowing	-	12,048.89	-	6,785.32	-	-	
200-5150-24.00	Hired Equipment - Brush & Mowing	-	12,407.00	-	5,544.00	-	-	
	Sub-Total Brush & Mowing	25,000.00	24,455.89	25,000.00	12,329.32	25,000.00	30,000.00	
200-5280-00.00	Road Signs	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	2,500.00	
200-5280-10.00	Labor - Road Signs	-	20.59	-	-	-	-	
200-5280-20.00	Materials - Road Signs	-	1,325.73	-	3,361.09	-	-	
	Sub-Total Road Signs	1,000.00	1,346.32	1,000.00	3,361.09	1,000.00	2,500.00	
200-5282-40.00	Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	-	
200-5282-50.00	Labor - Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	-	-	2,109.06	-	-	
200-5282-70.00	Hired Equipment - Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	6,000.00	-	340,000.00	-	-	
	Sub-Total Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	6,000.00	50,000.00	342,109.06	-	-	
200-5283-00.00	Culverts	10,000.00	3,108.00	-	-	30,000.00	-	see associated Reserve Account
200-5283-10.00	Labor - Culverts	-	1,461.10	-	-	-	-	
200-5283-20.00	Materials - Culverts	-	2,874.72	-	1,716.40	-	-	
200-5283-24.00	Hired Equipment - Culverts	-	12,640.00	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Culverts	10,000.00	20,083.82	-	1,716.40	30,000.00	-	
200-5285-00.00	Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	10,000.00	
200-5285-10.00	Labor - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Materials - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hired Equipment - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	10,000.00	
200-5287-00.00	Salt/Sand Shed	-	12,784.82	12,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	
200-5287-10.00	Labor - Salt/Sand Shed	-	348.26	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Salt/Sand Shed	-	13,133.08	12,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	
200-5305-00.00	Seminars	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-5305-10.00	Labor - Seminars	-	174.13	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Seminars	1,000.00	174.13	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-5310-00.00	Garage Maintenance/Supplies	30,000.00	23,137.07	40,000.00	23,713.60	40,000.00	40,000.00	
200-5310-10.00	Labor - Garage Maintenance	-	9,217.96	-	11,016.57	-	-	
200-5310-24.00	Hired Equipment - Garage Maintenance	-	2,425.00	-	-	-	-	
200-5310-25.00	Utilities - Garage Maintenance	19,000.00	16,089.63	19,000.00	16,084.27	19,000.00	20,000.00	
	Sub-Total Garage Maintenance	49,000.00	50,869.66	59,000.00	50,814.44	59,000.00	60,000.00	
200-5311-00.00	Tools	1,000.00	1,201.44	1,500.00	2,018.11	1,500.00	2,000.00	
200-5312-00.00	Fuel, Grease & Oil	28,000.00	13,173.62	28,000.00	10,180.84	28,000.00	20,000.00	
200-5330-00.00	Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	50,000.00	-	60,000.00	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5330-00.01	T1 - 2014 International	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.04	Cat Backhoe	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.05	Grader	-	3,856.54	-	1,714.51	-	-	
200-5330-00.07	Chipper	-	449.00	-	634.62	-	-	
200-5330-00.13	2011 John Deere Loader	-	2,832.97	-	1,590.57	-	-	
200-5330-00.15	Saws	-	1,282.51	-	524.58	-	-	
200-5330-00.20	T5 - 2014 Western Star	-	12,175.09	-	11,188.66	-	-	
200-5330-00.21	2016 Ford F550	-	8,040.61	-	587.79	-	-	
200-5330-00.22	2016 John Deere Backhoe	-	1,384.91	-	151.38	-	-	

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	Explanation/Notes
200-5330-00.23	T1 - 2019 Western Star	-	5,933.58	-	7,839.44	-	-	
200-5330-00.24	2020 Ford F550	-	-	-	12,959.90	-	-	
200-5330-00.25	JCB Hydradig Excavator	-	-	-	1,874.28	-	-	
200-5330-00.26	T2 - 2021 Western Star	-	-	-	1,165.71	-	-	
200-5330-00.27	Mulcher Head Attachment	-	-	-	599.20	-	-	
	Sub-Total Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	50,000.00	35,955.21	60,000.00	40,830.64	50,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5340-00.00	Administrative	4,000.00	5,361.91	4,000.00	5,938.31	5,000.00	6,000.00	
200-5350-00.01	New Equipment Purchase	120,000.00	50,642.99	120,000.00	370,573.85	175,000.00	100,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
200-6100-00.00	Highway Uniforms	5,000.00	5,703.21	3,000.00	2,899.88	3,000.00	3,000.00	
200-6200-00.00	Advertised Bids - Highway	-	74.70	-	-	-	-	
200-9900-00.00	Fire Ponds	-	1,558.58	-	-	-	-	
200-9999-00.00	Highway Miscellaneous Expense	1,000.00	659.35	2,000.00	1,308.25	2,000.00	4,000.00	
200-9999-10.00	Labor - Highway Miscellaneous Expense	-	855.80	-	2,708.96	-	-	
200-9999-11.00	Highway Misc - Flooding	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Highway Miscellaneous Expense	1,000.00	1,515.15	2,000.00	4,017.21	2,000.00	4,000.00	
	Total Expenditures	907,000.00	676,298.94	868,500.00	1,375,538.69	837,500.00	1,008,000.00	
	Net Change in Fund Balance		103,713.82		(263,833.43)			

Wage Report
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Employee	Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total
Bernard, Candie	Lister	\$ 28.63	1,093.50	\$ 31,306.99
	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 28.63	488.50	\$ 13,985.76
	Assistan Town Clerk	\$ 28.63	37.00	\$ 1,059.31
	Assistan Treasurer	\$ 28.63	6.00	\$ 171.78
	Elections	\$ 28.63	19.25	\$ 551.13
	Payout of Accumulated Prior Year Personal Time	\$ 27.68	388.00	\$ 10,739.84
	Personal Pay	\$ 28.63	192.00	\$ 5,496.97
	Sick Pay	\$ 28.63	5.00	\$ 143.15
				\$ 63,454.93
Bills, Lawrence	Selectboard			\$ 1,250.00
Chapin, Stuart	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 27.31	1,628.00	\$ 44,460.93
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 27.31	142.00	\$ 3,878.03
	Overtime	\$ 40.97	14.00	\$ 573.51
	Personal Pay	\$ 27.31	273.00	\$ 7,455.65
	Sick Pay	\$ 27.31	37.00	\$ 1,010.47
				\$ 57,378.59
Cloutier, Gerard	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 21.17	239.00	\$ 5,059.63
Coolidge, Patricia	Elections	\$ 24.02	10.50	\$ 252.21
Dupell, Albert	Selectboard			\$ 4,150.00
Eddy, Helen	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 150.00
	Elections	\$ 24.02	10.50	\$ 252.21
				\$ 402.21
Ferrucci, Nancy	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 150.00
Gilbeau, Danny	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 21.17	135.00	\$ 2,857.95
Hawksley, Raymond	Zoning Administrator			\$ 3,000.00
	Health Officer			\$ 2,000.00
	Planning Commission			\$ 250.00
				\$ 5,250.00
Liller, Christopher	Selectboard			\$ 1,750.00
	Road Foreman (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 32.61	1,690.50	\$ 55,127.55
	Road Foreman (General Fund Hours)	\$ 32.61	149.00	\$ 4,858.90
	Overtime	\$ 48.92	171.50	\$ 8,388.97
	Payout of Accumulated Prior Year Personal Time	\$ 31.66	106.00	\$ 3,355.96
	Personal Pay	\$ 32.61	240.50	\$ 7,842.75
			\$ 81,324.13	
Liller, Elizabeth	Lister			\$ 150.00
Mann, Christopher	Planning Commission			\$ 250.00
Marcucci, Greg	Selectboard			\$ 1,700.00
Marquis, Scott	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 21.17	848.00	\$ 17,952.16
	Personal Pay	\$ 21.17	84.00	\$ 1,778.28
	Sick Pay	\$ 21.17	56.00	\$ 1,185.52
				\$ 20,915.96

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:
School District Director One three-year term
School District Director Two one-year terms

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2022-2023 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6 and up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2022-2023 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2022-2023 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$19,200.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2022-2023 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district.


ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,379,648.00, 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 \$19,025.94 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 18.27% more than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.

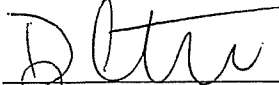
ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Stratton School District authorize moving the operational surplus, if any, from FY 2022 to the Tuition Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

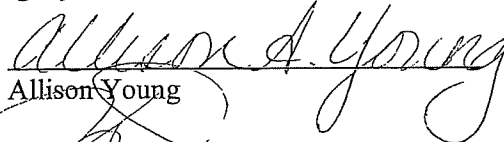
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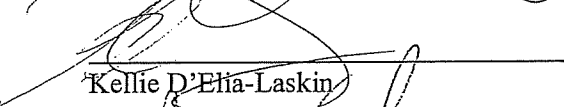
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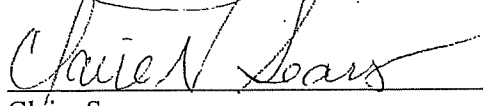
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Allison Young



Kellie D'Elia-Laskin



Claire Sears

STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

ENROLLMENT REPORT

SCHOOL/GRADE	Enrollment as of January 2022												Prior Year Totals						
	PK3	PK4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	YTD	FY21	FY20	FY19
Burr and Burton Academy												2	5	6	2	15	15	13	8
Flood Brook School					1											1	1	0	0
Killington Mountain School																0	0	0	1
Long Trail School								1			3		1		5	3	2	1	1
Manchester Elementary Middle School															0	2	2	3	3
Maple Street School								1							2	6	5	4	4
Mountain School at Winhall							2		5						18	11	18	20	2
Northshire Day School	1														1	1	1	0	0
Northfield Mount Hermon															0	0	2	1	1
Proctor Academy															0	1	1	0	0
Red Fox Community School															0	1	1	0	0
Stratton Mountain School											1	2	3	2	8	15	15	16	16
The American School In Switzerland															0	0	0	1	0
The Bement School															0	0	0	1	0
The Dover School							2								2	3	4	4	1
Twin Valley Elementary School									1						1	1	1	2	2
Twin Valley Middle High School										1					1	1	1	0	0
Vermont Academy															1	1	1	0	0
Wardsboro Elementary School		1			1										3	3	1	1	1
West River Montessori School															0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	2	1	1	5	6	4	1	8	0	5	4	9	8	58	66	66	62

PK3 = 3 year olds

PK4 = 4 year olds

Stratton School District FY 23 Proposed Annual Budget - Revenues

		Account	Account Title	FY21 Budget	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
1001 GENERAL FUND	5 LOCAL	41510	INTEREST EARNED	15	32	15	15	-	0.00%
		41921	OTHER REVENUES-RENTALS	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	-	0.00%
	Total 5 - LOCAL			120,015	120,032	120,015	120,015	-	0.00%
	6 OTHER	42790	OTHR SUBGRT	10,000	9,521	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
		Total 6 - OTHER			10,000	9,521	10,000	10,000	-
	7 STATE	42150	STATE TRANSP GRANT	11,000	11,920	14,790	14,950	160	1.08%
		43110	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	1,063,747	1,063,747	1,049,385	1,197,683	148,298	14.13%
	Total 7 - STATE			1,074,747	1,075,667	1,064,175	1,212,633	148,458	13.95%
	8 FEDERAL	44791	OTHR-DIR FRM FED GOV	37,000	38,263	37,000	37,000	-	0.00%
Total 8 - FEDERAL			37,000	38,263	37,000	37,000	-	0.00%	
Total 1001 - GENERAL FUND			1,241,762	1,243,483	1,231,190	1,379,648	148,458	12.06%	
Total			1,241,762	1,243,483	1,231,190	1,379,648	148,458	12.06%	

Stratton School District FY 23 Proposed Annual Budget - Expenditures

		Account	Account Title	FY21 Budget	FY21 Actual	FY22 Budget	FY23 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
01 PREKINDERGARTEN	1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	10,335	3,445	14,144	10,926	(3,218)	-22.75%
		5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	-	-	-	7,284	7,284	0.00%
	Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION			10,335	3,445	14,144	18,210	4,066	28.75%
	1201 SPECIAL EDUCATION (ECSE)	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	10,429	10,429	7,898	20,529	12,631	159.93%
Total 1201 - SPECIAL EDUCATION			10,429	10,429	7,898	20,529	12,631	159.93%	
Total 01 - PREKINDERGARTEN			20,764	13,874	22,042	38,739	18,697	75.75%	
11 ELEMENTARY (K-6)	1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	59,990	90,564	90,898	101,576	10,678	11.75%
		5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	205,672	249,607	275,490	331,803	56,313	20.44%
		5564	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
		5531	PURCHASED SERVICE	-	-	-	5,600	5,600	0.00%
	Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION			265,662	340,171	366,388	438,979	72,591	19.31%
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	10,000	11,400	13,900	12,500	(1,400)	-10.07%	
Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS			10,000	11,400	13,900	12,500	(1,400)	-10.07%	
Total 11 - ELEMENTARY (K-6)			275,662	351,571	380,288	451,479	71,191	18.72%	
31 SECONDARY (7-12)	1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	48,822	47,400	15,450	34,155	18,705	121.07%
		5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	742,558	591,886	675,610	695,514	19,904	2.95%
		5564	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	49,233	21,286	33,440	35,032	1,592	4.76%
	Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION			840,613	660,572	724,500	764,701	40,201	5.55%
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	5591	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	15,600	12,800	16,700	20,000	3,300	19.76%	
Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS			15,600	12,800	16,700	20,000	3,300	19.76%	
Total 31 - SECONDARY (7-12)			856,213	673,372	741,200	784,701	43,501	5.37%	
51 LOCATION-WIDE EXCL PRE-K	1201 MTSS (Spec Ed/AST)	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	30,979	30,979	26,894	39,124	12,230	45.47%
		Total 1201 - SPECIAL EDUCATION			30,979	30,979	26,894	39,124	12,230
	2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION	5191	OTHER	10,000	7,280	12,000	12,000	-	0.00%
		5220	FICA	765	773	918	918	-	0.00%
		5344	OTH PROF SERV - LOCAL	3,000	608	3,000	5,000	2,000	66.67%
		5581	TRAVEL	100	-	150	150	-	0.00%
		5591	PURCHASED SERVICE	-	-	-	642	642	100.00%
		5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	33,079	33,079	33,498	36,395	2,897	8.65%
	5810	DUES AND FEES	700	-	700	-	(700)	-100.00%	
	Total 2311 - BOARD OF EDUCATION			47,644	41,799	50,266	55,105	4,839	9.53%
2314 AUDIT	5342	AUDITING SERVICES	10,500	7,255	10,500	10,500	-	0.00%	
Total 2314 - AUDIT			10,500	7,255	10,500	10,500	-	0.00%	
Total 51 - LOCATION-WIDE EXCL PRE-K			89,123	79,973	87,660	104,729	17,069	19.47%	
Total			1,241,762	1,118,791	1,231,190	1,379,648	148,458	12.06%	

**Statement of School District Fund Balances
June 30, 2021**

General Fund	
Beginning FY21 Fund Balance	146,006.32
FY21 Revenues	1,243,483.00
FY21 Expenses	1,118,791.00
FY21 Surplus Transferred to Reserve Fund	124,692.00
Ending FY21 Fund Balance	146,006.32

Tuition Reserve Fund	
Beginning FY21 Fund Balance	100,000.00
FY21 Revenues	124,692.00
FY21 Expenses	-
Ending FY21 Fund Balance	224,692.00

District: Stratton SU: Windham Central		T200 Windham County	Property dollar equivalent yield 12,937 15,484	←-See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$12,937 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,183,729	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,183,729	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,183,729	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$178,342	\$178,015	\$181,805	\$181,965	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$178,342	\$178,015	\$181,805	\$181,965	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$1,005,387	\$1,063,747	\$1,049,385	\$1,197,683	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	53.51	61.24	65.23	62.95	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$18,788.77	\$17,370.13	\$16,087.46	\$19,025.94	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
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)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	26.
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$478	-	2 year suspension	2 year suspension	27.
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$19,267	\$17,370	\$16,087	\$19,025.94	28.
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	180.940% based on yield \$10,648	157.939% based on yield \$10,883	142.153% based on \$10,763	147.066% based on yield \$10,763	29.
Prorating the local tax rate						
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$19,025.94 + \$12,937 / \$1.00)]	\$1.8094 based on \$1.00	\$1.5794 based on \$1.00	\$1.4215 based on \$1.00	\$1.4707 based on \$1.00	30.
31.	Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	31.
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.47)	\$1.8094	\$1.5794	\$1.4215	\$1.4707	32.
33.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	95.13%	95.96%	95.80%	93.24%	33.
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.4707 / 93.24%)	\$1.9020 based on \$1.00	\$1.6459 based on \$1.00	\$1.4838 based on \$1.00	\$1.5773 based on \$1.00	34.
<p>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.</p>						
35.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$19,025.94 + \$15,484) x 2.00%]	2.95% based on 2.00%	2.57% based on 2.00%	2.34% based on 2.00%	2.46% based on 2.00%	35.
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.46%)	2.95% based on 2.00%	2.57% based on 2.00%	2.34% based on 2.00%	2.46% based on 2.00%	36.
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	37.
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	38.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$13,846 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$16,705 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.385. **THESE FIGURES USE THE ESTIMATED \$90,000,000 SURPLUS FROM THE EDUCATION FUND. I DO NOT EXPECT THAT SURPLUS WILL BE USED TO INCREASE THE YIELDS.** I would suggest using the figures provided without the surplus: \$12,937 for the property yield, \$15,484 for the income yield, and \$1.482 for the non-homestead tax rate.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

NOTICE of EDUCATION TAX RATES
for FISCAL YEAR 2022

STRATTON

Prepared: July 1, 2021

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: 1.4838

Your Homestead Tax Rate is calculated from your city/town voter-approved per pupil spending and its common level of appraisal (CLA). For more detailed information on how tax rates are determined, please see:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/property/education-property-tax-rates>

NONHOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Nonhomestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: 1.6827

Nonhomestead property, previously called "non-residential," is any property which is not homestead property. Your city/town nonhomestead rate is the statewide rate divided by your city/town's CLA.

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or nonhomestead rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.
32 VSA Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council
COPY: Town / City Treasurer

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	223	159,003,200	18,323,900	140,679,300	159,003,200
Residential II R2	107	56,574,100	10,669,300	45,904,800	56,574,100
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	225,400	87,600	137,800	225,400
Seasonal I S1	9	764,500	0	764,500	764,500
Seasonal II S2	5	772,400	0	772,400	772,400
Commercial C	57	64,320,400	0	64,320,400	64,320,400
Commercial Apts CA	1	3,223,800	0	3,223,800	3,223,800
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	4,960,600	0	4,960,600	4,960,600
Utilities-O UO	1	161,500	0	161,500	161,500
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,090	502,410,300	6,605,700	495,804,600	502,410,300
Woodland W	59	14,856,200	0	14,856,200	14,856,200
Miscellaneous M	31	907,900	0	907,900	907,900
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,587	808,180,300	35,686,500	772,493,800	808,180,300
P.P. Cable	1	491,000		491,000	491,000
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	491,000		491,000	491,000
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		808,671,300	35,686,500	772,984,800	808,671,300
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Veterans >10K		60,000			
Total Veterans		80,000	20,000	0	20,000
P.P. Contracts	1	491,000			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	377,600	0	377,600	377,600
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	2/1	868,600	0	377,600	377,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	17/17	4,170,000	872,700	3,297,300	4,170,000
Special Exemptions	15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		5,118,600	892,700	26,370,900	27,263,600
Total Exemptions		5,118,600	892,700	26,370,900	27,263,600
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		8,035,527.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			347,938.00	7,466,139.00	7,814,077.00
NON-TAX	18 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
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Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes____ No_XX_
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes____ No_XX_
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)	_____
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)	
a) at fair market value __XX_	b) at depreciated value _____

Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	377,600
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Nonhmstd Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	22,696,000
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	4,170,000
Veteran Exemptions	20,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	60,000
Nonhmstd Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	0
Partial Statutory Exemptions	0

Hello Stratton Residents,

The 21-22 school year was a successful one for the Stratton school district. We welcomed two new school board members (making us an all female board!), provided additional transportation options for our students, updated policies to keep pace with the ever-changing VT educational landscape and made a voice for ourselves at the supervisory union level. Despite the unprecedented times we're living in, our previous budgeting efforts have provided Stratton with both a surplus and the ability to truly plan for the future. We now find ourselves in a unique and positive position.

As you consider our budget for the 22-23 school year, we ask that you take into account two unavoidable expenditures that the district should encounter in the next few years. The first is due to anomaly financial influxes, at the state level, that have reduced our tax rate. While the rate took a dip this year, it is predicted to go back up next year. The second is that the state should begin to institute the Weighting Study adjustments. Although we have no definitive timeline or monetary amount associated with these adjustments, we should assume we'll begin to see rate increases within the next few years.

The budget we've proposed, based on the recommendations of both WCSU financial planner and our town treasurer, attempts to keep our tax rate consistent, is inline with our previous tax rates and allows us to continue contributing to our reserve. We will be able to access this reserve when managing these upcoming expenditures.

As always, we'd like to thank the folks at the Town Office for all of their help and support, and we'd like to recognize the WCSU staff and superintendent, Bill Anton. Here's to well-budgeted and (hopefully) COVID-free 2022-2023 school year.

Sincerely,
Allison Young



State of Vermont
 Department of Taxes
 133 State Street
 Montpelier, Vt 05633-1401

Phone: (802) 828-5860
 Fax: (802) 828-2239

Agency of Administration

December 23, 2021

Town Clerk
 Town of Stratton
 9 West Jamaica Road
 Stratton, VT 05360

2021 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2021 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EEPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town (32 V.S.A § 5406). This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$781,407,700
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$838,071,735
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	93.24 % or 0.9324
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	14.71 %

For a copy of your town final computation sheet and certified sales report, please see:

tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials

The **education grand list** listed here is what was reported by your town to the state on the 411 form with your town's cable (if applicable) and tax increment financing (TIF) amounts (if any) included. This number represents the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax (from the most recent grand list available) and serves as the numerator in the computation of the CLA. Please note: tax revenue from any TIF property value is subject to allocation (32 V.S.A. § 5404a).

The **equalized education grand list (EEGL)** represents PVR's statutorily-mandated estimate of total fair market value of the education grand list in your town and serves as the denominator in the computation of the CLA. To find out more about how the equalization study is conducted, how to read the certified sales report, and additional instructions on how to appeal your results, please see the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A § 4041a). The homestead and nonhomestead tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA (32 V.S.A § 5402).



<http://tax.vermont.gov>

The nonhomestead rate in your town will be the statewide nonhomestead rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment.

To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined and to see how the current year property tax rates for your town were calculated, please see the department's education tax resources at:

tax.vermont.gov/education-tax-rates

The **coefficient of dispersion (COD)** is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your town. It is calculated as the average of the (absolute) difference of each sales ratio (list price divided by sales price) in the study from the median ratio. That result is then divided by the median ratio to get the COD, which is expressed as a percent (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A high COD means that within your town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A. § 4041a).

Appeals: A municipality may petition the director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of its EEPV and/or COD (32 V.S.A § 5408). All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the municipality's legislative body. Petitions should contain a plain statement of matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy being sought. **Petitions must be received by PVR by the close of business on the 35th day after mailing of this letter.** Additional instructions on appeals can be found in the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

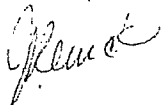
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We at PVR are aware that many towns are concerned about the change in the market due to the affects of Covid-19 over the past year. Sales have increased generally in price and some towns have seen this more than others. This is a typical real estate market reaction which is seen when conditions in the world change such as economy, politics etc.

As a result there are more towns experiencing large drops in their CLA. This is to be expected in a market shift. As you may have seen recently on the news, education base rates are expected to decrease which will minimize the effect of changing CLA's on the tax rates in towns with large shifts. There will also be many more reappraisal orders going out to towns than in a typical year as a result. If you have concerns about your results you should talk with your District Advisor about what the best plan of action might be for your town.

If you have any questions, please contact your **district advisor** or call 802-828-5860.

Sincerely,



Jill Remick, Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Chair, Select Board
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Selectmen 2021 Annual Report

During the Town Meeting of 2021, all incumbent members of the Select Board, whose terms had expired, were re-elected to their positions. At the subsequent organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

A modified COVID 19 protocol continued throughout the year, following recommendations from the State. The Town Office continues as a controlled entry building, with required appointments for vault time, etc.

Projects accomplished over the course of 2021: 1) The main event to affect the Town in 2021 was the flooding event of July 29, which washed out several culverts and damaged roads. This was declared a FEMA emergency and efforts to obtain FEMA financial assistance for the expense of repairs is being pursued. The Town was fortunate that the Road Foreman acted quickly to procure the necessary permits, support and materials to completely repair these damaged areas before winter; the most significant being the major culvert (Bridge 23), located beside *173 W. Jamaica Rd.* 2) Paving of *Mountain Rd.* from Kidder Brook to Brazers Way. 3) In accordance with the State's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), the Highway Dept. continued with compliant ditching and culvert replacements this past year. The Town purchased a wheeled excavator, which helps immensely to maintain these projects.

This year, the Board agreed to hire a third full-time member of the Road Crew. Previously for a few years, the Town Highway Dept. tried to operate efficiently with two full-time employees and one permanent part-time position during the winter months. Recently, the summer schedule prompted the need for a third full-time position and so this position was created, eliminating the permanent part-time position. The board interviewed and hired Tim Bills, whom we gladly welcome to the crew. Tim had previously worked for the State of Vermont, District 2, performing many of the same duties he has been hired to perform for the Town. We would also like to thank Grayson Peterson, who had filled the permanent part-time road crew position during the winter months. He remains available to plow for the Town, if necessary.

George Rigoulot, the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator, as part of his duties, is now a member of the newly created Regional Emergency Management Committee. The Selectmen appointed Al Dupell as a second representative from the Town, per the legislative requirements. Betsy Wadsworth was re-appointed DV Fiber representative, with Alyson Peterson and Candie Bernard as alternates. Kent Young was re-appointed the Town's Representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District and Chris Liller was re-appointed as the alternate. Renee Mulkey was re-appointed as Representative to the Windham Regional Commission and Tom Montemagni and Greg Marcucci were re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Finally, the Board thanks Candie Bernard for coordinating Green-Up Day this past year.

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

**TOWN CLERK
2021 ANNUAL REPORT
(Calendar 2021)**

Town Clerk: Kent Young

Assistant Town Clerk: Candie Bernard

The following is a list of Stratton's yearly statistics:

Land Records: In 2021, one Mylar (surveys or drawings) was recorded at \$25.00. 3471 pages were recorded (Book 183 page 447 through Book 188 page 186). Recording fees at \$15.00/page brought in revenues of \$52,090.00.

Property Transfers: 186 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2021, for a total of \$87,315,059.62.00 in sales. An amount of \$2,790.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to \$1,257,735.58 (an increase of about 30% from last year).

2021 Vital Statistics:

Births – Two children of local Stratton families were born this year, but not within Town.

Marriages – Seven marriages were registered in Stratton this year, of which one was of a local couple.

Deaths – No Stratton resident passed away and no one died within Stratton in 2021.

Appointments by Town Clerk:

Deputy Registrars – Mark F. Shea and Thomas R. Lloyd of Shea Family Funeral Homes.

Liquor Licenses – The following licenses and permits were approved by the Town and State (Licenses are valid May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022. Statistics concerning Catering Permits are calculated for the 2021 calendar year):

1 st Class Restaurant / Bar Licenses:	12 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
2 nd Class Licenses:	3 (\$70.00 fee to the Town and \$70.00 fee to the State)
3 rd Class Licenses	6 (\$1,095.00 fee to the State)
Outside Consumption Permits:	10 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	17 (\$20.00 fee to the State)

Total fees collected by the Town: \$1590.00 Total fees collected by the State: \$8700.00

Solid Waste Disposal: A total of 164.78 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2021. Of this, 33.6 tons (20.4%) were recycled. Additionally, Casella collects compost deposited at the Transfer Station totaling about 528 gallons. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics:** Stratton has collected \$11,106.88 [fees] in revenues and paid out \$28,423.84 to Casella Waste Systems, Inc. in solid waste removal expenses (this includes tipping fees, zero-sort handling fees and composting container fees as well). Used clothing is be collected for reuse by OneWorldCenter.org, but statistics concerning the amount taken from Stratton has been made available.

Voter Statistics: As of December 31, 2021, Stratton had 235 voters on the Voter Checklist. 25 new voters applied to the checklist and were added in 2021, while seven voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. Ten voters remain inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. Six voters attended the March 3, 2021 Annual Town and School District meetings, which had been opened with the intent to adjourn to May 4, 2021, due to COVID precautions. 26 voters attended the Town Meeting which reconvened on May 4, 2021 and 31 voters were present for the subsequent Annual School District Meeting. A Special School District meeting was held on July 13, 2021 – 19 voters attended.

David Kent Young, Town Clerk

Stratton Planning Commission

2021 Annual Report

At the Town Meeting of 2021, Rob Wadsworth was re-elected to a three-year-term. George Rigoulot and Ray Hawksley were elected to one-year terms. After Town Meeting, the Commission re-appointed Kent Young as Chairman, Ray Hawksley as Vice-Chairman, and Chris Mann as Secretary. Kent Young agreed to continue taking meeting minutes.

The only development project considered during 2021 was to reopen the subdivision consideration of a large lot at *92 North Rd.*, owned by Mark McAvoy, et al, which had previously been approved, but voided when the mylar was not filed with the Town in the allotted time-period. The project was again approved, but no mylar has yet been submitted for filing by the end of the year.

The Planning Commission's Town Plan 2020 was approved by the Windham Regional Commission on March 9, 2021.

All Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Currently, we post notices for meetings as necessary. Meeting Notices, Agendas, Minutes and Public Hearings can be found posted at the Town Office, Town Garage and Stratton Mountain Post Office, as well as on the Planning Commission page of the Town of Stratton's website: www.townofstrattonvt.com. Zoning guidance can be found on the Planning and Permitting page of that site, as well.

Kent Young
Planning Commission Chairman

ZONING REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Name	Permit Type	Date Issued	Permit Fee
T. Buchalter	House	08/04/2020	200.00
T. Buchalter	Subdivision	08/05/2020	20.00
L. Weeks-Newell	Addition	09/17/2020	25.00
J. Dias	House	10/22/2020	165.00
K. Southworth	Garage	10/28/2020	40.00
B. Doolittle	House	12/11/2020	65.00
Old Montauk Holdings	Renovations	03/23/2021	90.00
J. Bailey	Shed	03/25/2021	25.00
L. Raff	Cabin	04/06/2021	30.00
B. Cormier	Pole Barn	04/27/2021	35.00
Pike Hollow Prop	Addition	04/28/2021	325.38
Stratton Village Holdings	Renovations	05/10/2021	265.00
S. Stuart	Addition	05/11/2021	209.00
P. Newhouse	Addition	05/12/2021	415.00
J. DiLorenzo	House	05/25/2021	175.00
D. Keelan	House	06/07/2021	315.00
D. Manelski	House	06/08/2021	120.00
P. Coolidge	Shed	06/15/2021	20.00
J. Nault	Garage	06/15/2020	50.00
Total Permit Fees Collected			2,589.38

Listers' Report 2021

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Elizabeth "Beth" Liller. Beth was elected as a Lister at last year's Town Meeting to replace Allan Hicks, who had retired and moved away from Stratton last year. We are very happy to have her as a member of the board.

This year, the Listers heard five Grievances, with no appeal to the Board of Civil Authority.

The December 2020 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) calculation used to determine the 2021/22 Education Property Tax Rates was 95.80%. The State Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate for 2021/22 was \$1.6827. The Residential Education Tax Rate was \$1.4838. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.1140; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.5978 for homestead properties and \$1.7967 for non-Homestead properties.

The 2021 Common Level of Appraisal was calculated at 93.24% and will be used to determine next year's education tax rates.

A Town-wide Revaluation was contracted between the Town and Brett Purvis and Assoc. in 2020. Work has already commenced and will continue into 2023. We intend to complete it and implement it in 2023. Property Owners should be aware that at some time during this period, their property will likely be visited by an Assessor for revaluation. The intent is to bring all real estate within Town to 100% of Fair Market Value.

Please see the "Grand List" pages within the Town Report for property assessment details and visit the Assessors' Page at the Town of Stratton website - www.townofstrattonvt.com for more information on property values.

Currently, Stratton contracts with:

- 1) Brett Purvis and Associates for professional appraising.
- 2) Visions Inc. for appraisal software and support.
- 3) Cartographics Technologies, Inc. for tax mapping and software support.

All appraisals (Listers Cards) of Stratton properties can be viewed on the internet via our website.

Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2021 DOG REPORT

LICENSES ISSUED (Licenses should be renewed before April 1 of each year):

62 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2021. Licenses issued were for:

57 spayed female or neutered male dogs

Five unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2021: \$578.00 (of which \$308.00 was sent to the VT State Treasurer).

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

If you own or keep a dog or wolf-hybrid that is six months or older on or before April 1, the license fee is:

Neutered male or spayed female – \$9.00

Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – \$13.00

After April 1st an additional 50% is added to the fee:

Neutered male or spayed female – \$11.00

Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – \$17.00

To register a dog or wolf-hybrid, as a neutered male or spayed female, a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the animal has been sterilized must be given to the Town Clerk.

To license a dog or wolf-hybrid, the owner/keeper shall give the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has a current approved vaccination against rabies.

A current vaccination means:

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All vaccinations following the initial vaccination will be valid for 36 months.

Town of Stratton Cemetery Commission

We continue to place flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and we ensure that all cemeteries are mowed at least once each month during the summer, immediately prior to the major holidays of Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We wish to thank Grayson Peterson for doing an excellent job of mowing and trimming our cemeteries at those times.

Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

**Stratton Mountain
Volunteer Fire Company Inc.**

5 Brazers Way Stratton Mtn., VT 05155

John Waite – President

Mathew Underwood – Chief

strattonmtnfire@comcast.net

The Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company responded to 88 calls in 2021.

The Fire Company continued raising funds independently through our annual mailing, Post office rental, and making use of local and state grants that were available.

The fire company completed the updating of our SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) last year and is in the process of the procuring a compressor and filling station to fill the bottles in our station.

We are always in need of more volunteers! There are jobs for everyone regardless of their schedule or abilities. The need for non-firefighting individuals is as important as for firefighters. Any interested parties should contact Matt Underwood or Ray Hawksley. We currently have one zoom meeting per month, which is held the 2nd Thursday @ 7:00pm and schedule other trainings at various days and times.

TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF
MARCH 2, 2021

A small number of legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Due to COVID 19 Restrictions, the Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Stratton had voted to recommend that the Town Meeting be opened and then immediately adjourned to a place, date and time certain of Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10:00AM at the Stratton Town Hall. This decision was mailed out to the households of all legal voters of Stratton. Only a minimal number of voters were present to start the meeting. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:00am and read the opening statement of the Warning. The Town Clerk took the roll. Six voters were present: Diana Stugger, Kent Young, Greg Marcucci, Rayleen Marcucci, Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson. One guest was present, Kenneth O'Connor of Vermont Digger. A majority of four exists.

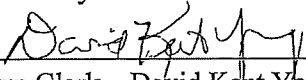
The Moderator read the following Article:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Kent Young nominated Diana Stugger. Alyson Peterson seconded. Greg Marcucci moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Adjournment to place, date and time certain: At this time, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn to Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10:00AM at the Stratton Town Hall. Greg Marcucci so moved. Kent Young seconded. All present concurred. The meeting shall continue at that time.

Minutes by:



Town Clerk – David Kent Young

MAY 4, 2021

The Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Stratton Town Hall, in accordance with the adjournment of March 2, 2021.

The Moderator summarized the events of March 2, 2021 and then asked the Clerk to take roll.

The Clerk took roll – 26 voters were present for a majority of 14. Guests present were Andrew McKeever of GNATV, Kenneth O'Connor of VT Digger, and Colleen Palmer the Headmaster of Mountain School in Winhall.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

Boomer Walker moved to approve the Town Report. Kent Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article. The ayes were unanimous and the Town Report was approved.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Selectman (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Larry Bills. Chris Liller seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Larry Bills was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

Selectman (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Al Dupell. Larry Bills seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

Selectman (one one-year term): Larry Bills nominated Kevin Robinson. Al Dupell seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Kevin Robinson was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Rob Wadsworth. Boomer Walker seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Rob Wadsworth was elected Planning Commissioner for a three-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated George Rigoulot. Larry Bills seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. George Rigoulot was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Ray Hawksley. Boomer Walker seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Ray Hawksley was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

Lister (one three-year term): Boomer Walker nominated Kent Young. Kevin Robinson seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Boomer Walker seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Lister for a three-year term.

Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term): Larry Bills nominated Chris Liller. Allison Young seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Chris Liller was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term): Chris Liller nominated Candie Bernard. Kevin Robinson seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term): Boomer Walker nominated Alyson Peterson. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent

Young seconded. All concurred. Alyson Peterson was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

Constable (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Constable for a one-year term.

Town Agent (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 4: *To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.*

Boomer Walker so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was approved.

ARTICLE 5: *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.* Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 5 was approved.

ARTICLE 6: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:*

American Red Cross	500.00
Big Heavy World	250.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue	2,000.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
Joann Liller Scholarship Fund	500.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	2,500.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	750.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Family Network	250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00
Visiting Nurse Association	800.00
Wardsboro Public Library	5,735.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	5,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,500.00
<u>Women's Freedom Center</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$37,818.00

Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$65,550.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Chris Liller so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. The Moderator asked for discussion and perhaps a comment from a member of the Fire Dept. Al Dupell

thanked the voters for their support. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year. Larry Bills so moved. Chris Liller seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

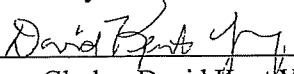
ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$907,769.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). Boomer Walker so moved. Kent Young seconded. The Moderator asked for discussion and asked the Treasurer of differences from last year. She replied that the Fire Truck leases had been paid off. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$837,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022). Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 passed.

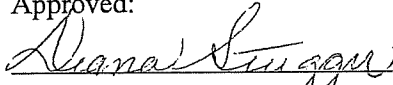
ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No other business was addressed.

Adjournment: At 10:23AM, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Larry Bills so moved. Boomer Walker seconded and the Annual Stratton Town Meeting for 2021 adjourned.

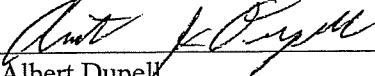
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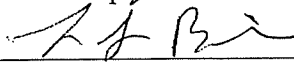

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

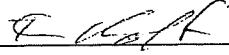
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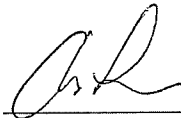

Moderator – Diana Stigger

Approved by the Selectmen:


Albert Dupell


Larry Bills


Kevin Robinson


Chris Liller

Greg Marcucci

TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
MARCH 2, 2021

A small number of legal voters of the Stratton School District met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Due to COVID 19 Restrictions, the Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Stratton had voted to recommend that the School District Meeting be opened and then immediately adjourned to a place, date and time certain of Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 10:30AM at the Stratton Town Hall. This decision was mailed out to the households of all legal voters of Stratton. Only a minimal number of voters were present to start the meeting. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 11:00am and read the opening statement of the Warning. The Town Clerk took the roll. Six voters were present: Diana Stugger, Kent Young, Greg Marcucci, Rayleen Marcucci, Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson. A majority of four exists.

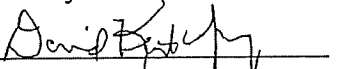
The Moderator read the following Article:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.

Kent Young nominated Diana Stugger. Alyson Peterson seconded. Greg Marcucci moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Adjournment to place, date and time certain: At this time, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn to Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 10:30AM at the Stratton Town Hall. Greg Marcucci so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. All present concurred. The meeting shall continue at that time.

Minutes by:


Town Clerk – David Kent Young

MAY 4, 2021

The Moderator, Diana Stigger, called the meeting to order at 10:30AM on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the Stratton Town Hall, in accordance with the adjournment of March 2, 2021.

The Moderator summarized the events of March 2, 2021 and then asked the Clerk to take roll.

The Clerk took roll – 31 voters were present for a majority of 16. Guests present were Andrew McKeever of GNATV, Kenneth O'Connor of VT Digger, and Colleen Palmer the Headmaster of Mountain School in Winhall.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:

School District Director One three-year term

Kent Young nominated Melissa Walker. Greg Marcucci seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Melissa Walker was elected School District Director for the term of three years.

School District Director One term for two years of a three-year term

Kent Young nominated Kellie D'Elia-Laskin. Allison Young seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Kellie D'Elia-Laskin was elected School District Director for the remaining two years of a term of three years.

School District Director One one-year term

No nomination was made. Discussion: The Clerk stated that in this event, the School Board can appoint the position at a subsequent meeting. An appointment is good until the next Annual School District Meeting is held or unless a Special Meeting is petitioned to fill the position.

School District Director One one-year term

No nomination was made.

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2021-2022 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6 and up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828. Boomer Walker so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2021-2022 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district. Chris Liller so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2021-2022 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$18,490.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district. Boomer Walker so moved. Allison Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 5 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2021-2022 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district. Chris Liller so moved.

Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 was unanimously approved.

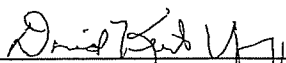
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,231,100.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,362.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.802% less than spending for the current year. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district. Boomer Walker so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 was unanimously approved.

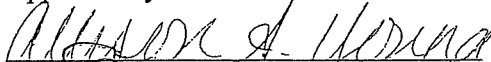
ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Allison Young said that anyone interested who is not on the School Board's email list, may submit their email address to her. She asked if the headmasters of the Mountain School at Winhall and Stratton Mountain School would like to speak to the voters. Both agreed and so the Moderator asked for a voice vote to allow Coleen Palmer of the Mountain School at Winhall to speak. All concurred – no objections. Ms. Palmer addressed the voters, by introducing herself and gave a brief synopsis of the past year for the school and then thanked the voters for their support. Carson Thurber, headmaster of Stratton Mountain School and a resident of Stratton also introduced himself. He too gave a brief synopsis of the school year and thanked the voters for their continued support.

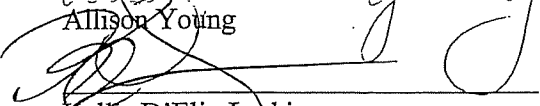
ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:54AM. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded and the School District Meeting of 2021 adjourned.

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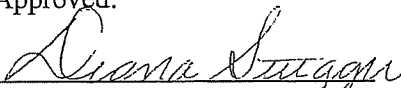

Town Clerk – David Kent Young


Approved by the Stratton School Directors


Allison Young


Kellie D'Elia-Laskin

Approved:


Moderator – Diana Stugger


Melissa Walker

**TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
OF JULY 13, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Stratton Town Hall. The Moderator, Diana Stigger, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and read the opening of the Warning. The Town Clerk took the roll. 19 voters were present for a majority of 10. Guests present were Peter Barus, Scarlett Marcucci and Bill Anton. The Moderator continued by presenting the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Stratton School District will decrease the number of School Directors, elected by the Stratton School District, from the number of five to the number of three, by eliminating the two one-year terms which were left vacant following the Annual School District Meeting of 2021. Kent Young moved the Article and Boomer Walker seconded. Discussion: The Moderator asked the School Board to discuss their opinions on the Article. Allison Young stated that, if there were not two interested individuals for the vacant School Directors' positions, then returning to a three-member board may be necessary. She asked if there were voters present, who are interested in filling these positions. Three individuals raised their hands. So, with that, Allison Young and then the Moderator said that it may be best to leave the board at five members, although people should feel free to vote as they wish. Following the discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote. No one present voted in favor of approving the Article – the vote was a unanimous, "No." Therefore the Article did not pass.

ARTICLE 2: If Article 1 failed to pass, then elect the following Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:
School District Director One one-year term (First of two positions).

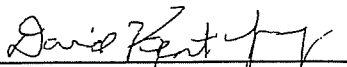
It was explained by the Moderator how nominations and voting should proceed and that a majority of votes is required to be elected to the position. Also, that the term will expire at the 2022 Annual March School District Meeting. The Clerk stated when questioned, that, unfortunately, during the election process, which we are in at this meeting, no discussion regarding candidates can occur. At this time, the Moderator asked for nominations. Rayleen Marcucci nominated Devon Crowther. Boomer Walker seconded. Rayleen Marcucci nominated Claire Sears. Boomer Walker seconded. Allison Young nominated Jessica Marullo. Boomer Walker seconded. With no further nominations, the Moderator asked for a paper ballot. Devon Crowther received 10 votes. Claire Sears received four votes and Jessica Marullo received two votes. Devon Crowther was elected as a School Director for a one-year term.

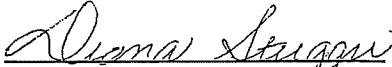
School District Director One one-year term (second of two positions). The Moderator asked for nominations. Devon Crowther nominated Claire Sears. Boomer Walker seconded. Lorraine Weeks-Newell nominated Jessica Marullo. George Rigoulot seconded. With no further nominations, the Moderator asked for a paper ballot. Claire Sears received 14 votes and Jessica Marullo received two votes. Claire Sears was elected as a School Director for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No other business was transacted. The Moderator asked for a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Boomer Walker so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred and the meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

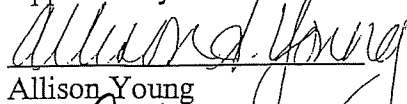
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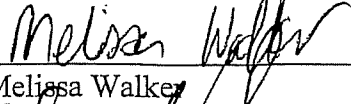
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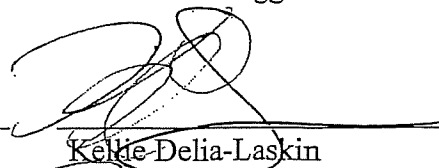

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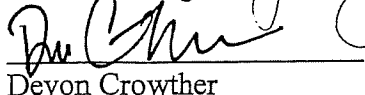

Moderator – Diana Stigger

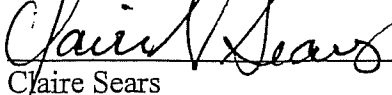
Approved by the Stratton School Directors


Allison Young


Melissa Walker


Kellie Delia-Laskin


Devon Crowther


Claire Sears



AIDS Project
of Southern Vermont

November 26, 2021

Town of Stratton Selectboard
townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton VT 05360

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members,

I am writing today to request \$400.00 from the Town of Stratton for FY2023. This money will help us continue our mission to provide direct services to those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS, offer education to help prevent its spread and to promote understanding within the communities served.

Founded in 1988, the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) provides case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners and family members including a nutritious food program and limited financial assistance. Prevention services include HIV and Hepatitis C testing, a syringe services program including naloxone distribution, mental health and substance use disorder referrals, HIV and Hepatitis C presentations, safer sex supplies and information, and a website with links to additional resources.

We truly appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Karen Peterson
Executive Director
APSV@sover.net

15 Grove Street, PO Box 1486, Brattleboro VT 05302 • (802) 254-8263

aidsprojectsouthernvermont.org



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

August 27, 2021

Town of Stratton
Attn: Alyson Peterson Town Treasurer
9 West Jamaica Rd
Stratton, VT 5360

Dear Alyson,

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

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

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 18 hours**, helping more than **2,000 individuals**.
- We made over **500 homes safer** by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **26,957 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected over **153,000 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, **850** service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

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

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Windham County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

Warmly,

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Rachel Zellem
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England
www.redcross.org/nne

The Big Heavy World Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 428 • 4 Howard Street #A-8, Burlington, VT 05402-0428
(802) 865-1140 • info@bigheavyworld.com

November 5, 2021
P.O. Box 428
Burlington, VT 05402-0428

Selectboard Members
Kent Young, Town Clerk
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Re: Appropriation request of \$250 to support nonprofit statewide music office

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members:

It's a pleasure to share more about Big Heavy World and invite the town to support our work.

The organization is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office and archive of Vermont-made music, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians, inclusive of artists of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization was founded in 1996 and manages many ongoing and special projects that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

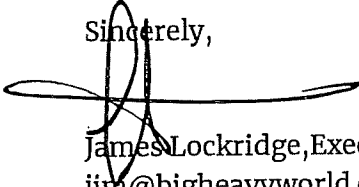
Artists from all across Vermont are invited to be a part of our work. We manage an archive that currently holds about 5,000 Vermont-made recordings; a community radio station that plays original Vermont-made music 24/7 between its volunteer DJs; a website about Vermont's music sector; and a new award-winning tiny museum of Vermont music history.

In the past year we produced radio, streaming, and on-demand programming that aided our community and documented the cultural impacts of COVID-19; created a landmark-scale photo mural of Vermont artists with a soundtrack commemorating the pandemic experience of Vermont's music community; returned blues legend Big Joe Burrell's instruments to Vermont for public exhibit; secured USDA support for a statewide music sector directory and alliance-building project; worked with funding from our national heritage area to help high school students explore the history and value of teen-led cultural centers in Vermont; won a broadcasting award for our ACCD-supported Vermont music promotion project, #HEARVT; collaborated with attorney Cindy Hill to launch a blog dedicated to helping Vermont-based artists with music law topics; and hosted dozens of Vermont-based artists on our weekly local music radio program and podcast. These resources are meant to serve the original musical

artists of your region, and are all produced with a volunteer crew. The organization continues to participate in the Vermont Creative Network and the Heritage Area Programming Advisory Committee of the Champlain Valley National Partnership.

We hope our grass roots work makes you proud of Vermont's can-do spirit and our extraordinary arts community, of which you and the musicians of your town are a part. Thank you for considering this request for \$250 to support the operating costs of Big Heavy World in the coming fiscal year (our 25th); we are deeply grateful for your support.

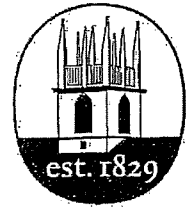
Sincerely,

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James Lockridge, Executive Director
jim@bigheavyworld.com; (802) 865-1140

P.S. Attachments include a questionnaire that we completed for the Town of East Montpelier, which may provide information that contributes to your decision-making process.

BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY



December 21, 2021

Dear Sending Town School Boards:

The Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has voted to set next year's per-pupil sending town tuition at \$19,200, a 3.83% increase.

BBA is committed to maintaining affordability. Inflation is running at 6.8%, and statewide education spending is increasing 4.74% on a per-pupil basis; we wanted to stay well below both of those numbers.

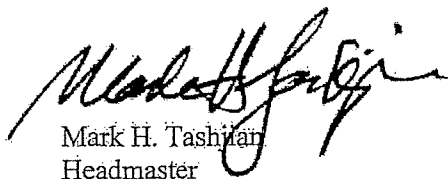
BBA generates over \$3 million in revenues above and beyond town tuition: over \$1 million via our annual fund drive and gala, close to \$1 million from our endowment, and well over \$1 million from international student tuition. We will rely on these supplemental revenues as well as prudent cost containment to stay in balance in the face of inflationary pressures.

We will continue to dream big and look well past the trials and tribulations of the pandemic, the spike in inflation and other economic headwinds. We will continue to rely on private generosity to fund building projects, thereby ensuring that sending towns are never asked for capital support for those purposes. We will continue to be a school that makes us all proud and helps attract new residents to our communities.

Most important, we remain committed to providing the engaging, vigorous educational experience in a highly personalized setting that is the hallmark of Burr and Burton Academy. In the face of widespread, nationwide school disruptions, teacher and staff shortages, and waves of resignations by educators, the BBA team remains strong thanks to the tremendous support from our sending communities.

Please let us know if you have any questions. On behalf of the entire BBA community, we thank you for your continuing support and partnership.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster


Edgar T. Campbell
Chair, Board of Trustees

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Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

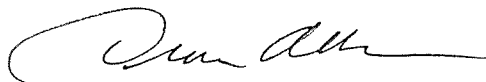
December 20, 2021

To the Board:

The Community Food Pantry respectfully requests funds from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$500 for FY 2023. Hunger has no place in our community and your continued support of the Community Food Pantry is deeply appreciated.

Thank You for your consideration.

With Sincere Thanks,



Diane Allen
Coordinator

Emergency Contact & Information:

Diane Allen • 874-4175
P.O. Box 7
Jamaica, VT 05343



P.O. Box 854
 22 Stowe Hill Rd.
 Wilmington, VT 05363
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802-464-5557 Office
 802-464-4728 Fax
 www.dvrescue.org

October 5, 2021

Town Of Stratton
 9 Jamaica Road
 Stratton, VT 05360

To Whom It May Concern:

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. provides emergency ambulance service to part of the town of Stratton. DVR is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 140 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time seasonal attendants.

At this time Deerfield Valley Rescue is requesting for appropriation of \$2,000.00 from the Town of Stratton. This would be for the July 2022- June 30th 2023 fiscal year.

If the select board or budget committee has questions please feel free to contact us we would be happy to answer any questions.

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. would like to thank you for your consideration of this contribution it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heidi S. Taylor
 Business Administrator, DVR

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Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD), dba DVFiber

2021 Year in Review

DVFiber has grown to include 24 towns in three counties, has selected its private sector vendor partner, and has obtained substantial grant funding to begin work on a fiber optic cable network.

We have collectively accomplished much in this past year with the incredible work of representatives and alternates appointed by the Select Boards of our member towns, plus additional volunteers — some 60 people in all — who have applied technical, financial, and communications skills to keep us moving forward. We are ready to design and construct the fiber optic network that will make Internet access at gigabit speeds a reality for nearly 8,000 homes and businesses on the grid that do not have it now.

What are CUDs?

Communications union districts (CUDs) are special purpose municipalities, just like water, fire, or sewer districts. Vermont had been struggling for many years through several governors of both parties to find a way to bring high-speed Internet service to the most rural parts of our state, areas that commercial providers have found unprofitable to serve.

Beginning in 2015 and continuing through this past year, the Vermont legislature enacted legislation setting out the framework for the formation of municipal districts and giving them the tools to deliver service for all where there was none before. DVFiber is now one of nine CUDs in Vermont.

Significant Events

Early on, our governing board, composed of representatives and alternates from all of our member towns, decided that the best path to achieve the required results would be to form a public/private partnership in which DVFiber, the public partner, would own the network, manage it for the benefit of our customers, and pay a private sector partner to construct and operate it on our behalf. To that end, through an RFP process, the governing board of DVFiber selected Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, Maine, a B Corporation, as our partner. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GWI and began to negotiate the full details of our partnership agreement.

Next Steps

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) has just awarded DVFiber a \$4.1 million grant of federal funds to finance pre-construction work. This work includes a high-level design for all 24 member towns and a detailed engineering design for the six Phase I towns — the ones with the largest concentrations of poorly served homes and businesses. In addition, the grant pays for necessary work by utility companies to prepare their poles for the attachment of our fiber next year.

DVFiber will apply for additional federal funds to finance the actual network construction. We expect these funds to become available for awards in early 2022. We are grateful for federal funding that will greatly speed up the construction schedule.

Our Thanks

We would like to thank all of our Select Boards for their support, for their appointments of such highly skilled delegates to our board, and for their patience while we roll out this technically complex and expensive — but essential — network and service. We are working as fast as we can to deliver on the promise of a community-owned, fiber optic broadband network that provides affordable, world-class service to everyone in our member towns.



November 5, 2021

Selectboard
Town of Stratton, Vermont
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Select Board Members:

The Gathering Place would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration of our request for a contribution in Fiscal Year 2023.

Requested Appropriation for 2022-2023: \$1000.00

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of the Windham County region including bordering New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home, an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement and allows the residents of Stratton who participate to continue to live in their community. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and transportation to and from the Center is provided.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- Nursing oversight
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- Outreach services
- Companionship
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments
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There are many different ways that program participants may pay for their services.

- Private pay refers to those participants who pay The Gathering Place's stated fee.
- TGP offers scholarships for those who exhibit financial need, to help cover the cost of attendance. For those program participants whose income falls within TGP's Sliding Fee Scale range, an adjusted fee is calculated according to the scale.
- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association

30 Terrace Street Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone: 802-254-6559 ~ mlewis@gatheringplacevt.org



October 5, 2021

Stratton Selectboard
Town of Stratton
% Kent Young, Town Clerk
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Members of the Stratton Selectboard,

On behalf of all Grace Cottage patients (quite a few of whom are from Stratton!) we hope that you will please consider adding the following warning in your 2021 Annual Report, for consideration at Town Meeting in March, 2022:

“To see if the Town of Stratton will vote to raise \$7,000 by taxation for Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.”

This amount is identical to the appropriation approved at Town Meeting last year.

All of our services are available for residents, second homeowners, and visitors to Stratton. The town of Stratton has consistently approved Grace Cottage appropriations requests over the years.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation which depends on the generosity of supporters to keep it going, especially in view of the cutbacks in Medicare/Medicaid and insurance reimbursements that continue, year after year.

We appreciate your on-going support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Andrea Seaton'.

Andrea Seaton
Director, Development & Community Relations

Grace Cottage Family Health
802-365-4331

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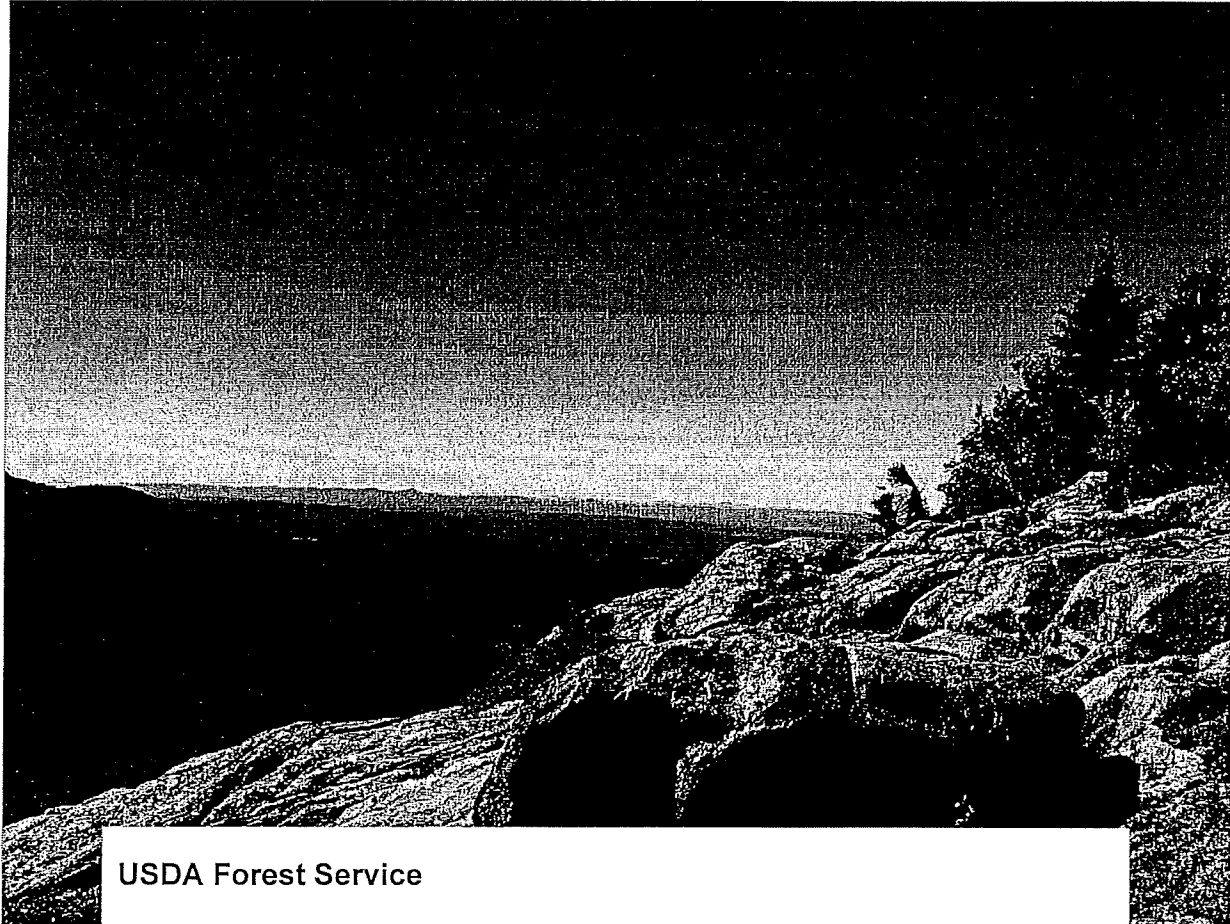
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P.O. Box 216, 185 Grafton Road, Townshend, Vermont 05353
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Town Meeting Report

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on the Town Meeting / Report page



“THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR PLANET IS THE BELIEF THAT SOMEONE ELSE WILL SAVE IT”

Robert Swan, Explorer

Town of Stratton
Kent Young
9 West Jamaica Road.
Stratton, VT 05360

**Thank You Stratton
for helping keep Vermont a
beautiful place to live, work & play!**

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

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

Appropriation Request Letter

Dear Residents of Stratton

Thank you for your past appropriation to Green Up Vermont in support of Green Up Day. We had a great turnout with 22,000 volunteers picking up 418 TONS of trash and 16,250 tires from our roads and waterways. This amazing community service and sense of pride keeps our towns not only looking good, but also safe and healthy places to live. Your help is crucial in sustaining this mission of clean environments and teaching our youth to care about their communities. Your contribution is so appreciated and makes a real impact.

As Green Up rolls into our 52nd year, we are again requesting your support for the usual \$50.00 appropriation. The amount requested is based on town population and goes directly back to your town in the way of supplies, educational tools for your schools, and local promotion for Green Up Day.

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

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

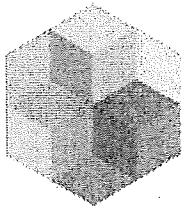
Mark your calendar for **Green Up Day 2022, May 7th** and help us celebrate 52 years of keeping Vermont green! Please contact me anytime with any questions or comments. I am pleased to serve your community and look forward to working with you again. Thank you so very much!

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

Payment Reminder for Green Up Appropriation 2021

We haven't yet received a check for your 2021 Green Up Appropriation. We realize many of you submit payment upon receipt of this notice. If you think our accounting is in error please contact us at greenup@greenupvermont.org or 522-7245.

Your 2021 balance due is \$0.00 Invoice #1102 Thank you!



groundworks
COLLABORATIVE

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

October 11, 2021

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members,

Please accept this letter as Groundworks Collaborative's request for continued financial assistance in the upcoming year from the Town of Stratton. Despite the steadily growing demand for our services, we are requesting a level-funded contribution in the amount of \$500.

Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities. Specifically, we provide the following services, all of which are available to residents of Stratton:

- Year-round shelter for families and individuals experiencing homelessness
- Our region's Seasonal Overflow Shelter – open each night from November through April
- Our region's most heavily utilized food shelf program – Foodworks; and
- Supportive services, including housing case management and a Representative Payee service.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on contributions like yours to bolster our work supporting our neighbors experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. Many thanks for your support in helping us achieve our mission meeting basic needs with dignity.

Sincerely,

Libby Bennett
Director of Development & Communications
lbennett@GroundworksVT.org | 802-302.8301

basic needs met with dignity

PO Box 370, Brattleboro, VT 05302 | GroundworksVT.org | 802.257.5415

Request for Support from the Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton at the 2022 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2021, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,646 people in Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

Kindle Farm School: Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

Residential Services: HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

Emergency Services: This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially-trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Stratton for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

For inclusion in the 2021 Town Report:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

Since its founding in 1927, The Historical Society of Windham County has faithfully fulfilled its mission to collect, preserve and present our County's history for present and future generations.

In 1936, the Historical Society's Executive Committee voted to "erect a fireproof building where historic relics may be housed safely." For over 80 years since the County Museum was built, generations of the County's residents have entrusted the Historical Society to safeguard their artifacts, manuscripts and documents—their heritage. The Historical Society's invaluable collection comprises thousands of County artifacts and archival materials. The Museum's archives are available for research or special interests, and school visits are always encouraged.

With the completion of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station restoration in 2018, the Historical Society of Windham County is now the steward of both the Windham County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum. The restored Railroad Station provides a visual and accessible presentation for a broad audience, as well as an engaging teaching tool for educators and parents.

Windham County residents and visitors alike benefit from the Historical Society's special events and educational programs. This year, with extra precautions in place due to COVID-19, the Historical Society was able to resume some of its special events, including the County History Fair, which provides a public forum for all the County's historical societies and similar organizations. The marked increase in visitors this year at both of the Society's Museums after a year of uncertainty in 2020, only reinforces our conviction that the community places great importance on its heritage.

Throughout the decades, admission to our County Museum has always been free. The same is true for all of the special programs, presentations as well as research provided by the Historical Society of Windham County. None of this comes free for us however, and clearly we couldn't do it without the support of our community. We hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost.

The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum are open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October, as well as by appointment. (The County Museum is also open Wednesdays, Noon - 4:00.) Inquiries are fielded year-round. Please visit our website for more information, and the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

We thank you for your support.

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad
P.O. Box 911 Londonderry, VT 05148

December 9, 2021

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360

Via email: townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com

Dear Selectboard,

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is proud to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Stratton, as well as the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall.

As you can imagine, the last two years have been extremely challenging in operating an ambulance service. Despite the pandemic, we remain the only all-volunteer rescue squad in the state of Vermont that doesn't charge patients for our services. Our dedicated volunteers don't receive any compensation for the time they spend providing patient care, and this is the primary reason our yearly assessments to the towns we serve are so low.

But we still have significant expenses, and the hurdles posed by the pandemic have resulted in increased costs for medical supplies, diesel fuel and equipment. All of these items need to be kept up-to-date and fully operational in order for us to continue providing the high quality patient care and transport we are known for. Our expenses this year totaled \$288,717.00.

Because we cover seven towns, we've made adjustments to each town's yearly assessment based on its annual call volume and its proportionate call volume. As a result, some town assessments remained the same, while others needed to be changed. We believe this will be the last year that an adjustment of this type is needed.

This year we are asking the Town of Stratton for \$3,000.00

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving our community in 2022,

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee of LVRS



January 2022

Dear Residents:

Here at Long Trail School we are grateful for our location and for our relationships with the community. For more than four decades, Long Trail has provided educational excellence to many students in this region. We are appreciative of our community which encourages variety and welcomes opportunities so that each family can make a personal choice for a child's academic experience.

Relationships define the experience at Long Trail. Here at Long Trail School, we look at ourselves not only as members of a school family but as stewards of the future. Students and faculty support and inspire each other to learn, share, and improve the world.

Today Long Trail educates nearly 240 students from 46 towns and 3 countries. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges. LTS students have ambitious and diverse personal goals. They develop commitments to lifelong learning and confidence in their capacity to make a difference in their communities wherever and whenever they can, now and into the future.

LTS has remained open every day for in-person learning. Our dedicated professionals are working hard to keep us safe. Our devoted faculty cultivate interest and excitement as they create learning communities in their classrooms.

Thank you for caring about our students and our school. Grateful for tuition funding from area towns, Long Trail School is committed to the children of this region. Your investment in a Long Trail education is an advancement in our communities and in local children - a testament to our future.

Most sincerely,

Chuck Scranton, Interim Head of School

Our Communities,

During the last year, ever-changing community needs have had our staff expanding services and taking on new roles. Our ambulance crews, based out of our Brattleboro and Townshend stations, responded to 5,716 emergency and nonemergency calls including transports of our sickest community members to hospitals in six states. We were able to provide service to 100% of emergency calls in our coverage area as well as provide support to many of our neighboring towns. Our technical rescue team continues to grow; this year the team provided flood response, as well as wilderness search support, in what ended up being one of our busiest years.

Our COVID response, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Health, included home delivery of COVID vaccinations, mobile vaccination clinics, specialty transport of infected patients, and mobile infusion centers that provided access to life saving monoclonal treatments in our area and across the state.

As we look ahead, our members and staff remain dedicated to our 56-year tradition of providing exceptional emergency medical care and transport in the region. We are excited to be able to continue providing these services this year at the same per-capita rate as last year (due to census changes, total town cost may have changed). Our COVID team will also continue to support the state pandemic response, bringing critical services to our communities.

Thank You,



Drew Hazelton
Chief of Operations



December 20, 2021

Town of Stratton
ATTN: Candie Bernard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360-9714

Via email to: cbernard@townofstrattonvt.com

Dear Ms. Bernard,

I am sending this request to you for submission to the Town of Stratton Selectboard.

Senior Solutions requests \$700.00 from the Town of Stratton to be appropriated at the 2022 Town Meeting. We appreciate the support of your residents.

I have enclosed additional information to show the services we have provided to residents of the Town of Stratton.

We invite the Town of Stratton Selectboard to appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council and ensure continued representation from the Town of Stratton every year. Our Advisory Council helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Boutwell
Executive Director

SeVEDS Impact Statement for Stratton Town Report March 2022

Improving wages, creating jobs, attracting and keeping people in the region, all of this is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together as a region to build a thriving economy. Since 2007 when SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), we have taken a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.**

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People**. It is available online at www.seveds.com. SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve to support the work and in 2021, eighteen communities, representing 82% of Windham residents invested in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs (see pg2), conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring another **\$4.2 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs so every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding. In the last five years municipal funding has helped to launch programs for high schools, workforce recruitment and retention, small business succession planning, and community leaders and volunteers.

Background & Request

SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Stratton to appropriate \$648 (based on a population of 216) to support SeVEDS.**

2020 Pandemic Response

SeVEDS guides regional economic development and recovery, with strategy and insight. We took a leading role in economic response and recovery for Tropical Storm Irene and the closure of the VY Nuclear Plant. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BDCC adapted programs, and stretched to meet emerging needs through relief efforts:

- BDCC conducted extensive outreach, as we do in any disaster, to collect information about how businesses and employers were impacted, share the information with policymakers, and enact a local response.
- 684 regional businesses and non-profits received support and technical assistance from BDCC staff to apply for federal & state relief, or develop a “pivot” strategy. Two Stratton organizations worked with a **BDCC liaison**.
- 1,549 loans went to businesses and non-profits in the Region through the federal **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)** and EIDL, totaling \$130,059,813. 14 Loans totaling \$1,036,601 were made to Stratton organizations.
- 143 Windham Region business received **Restart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA)** through BDCC. 54 of these local businesses received grants (up to \$4000). They employ 1,125 people.
- We launched a new round of CNPP grants to help businesses pivot toward the future (winter 2021-22).
- BDCC provided technical assistance and grants (up to \$10,000) to 133 sole proprietors through **CDBG-CV**.
- We provided dozens of webinars like a COVID-19 Business Resiliency series, municipal trainings on short and long term impacts of COVID-19, **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to deliver technical assistance around ever-changing conditions and relief programs, and **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** to ensure local legislators and state and federal officials consistently heard from local people about recovery needs.

As the pandemic abates, we are shifting focus from relief, to resilience. Please see our program offerings and find out how we support working Vermonters, small businesses, and communities: www.brattleborodevelopment.com

SeVEDS-Led Programming: Please check out the BDCC & SeVEDS Annual Report at www.brattleborodevelopment.com or call for a copy 802-257-7731 x230. Our web site features upcoming events or trainings, programs and resources. Sign up for an e-newsletter and updates on state and federal economic and community development resources.

To learn about the CEDS, CEDS projects, or Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit www.vermontzone.com. Staff attend at least one Selectboard meeting each year, and support local initiatives. We are always happy to visit other committees to talk about specific programs, projects or services.

Programs and Services – Recent Updates:

- **BDCC's Business Assistance Program** is a newly expanded team providing technical assistance and lending to businesses at all stages – startups to growth to owner successions – all at no cost.
- BDCC is expanding our **lending products** portfolio to help more entrepreneurs. Low fee, low interest loans from \$750 to \$90,000 are available, even to businesses that need to build credit.
- **Workforce development:** BDCC convenes regional partnerships, facilitates the Vermont Training Program which helps fund employee upskilling, and brings new training and development programs to the region.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** We launched the Southern Vermont Welcome Wagon chapter which helps new and returning Vermonters connect with local hosts in their new communities. We also help employers secure the talent they need to grow their organizations here with recruitment services and support.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** helps people in their 20s to 40s advance their careers and deepen connections in the region, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs. Check out events every month including family friendly offerings, homebuyer classes and financial wellness.
- **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** helps with project development and management, and with becoming successful applicants to USDA Loan & Grant Programs. From fire stations and childcare centers, to town garages and medical centers, this program is a great way to stretch local dollars.
- We support local initiatives and the people who lead them through the **Southern Vermont Economy Project**. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants, plus 43 online webinars to help solve problems, build local capacity and find resources. We are helping local organizations and towns with everything from connectivity to non-profit fundraising.
- **Welcoming Communities:** BDCC leads a regional partnership working to build an inclusive local immigration system to support foreign-born community members, and welcoming workplaces. This winter, as a result of BDCC's efforts, Brattleboro will begin to welcome refugees with the help of ECDC (one of 9 national refugee resettlement agencies) and the local Community Asylum Seekers Project (CASP).
- **Supporting the regional job base:** In FY21 we supported employers that provide 25-30% of the jobs in this region, and dozens of local sole proprietors.
- **The Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** connects regional students with career awareness and preparedness opportunities to help every senior graduate with a solid plan for success, whether college or workforce-bound. BDCC employs a full time staffer who works in every high school teaching classes, facilitating workplace experiences, and creating education-employment connections.
- **Providing economic research and data:** We conduct research to inform local decisions. This year a BDCC & SeVEDS Regional Data Report was shared with your selectboard. The report is on our web site, or contact us to request a copy jstromsten@brattleborodevelopment.com
- **We advocate daily for the needs of the regional economy, from ensuring very small businesses aren't left out of relief programs to pushing to expand programs that help your community achieve your goals.**


SOUTHERN VERMONT
Therapeutic Riding Center

3 Cross Country Circle – Wilmington, VT 05363

www.sovtrc.org

(802) 221- 4409

October 6, 2021

Mr. D. Kent Young
Town Clerk
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Young,

As a representative of Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center, I am writing to request consideration for an appropriation of \$1000 from Stratton for the coming fiscal year. We currently serve 21 clients from Southern Vermont, with several who reside in Stratton and neighboring towns. Along with the care of our equine team and equipment maintenance, we underwrite the cost of lessons for many of our participants. Without subsidies, these people with special needs would be unable to afford to participate.

SVTRC's mission is to enrich, educate and expand the lives of individuals with special needs through Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT). Founded in 2010 in Newfane, we are a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH International) Member Center and a nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c) (3). In 2016, SVTRC moved to Wilmington; since the move, Executive Director, Amber Thibodeau has led the program. The Board of Directors is comprised of nine dedicated volunteer members from surrounding towns.

SVTRC offers EAAT to participants aged 4 and older with varying special needs including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Multiple Sclerosis, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders, Spinal Cord Injuries, Blindness, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy and Anxiety. Our program started with just a few individual riders and each year, we have increased the number of people we serve. We intend to continue that trend, offering this important intervention to more people in the community.

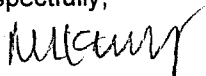
SVTRC offers lessons throughout the year focusing on three distinct programs:

- *Therapeutic Riding* - developing riding skills and providing exercise to individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional needs
- *Horsemanship* - learning basic horse care, safety and behavior
- *Vocational Education* - developing career skills in horsemanship, horse care and behavior

The goal is for the participant to improve coordination, balance, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral skills, while progressing in equestrian skills. Lessons include both mounted and unmounted activities with the horse in our indoor arena, in the outdoor ring, or on the trail.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information.

Respectfully,



Meredith L. Kenyon
SVTRC board member, volunteer, and participant
West Townshend, VT
802-258-1215
MeredithLKenyon@gmail.com



Valley Cares

P.O. Box 341 • Townshend, VT 05353
www.valleycares.org • 802-365-4115

December 2, 2021

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares is very grateful for the generous support that residents of Stratton have given our organization and the seniors we serve. We respectfully request \$335 in continued support from the Town of Stratton at Town Meeting in 2022.

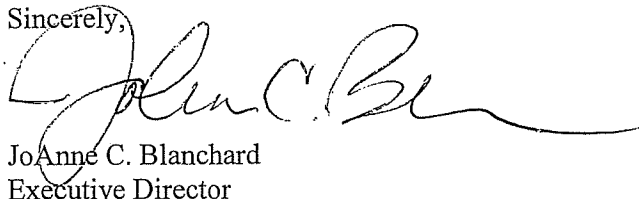
The world has just felt different over the past two years, hasn't it? It certainly has in our line of work, as we continue to do our best to protect and serve people who are at great risk by the COVID-19 virus. As you can imagine, there are many ways in which the pandemic has challenged senior care and services. Yet fundamentally, we haven't changed. We still have a staff of the most caring and compassionate people you could ever meet who go above and beyond each day for the wonderful people we serve. Though the world around keeps changing, our staff continues to be a friendly face and a caring light to our residents and SASH participants.

It is an honor to serve residents of Stratton. Valley Cares helps seniors in Stratton remain safely in their homes; and if the time comes for them to move, we provide safe, affordable independent and assisted living options "right down the road."

Our community services – such as our medical equipment lending program and our Support And Services at Home program – continue to be offered free of charge to members of the Stratton community. Although we charge for housing and care services at West River Valley Senior Housing, we continue to subsidize these costs because we recognize that seniors are on fixed incomes.

We are grateful for your financial assistance, which helps us to continue providing these services to residents of your community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



JoAnne C. Blanchard
Executive Director

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At Valley Cares, it is our mission to provide high quality, affordable, housing and compassionate care allowing seniors to age in place with respect and dignity.

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF STRATTON
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$500.00

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

In FY'21 (10/2020-9/2021) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **186** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **148** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **65** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **80** individuals with information on assistive technology; **42** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **484** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **24** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 415 people in its first year. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'21, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

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

2021 Local Health Annual Report

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

COVID-19

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

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

Public Health Programs

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

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

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



September 20, 2021

Town of Stratton
9 W. Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Select Board,

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served the families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a “one-stop-shop” to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

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

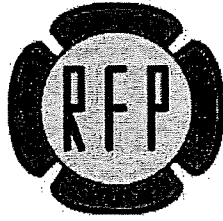
We are proud to serve over 1,400 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 10,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

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

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development and Communications Manager
Vermont Family Network



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

November 15, 2021

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

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **23+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling over **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

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

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

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2021 was **\$193,930**, of which **\$92,909** was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore,

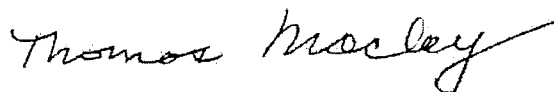
we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Last year, we received over **\$11,000** in town appropriations from over **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



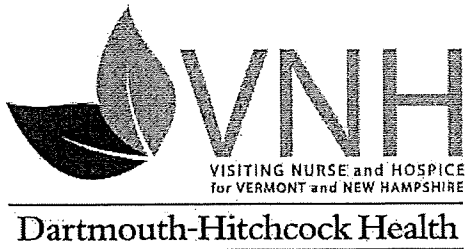
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Rural Fire Protection Task Force
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Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
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Jill Arace, Executive Director
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
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Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Walter Bothfeld, Jr., Cabot VFD
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation



November 29, 2021

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Selectboard and Citizens of Stratton:

Thank you for the opportunity to have Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire's (VNH) appropriation request included in Stratton 2022 funding. **VNH respectfully requests a \$800 appropriation. This represents level funding from last year's request.**

As an integral part of the community healthcare system in Stratton, VNH serves to breach an otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 53 visits to 3 residents of all ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice, and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

Having our patients maintain their independence is key. Our nurses, therapists, and social workers provide assessments, medical care, and education to assist people in leading a more self-sufficient life. This includes patients who are frail, elderly, and disabled, people with terminal illness, those recovering from major surgery or illness, and children with chronic medical needs. They all benefit by receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Town funding is what allows us to bring down the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide an affordable option for home healthcare in the Stratton community. This includes a provider's tax, your money not only helps with the unreimbursed costs but also the tax we pay to provide providers in Vermont. To continue meeting these needs, we urge the Town of Stratton to budget continued financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

With kind regards,

Hilary Davis

Vice President, Strategy Management

88 Prospect Street
White River Junction
Vermont 05001
1.888.300.8853
vnhcare.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

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December 1, 2021

To the Town of Stratton,

The Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library deeply appreciate the continued financial support of the Town of Stratton. We count on the Town of Stratton along with the Town of Wardsboro and funds raised by the Trustees through our annual appeal to our patrons to pay for the operating costs of the Library, such as books, supplies, telephone, computers, high-speed fiber optic WiFi, cleaning and special programs for adults and children.

This year's request, for fiscal 2022-2023, is for \$6,100.00. This represents an increase of \$365.00 over the \$5,735.00 that the Town of Stratton appropriated to the Library in 2021-2022 and is an effort by the Trustees to keep up with estimated cost increases during fiscal 2022-2023.

We are grateful to the taxpayers, donors and patrons from both the Town of Stratton and the Town of Wardsboro for their continued support of our wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Akin, Carol Backus, Steve Herd, Sheri Lewis, Karina Martin, Bob Stupp
Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library

Wardsboro Fire and Rescue
PO Box 151
Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802) 896-6760 Non-Emergency

January 12, 2022

Town of Stratton Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Stratton Selectboard members,

The members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are grateful for the town of Stratton's continued support of our department over the past years. As you are most likely aware, members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are dispatched on an automatic mutual aid basis to assist the Stratton Fire Department on fire and rescue calls in certain areas in the town of Stratton.

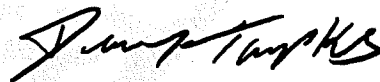
As in the past, the town of Stratton has included a request for appropriations for town meeting day. Would you kindly include the Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department for a request of \$5000.00 and Wardsboro Rescue in the amount of \$5000.00 in your appropriations for the coming year?

Again, the members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are grateful for your generous support in the past and look forward to assisting in serving your community in the future.

Respectfully,



Ron Betit, Chief



Duane Tompkins, President



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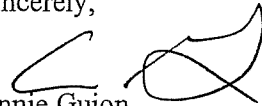
Dear David,

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Windham County Humane Society, thank you for the generous support from the town. WCHS is blessed with a dedicated, hard working staff, and we are all very grateful for the support of our community.

The appropriation will go directly to support shelter functions, including our pet care assistance and adoption programs, and helps cover the daily cost of food, heat and veterinary care for the animals that come through our doors. WCHS is 100% community funded – *other than grants, we receive no funding from national organizations or state or federal government.* That's why support from our local towns is so important to us.

We believe that our relationships with animals enrich our lives and communities. Thank you again for helping us to provide loving care, and to find loving homes, for the animals of Windham County.

Sincerely,

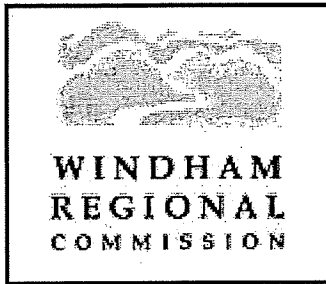

Annie Guion
Executive Director, WCHS

Thank you!

Appropriation Amount: \$400.00

Check Date 10/25/2021

*Windham County Humane Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID# 03-6016140
No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.*



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. Stratton is currently represented by Renee Mulkey and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in, between, and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2021 has been a busy year. We began a collaboration with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to assist towns with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). VLCT is helping explain the ARPA use and reporting policies, and the WRC is helping towns think strategically about how to make the most of this once in a generation direct funding from the federal government. Among other potential uses, the opportunity exists for communities to invest in infrastructure to support the retention of existing businesses and homes, and create the capacity necessary to encourage the development of new housing. In July we assisted towns as they reported damage associated with the most severe flooding event since Tropical Storm Irene 10 years ago, and sped up the local hazard mitigation plan update process for several towns in anticipation of the federal disaster declaration. We have new capacity to support local energy plan implementation and planning, the ability to convene the region's town energy committees, and to advance climate adaptation and resilience initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,060 and is based upon 2020 Census data. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2022, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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**ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
December 2021**

**Bob Spencer, Executive Director
John Fay, Programs & Operations Manager**

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 with eight member towns. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, which closed in 1995. A regional materials recycling facility (MRF) was constructed adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Seven towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Stratton, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations, and their trash and recycling haulers now collect recyclable materials for processing, primarily at the Casella MRF in Rutland. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide 24-7 drop-off sites for recyclables. Three towns, Brattleboro, Vernon, and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Five towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, and Somerset do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. This year, WSWMD also prepared a summary of solid waste and recycling services for each member town to post on its website.

Roll-Off Containers Donated to Towns: When the MRF closed in 2017, the recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD. In 2017 WSWMD loaned the containers to towns that wanted them, and in 2021 WSWMD transferred ownership of the roll-off containers, at no charge, to Brookline, Halifax, Jamaica, Marlboro, Readsboro, Townshend, and Wilmington. This saves those towns the cost of renting containers from their contract hauler.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2021 with a budget surplus of \$79,534, and total revenues of \$1,293,227, off-setting total expenses of \$1,213,693. The annual assessment to member towns was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new census figures. The annual budget now includes a capital reserve fund for equipment replacement.

Transfer Station: The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides "essential services," and has continued full-scale operation. The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation in 2020 but re-opened in May 2021 with new safety protocols.

The transfer station is a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$40/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$155/ton.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold, generating approximately \$100,000 of revenue per year.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Brattleboro Brookline Dover Dummerston Guilford Halifax Jamaica Marlboro Newfane Putney
Readsboro Somerset Stratton Townshend Vernon Wardsboro Westminster Wilmington

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 8th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased each year, and in 2021 were projected to exceed 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. About 50% of the food waste is from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. In April, Vermont Bread Company closed its manufacturing facility in Brattleboro, and WSWMD diverted Keene State College to another composting facility, and as a result the permit capacity will not be exceeded in 2021.

The District is evaluating technologies and costs to meet state permit requirements for a larger capacity permit. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of “Brattlegrow” compost in 2021 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): 2021 was the second year of the five-year term of the current SWIP. Household hazardous waste collection, education, and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements, are mandated by State law and contained in the District’s SWIP. Membership in WSWMD makes towns compliant with state recycling mandates.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

New HHW Depot: WSWMD opened its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot on May 1, 2021. The facility is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. This year 326 households were served by the facility, up from an average of 260 households per year in the previous five years. The facility startup costs were paid for in part by a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and operational costs are covered by a separate grant from the DEC. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

In addition to the HHW Depot, the District provided a one-day HHW collection event on July 24th in Readsboro in collaboration with a neighboring solid waste district.

Backyard Composting Demonstration Area: A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District conducted three workshops in the demonstration area during 2021. The facility is available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Newfane, Halifax, and Vernon.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion. In 2021, WSWMD aided about 50 businesses.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion. In 2021, WSWMD aided 10 schools.

Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 sorting stations for special events that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 42 homeowners by providing low cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assist 46 new homeowners in 2021 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 134 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. Beyond these standard program, the Homeownership department has acted quickly to administer the State's COVID Relief Funded Rehousing Recovery Program. This program granted funding for the rehab of 79 privately owned units which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to absorb the need for safe and affordable housing. The units are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties. Our new Housing Retention Program has assisted 80 renters and homeowners impacted by Covid in stabilizing their housing with access to relief funding.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meets the diverse housing needs of a community. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. At the close of 2021, the Bellows Falls Garage project broke ground. This project will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. The Putney project entered the design phase in 2021, creating 27 new homes within the village. In 2022, WWHT is planning the rehabilitation of 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

Property Management: WWHT owns 878 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments with over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State. We have accessed nearly \$500,000 of rental relief for tenants. In 2021 we brought on a full Supportive Services Department focused on increasing the wellbeing of our residents by building community, accessing resources, and empowering and engaging residents. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust
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Winhall Memorial Library Annual Report

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

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Statistics

Patron visits: 466

Books circulated: 1365

Items received via courier: 116

New Accounts since 5/20: 81

Highlights & Acknowledgements

Curbside pickup was continued throughout the fiscal year until Governor Scott lifted the State of Emergency in June. The library saw an influx of new patrons, with a large number of books being shared via curbside.

The Library returned to "normal" operations in August 2021, opening for 16 hours per week including Saturdays.



Mid-August 2021, Dawn Santos stepped down after 5 years. Dawn is missed by her patrons. Her work here left an indelible mark. To quote one trustee, "she brought the library into the 20th century."

Virginia Morgan, a graduate of UVM and a Vermont certified school library media specialist, took over the Director's position on August 17, 2021. Virginia started her career as an assistant librarian at BBS (now BBA) while getting her Master of Library Science from Syracuse University and then worked at LTS for 13 years. Virginia repatriated in June from Switzerland where she was the Diploma Programme Librarian and Extended Essay Coordinator at an International

Baccalaureate boarding school. Virginia is working on getting both adults and children back into the library after the COVID-19 hiatus, joining the Catamount Library Network (a consortium of 24 Vermont libraries that share a robust circulation/cataloging software), and increasing use of interlibrary loan and the digital collection. The 2021 #Giving Tuesday funds were raised to pay the fees associated with membership in the Catamount network.

Grant Awards and Fundraising

- The Vermont Community Foundation (VT COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund) Awarded \$1500 to enhance public internet access. WML purchased 3 Chromebooks for patron checkout in order to allow outdoor/parking lot access to the Internet through the WiFi hotspot. 2 study carrels were also purchased.

A Wifi Hotspot was installed through a grant from the Vermont Department of Public Service in the fall of 2020.

- Interlibrary Loan Courier Service Grant Award
Awarded \$563 to subsidize the cost of interlibrary loan courier delivery service. WML shares our stop with Jamaica Library. Books are received/ sent in a large bin rather than individually mailed, a cost-cutting measure.

- Summer Performance Grant/Vermont Department of Libraries
WML was granted \$200 for a 2021 Vermont Summer Program Performer. WML teamed up with our friends at the Jamaica Memorial Library to host an event at the park next to the library. We had the wonderful Ed Popielarczyk's Magic Show in July 2021 with attendance of over 50 children and adults.

- Vermont Public Libraries Equipment and Supplies Grant (IMLS American RPA)
WML was awarded \$2000 in federal funds in order to support library programs and services during pandemic conditions. Funds were received in November and are designated for 2 reading chairs that can be wiped down and 2 childrens' book mobiles that will enhance social distancing.

- Maple Syrup Fundraiser, Quilts Raffle, Plant Sale, # Giving Tuesday 2020

Live Programs



- Ed Popielarczyk's Magic Show, for children & caregivers, July 2021 (50+)
- Reading with Rhythm November, for children & caregivers 2021 (25+)
- Book Club for adults, monthly
- Computer Classes for adults



Digital Collection Expansion

The Library offers free access to Hoopla, a digital service that any WML library card holder can use. Through individual accounts, patrons can read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, watch movies/television shows, enroll in courses. This service is currently funded by a generous donation from an anonymous individual.

Community Connections

Take-home Craft kits (developed with Jamaica Library)
Halloween in the 'Ville
Santa Parade

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Stratton**

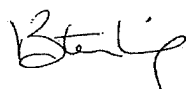
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 2,000 hotline calls, sheltered 70 adults and their 45 children and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **523** survivors and their **344** children who had been abused. These figures include 2 survivors and their 4 children from Stratton. In addition, we provided 51 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to 545 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.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

TOWN OF STRATTON

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Town Garage & Highway Department: (802) 896-6224

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office

Planning Commission: Warned as necessary - Town Office

School Board: 1st Tuesday of the month – 6:15 PM – Town Office

Volunteer Fire Co.: 2nd Thursday of the month – 6:30 PM
Meetings are held at the Fire House – 5 Brazers Way

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Town Garage Refuse/Recycling Hours: Tues., Thurs., Sun. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Recreation Area Hours : Lighting available as needed

Animal Control Officer: Pat Salo (802) 297-1032 Cell: (802) 688-4020

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE & RESCUE 911
KEENE MUTUAL AID: (603) 352-1291

**Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360**

**Dog Licenses are now due
Before April 1, 2022**

(Please ensure that the Rabies Vaccination Certificate is current)

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting