

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Town of Stratton, Vermont



July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

# **RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS**

**Be sure to file your**

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

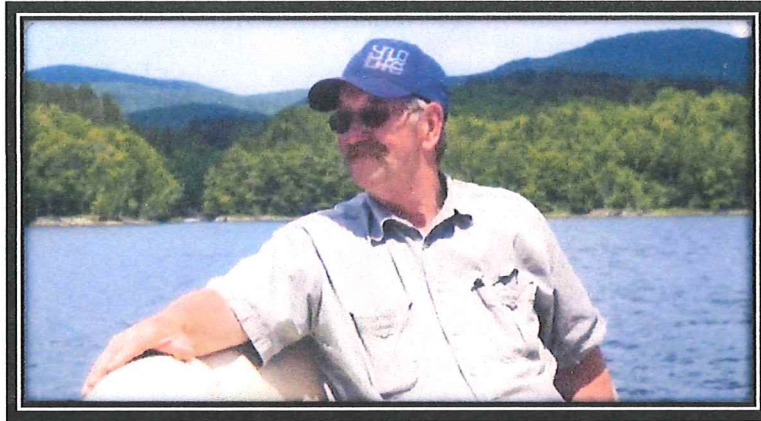
(see <https://tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit>)

**by April 15, 2023**

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

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

# *In Memory*



## *Kevin Robinson*

We are sad to report that Kevin Robinson passed away on January 28, 2022. Kevin and his wife, Deborah and their daughters moved to Stratton in 2003. Kevin had served as a member of the Select Board for Stratton since 2006, and additionally served as a member of the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Co. and as Stratton's Fire Warden for many years. He was a valuable member of our community and will be missed by us all. Our sincere condolences go out to Kevin's family and friends.

## *David Carey*

In January 2022, we received word that David Carey, who had resided in Stratton since 1988, passed away at his home in Stratton. We give our condolences to his family and friends.

## *Allan Hicks*

In February, 2022, Allan Hicks passed away in Seattle, Washington, where he had settled into an assisted living home, near the family of his son, Gordon. Allan had served the municipality for many years, in various positions. He served as a Lister from 1987 to 2021 and had also served as the Town's Zoning Administrator as well as a Cemetery Commissioner, for several years, and assisted at the Transfer Station for a while. Our condolences go out to his family and friends, as well.

Stratton Board of Selectmen

**On the Cover:** A 200-year-old map of Stratton and vicinity, with some interesting place names. Notice that *Stratton Mountain* is referred to as *Manicknung Mt.*, which was the old Mohican name meaning 'Place where the mountain heaps up.' *Grout Pond* was then called *Holman's Pond* and *Stratton Pond* was called *Jones Pond*. *Somerset Reservoir* did not yet exist. The strip at the bottom of the Town, known as *Stratton Gore* included what is now the upper east-west portion of *Willis Cemetery Rd.*. A 2-mile by 2-mile section of the northeast corner of what was then part of the Town of Somerset was later annexed by Stratton. It includes *Penny Ave.* and the western end of *Pike Hollow Rd.* from that intersection, as well as all of *VT Rte. 100*. Notice that the mountain called *Mt. Two Brothers* is where Rte. 100 reaches its peak on its way south to *Mt. Snow* – called *Mt. Pisgah* on the old map.



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January 24, 2023

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, 2022.

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

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

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**ELECTED POSITIONS****NAME****TERM EXPIRES**

Moderator:	Boomer Walker	2023
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2023
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2023
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2023
	Larry Bills	2024
	Chris Liller	2025
	Greg Marcucci	2023
	Boomer Walker	2023
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2023
	Ray Hawksley	2023
	George Rigoulot	2023
	Rob Wadsworth	2024
	Chris Mann	2025
Listers:	Kent Young, Chair	2024
	Candie Bernard	2025
	Elizabeth Liller	2023
School Directors:	Allison Young, Chair	2025
	Melissa Walker	2024
	Kellie D'Elia-Laskin	2023
	Devon Crowther	2023
	Claire Sears	2023
Cemetery Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2023
	Chris Liller	2024
	Larry Bills	2025
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2023
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2023
Constable:	Paul Bernard	2023
Town Agent:	John Waite	2023
Justices of the Peace*:	Patricia Coolidge	Feb. 1, 2025
	Helen Eddy	Feb. 1, 2025
	Nancy Ferrucci	Feb. 1, 2025
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	Feb. 1, 2025
	Vacant**	Feb. 1, 2025

**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	2025
	Boomer Walker	2025



	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:	Boomer Walker	
Asst. Fire Warden	VACANT	
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	
Road Foreman:	Chris Liller	
Road Crew:	Stuart Chapin Tim Bills	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	
Asst. Transfer Station Attendants:	Gerry Cloutier	
Windham Solid Waste Management Dist. Rep.	Kent Young	

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

\*\* Loretta Clark was elected JP at the General Election of 2022; however, she 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	Town Manager <sup>5</sup>	Town Treasurer	Assistant Treasurer	Election Official & Candidate (Australian Ballot)	Election Official & Candidate (Not Australian Ballot)	Municipal Library Trustee
Auditor	—	No <sup>2</sup>	No <sup>2</sup>	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No, If Opposed	No	No <sup>2</sup>
Selectperson	No <sup>2</sup>	—	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
School Director	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
Town Manager	No <sup>2</sup>	No	—	No	Yes	No	No	No
Town Treasurer	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	—	N/A	No, If Opposed	No	No
Assistant Treasurer	No	No	Yes	N/A	--	N/A	N/A	No
Town Clerk	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Assistant Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	Depends <sup>1</sup>	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes
Town Agent	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
First Constable	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Road Commissioner	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	N/A <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
Cemetery Commissioner	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
Trustee of Public Funds	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
Lister	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
Assessor	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collector of Current Taxes	No <sup>2</sup>	No	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delinquent Tax Collector	No <sup>2</sup>	No	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes
Justice of the Peace	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

- 1 If the record of orders drawn by the selectboard is made by an assistant clerk, the assistant clerk shall not be the town treasurer, or the spouse or assistant of the treasurer. 24 V.S.A. § 1622.
- 2 An auditor shall not be the spouse of, or assistant to, any of the following officers: town clerk, town treasurer, selectperson, trustee of public funds, town manager, water commissioner, sewer system commissioner, sewer disposal commissioner, cemetery commissioner, first constable, road commissioner, collector of current or delinquent taxes, or town district school director. 17 V.S.A. § 2647.
- 3 No person shall serve as an election official in any election in which their name appears on a ballot of the Australian ballot system as a candidate for any office unless they are the only candidate for that office, or unless the office for which they are a candidate is that of moderator, justice of the peace, town clerk, treasurer, ward clerk, or inspector of elections. When an Australian ballot is not used, a person shall not serve as an election official during the election to fill any office for which they are a nominee. 17 V.S.A. § 2455.
- 4 In the town manager form of government, the town manager performs all duties conferred by law upon the town road commissioner, so this position no longer exists once the manager form of government is adopted. 12 V.S.A. § 1236(5).
- 5 A town manager cannot hold any elective office in town. 17 V.S.A. § 2647(a)(4).
- 6 While the governing statute includes that a manager cannot hold another elected office, the voters can authorize the town manager to collect all taxes due the town. 24 V.S.A. § 1236(10).

**WARNING  
TOWN OF STRATTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2023**

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 7, 2023 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:

Town Clerk	one three-year term
Treasurer	one three-year term
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	8,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	3,000.00
Senior Solutions	725.00
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	6,600.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	5,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Windham County Safe Place	200.00
Winhall Library	2,625.00
Women's Freedom Center	750.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$41,883.00</u>

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$63,500.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company from municipal and education taxation on its lands and buildings located at 5 Brazers Way in Stratton for a period of five (5) years from July 1, 2023.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to eliminate the Outside Audit Reserve Fund.

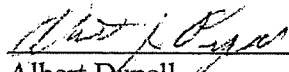
**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

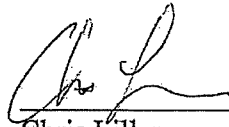
**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$988,794.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,179,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).

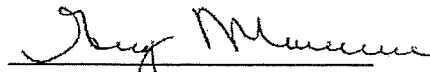
**ARTICLE 13.:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.


Stratton Board of Selectmen

  
 Albert Dupell

  
 Chris Liller

  
 Larry Bills

  
 Greg Marcucci

  
 Boomer Walker

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
100-2000-00.00	General Fund Revenues							
100-2004-00.00	Current Taxes		778,438.43		136,911.01			after transfers to School, State of VT, Highway Fund, etc
100-2005-00.00	Current Use		5,070.00		8,328.00			
100-2006-00.00	Delinquent Taxes		51,246.04		44,552.09			
100-2007-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Interest		17,861.96		19,074.22			
100-2100-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Penalty		21,665.49		16,312.80			
100-2105-00.00	Zoning/Building Permits		2,699.38		3,960.00			
100-2200-00.00	911 Fees		140.00		210.00			
100-2200-00.00	Sales/Meals Option Tax		343,006.82		575,242.83			
100-2200-50.00	Appraisal Revenue		15,295.00		15,285.50			
100-2250-00.00	PILT Revenue		38,263.00		38,946.00			transferred to School District each year
100-2260-00.00	American Rescue Plan Act		-		14,871.50			
100-2400-00.00	Interest-Checking		460.50		522.44			
100-2401-00.00	Interest- Savings		221.86		74.75			
100-2500-00.00	Clerk's Fees		66,244.59		57,028.25			
100-2505-00.00	Sales - Town History		280.00		240.00			
100-2510-00.00	Dog Licenses		597.00		584.00			
100-2515-00.00	Marriage/Civil Union Licenses		240.00		390.00			
100-2520-00.00	Beverage Licenses		1,520.00		1,590.00			
100-2600-00.00	Traffic Fines		115.50		215.00			
100-2700-00.00	Town Hall Revenue		50.00		50.00			
100-2750-00.00	Local Share of State Education Tax		29,492.21		29,339.02			
100-2825-00.00	Pay As You Throw Revenue		11,628.00		10,219.88			
100-2900-00.00	Fire Alarm Fine		800.00		1,000.00			
100-2900-50.00	Cemetery Revenue		-		2,800.00			
100-2999-00.00	Miscellaneous Revenue		2,559.82		194.51			
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,387,895.60</b>		<b>977,941.80</b>			
Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
100-3000-09.01	Salaries							
100-3000-09.02	Salaries - Selectmen	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
100-3000-09.01	Salaries - Zoning Administrator	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-09.03	Salaries - Planning Chair	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-09.04	Salaries - Fire Warden	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
100-3000-09.05	Salaries - ZBA Chair	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-09.06	Salaries - Health Officer	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-09.07	Salaries - Planning Board	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Salaries</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	
100-3000-10.01	Wages							
100-3000-10.01	Wages - Selectmen	7,000.00	5,400.00	7,000.00	5,200.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
100-3000-10.02	Wages - Town Clerk	59,500.00	66,758.95	68,000.00	55,708.67	60,000.00	62,000.00	
100-3000-10.03	Wages - Assistant Town Clerk	3,600.00	3,059.31	3,000.00	3,555.60	10,000.00	3,800.00	
100-3000-10.04	Wages - Treasurer	56,000.00	57,393.72	59,000.00	58,422.67	60,000.00	62,000.00	
100-3000-10.05	Wages - Assistant Treasurer	900.00	171.78	1,000.00	266.67	1,000.00	650.00	
100-3000-10.06	Wages - Selectmen's Clerk	2,000.00	962.00	2,000.00	1,176.95	2,000.00	1,500.00	
100-3000-10.08	Wages - Listers	37,000.00	47,836.95	38,500.00	38,530.23	38,000.00	43,500.00	
100-3000-10.10	Wages - Planning	3,000.00	600.00	3,000.00	400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-10.12	Wages - Election Officials	-	1,246.12	-	33.61	2,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-10.14	Wages - Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-10.17	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	14,800.00	13,985.76	15,500.00	10,896.43	16,000.00	13,500.00	
100-3000-10.19	Wages - BCA/IPS	3,000.00	450.00	3,000.00	150.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-10.21	Wages - Transfer Station Attendant	-	-	31,000.00	27,864.97	33,500.00	35,500.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Wages</b>	<b>187,800.00</b>	<b>195,864.59</b>	<b>232,000.00</b>	<b>202,205.20</b>	<b>236,500.00</b>	<b>237,450.00</b>	

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
	<b>General Expenses</b>							
100-3000-15.00	FICA	19,000.00	19,443.91	19,000.00	19,042.76	19,000.00	19,500.00	
100-3000-20.00	Office Supplies	7,500.00	7,563.26	7,500.00	5,179.18	7,500.00	7,500.00	
100-3000-38.00	Office Equipment	2,000.00	2,005.81	3,000.00	1,881.36	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-40.00	Dues	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,430.00	1,537.00	
100-3000-48.00	Insurance - Unemployment	1,000.00	439.00	1,000.00	549.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-48.01	Insurance - Liability, Bonding, Workers Comp	45,000.00	39,794.00	45,000.00	33,168.25	50,000.00	53,000.00	
100-3000-48.02	Insurance - Health & Dental	64,000.00	68,459.69	75,000.00	68,823.31	71,500.00	77,500.00	
100-3000-31.00	Legal Fees	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	2,135.75	1,500.00	4,000.00	
100-3000-61.04	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	-	-	1,000.00	847.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-68.01	Mowing - Daniel Webster	-	300.00	-	460.00	500.00	500.00	
100-3000-69.00	Animal Control Expense	3,500.00	2,876.54	3,500.00	3,307.80	3,500.00	3,500.00	
100-3000-76.02	Street Lights	2,000.00	1,663.82	2,000.00	1,928.06	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-93.00	911 House Numbering	100.00	157.22	200.00	196.36	200.00	200.00	
100-3000-94.00	Appraisal/Reappraisal	-	61,203.00	10,000.00	48,467.30	-	17,000.00	
100-3000-97.00	Training/Seminars	500.00	30.00	500.00	514.75	500.00	500.00	
100-3000-99.00	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	3,167.18	1,500.00	274.13	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3002-00.00	PILT Transfer to School District	-	38,265.00	-	38,946.00	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total General Expenses</b>	<b>148,930.00</b>	<b>246,696.43</b>	<b>172,030.00</b>	<b>227,051.31</b>	<b>164,130.00</b>	<b>193,237.00</b>	
100-3100-00.00	Selectmen Expense	500.00	483.17	500.00	477.20	500.00	500.00	
100-3200-00.00	Lister Expense	-	2,270.25	-	1,970.50	-	2,000.00	
100-3300-00.01	Town Report Expense	2,000.00	1,002.45	2,000.00	994.87	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3300-95.00	Outside Audit Expense	3,500.00	8,552.00	8,000.00	11,859.00	10,000.00	12,000.00	
100-3400-34.00	Town Clerk Expense	1,500.00	2,921.01	1,500.00	2,972.13	1,500.00	3,000.00	
100-3400-36.00	Land Records Preservation	8,000.00	-	12,000.00	-	15,000.00	5,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
100-3400-54.00	Copier Expense	5,150.00	3,902.35	5,000.00	3,375.22	5,000.00	5,000.00	
100-3500-00.00	Treasurer Expense	3,500.00	1,184.12	2,000.00	1,260.67	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3500-00.01	Bank Reconciliation Expense	-	1,232.50	1,500.00	1,268.75	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3600-00.00	Planning Expense	3,000.00	1,369.08	3,000.00	595.65	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3650-00.00	Zoning Expense	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	<b>Town Hall Expenses</b>							
100-3700-68.00	Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance	-	3,289.28	-	6,908.16	-	-	previously covered by reserve account
100-3700-68.02	Alarm	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	
100-3700-68.04	Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	
100-3700-68.08	Hired Contractors	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	
100-3700-68.10	Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,289.28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,908.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	
100-3700-76.00	Fuel/Heat	2,600.00	2,352.64	2,500.00	2,552.86	2,500.00	3,000.00	
100-3700-76.01	Electricity	1,600.00	1,115.79	1,600.00	1,020.95	1,600.00	1,600.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Town Hall Expenses</b>	<b>4,200.00</b>	<b>6,757.71</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>	<b>10,481.97</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>	<b>12,100.00</b>	
100-3770-68.00	Cemeteries Expense	3,000.00	2,900.00	3,000.00	2,539.30	3,000.00	3,000.00	

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
100-3780-68.00	Meetinghouse Expense	-	1,557.09	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Town Office Expenses</b>							
100-3800-34.00	Telephone	3,000.00	2,510.31	3,000.00	2,652.96	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3800-68.00	Repairs/Maintenance	17,000.00	17,979.35	17,000.00	34,875.40	40,000.00	-	
100-3800-68.02	Alarm	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	
100-3800-68.04	Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	
100-3800-68.06	Generator	-	-	-	-	-	1,500.00	
100-3800-68.08	Hired Contractors	-	-	-	-	-	5,000.00	
100-3800-68.10	VTEL internet	-	-	-	-	-	1,200.00	
100-3800-68.12	Mowing	-	-	-	-	-	1,000.00	
100-3800-68.14	Software/IT	-	-	-	-	-	29,800.00	
100-3800-68.16	Water Delivery Service	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Town Office Repairs/Maintenance</b>	17,000.00	17,979.35	17,000.00	34,875.40	40,000.00	42,000.00	
100-3800-76.00	Fuel/Heat	4,000.00	3,511.39	4,000.00	4,165.15	4,000.00	5,000.00	
100-3800-76.01	Electricity	2,500.00	1,976.84	2,500.00	1,867.93	2,500.00	3,000.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Town Office Expenses</b>	26,500.00	25,977.89	26,500.00	43,561.44	49,500.00	53,000.00	
100-3900-00.00	Election Expense	1,000.00	252.21	50.00	-	250.00	-	
100-4000-00.00	Marriage License Expense	-	50.00	-	350.00	-	-	
100-4100-00.02	Rescue Services	6,309.36	6,309.36	6,372.00	6,372.00	12,980.00	13,112.00	
100-4100-00.03	Mutual Aid Expense	41,094.00	41,094.00	43,149.00	43,149.00	44,228.00	45,112.00	
100-4200-00.00	Dog License Expense	-	550.08	-	369.74	-	100.00	
100-5000-00.00	Town Functions	3,000.00	200.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	4,000.00	
100-5500-00.00	Transfer Station Operations	55,000.00	61,948.97	30,000.00	32,071.61	40,000.00	35,000.00	
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	17,055.76	20,000.00	36,869.32	20,000.00	20,000.00	
100-6000-00.12	Rec Area Pavillion	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
100-9000-00.01	Fire Truck Payments	56,813.93	56,813.93	-	-	-	-	
100-9300-00.00	County Tax	73,874.00	71,117.00	75,000.00	64,951.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
100-9700-00.00	VT Retirement	11,000.00	12,151.65	12,500.00	11,676.62	14,000.00	15,000.00	
100-9800-00.00	Green Up Day	200.00	299.60	200.00	168.05	300.00	300.00	
100-9900-00.00	Total Appropriations	94,812.39	89,812.39	103,368.00	102,868.00	106,183.00	105,383.00	includes Fire Department Budget
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>901,683.68</b>	<b>995,325.59</b>	<b>907,769.00</b>	<b>944,458.55</b>	<b>954,671.00</b>	<b>988,794.00</b>	
	<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>		<b>392,570.01</b>		<b>33,483.25</b>			

**STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**  
**JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

	Balance 7/1/2021	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2022
Outside Audit	1,407.72	0.61	-	(1,408.33)	-
Rec Equipment	20,844.05	9.84	-	(5,810.00)	15,043.89
Rec Pavillion	75,623.41	35.74	5,000.00	-	80,659.15
State Reappraisal	47,315.64	22.33	-	(35,152.30)	12,185.67
Computer/Office Equipment	478.38	0.23	1,118.64	-	1,597.25
Land Records Preservation	9,501.39	4.48	12,000.00	-	21,505.87
Meeting House/Church	3,243.58	1.53	-	-	3,245.11
Town Hall	21,336.33	10.07	-	(6,908.16)	14,438.24
School House	11,535.33	5.44	-	-	11,540.77
Lister Education	2,941.44	1.39	-	-	2,942.83
Bridge Funds	11,114.99	5.25	-	-	11,120.24
Culverts	40,267.62	19.00	14,384.02	-	54,670.64
Paving	80,422.19	37.95	-	(68,608.38)	11,851.76
Equipment Replacement	(77,146.99)	-	158,602.00	-	81,455.01
<b>Totals</b>	248,885.08	153.86	191,104.66	(117,887.17)	322,256.43

**STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS**  
**JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022**

	Balance 7/1/2021	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2022
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	1,429.60	6.88	-	1,436.48
<b>Totals</b>	6,284.60	6.88	-	6,291.48



**Town of Stratton  
Tax Reconciliation  
June 30, 2022**

Beginning Delinquents (6/30/2021)	45,605.28
Total 2021 Tax Billings	13,993,007.45
Taxes sent to Stratton School District	(1,049,385.00)
Taxes transferred to Highway Fund	(749,500.00)
Taxes sent to State of Vermont	(11,937,445.26)
State Payments	(60,629.00)
Late Fee Retained by Town	54.00
Local Share of State Education Taxes	(29,339.02)
Current Taxes	(136,448.73)
Delinquent Taxes Collected	(44,552.09)
Abatements	(19.08)
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,348.55</b>
<b>Total Per Delinquent List (6/30/2022)</b>	<b>31,348.55</b>
Difference	(0.00)

<b>Breakdown 2021 Taxes Billed</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Total Raised</b>
Non Residential Ed.	1.6827	12,536,144.05
Homestead Ed.	1.4838	539,301.95
Local Agreement	0.0002	1,607.24
Highway	0.0933	749,715.21
General Fund	0.0205	164,727.58
Late Homestead Penalty		1,511.42
<b>2021 Total Taxes Billed</b>		<b>13,993,007.45</b>

**DELINQUENT TAXES**  
Year Ending June 30, 2021

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe	2021	266.39
Berman, Allison*	2021	20.42
Capes, III Charles	2021	514.79
Colsey, Roy & Christine*	2021	1,250.44
Compton, John Tim*	2021	1,398.43
E & T Properties LLC*	2021	15,120.66
Elliott Paul ETAL*	2021	8,261.64
Eshenfelder, Peter*	2021	2,055.01
McCann, Patrice	2021	1,266.88
Milton, James*	2021	2,924.03
Owens, Kevin & Amy *	2021	49.34
Peticca, Frank & Jaqueline*	2021	2,299.87
Reney, Mary*	2021	236.29
Smalley Alexander Estate of	2020 & 2021	606.61

36,270.80

\* Paid after June 30, 2022  
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
	<b>Highway Fund Revenues</b>							
200-2000-00.00	Current Taxes		780,500.00		749,500.00			
200-2001-00.01	Equipment Sale Revenue		28,000.00		-			
200-2005-00.00	Savings Interest		443.58		79.11			
200-2010-00.00	State Aid		-		9,830.84			
200-2010-00.01	State Aid - Class 2		71,405.39		71,407.75			
200-2010-00.02	State Aid - Class 3		17,417.89		17,416.49			
200-2400-00.03	Grant Funds		213,938.40		207,820.00			
200-2999-00.00	Miscellaneous Revenue		-		6.00			
200-2999-00.05	Insurance Proceeds		-		-			
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,111,705.26</b>		<b>1,056,060.19</b>			
	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>BUDGET 2020-2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020-2021</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021-2022</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021-2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022-2023</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023-2024</b>	<b>Explanation/Notes</b>
200-5010-00.00	Employee Leave	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	7,841.90	26,000.00	28,000.00	
200-5010-10.02	Employee Leave - Stuart	-	8,466.12	-	14,099.41	-	-	
200-5010-10.05	Employee Leave - Chris	-	11,198.71	-	1,965.75	-	-	
200-5010-10.08	Employee Leave - Tim	-	-	-	3,244.60	-	-	
200-5010-10.09	COVID 19 Leave	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Employee Leave</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>19,664.83</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>27,151.66</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	
200-5010-20.00	Health & Dental Expense	31,000.00	33,936.29	35,000.00	60,302.23	60,500.00	66,000.00	
200-5010-30.01	VT Retirement	8,000.00	8,291.84	9,000.00	11,758.14	13,000.00	14,500.00	
200-5100-15.00	Highway FICA	13,000.00	10,615.81	13,000.00	12,023.43	15,000.00	16,000.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL2</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>52,843.94</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>84,173.57</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>98,500.00</b>	
200-5110-00.00	Summer Roads - CL2	50,000.00	-	40,000.00	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5110-10.00	Labor - S2	-	14,103.22	-	14,652.80	-	-	
200-5110-20.00	Materials - S2	-	4,355.40	-	574.64	-	-	
200-5110-24.00	Hired Equipment - S2	-	8,710.00	-	5,782.85	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL2</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>27,168.62</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>21,010.29</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	
200-5111-10.00	Summer Roads - CL3	70,000.00	-	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5111-10.00	Labor - S3	-	29,247.35	-	26,249.55	-	-	
200-5111-20.00	Materials - S3	-	24,409.89	-	24,762.67	-	-	
200-5111-24.00	Hired Equipment - S3	-	8,090.00	-	3,109.25	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL3</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>61,747.24</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>54,121.47</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	
200-5113-00.00	Retreatment - Paving	110,000.00	180,403.25	60,000.00	327,040.99	250,000.00	300,000.00	partially funded through grants & reserve account
200-5113-10.00	Labor - Paving	-	-	-	1,567.39	-	-	
200-5114-00.00	Crack Sealing	20,000.00	25,500.00	20,000.00	-	25,000.00	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	-	17,966.44	-	18,002.56	-	-	
200-5140-20.00	Materials - W2	-	65,978.23	-	70,429.73	-	-	
200-5140-24.00	Hired Equipment - W2	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Winter Roads CL2</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>83,944.67</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>88,432.29</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	
200-5141-00.00	Winter Roads - CL3	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	-	90,000.00	90,000.00	
200-5141-10.00	Labor - W3	-	20,867.87	-	22,669.87	-	-	
200-5141-20.00	Materials - W3	-	54,390.50	-	58,105.66	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Winter Roads CL3</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>75,258.37</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>80,775.53</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>	

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
200-5150-00.00	Brush & Mowing	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	
200-5150-10.00	Labor - Brush & Mowing	-	6,785.32	-	4,259.47	-	-	
200-5150-24.00	Hired Equipment - Brush & Mowing	-	5,544.00	-	5,412.00	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Brush &amp; Mowing</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>12,329.32</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>9,671.47</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	
200-5280-00.00	Road Signs	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	2,500.00	3,000.00	
200-5280-10.00	Labor - Road Signs	-	-	-	21.50	-	-	
200-5280-20.00	Materials - Road Signs	-	3,361.09	-	458.84	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Road Signs</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>3,361.09</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>480.34</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	
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	-	340,000.00	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Little Kidderbrook Culvert</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>342,109.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
200-5283-00.00	Culverts	-	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	see associated Reserve Account
200-5283-10.00	Labor - Culverts	-	-	-	1,847.96	-	-	
200-5283-20.00	Materials - Culverts	-	1,716.40	-	9,248.02	-	-	
200-5283-24.00	Hired Equipment - Culverts	-	-	-	4,520.00	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Culverts</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,716.40</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>15,615.98</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
200-5285-00.00	Guardrails	-	-	-	-	10,000.00	2,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
200-5285-10.00	Labor - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5285-20.00	Materials - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5285-24.00	Hired Equipment - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Guardrails</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	
200-5287-00.00	Salt/Sand Shed	12,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	
200-5287-10.00	Labor - Salt/Sand Shed	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Salt/Sand Shed</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	
200-5305-00.00	Seminars	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-5305-10.00	Labor - Seminars	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Seminars</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
200-5310-00.00	Garage Maintenance/Supplies	40,000.00	23,713.60	40,000.00	22,711.78	40,000.00	45,000.00	
200-5310-10.00	Labor - Garage Maintenance	-	11,016.57	-	20,297.24	-	-	
200-5310-25.00	Utilities - Garage Maintenance	19,000.00	16,084.27	19,000.00	21,735.00	20,000.00	22,000.00	
	<b>Sub-Total Garage Maintenance</b>	<b>59,000.00</b>	<b>50,814.44</b>	<b>59,000.00</b>	<b>64,744.02</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>	<b>67,000.00</b>	
200-5311-00.00	Tools	1,500.00	2,018.11	1,500.00	1,021.35	2,000.00	2,000.00	
200-5312-00.00	Fuel, Grease & Oil	28,000.00	10,180.84	28,000.00	19,552.73	20,000.00	28,000.00	
200-5330-00.00	Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	60,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5330-00.05	Grader	-	1,714.51	-	1,989.20	-	-	
200-5330-00.07	Chipper	-	634.62	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.10	Chloride Sprayer	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.13	2011 John Deere Loader	-	1,590.57	-	7,661.41	-	-	
200-5330-00.15	Saws	-	524.58	-	1,269.08	-	-	
200-5330-00.20	T5 - 2014 Western Star	-	11,188.66	-	-	-	-	

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2020-2021	ACTUAL 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	Explanation/Notes
200-5330-00.21	2016 Ford F550	-	587.79	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.22	2016 John Deere Backhoe	-	151.38	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.23	T1 - 2019 Western Star	-	7,839.44	-	8,649.70	-	-	
200-5330-00.24	2020 Ford F550	-	12,959.90	-	5,903.76	-	-	
200-5330-00.25	JCB Hydradig Excavator	-	1,874.28	-	845.50	-	-	
200-5330-00.26	T2 - 2021 Western Star	-	1,165.71	-	8,270.99	-	-	
200-5330-00.27	Mulcher Head Attachment	-	599.20	-	569.51	-	-	
200-5330-00.28	2023 John Deere 524 Loader	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense</b>	60,000.00	40,830.64	50,000.00	35,159.15	50,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5340-00.00	Administrative	4,000.00	5,938.31	5,000.00	10,869.85	6,000.00	8,000.00	
200-5350-00.01	New Equipment Purchase	120,000.00	370,573.85	175,000.00	16,398.00	100,000.00	200,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
200-6100-00.00	Highway Uniforms	3,000.00	2,899.88	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,500.00	
200-9999-00.00	Highway Miscellaneous Expense	2,000.00	1,308.25	2,000.00	1,544.95	4,000.00	4,000.00	
200-9999-10.00	Labor - Highway Miscellaneous Expense	-	2,708.96	-	1,905.57	-	-	
200-9999-11.00	July 2021 Flooding Event	-	-	-	322,330.40	-	-	
	<b>Sub-Total Highway Miscellaneous Expense</b>	2,000.00	4,017.21	2,000.00	325,780.92	4,000.00	4,000.00	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>868,500.00</b>	<b>1,373,320.07</b>	<b>837,500.00</b>	<b>1,186,477.23</b>	<b>1,008,000.00</b>	<b>1,179,000.00</b>	
	<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>		<b>(261,614.81)</b>		<b>(130,417.04)</b>			

**Wage Report**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

Employee	Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total
Bernard, Candie	Lister	\$ 29.63	1,103.25	\$ 32,689.39
	Meetings			\$ 50.00
	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 29.63	367.75	\$ 10,896.43
	Assistan Town Clerk	\$ 29.63	120.00	\$ 3,555.60
	Assistan Treasurer	\$ 29.63	9.00	\$ 266.67
	Personal Pay	\$ 29.63	187.00	\$ 5,540.84
				\$ 52,998.93
Bills, Lawrence	Selectboard			\$ 1,250.00
Bills, Timothy	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 21.50	973.00	\$ 20,919.50
	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 22.50	710.50	\$ 15,986.25
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 21.50	19.00	\$ 408.50
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 22.50	64.00	\$ 1,440.00
	Overtime	\$ 32.25	65.50	\$ 2,112.41
	Overtime	\$ 33.75	69.00	\$ 2,328.77
	Personal Pay	\$ 21.50	48.00	\$ 1,032.00
	Personal Pay	\$ 22.50	105.50	\$ 2,373.75
				\$ 46,601.18
Chapin, Stuart	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 28.31	1,663.00	\$ 47,079.72
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 28.31	87.00	\$ 2,462.97
	Overtime	\$ 28.31	51.50	\$ 2,186.97
	Personal Pay	\$ 28.31	324.00	\$ 9,172.47
				\$ 60,902.13
Cloutier, Gerard	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 22.17	128.00	\$ 2,837.76
Dupell, Albert	Selectboard			\$ 4,050.00
Eddy, Helen	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 100.00
Ferrucci, Nancy	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 50.00
Gilbeau, Danny	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 22.17	32.00	\$ 709.44
Hawksley, Raymond	Zoning Administrator			\$ 3,000.00
	Health Officer			\$ 2,000.00
	Planning Commission			\$ 300.00
				\$ 5,300.00
Liller, Christopher	Selectboard			\$ 1,650.00
	Road Foreman (Highway Fund Hours)		1,580.50	\$ 53,120.84
	Road Foreman (General Fund Hours)	\$ 33.61	61.00	\$ 2,050.21
	Overtime	\$ 50.42	189.00	\$ 9,528.48
	Personal Pay	\$ 33.61	439.50	\$ 14,771.61
				\$ 81,121.14
Liller, Elizabeth	Lister			\$ 200.00
Mann, Christopher	Planning Commission			\$ 250.00

**Wage Report  
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

Marcucci, Greg	Selectboard			\$ 1,700.00
Marquis, Scott	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 22.17	1,056.00	\$ 23,411.52
	Personal Pay	\$ 22.17	127.00	\$ 2,815.59
				\$ 26,227.11
Montemagni, Thomas	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 1,000.00
Peterson, Alyson	Treasurer	\$ 33.61	1,551.25	\$ 52,137.59
	Personal Pay	\$ 33.61	187.00	\$ 6,285.08
				\$ 58,422.67
Rigoulot, George	Planning Commission			\$ 250.00
Robinson, Kevin	Selectboard			\$ 800.00
	Fire Warden			\$ 100.00
				\$ 900.00
Wadsworth, Robert	Planning Commission			\$ 300.00
Walker, Boomer	Selectboard			\$ 750.00
	Fire Warden			\$ 100.00
				\$ 850.00
Young, Kent	Town Clerk	\$ 33.61	1,407.50	\$ 47,306.16
	Selectboard Clerk	\$ 33.61	35.00	\$ 1,176.35
	Planning Commission			\$ 3,100.00
	Lister Meeting			\$ 50.00
	Personal Pay	\$ 33.61	251.00	\$ 8,436.12
				\$ 60,068.63
	<b>Total Wages Paid in FY22</b>			<b>\$ 406,088.99</b>

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF STRATTON**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**March 7, 2023**

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 7, 2023 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 see if the 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. If so voted, the two one-year term positions shall be eliminated.

**ARTICLE 3:** 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 (not applicable if Article 2 passed.)

**ARTICLE 4:** To set the Annual 2023-2024 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$18,000.00 for students in grades K-6 and up to \$19,300.00 for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

**ARTICLE 5:** To set the Annual 2023-2024 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 4, who are residents of the school district.

**ARTICLE 6:** To set the Annual 2023-2024 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$19,987.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

**ARTICLE 7:** To set the Annual 2023-2024 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 4 and Article 6, who are residents of the school district.

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,382,620.00, 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 \$20,198.86 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.16% more than spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 9:** 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.

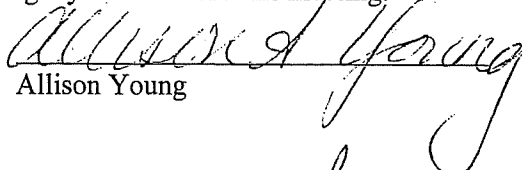
**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the voters of the Stratton School District authorize the School Board to withdraw money from the Reserve Fund to offset the Homestead tax rate, but no more than \$50,000.00?

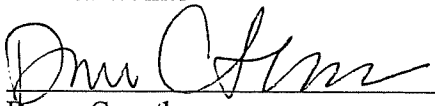
**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the voters of the Stratton School District authorize moving the operational surplus, if any, from FY 2023 to the Tuition Reserve Fund?

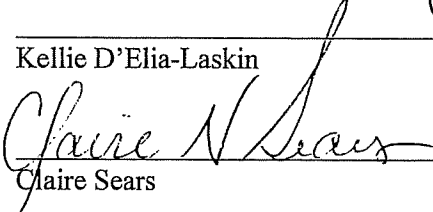


**ARTICLE 12:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Approved by the Stratton School Directors:

  
Allison Young

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Melissa Walker  
  
Devon Crowther

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Kellie D'Elia-Laskin  
  
Claire Sears

STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT REPORT

SCHOOL/GRADE	Enrollment as of January 2023												Prior Year Totals						
	PK3	PK4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	YTD	FY22	FY21	FY20
Burr and Burton Academy																16	15	15	13
Flood Brook School							1									1	1	1	0
Kids in the Country Child Care	1															1	0	0	0
Long Trail School													1			1	3	3	2
Manchester Elementary Middle School								1								4	0	2	2
Maple Street School									1							1	2	6	5
Mountain School at Winhall				1												7	18	11	18
Northshire Day School									2							0	1	1	0
Northfield Mount Hermon																0	0	0	2
Okemo Mountain School								1								1	0	0	0
Proctor Academy																0	0	1	1
Red Fox Community School										5			1			15	0	1	1
Stratton Mountain School																0	8	15	15
The American School In Switzerland																0	0	0	1
The Dorset School																1			
The Dover School									2							2	2	3	4
Twin Valley Elementary School																0	1	1	1
Twin Valley Middle High School										1						2	1	1	0
Vermont Academy																0	1	1	0
Wardsboro Elementary School			1							1						3	3	3	1
West River Montessori School	1															1	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>
PK3 = 3 year olds																			
PK4 = 4 year olds																			

FY 24 Stratton School District Annual Proposed Budget - Revenue

Account	Account Title	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
1001 GENERAL FUND							
5 LOCAL	INTEREST EARNED	15	39	15	50	35	
	OTHER REVENUES-RENTALS	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000		
<b>Total 5 - LOCAL</b>		<b>120,015</b>	<b>120,039</b>	<b>120,015</b>	<b>120,050</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0.04%</b>
6 OTHER	OTHR SUBGR	14,700	11,813	10,000	10,000		
<b>Total 6 - OTHER</b>		<b>14,700</b>	<b>11,813</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
7 STATE	STATE TRANSP GRANT	10,000	12,195	14,950	14,950		
	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	1,049,385	1,049,847	1,197,683	1,200,620	2,937	0.26%
<b>Total 7 - STATE</b>		<b>1,059,385</b>	<b>1,062,042</b>	<b>1,212,633</b>	<b>1,215,570</b>	<b>2,937</b>	<b>0.13%</b>
8 FEDERAL	OTHR-DIR FRM FED GOV	37,000	38,946	37,000	37,000		
<b>Total 8 - FEDERAL</b>		<b>37,000</b>	<b>38,946</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total 1001 - GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>1,231,100</b>	<b>1,232,840</b>	<b>1,379,648</b>	<b>1,382,620</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>0.22%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,231,100</b>	<b>1,232,840</b>	<b>1,379,648</b>	<b>1,382,620</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>0.22%</b>

FY 24 Stratton School District Annual Proposed Budget - Expense

Account	Account Title	FY22 Budget	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
01 PREKINDERGARTEN 1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION							
5321	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	0	3,536	0	0		
5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	14,144	3,536	10,926	30,000	19,074	174.57%
5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	0	0	7,284	10,000	2,716	37.29%
<b>Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>		<b>14,144</b>	<b>10,608</b>	<b>18,210</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>21,790</b>	<b>119.68%</b>
1201 SPECIAL EDUCATION	SU ASSESSMENTS	7,898	7,898	20,529	9,037	-11,492	-55.98%
<b>Total 1201 - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>7,898</b>	<b>7,898</b>	<b>20,529</b>	<b>9,037</b>	<b>-11,492</b>	<b>-55.98%</b>
<b>Total 01 - PREKINDERGARTEN</b>		<b>22,042</b>	<b>18,506</b>	<b>38,739</b>	<b>49,037</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>26.58%</b>
11 ELEMENTARY (K-6) 1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION							
5341	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	5,600	0	-5,600	-100.00%
5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	90,898	82,306	101,576	104,339	2,763	2.72%
5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	275,490	325,773	331,803	340,501	8,698	2.62%
5564	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	0	5,577	0	0		
<b>Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>		<b>366,388</b>	<b>413,655</b>	<b>438,979</b>	<b>444,840</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>1.34%</b>
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	13,900	8,000	12,500	12,500	0	
<b>Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS</b>		<b>13,900</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Total 11 - ELEMENTARY (K-6)</b>		<b>380,288</b>	<b>421,655</b>	<b>451,479</b>	<b>457,340</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>1.30%</b>
31 SECONDARY (7-12) 1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION							
5320	PROFESSIONAL EDU SERVICES	0	6,616	0	0		
5561	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	15,450	16,500	34,155	88,786	54,631	159.95%
5562	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	675,610	483,115	695,514	675,341	-20,173	-2.90%
5564	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	33,440	6,054	35,032	0	-35,032	-100.00%
<b>Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>		<b>724,500</b>	<b>512,285</b>	<b>764,701</b>	<b>764,127</b>	<b>-574</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	16,700	6,826	20,000	17,210	-2,790	-13.95%
<b>Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS</b>		<b>16,700</b>	<b>6,826</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>17,210</b>	<b>-2,790</b>	<b>-13.95%</b>
<b>Total 31 - SECONDARY (7-12)</b>		<b>741,200</b>	<b>519,111</b>	<b>784,701</b>	<b>781,337</b>	<b>-3,364</b>	<b>-0.43%</b>
51 LOCATION-WIDE EX 1201 MTSS (Special Ed/AST)							
26,804	SU ASSESSMENTS	26,804	26,804	39,124	44,053	4,929	12.60%
<b>Total 1201 - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>26,804</b>	<b>26,804</b>	<b>39,124</b>	<b>44,053</b>	<b>4,929</b>	<b>12.60%</b>
2311 BOARD OF EDUCATION							
5191	OTHER	12,000	5,399	12,000	6,000	-6,000	-50.00%
5220	FICA	918	721	918	459	-459	-50.00%
5344	OTH PROF SERV - LOCAL	3,000	792	5,000	0	-5,000	-100.00%
5581	TRAVEL	150	16	150	0	-150	-100.00%
5591	PRCHSRV	0	0	642	622	-20	-10.90%
5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	33,498	33,498	36,395	28,272	-8,123	-22.32%
5810	DUES AND FEES	700	0	0	0		
<b>Total 2311 - BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		<b>50,266</b>	<b>40,426</b>	<b>55,105</b>	<b>35,353</b>	<b>-19,752</b>	<b>-35.84%</b>
2314 AUDIT	AUDITING SERVICES	10,500	7,544	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
<b>Total 2314 - AUDIT</b>		<b>10,500</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
2315 LEGAL FEES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	
<b>Total 2315 - LEGAL FEES</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b></b>
<b>Total 51 - LOCATION-WIDE EXCL PRE-K</b>		<b>87,570</b>	<b>74,774</b>	<b>104,729</b>	<b>94,906</b>	<b>-9,823</b>	<b>-9.43%</b>
<b>Total 1001 - GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>1,231,100</b>	<b>1,034,046</b>	<b>1,379,648</b>	<b>1,382,620</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>0.22%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,231,100</b>	<b>1,034,046</b>	<b>1,379,648</b>	<b>1,382,620</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>0.22%</b>

**Statement of School District Fund Balances**  
**June 30, 2022**

<b>General Fund</b>	
Beginning FY22 Fund Balance	146,007
FY22 Revenues	1,232,840
FY22 Expenses	1,034,055
FY22 Surplus Transferred to Reserve Fund	198,785
Ending FY22 Fund Balance	146,007

<b>Tuition Reserve Fund</b>	
Beginning FY22 Fund Balance	224,692
FY22 Revenues	198,785
FY22 Expenses	-
Ending FY22 Fund Balance	423,477

District: <b>Stratton</b> SU: <b>Windham Central</b>		T200 Windham County			
		Property dollar equivalent yield	15,479	<--See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$15,479 of spending per equalized pupil
			17,600		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	\$1,382,620
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	\$1,382,620
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	\$1,382,620
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$178,015	\$181,805	\$181,965	\$182,000
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	NA	NA	NA	NA
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	\$178,015	\$181,805	\$181,965	\$182,000
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	\$1,063,747	\$1,049,385	\$1,197,683	\$1,200,620
15.	Equalized Pupils	61.24	65.23	62.95	59.44
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	\$17,370.13	\$16,087.46	\$19,025.94	\$20,198.86
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$60,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
25.	minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
26.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18,756	threshold = \$18,789	threshold = \$19,997	threshold = \$22,204
27.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$18,756.00	\$18,789.00	\$19,997.00	\$22,204.00
28.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$17,370	\$16,087	\$19,026	\$20,198.86
29.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	157.939% based on yield \$10,883	142.153% based on yield \$11,317	142.902% based on \$13,314	130.492% based on \$15,479
Prorating the local tax rate					
30.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$20,198.86 + \$15,479 / \$1.00)]	\$1.5794	\$1.4215	\$1.4290	\$1.3049
31.	Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
32.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.30)	\$1.5794	\$1.4215	\$1.4290	\$1.3049
33.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	95.96%	95.80%	93.24%	81.60%
34.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.3049 / 81.60%)	\$1.6459	\$1.4838	\$1.5326	\$1.5991
<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) [(\$20,198.86 + \$17,600) x 2.00%]	2.57%	2.34%	2.39%	2.30%
36.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.30%)	2.57%	2.34%	2.39%	2.30%
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-
38.	#N/A	-	-	-	-

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



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

Agency of Administration

## Notice of Education Tax Rates for FY23

As per 32 V.S.A § 5402(b)(1) the Education Property Tax Rates for your municipality have been calculated and set for FY23.

**Town/City:** Stratton  
**2022 Reappraisal** (blank unless reappraising):  
**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):** 93.24%  
**Calculation Date:** 06/28/22

**Homestead Education Tax Rate to be Assessed:** \$1.5326

*Your Homestead Education Tax Rate is calculated from your city/town voter-approved per pupil education spending adjusted by the common level of appraisal (CLA).*

**Nonhomestead Education Tax Rate to be Assessed:** \$1.5723

*Nonhomestead property, previously called "non-residential," is any property which is not homestead property. Your city/town Nonhomestead Education Tax Rate is the statewide rate adjusted by the CLA.*

Please refer to [Education Property Tax Rates | Department of Taxes \(vermont.gov\)](https://tax.vermont.gov) for a summary table of Education Property Tax Rates for all municipalities and/or to review frequently asked questions about Education Property Taxes.

If you have questions about your Education Tax Rates, please call Property Valuation and Review (PVR) at the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860 or email [tax.pvr@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.pvr@vermont.gov).



Town of Stratton Grand List  
Form 411 - (Town code: 627)  
Main District

(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	221	161,121,800	9,719,500	151,402,300	161,121,800
Residential II R2	109	58,108,200	13,741,600	44,366,600	58,108,200
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	244,800	107,000	137,800	244,800
Seasonal I S1	9	764,400	0	764,400	764,400
Seasonal II S2	5	772,400	0	772,400	772,400
Commercial C	57	64,378,600	0	64,378,600	64,378,600
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	5,271,800	0	5,271,800	5,271,800
Utilities-O UO	1	161,500	0	161,500	161,500
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,090	502,595,000	3,178,000	499,417,000	502,595,000
Woodland W	63	16,143,400	0	16,143,400	16,143,400
Miscellaneous M	31	907,900	0	907,900	907,900
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>813,693,600</b>	<b>26,746,100</b>	<b>786,947,500</b>	<b>813,693,600</b>
P.P. Cable	1	501,700		501,700	501,700
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>501,700</b>		<b>501,700</b>	<b>501,700</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>814,195,300</b>	<b>26,746,100</b>	<b>787,449,200</b>	<b>814,195,300</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Veterans >10K		60,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>80,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	1	501,700			
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			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>879,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>377,600</b>	<b>377,600</b>
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			
<b>Total FarmStabContr</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Current Use	17/17	4,138,700	868,700	3,270,000	4,138,700
Special Exemptions	15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>5,098,000</b>	<b>888,700</b>	<b>26,343,600</b>	<b>27,232,300</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>5,098,000</b>	<b>888,700</b>	<b>26,343,600</b>	<b>27,232,300</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>8,090,973.00</b>			
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>			<b>258,574.00</b>	<b>7,611,056.00</b>	<b>7,869,630.00</b>
<b>NON-TAX</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411</b>			

(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) 4,138,700					
Veteran Exemptions 20,000					
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K 60,000					
Nonhmstd Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K 0					
Partial Statutory Exemptions 0					



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Town of Stratton Grand List  
CONTRACTS - (Town code: 627)  
Main District: Listed By Type and Date Voted

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DATE VOTED	PARCEL ID	NAME	CAT. CODE	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	STATUTE CODE TITLE	VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTION	CONTRACT AMOUNT	ASSMT LESS CONTRACT
03/06/17	0800030.2 627-197-11425	STRATTON MNT VOL. FIRE DE	O	07/01/17	07/01/22	3840	377,600 Nonhomestead	377,600 377,600	0 0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions								----- 377,600	
03/02/99	9900010. 627-197-10837	COMCAST CORP	PC	04/01/99	/ /	3848:38	501,700 Nonhomestead	501,700 0	0 501,700
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions								----- 501,700	

Town of Stratton Grand List  
NON-TAXABLE PARCELS ABSTRACT  
Main District: Listed in Parcel Order

STATUTE

The real property parcels listed below are exempt from the property tax under Vermont law. These parcels are included in the grand list book in accord with 32 VSA section 41.52 and subject to parcel payments under 32 VSA section 4041a. Payment can only be issues if complete and accurate information is provided. Do not include parcels subject to local agreements.

OWNER NAME	PARCEL ID	CATEGORY	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	VALUE ESTIMATE
CARLOS OTIS STRATTON MNT CLINIC INC	0302036.000	C	FOUNDERS HILL ROAD	FOUNDERS HILL ROAD	1,765,300
	18) 32 VSA § 3802(16)				
CHAPEL OF THE SNOWS INC	0301079.	C	STRATTON MNT ACCESS ROAD	STRATTON MNT ACCESS ROAD	439,700
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
STRATTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL	0301081.	C	USSEFI LAND WITH BLDG	USSEFI LAND WITH BUILDING	522,100
	7) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
STRATTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL	0800030.3	C	SCHOOL	BRAZERS WAY	8,159,200
	7) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	1100020.	M	RECREATION AREA	OLD TOWN ROAD	419,200
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4) 3800(b)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	0800042.	M	NORTH CEMETERY	NORTH ROAD	5,600
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1000009.	M	DANIEL WEBSTER MONUMENT	STRATTON ARLINGTON ROAD	1,200
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100021.	M	UPPER LOT AT REC AREA		45,000
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100034.	M	BALL CEMETERY	BALL FARM RD	36,600
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100041.2	C	WEST JAMAICA ROAD	WEST JAMAICA RD	323,500
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100041.300	W	WEST JAMAICA ROAD	WEST JAMAICA ROAD	8,800
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100065.	C			397,200
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1200028.	C	TOWN GARAGE ROAD	TOWN GARAGE ROAD	1,103,800
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1500018.	M	WILLIS CEMETERY	WILLIS CEMETERY RD	25,000
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1602083.	M	PIKE HOLLOW CEMETERY	PIKE HOLLOW RD	34,000
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1800011.	C	TOWN FOREST	ROUTE 100	428,600
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	0600014.	W	NATIONAL FOREST	STRATTON ARLINGTON RD/GRO	14,106,300
	1) 32 VSA § 3802(1)				
WINHALL STRATTON FIRE DISTRICT	0301093.	C			37,500
	30) 24 VSA § 3352				

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXEMPT PARCELS: 18

Town of Stratton Grand List  
Special Exemptions Abstract  
Main District: Listed in Parcel Order Main District

Parcel SPAN	Exemption	Real Value	Assessment Special lessSpec. Exempt Exemption
9900030. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11176	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	1,976,400 C Nonhmstd Homestead	1976,400 0 0
9900031. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11177	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	2,745,000 C Nonhmstd Homestead	2745,000 0 0
9900032. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11178	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	378,800 C Nonhmstd Homestead	378,800 0 0
9900033. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11179	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	5,664,000 C Nonhmstd Homestead	530,400 5133,600 0 0
9900034. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11180	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	1,427,400 C Nonhmstd Homestead	1427,400 0 0
9900035. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11181	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	454,600 C Nonhmstd Homestead	454,600 0 0
9900036. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11182	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	2,305,800 C Nonhmstd Homestead	2305,800 0 0
9900037. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11183	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	87,800 C Nonhmstd Homestead	87,800 0 0
9900054. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11185	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	274,500 C Nonhmstd Homestead	274,500 0 0
9900061. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11186	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	131,800 C Nonhmstd Homestead	131,800 0 0
9900062. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11187	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	1,207,800 C Nonhmstd Homestead	1207,800 0 0
9900082. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11381	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	38,400 C Nonhmstd Homestead	38,400 0 0
9900083. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11401	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	8,193,600 C Nonhmstd Homestead	8193,600 0 0
9900080. STRATTON CORP. 627-197-11379	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	2,854,800 C Nonhmstd Homestead	2854,800 0 0
9900081. STRATTON CORP. 627-197-11380	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	88,900 C Nonhmstd Homestead	88,900 0 0

Town of Stratton Grand List  
Special Exemptions Abstract - TOTALS  
Main District: Listed in Parcel Order Main District

SPAN

Special lessSpec.  
Exempt Exemption

Type	Homestead	Nonhomestead
Ski Lifts & Snowmaking	0	22,696,000
Whey Processing	0	0
Vermont Yankee	0	0
Qualified Housing	0	0
Solar	0	0
Wind	0	0
Other	0	0
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Total Real Prior to Exemptions	27,829,600	
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Total Exemptions	0	22,696,000
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Grand Lists After	0	5,133,600

We certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the grand list of Stratton for the year 2022.  
 Given under our hands at Stratton on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2022.  
David K. Kelly Candice Beards LISTERS

I hereby certify that I have examined the grand list for the year 2022 now on file and hereby certify this abstract in  
 accord with 32 V.S.A. 4183.  
 Attest: David K. Kelly TOWN CLERK  
 Date: June 20, 2022

Section 5404(b) of Title 32 of the V.S.A. requires the following.

The clerk of a municipality, or the supervisor of an unorganized town or gore, annually by August 15 shall transmit to the director, in electronic format prescribed by the director, education and munic grand list data, including exemption information and grand list abstracts.  
 If changes or additions to the grand list are made by the listers or other officials authorized to do so after the transmission of the electronic grand list and abstract of the grand list, such clerks shall forthwith certify the same to the director by transmitting an updated electronic grand list book and electronic abstract of the grand list.



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Agency of Administration

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December 23, 2022

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

**AMENDED 2022 Equalization Study Results**

Please use this letter to replace the Equalization Study results dated December 22, 2022 or December 23, 2022. This amendment includes Cable Personal Property in the Education Grand List (From 411). This amendment does not change your CLA, COD, or Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL). 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.

<b>Education Grand List (from 411):</b>	<b>\$786,963,000</b>
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$964,420,571
<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):</b>	<b>81.60% or 0.8160</b>
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	19.00%

For a copy of your town final computation sheet and final certified sales report, please see:  
[tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials](http://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](http://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).



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](http://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:

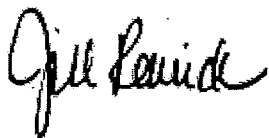
**[tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials](http://tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials)**

We at PVR are aware that many towns are concerned about the change in the market due to the effects of Covid-19 over the past few years. 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. 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, Selectboard  
Superintendent of Schools

## Board of Selectmen 2022 Annual Report

During the Town Meeting of 2022, Boomer Walker was elected Selectman for a one-year term to replace Kevin Robinson, who had passed away in February. Our condolences go out to Kevin's family. We also wish to welcome Boomer Walker to the board, as our newest member. The other incumbent members of the Select Board, whose terms had expired, were re-elected to their positions. Additionally, at the Annual Meeting Boomer Walker took on the roll of Moderator, replacing Diana Stugger, a longtime resident of Stratton, who recently moved from Town. We wish all the best to Diana in her new home.

At the Selectmen's organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

Projects accomplished over the course of 2022: 1) Paving of *Stratton-Arlington Rd.* and a short section of the *Stratton Mountain Access Rd.* was completed this past summer. 2) A 0.15 length of the end of Shepardson Rd. was discontinued, since it had not been a maintained portion of that road. 3) In early May the Recreation Area was closed down due to vandalism. Repairs were then completed to restore structures and the areas that had been damaged, and a security system was installed, following which the Rec. Area was reopened to the public. The Vermont State Police are working to resolve this case and we hope to see arrests soon. 4) In accordance with the State's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), the Highway Dept. continued with compliant ditching and culvert replacements this past year. 5) The Board has coordinated with the Southern Vermont Trails Assoc. to have a system of hiking / biking trails created within the Town Forest off of Rte. 100. These trails connect with their Dover trail system. Trails are also planned for the Rec. Area. 6) A new grader was purchased for the Highway Dept. 7) An IT company, Dominion Tech, was hired to bring the Town's internet security up to specifications appropriate for municipalities. The Town's Transfer Station was recertified for the period of 10 years (to 2032).

Boomer Walker was appointed as Fire Warden. Betsy Wadsworth was re-appointed DVFiber representative. 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 and Erica Reynolds were appointed as Representative to the Windham Regional Commission. Boomer Walker was appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to replace Diana Stugger, who recently moved from Town. The Selectmen created and have taken on the duties of the Town's Cannabis Local Control Commission, as required.



Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

# STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD

## 2022-2023: A YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year has been a calm and successful year for the school board. We've been able to make strides toward equity and, with the help of our town office and affiliates, we have been able to further our surplus in preparing for the uncertain years to come.

Looking back at the 2022-2023 school year:

- As always, a comprehensive review of all Stratton School Board policies was completed. Necessary updates were made to each policy to guarantee every consideration has been accounted for.
- We are seeing success from our efforts to streamline and strengthen our residency application process.
- The board has utilized all resources available to us and made ourselves a strong presence at WCSU and VSBA meetings. We will continue our efforts to ensure we remain on the frontlines of the ever-changing educational system in Vermont.
- We have continued to forward our relationships with our local schools.
- The board has been in contact with our local representative, in an effort to remain aware of happenings at the local and state levels and to keep our representative apprised of the issues germane to Stratton.
- We have kept the school board meetings hybrid to ensure the highest levels of transparency and reach for Stratton community members, the WCSU and beyond.
- Perhaps our most noteworthy accomplishment is the addition of our Pre-K tuition policy. Our district now pays for Stratton Pre-K students to attend local Pre-K programs, up to a maximum of 35 hours weekly. This guarantees our Stratton students are afforded the same levels of education and equity provided to students in surrounding communities.

Going forward in the 2023-2024 school year:

- The Stratton School Board budget has a surplus going into the 2023-2024 school year.
  - This surplus is being created to help offset costs associated with the Pupil Weighting Study, assessments and other post-COVID uncertainties.
- We will continue our efforts to keep open lines of communication with our local schools and the WCSU.
- While a five-person board was necessary to navigate the educational waters pre-COVID, our community efforts have smoothed the way for much milder years since. As such, the school board would like to reduce its membership by two, bringing us back to a three-seat board.
- We will be welcoming a new superintendent, Bob Thibault, and saying goodbye to Bill Anton.

We'd like to thank the following parties for their continued efforts this past year:

- The Stratton Town Office staff: Kent, Candie and Alyson. It's abundantly clear how much you each care about this community. Your knowledge, experience and support are profoundly appreciated.
- The WCSU staff for all their efforts and support.
- Our superintendent, Bill Anton. This is a tough one. Bill has been a steadfast supporter and cheerleader for our community. While we'll be sad to see him go, we wish him the best in his future endeavors.
- All our local schools that work so tirelessly to provide quality and equitable educational opportunities for all our students.
- Although we're not certain who will be leaving the board, each member of this board has been a helpful and positive influence. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Allison S. Young  
Stratton School Board



**TOWN CLERK  
2022 ANNUAL REPORT  
(Calendar 2022)**

**Town Clerk:** Kent Young  
**Assistant Town Clerk:** Candie Bernard

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

**Land Records:** In 2022, four Mylars (surveys or drawings) were recorded at \$25.00 / each = \$100.00. 2810 pages were recorded (Book 188 page 187 through Book 191 page 754). Recording fees at \$15.00/page brought in revenues of \$42,150.00.

**Property Transfers:** 147 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2022, for a total of \$96,677,317.00 in sales. An amount of \$2,205.00 was collected by the Town to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to \$1,402,699.00 (an increase of about 11.5% from last year).

**2022 Vital Statistics:**

**Births** – No children of local Stratton families were born this year.

**Marriages** – 12 marriages were registered in Stratton this year, of which two were local couples.

**Deaths** – Two residents passed away – no other deaths within town occurred in 2022.

**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, 2022 – April 30, 2023. Statistics concerning Catering and Special Event Permits are calculated for the 2022 calendar year):

1 <sup>st</sup> Class Restaurant / Bar Licenses:	12 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Licenses:	3 (\$70.00 fee to the Town and \$70.00 fee to the State)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Licenses	11 (\$1,095.00 fee to the State)
Outside Consumption Permits:	9 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	21 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Special Event Permits	11 (\$35.00 fee to the State)
Total fees collected by the Town:	\$1590.00
Total fees collected by the State:	\$14,620.00

**Solid Waste Disposal:** A total of 165.08 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2022. Of this, 42.86 tons (26%) were recycled. Additionally, Casella collected compost deposited at the Transfer Station totaling about 768 gallons. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics:** Stratton collected \$8,064.00 [fees] in revenues and paid out \$26,228.23 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 collected for reuse by OneWorldCenter.org and Discover Books will be providing a "Used Book" collection box beginning in 2023.

**Voter Statistics:** As of December 31, 2022, Stratton had 238 voters on the Voter Checklist. 27 new voters applied to the checklist and were added in 2022, while 16 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. Twenty-four voters remain inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. Twenty voters attended the March 1, 2022 Annual Town and School District meetings. For the Primary Election of August 9, 2022, 40 voters participated – 23 Democratic Ballots were voted and 17 Republican Ballots were voted. During the General Election of November 8, 2022, 142 voters participated. Laura Sabilia was voted as our new State Representative for our new district, called Windham District 2 (Dover, Jamaica, Somerset, Stratton, Wardsboro). Stratton, along with Wilmington and Londonderry all Windham County towns, were incorporated into the Bennington 1 Senate District along with all the Bennington County Towns. Dick Sears, Jr. and Brian Campion were elected Senators for this district.

David Kent Young, Town Clerk

# Stratton Planning Commission

## 2022 Annual Report

At the Town Meeting of 2022, Chris Mann 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 business considered this year by the board was a correction needed to the recorded mylar for the Bauchiero Subdivision of lots on the north end of Leon Stocker Dr., in Snow Mountain Farms West, currently owned by Remy Lane, LLC. An amended Mylar was submitted and accepted by the Planning Commission

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](http://www.townofstrattonvt.com). Zoning guidance can be found on the Planning and Permitting page of that site, as well.

Kent Young  
Planning Commission Chairman

## Listers' Report 2022

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Elizabeth "Beth" Liller. Candie Bernard was elected to a three -year term at March Meeting.

Our condolences go out to family and friends of Allan Hicks, who had served as a Lister for Stratton from 1987 – 2021. He passed away in Seattle, Washington in February of 2022.

This year, the Listers heard only one Grievance, with no appeal to the Board of Civil Authority.

The December 2021 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) calculation used to determine the 2022/23 Education Property Tax Rates was 93.24%. The State Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate for 2022/23 was \$1.5723. The Residential Education Tax Rate was \$1.5326. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.1307; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.6633 for homestead properties and \$1.7030 for non-Homestead properties.

A Town-wide Revaluation was contracted between the Town and Brett Purvis and Assoc. in 2020. Work has already commenced and continues into 2023, with completion scheduled to occur this spring / summer. The December 2022 Common Level of Appraisal was calculated at 81.60%. It is our understanding that since we intend to complete the reappraisal this year, a total tax amount due to the State from the Town will be determined differently than normal by using the latest calculated CLA (81.6%) and applying it to the total 2022 Grand List. That total amount will be divided by the new total Grand List to determine the new education tax rates.

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](http://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

**ZONING REPORT**  
**July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
M. Porosoff	Addition	07/26/2021	165.00
P. Newhouse	Garage	08/30/2021	90.00
M. McAvoy	Subdivision	07/06/2021	1000.00
D. Young	House	09/29/2021	277.50
F. Spinella	House	10/19/2021	186.20
J. Read	Garage	11/10/2021	55.00
B. Juliano	Pole Barn	11/10/2021	40.00
C. Mann	Barn	11/02/2021	45.00
T. Stuart	Garage	01/06/2022	70.00
J. DelMonico	House	01/10/2022	415.00
L. Pagliara	Deck	03/14/2022	20.00
Stratton Corp	Charging Station	04/07/2022	90.00
I. O'Sullivan	Restoration	04/21/2022	140.00
W. Dowty	Addition	05/04/2022	30.00
V. Rivas	House	05/18/2022	1065.00
A. Makkas	Addition	06/27/2022	50.00
<b>Total Permit Fees Collected</b>			<b>3738.70</b>

# 2022 DOG REPORT

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

64 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2022. Licenses issued were for:  
61 spayed female or neutered male dogs  
Three unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2022: \$584.00 (of which \$305.00 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

TOWN OF STRATTON  
MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF  
MARCH 1, 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The previously elected Moderator, Diana Stugger, was not present due to unforeseen circumstances. The Town Clerk opened the meeting at 10:00am. He stated that Diana Stugger was unable to attend and that she had also recently moved from Town and would not be able to continue as Moderator, she wished she was able to attend to give her farewell to the Town, but unfortunately she could not attend. He said that Diana had served as Moderator since 1999 and that she had served on the Select Board from 1989 to 1997 and has been a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment since 1989. She certainly will be missed. The Clerk also stated that Selectman, Kevin Robinson had very recently passed away. He had served as a Selectmen since 2006. A memorial insert had been placed in the Town Reports for all to see.

The Clerk took the roll. 20 voters were present – 11 votes constitute a majority. Guests present: Greg Sukiennik a Brattleboro Reformer reporter, Holly Wendell of Stratton Mountain School, and Cricket Mikheev of Maple Street School.

Selectman, Al Dupell, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Clerk read the following Article:

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

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

At this time, Boomer Walker took the Oath of Office and proceeded with the meeting by providing some rule for the meeting and then read the articles as follows:

*ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.*

Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report. Allison Peterson 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 Chris Liller. Greg Marcucci seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Chris Liller was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

*Selectman (one one-year term):* Greg Marcucci nominated Al Dupell. DR Holton seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

*Selectman (one one-year term):* Candie Bernard nominated Paul Bernard. Alyson Peterson seconded. Melissa Walker nominated Boomer Walker. Alyson Peterson seconded. No further nominations – the Moderator asked for a vote by paper ballot. Results: Boomer Walker 12 votes and Paul Bernard 8 votes. Boomer Walker was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

*Planning Commissioner (one three-year term):* Betsy Wadsworth nominated Chris Mann. Alyson Peterson seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot.

Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Chris Mann was elected Planning Commissioner for a three-year term.

**Planning Commissioner (one one-year term):** Greg Marcucci nominated George Rigoulot. DR Holton seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Betsy Wadsworth 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. Paul Bernard seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Ray Hawksley was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

**Lister (one three-year term):** Alyson Peterson nominated Candie Bernard. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Lister for a three-year term.

**Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term):** DR Holton nominated Larry Bills. Paul Bernard seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. All concurred. Larry Bills was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

**Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term):** Betsy Wadsworth nominated Candie Bernard. Al Dupell seconded. Greg Marcucci moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

**Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term):** DR Holton nominated Alyson Peterson. Candie Bernard seconded. Al Dupell 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):** The moderator noted that he, the incumbent constable, is not eligible to run, as this office is incompatible with the office of Selectman. George Rigoulot nominated Paul Bernard. Greg Marcucci seconded. Kent Young moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Paul Bernard was elected Constable for a one-year term.

**Town Agent (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated John Waite. Alyson Peterson seconded. Greg Marcucci moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton 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.*

Betsy Wadsworth so moved. Kent Young 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.* Greg Marcucci so moved. Kent Young 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:*

<i>Aids Project of Southern Vermont</i>	<i>400.00</i>
<i>American Red Cross</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Big Heavy World</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Community Food Pantry</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Deerfield Valley Rescue</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
<i>The Gathering</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Grace Cottage Foundation</i>	<i>7,000.00</i>
<i>Green Up Vermont</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Groundworks Collaborative</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Health Care and Rehabilitation Services</i>	<i>500.00</i>

<i>Historical Society of Windham County</i>	250.00
<i>Joann Liller Scholarship Fund</i>	500.00
<i>Londonderry Volunteer Rescue</i>	3,000.00
<i>Senior Solutions</i>	700.00
<i>SeVEDS.</i>	648.00
<i>Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center</i>	1000.00
<i>Valley Cares, Inc.</i>	335.00
<i>VT Center for Independent Living</i>	500.00
<i>VT Family Network</i>	250.00
<i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>	100.00
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	800.00
<i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>	6,100.00
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i>	5,000.00
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>	5,000.00
<i>Windham County Humane Society</i>	400.00
<i>Winhall Library</i>	2,600.00
<i>Women's Freedom Center</i>	750.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	<u>\$40,633.00</u>

Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 unanimously 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.* Kent Young so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed unanimously.

*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.* Kent Young so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. Discussion: Kent Young stated that it is his understanding that this would allow business associated with production and sale of marijuana to be handled in the Town in a similar way that the sale of alcoholic beverages is handle. This would give the Town's authorization for the Select Board to consider and approve applications for these businesses individually, which are then ultimately considered for approval by the State, as are liquor licenses. Betsy Wadsworth asked if this had been discussed with Stratton Corp.. The Clerk said it was not to his knowledge. It was asked which other Towns in the area had approved it. The Clerk stated that he did not know. Some Towns had voted last year for approval to prepare for its enactment by the State this summer. Someone indicated that the Town of Jamaica had previously approved it. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. Two individuals were against approval. A majority of the voice vote was given in approval, and so, the Moderator declared that Article 8 had passed.

*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.* Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded – no discussion – the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed unanimously.

*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.* Al Dupell so moved. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 passed unanimously.

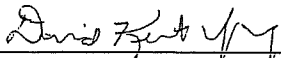
**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$954,671.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023). Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 11 passed unanimously.

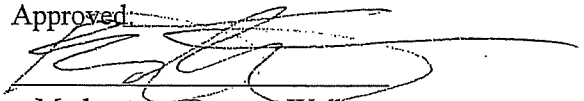
**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,008,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023). Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. The question was asked what is to be paved this year. A Selectman said that a portion of Stratton-Arlington Rd. is scheduled to be paved. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 12 unanimously passed.

**ARTICLE 13:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No further business was conducted.

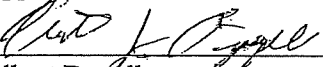
**Adjournment:** At 10:27AM, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded and the Annual Stratton Town Meeting for 2022 adjourned.

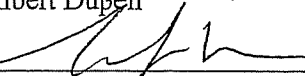
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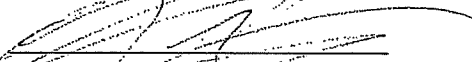
  
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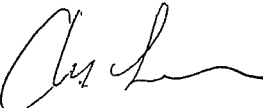
Approved:   
Moderator – Boomer Walker


Approved by the Selectmen:

  
Albert Dupell

  
Larry Bills

  
Boomer Walker

  
Chris Liller

  
Greg Marcucci



**TOWN OF STRATTON**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF**  
**MARCH 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. Moderator, Diana Stugger, was not present. Boomer Walker, who had previously been elected Moderator for the Town Meeting, called the meeting to order at 11:00AM. The Town Clerk took the roll and 18 voters were present (one additional voter arrived during the meeting). A majority of 10 will be required. Guests present: Greg Sukiennik a Brattleboro Reformer reporter, Holly Wendell of Stratton Mountain School, Cricket Mikheev of Maple Street School, and Mark Tashjian - Head Master of Burr and Burton Academy.

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

Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. DR Holton seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

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

*School District Director                         One three-year term*

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

*School District Director                         One one-year term*

Melissa Walker nominated Devon Crowther. DR Holton seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Devon Crowther was elected School District Director for a one-year term.

*School District Director                         One one-year term*

Melissa Walker nominated Claire Sears. Kent Young seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Claire Sears was elected School District Director for a one-year term.

*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.* Betsy Wadsworth so moved. Kent Young seconded. Discussion: The State has not yet set the tuition rates. After a quick check, the Treasurer confirmed that The Mountain School will set their rate accordingly. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 was passed unanimously.

*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.* Melissa Walker so moved. Kent Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 passed unanimously.

*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.* Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 5 passed unanimously.

*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. Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 passed unanimously.

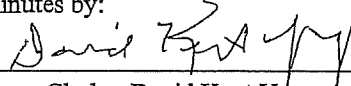
**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,379,648.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,025.94 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 18.27% more than spending for the current year. Kent Young so moved. Alyson Peterson seconded. Discussion: DR Holton asked why the equalized pupil spending had increased so much. Kent Young stated that this was an average of students from previous years applied to the budgeted amount necessary for this year’s projected student count. The Treasurer added that the rate will change little from this year. Melissa Walker added that revenues are also considered to reduce the tuition rate. Betsy Wadsworth asked if the Weighting Study is reflected in this budget’s average. Melissa Walker answered that it has not yet gone into effect, but it will affect us in the future. It was suggested by another voter that the Town will need more affordable housing to help offset the future rate. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed unanimously.

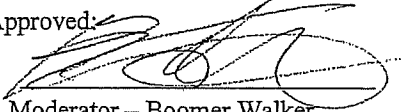
**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district. Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed unanimously.


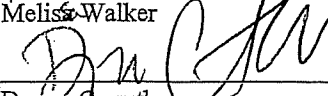
**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the voters of the Stratton School District authorize moving the operational surplus, if any, from FY 2022 to the Tuition Reserve Fund? Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed unanimously.

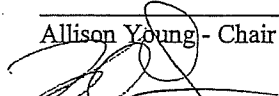
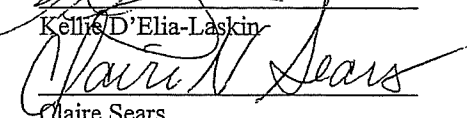
**ARTICLE 10:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No additional business was transacted. Lorraine Weeks-Newell asked about the status of the LaMarche Scholarship fund since nothing had been appropriated for it this year. Kent Young said that “Appropriations” are part of “Town” business and not “School District” business, but to answer the question, it is his understanding that no one from the family exists to provide guidance in its distribution. The Town has no jurisdiction over the funds any longer once they are provided as an appropriation and that management of those funds is through the Supervisory Union. Mrs. Weeks-Newell said that it would be nice for Stratton students to know about the availability of that scholarship fund for Tech students. Holly Wendell of SMS, Cricket Mikheev of Maple Street School, and Mark Tashjian of BBA each in turn talked about their individual schools and thanked Stratton’s voters for their support.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Kent Young so moved at 11:21am. Al Dupell seconded and the 2022 School District Annual Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:  
  
Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:  
  
Moderator – Boomer Walker

Approved by the Stratton School Directors  
  
Melissa Walker  
  
Devon Crowther

Allison Young - Chair  
  
Kelli D'Elia-Laskin  
  
Claire Sears



AIDS Project  
of Southern Vermont

October 31, 2022

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 FY2024.

This money will help us continue our mission to provide direct services to those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS, offer education and supplies 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  
karen@apsvt.org

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

[aidsprojectsouthernvermont.org](http://aidsprojectsouthernvermont.org)



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

December 29, 2022

Town of Stratton  
Attn: Kent Young  
9 West Jamaica Road  
Stratton, Vermont 05360

Dear Kent,

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

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

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

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in 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 Service Delivery sheet for Windham County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or [supportnne@redcross.org](mailto:supportnne@redcross.org).

Warmly,

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

Lauren Jordan  
Development Coordinator

32 N Prospect St  
Burlington, VT 05401

2 Maitland St  
Concord, NH 03301

2401 Congress St  
Portland, ME 04101

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

August 25, 2022

Big Heavy World  
4 Howard Street #A-8  
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: Thanks and request of \$250 to support nonprofit statewide music office

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members:

In Big Heavy World's 26th year we are continuing to engage diverse young Vermonters in the real-world work of preserving and promoting Vermont-made music. It's fulfilling to describe this work, and to hope that you find it to be a continued benefit to the residents of Stratton, whose participation in these resources is free and open to participation by your local music sector and artists. Your consideration of renewed support of \$250.00 is appreciated, deeply.

Big Heavy World's mission is to preserve the historical record of music originating in Vermont; to create economic opportunity for Vermont's musicians and the industries vital to them; to develop community among Vermont musicians and their patrons; and to accomplish this mission in a substance-free environment that empowers and educates youth.

Our most recent projects include a USDA-supported map-based directory of Vermont's music sector; the intake of thousands of Vermont album art images into the national Digital Public Library of America initiative with thanks to Middlebury College; and a mobile exhibit of one of regional blues legend Big Joe Burrell's saxophones now scheduling into libraries across the state and the State House with support from Vermont Humanities. With Digital Infrastructure support from the state

via the Vermont Arts Council we distributed ninety USB microphones to public libraries and are now creating a Vermont-specific on-demand music licensing platform to create a whole new revenue source for artists. In June we worked with two international fellows of the U.S. State Department's Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative, creating strategies for promoting our documentary film and upgrading how we accomplish community outreach. Our weekly live broadcast of interviews and performances by Vermont artists, Rocket Shop, has hosted more than 700 bands and attracted a large podcast audience, too.

We are in the middle of establishing a LoLa node with IMLS support that allows latency-free connections between musicians in gigabit cities like Burlington and Chattanooga, allowing distant musicians to collaboratively create music as though they are in the same room. We're virtualizing our tiny museum of Vermont music history; continuing work on our documentary film about 242 Main, Vermont's historic teen-led cultural space; and with support from the BCA Community Fund and the Vermont Children's Trust we will be helping young adults define new teen-led performance space for themselves and host all-ages shows while also visiting college campuses. We are expanding our museum exhibits in new directions, with a 2022-2023 focus on pursuing artifacts that highlight the contributions of women and LGBTQ musicians in Vermont history; and we are seeking community partners to host our large music archive and expand our museum physically for wider audiences. We're looking forward to a trade mission to the UK in May of next year and continue to program and present professional development events for local artists and peer organizations. Our advocacy to ensure all artforms are treated fairly in Burlington and Vermont continues, as well as our effort to ensure that arts organizations and community broadcasters of all sizes are treated fairly by Federal and state resource providers.

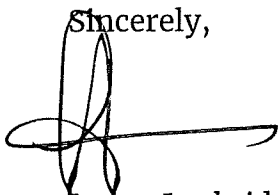
We are successful with engaging young people in service to their community in situations that give them professional skills because our programs are so diverse. We operate a 'hyper-local' community radio station that automates Vermont-made music between the shows that are hosted by local DJs. Our archive of Vermont music holds more than 5,000 recordings and is becoming accessible to other library systems through our open source Omeka catalog platform. Every year we coordinate Vermont's participation in the international Make Music Day festival that builds community across Vermont while celebrating music in neighborhoods and downtowns; there were performances in 30 Vermont towns this year. We are

headquarters to the Chittenden Zone of the Vermont Creative Network. More about all of this can be found at [bigheavyworld.com](http://bigheavyworld.com).

Our overhead needs of \$30,000 are modest and having that base covered makes all our programs possible, and more. Our work has been supported in recent years by the National Endowment for the Arts; the Lake Champlain Basin Program; the City Council of Burlington; Burlington City Arts; the USDA; AARP; IBM; and others. In 2020 an international jury honored Big Heavy World with a 'Best Global Music Office Award.' Being a grassroots organization, we are thrifty. We've been working for decades to grow toward being a world-class community-builder that contributes to Vermont's cultural reputation while empowering young adults with education and ties to their community. Our annual budget is enclosed. It is aspirational; we look forward to transforming into having paid staff that expands our ability to accomplish our goals and provide more mentorship.

We're grateful for the continued kindness of your administration and voters. Thank you for so thoughtfully considering continued support of our work; it means a lot to feel welcome to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Lockridge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Lockridge, Executive Director  
(802) 373-2890; [jim@bigheavyworld.com](mailto:jim@bigheavyworld.com)



Burr & Burton  
Academy

December 21, 2022

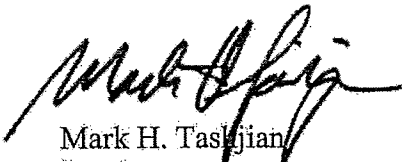
Dear Members of our Sending Towns:

The Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has set the tuition for the 2023–2024 school year at \$19,987, a 4.1% increase. In reaching this decision, we have sought to balance the challenges of inflation, which has been running at an annual rate of approximately 8%, while maintaining affordability for you. The entire increase will be passed on to our faculty and staff, the lifeblood of our school. It is our goal to help them partially offset the challenge of inflation while they continue to dedicate themselves to each and every student we serve.

Since 1829, Burr and Burton has strived to be the best possible high school for our community. We will continue to raise money privately not only to support annual operations, but also all capital projects. Each year, our fundraising contributes approximately \$1 million toward operating costs, and all of our buildings and grounds have been purchased and built through private philanthropy.

We are extremely grateful to work in partnership with you. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark H. Tasjian  
Headmaster



Edgar T. Campbell  
Chair, Board of Trustees



**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
*Serving families in need in Jamaica & Wardshoro*

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

December 31, 2022

To the Board:

The Community Food Pantry respectfully requests funds from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$500 for FY 2024. 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  
 Follow us on Facebook- DeerfieldValleyRescue

802-464-5557 Office  
 802-464-4728 Fax  
 www.dvrescue.org

October 5, 2022

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 2023- June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 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,

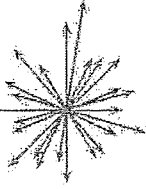
Heidi S. Taylor  
 Business Administrator, DVR

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# DVFiber

*empowering our connection to the future*



## **Deerfield Valley Communications Union District**

### **2022 Year in Review**

The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District's (DVCUD, dba DVFiber) accomplishments in 2022 include:

- Developing its working partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, ME;
- Receiving an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant for \$4.1 million for pre-construction activities such as high-level design, final design and engineering, pole studies, and a "make ready" process;
- Receiving a second ARPA grant for \$21.9 million to fund the construction of 513 miles of fiber optic cable capable of connecting up to two-thirds of the more than 7,700 unserved and underserved addresses in our communications union district (CUD);
- Contracting with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) to manage our grant reporting because these grants require specific and detailed reports to the Vermont Communications Broadband Board (VCBB);
- Adding an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Governing Board for quicker decision making because the pace and volume of work have increased significantly. Also for that reason, we hired Gabrielle Ciuffreda of Guilford to be full-time executive director and anticipate hiring additional administrative support in the 2023 budget.

### **Thank You**

We are grateful to the Select Boards of all our member towns for their continued support and for appointing capable and dedicated representatives and alternates who have committed not just their talents but thousands of hours of their time to bring us to this point of construction. These volunteers serve the public on DVFiber's Governing Board and its working committees (Operations, Communications, and Finance and Audit Committees). This committee structure is key to keeping us on track as we do our work. These volunteers are the foundation of DVFiber's success as your community-owned and -operated high-speed fiber optic Internet service provider.

Our commitment from the beginning has been to ensure that all on-grid homes and businesses in our municipal district have access to the 21st century technology that will be the basis for our continued growth and prosperity. This means not just availability of the technology but to be sure that affordability is not an obstacle to customer access and use.

For more information and to follow the latest developments and learn more about DVFiber, be sure to sign up for DVFiber's newsletter at [dvfiber.net](http://dvfiber.net).

Contact Betsy Wadsworth if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get involved. She can be reached at [stratton@dvfiber.net](mailto:stratton@dvfiber.net).



November 5, 2022

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

Dear Selectboard Members:

The Gathering Place would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous appropriation this fiscal year and for consideration of our request for a contribution in Fiscal Year 2024.

<b>Requested Appropriation for 2023-2024:</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>Appropriation in 2022-2023:</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>

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 and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 4:45 PM. Participants receive 2-way transportation from door to door.

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 transportation and coordination of medical appointments**
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities **that help participants retain their sense of identity**
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- Outreach services
- Companionship
- Special events

30 Terrace Street Brattleboro, VT 05301  
Phone: 802-254-6559 ~ [mlewis@gatheringplacevt.org](mailto:mlewis@gatheringplacevt.org)

November 11, 2022

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 2022 Annual Report, for consideration at Town Meeting in March, 2023:


“To see if the Town of Stratton will vote to raise \$8,000 by taxation for Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.”

Grace Cottage has received an appropriation of \$7,000 from the town of Stratton every year since 2008, without increase.

All of our services are available for residents, second homeowners, and visitors to Stratton. The town of Stratton has consistently approved Grace Cottage appropriation requests over the years. We appreciate your on-going support.

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.

Sincerely,



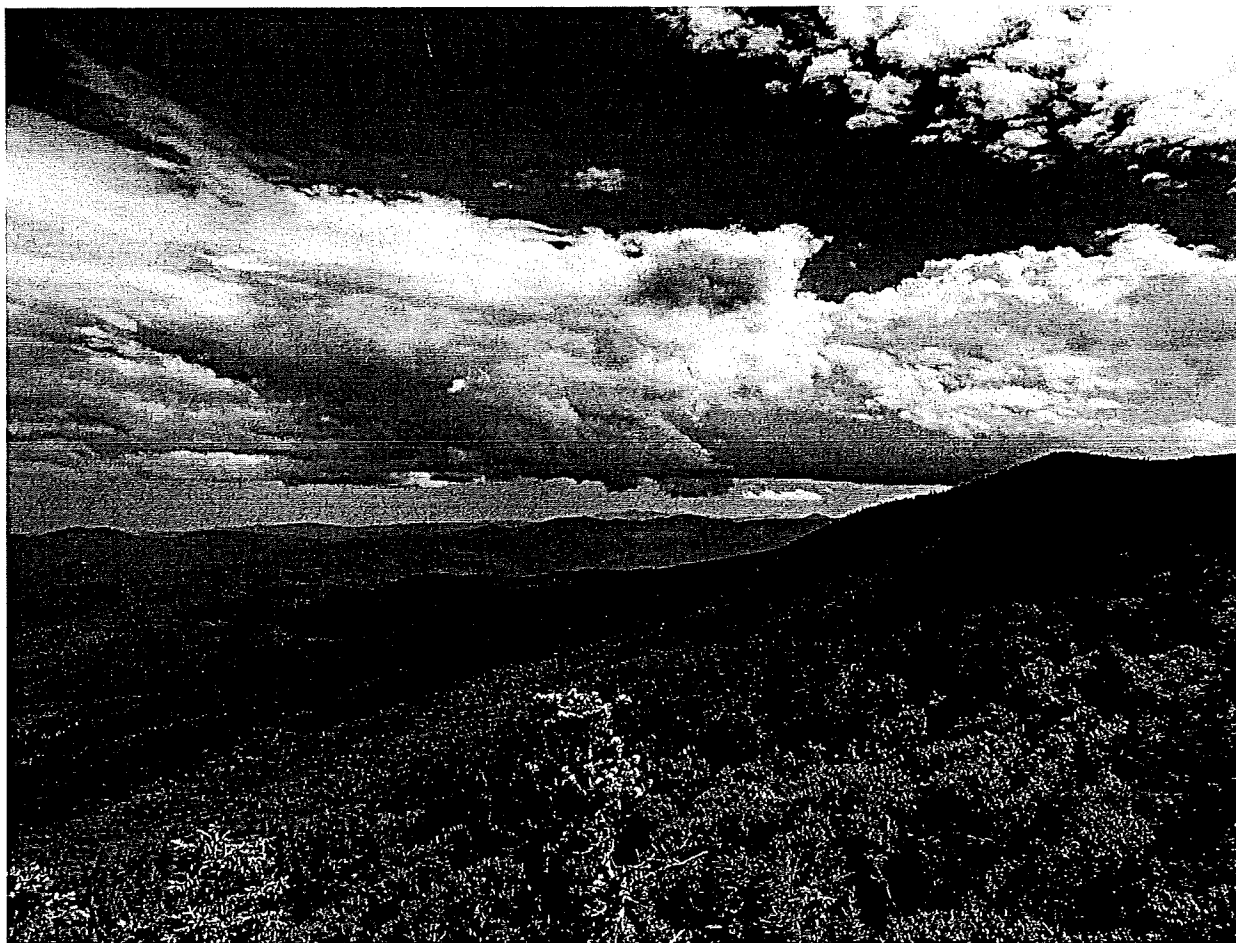
Andrea Seaton  
Senior Director, Marketing, Development & Community Relations

Grace Cottage Family Health  
802-365-4331

Grace Cottage Hospital  
802-365-7357

Grace Cottage Rehabilitation  
802-365-3637

Messenger Valley Pharmacy  
802-365-4117



USDA Forest Service

# Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

This Report can be viewed on the Town Website

[www.townofstratonvt.com](http://www.townofstratonvt.com)

on the Town Meeting/Report page



GREEN UP VERMONT  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

Green Up Day  
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

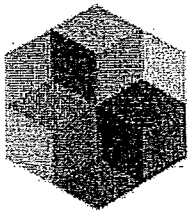
Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.**

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org) 802-522-7245



groundworks  
COLLABORATIVE

Town of Stratton  
9 West Jamaica Road  
Stratton, VT 05360

November 8, 2022

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members,

Please accept this letter as Groundworks Collaborative's request for continued monetary support 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 works with people and systems creating solutions to end hunger and homelessness for all people in our region. We do so by providing support to families and individuals facing any number of housing and food insecurities. Specifically, we provide the following services, all of which are available to residents of Stratton:

- Two year-round shelters for families and individuals experiencing homelessness
- 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 to meet 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 2023 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, 2022, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 3,840 people in Windham and Windsor 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 Town Report:**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY**

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 to collect, preserve and present our County's heritage for present and future generations.

In 1936, the County Museum was built in Newfane to house its collection originating from all the towns in the County. The Historical Society's invaluable collection comprises over 8,000 County artifacts and archival materials, which are displayed in changing interpretive exhibits. The Museum's archives of manuscripts and documents are available for research or special interests, and school visits are encouraged.

With the completion of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station restoration in 2018, the Historical Society of Windham County became 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.

This year, the Historical Society will be expanding into the 1825 Windham County Jail building, which became available after the Windham County Sheriff's Department moved to Brattleboro. With that expansion, our exhibit space will quadruple, allowing the room needed to properly present the stories of Windham County's towns. In addition, our archive holdings in the County Museum will have adequate space and full research accessibility. A substantial dedicated area also will be created for our genealogy work and resources.

As the Historical Society approaches its second century in just a few years, we hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost. Admission to the County Museum, the West River Railroad Museum has always been free. The same is true for the special programs, presentations and genealogical 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. Your support will help us to continue to protect and maintain a continuously growing collection, provide a variety of educational programs, and continue our policy of free admission.

We thank you for your support.

*The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum are open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend through Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, as well as by appointment. (The County Museum is also open Wednesdays, Noon - 4:00.)*

*Inquiries are fielded year-round ([info@historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org](mailto:info@historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org)).*

*Please visit our website for more information, and the latest news and schedule of events:*

*[www.historicalocietyofwindhamcounty.org](http://www.historicalocietyofwindhamcounty.org).*

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

December 5, 2022

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

Via email: [townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com](mailto: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.

This has been a demanding year for our Squad. We responded to a record breaking number of calls, 698 calls this year to last year's 466 calls, a 50% increase. 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 increased calls 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 that we are known for. Our expenses this year totaled \$194,604.25.

Adjustments were made last year to each town's yearly assessment based on its annual call volume and its proportionate call volume relative to the seven towns that we serve. As a result, all town assessments will remain the same as last year.

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 2023.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee of LVRS



December 2022

Hello Member Town,

As many of you are aware, this has been a year of challenge and change for our organization. On the heels of the greatest public health crisis in recent memory, and after several years of leading the COVID response effort for education, prevention, testing and treatment, the continued existence of our regional ambulance service was brought into question when Brattleboro town officials suddenly withdrew from our fifty-year cooperative agreement with area towns. Our commitment to you, as a citizen of our member towns, is that you will continue to receive the quality and reliability of service that has been a hallmark of this organization for decades. I am pleased to report that with the guidance of our board and the dedication of our staff, Rescue Inc is poised to continue to serve for decades to come. We are actively working to redesign and diversify our daily operations to better meet the needs of the communities we serve. Our COVID response teams have continued to provide services around the state at the same time our ambulance operations staff have managed to respond to 100% of 911 requests for service in our member towns.

We recently opened the Vermont Emergency Medical Services Academy, or "VEMSA", in Newfane. This new facility will serve current and future first responders, as well as hospital staff and community members. VEMSA is the only academy of its kind in Vermont and supports education using high-fidelity human simulators in realistic and dynamic settings. Our education programs will develop the next generation of emergency service leaders.

Our technical rescue team, as part of Vermont's flood rescue response, received two additional state-owned swift water boats that are in our Brattleboro station. These boats, combined with our boat located at the Putney Fire department, and the two that we have located at our Townshend station, help to provide comprehensive flood and water rescue response to the region.

We will be announcing additional new partnerships and programs in early 2023 with a focus on better health outcomes for the citizens that we serve.

Be Well,

Drew Hazelton  
Chief of Operations  
Rescue Inc



*Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont*  
38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

January 2, 2023

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

Via email to: [cbernard@townofstrattonvt.com](mailto:cbernard@townofstrattonvt.com)

Dear Ms. Bernard,

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

Senior Solutions requests \$725.00 from the Town of Stratton to be appropriated at the 2023 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.

Please continue to appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council every year. This 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](mailto:townoutreach@seniorsolutionsvt.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Boutwell'.

Mark Boutwell  
Executive Director

*1(802)885-2655 Fax 1(802) 885-2665 Toll Free 1(866)673-8376*  
*HelpLine 1(866)673-8376*

July 1, 2022

Town of Stratton  
9 West Jamaica Road  
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Stratton Selectboard:

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) is beginning the yearly process of funding regional economic services that we provide through Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). Every year, BDCC asks each of the 27 towns we serve in the Windham region to support long-term economic strategy and programs by funding SeVEDS.

SeVEDS was brought into being in 2007 based on the realization that it is beyond the capacity of a single town to influence major economic indicators at any scale. Through SeVEDS, BDCC is able to foster an approach to economic development that is proactive, long-term and regional.

SeVEDS also helped create our area's first regional plan for economic development: the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). We continue to update the plan yearly through CEDS Project submissions, including and highlighting important local initiatives. Working with state, federal, regional and philanthropic partners, BDCC works to attract resources to move projects forward, helping towns complete vital community programs and build a more vibrant, resilient economy.

This work is responsive, with staffers adapting to evolving needs. Municipal funding for SeVEDS gives us flexibility, allowing BDCC to respond to community needs on an ongoing basis.

By leveraging municipal funding for SeVEDS, BDCC has been able to launch programs including high school career education, business relief and small business lending, and new Vermonter initiatives. It has also launched programs that serve communities directly: the USDA-funded Southern Vermont Economy Project (SVEP) and Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program (CFTAP). Through these programs, we provide towns and community organizations one-on-one help, trainings, project-specific grants, and help accessing bigger funding resources.

Each year, we ask every town in the Windham Region to contribute towards regional economic development efforts at the rate of \$3.00 per person, based on town population in the 2010 U.S. Census. In 2022, 19 communities funded SeVEDS, representing over 80% of the region's residents.

This year, we are asking the Town of Stratton to fund BDCC at \$648.00 (based on a population of 216 people per the 2010 U.S. Census) through an appropriation request at Town Meeting 2023 to support continued implementation of SeVEDS efforts.

We will follow up to schedule a time to meet with your Selectboard to answer questions regarding this funding request, and to provide updates on regional programs and projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Adam Grinold  
Executive Director  
Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

### **SeVEDS Impact Statement for Stratton Town Report March 2023**

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to advance. **SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy.** BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It was developed with input from communities across Southern Vermont, and is available online at [www.sovermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.sovermontzone.com/ceds)

#### **Background & Request**

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Stratton to appropriate \$648.00 (based on a population of 216) to support SeVEDS.**

In 2022, 19 communities, representing over 80% of Windham residents, voted to invest 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, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring over **\$8 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and nonprofits.
3. As **seed funding.** We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding.**

#### **BDCC Implements SeVEDS-Led Programs for Communities, Small Businesses, and Workforce Development**

- Our **Business Services Team** provides access to technical assistance, micro lending, and business succession services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways:** a program that in 2022 provided career training and support to **550** students in area High Schools. The **Welcoming Communities** program supported **61** New Americans who have filled positions in **19** local companies. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Our **Community Programs** include the **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** and **The Southern Vermont Economy Project**, both of which help towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources.

#### **More SeVEDS-Led Programming**

For a deeper overview of our programs in FY22, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). You can download our annual report, or call the office to receive your own copy 802-257-7731 x230. To learn more about the CEDs, CEDs projects, the Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit [www.sovermontzone.com](http://www.sovermontzone.com).

Our website also features upcoming events and trainings, ongoing programs, and resources. You can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources.

Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies & Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation  
76 Cotton Mill Hill, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301 [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com) 802-257-7731

  
**SOUTHERN VERMONT**  
Therapeutic Riding Center

3 Cross Country Circle – Wilmington, VT 05363

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

(802) 221- 4409

November 16, 2022

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 18 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.

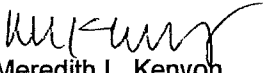
SVTRC offers lessons throughout the year focusing on three distinct programs:

- *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](mailto:MeredithLKenyon@gmail.com)





# Valley Cares

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

December 8, 2022

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

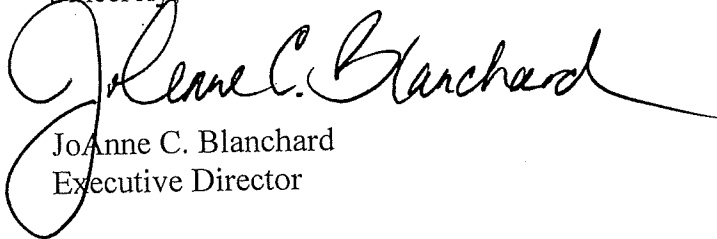
Valley Cares is very grateful for the generous support that residents of Stratton have given our organization and the seniors we serve. At the 2023 Town Meeting, we respectfully request \$335 in continued support.

We know that residents of Stratton value living in a small, rural town. At Valley Cares, we share that value and recognize how important community is. We are honored to help seniors remain in the West River Valley, near friends and family. By providing **free** services such as SASH (Support And Services at Home) and our medical equipment lending program, Valley Cares helps seniors in Stratton remain safely in their homes. If the time comes for them to move, we provide comfortable, affordable independent and assisted living options “right down the road” in Townshend. The annual support from Stratton residents on Town Meeting Day helps us do just that.

As nearly all the seniors we serve are on fixed incomes, we understand the importance of keeping rents low. Medicaid assists with care expenses for many of our lower income residents, and other government programs assist with rent expenses. However, payments from residents and these public programs do not cover the full costs of our housing and programing. Therefore, Valley Cares relies on donations to subsidize these costs.

We are grateful for your financial assistance, which helps our non-profit to continue providing these services to residents of your community. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,



JoAnne C. Blanchard  
Executive Director

*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.*

November 15, 2022

Kent Young, Town Clerk  
Town of Stratton  
P.O. Box 166  
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Young and voters:

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), we would like to express our appreciation for the Town of Stratton's appropriation of \$500.00 to VCIL for our FY'22. This allocation enables VCIL staff to continue to work to accomplish our mission of supporting and empowering Vermonters with disabilities.

This appropriation will be utilized by VCIL for programs and services that are available for all qualified residents. Our services include information, referral and assistance, individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling and independent living resources that include Home Access Modifications, Meals on Wheels (for Vermonters with disabilities under age 60), and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

With this allocation we will be able to reach even more Vermont citizens with disabilities. With over 43 years of support and advocacy, we are helping to build a society where we can all live with dignity, independence and our full civil rights. We sincerely appreciate the Town of Stratton's support.

Sincerely,

  
Sarah Launderville  
Executive Director

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802-229-0501, 800-639-1522 (voice & TTY)  
fax: 802-229-0503  
email: [info@vcil.org](mailto:info@vcil.org)  
website: [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

## Local Health Office Annual Report 2022

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns in Windham County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Brattleboro Local Health Office:

**Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease, including protecting communities from COVID-19:** We've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. These collaborations have enabled us to host over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provide over 6,300 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Over the last year, the Brattleboro office has also been holding vaccination clinics in partnership with the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) for people coming from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Central America. Additionally, the Brattleboro office has been working across the region to assure fair and equitable access to COVID test kits, distributing 4,324 individual tests to community members and local partners.

**Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 19 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

**Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health:** To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at [www.healthvermont.gov/environment](http://www.healthvermont.gov/environment).

**Provided WIC services and resources to families and children:** Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 907 individuals from July 1, 2021 - June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. This includes services to new Vermonters from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Central America. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at [www.healthvermont.gov/wic](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wic).

**Supported student health and youth empowerment:** According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 56% percent of students in Windham County agree or strongly agree that they "believe they matter to people in their community." Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

**Promoted health in all policies:** Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

Learn more about what we do at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/Brattleboro>



September 9, 2022

Stratton town  
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 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 town 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 town 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 1,500 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](mailto:Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org), or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,<sup>4</sup>

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Manager  
Vermont Family Network

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240, Williston, Vermont 05495 · 1-800-800-4005  
[VermontFamilyNetwork.org](http://VermontFamilyNetwork.org) · [info@vtfn.org](mailto:info@vtfn.org)



## 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

December 21, 2022

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

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

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

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

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

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

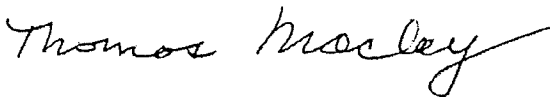
grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2022, we received over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from **over 90 towns**. We are deeply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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
(802) 426-3265 | [83creameryst@fairpoint.net](mailto:83creameryst@fairpoint.net)

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
(802) 828-4582 | [dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com](mailto:dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com)

Jill Arace, Executive Director  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
(802) 496-5162 | [jill.arace@vacd.org](mailto:jill.arace@vacd.org)

**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

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



Town of Stratton  
9 West Jamaica RD  
Stratton, VT 05360

August 8, 2022

Dear Council Members and Citizens of Stratton;

We at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to have our appropriation request included in 2023 funding. **VNH respectfully requests \$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 73 visits to 7 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 community. 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,

*Anthony Knox*

Anthony Knox  
Community Relations Manager  
[aknox@vnhcare.org](mailto:aknox@vnhcare.org)  
(603) 790-3172

## TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

### 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 still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)



**Wardsboro Public Library**  
**P.O. Box 157**  
**170 Main Street**  
**Wardsboro, VT 05355**  
**(802) 896-6988**  
[www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org](http://www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org)  
[wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com)

December 31, 2022

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 2023-2024, is for \$6,600.00. This represents an increase of \$500.00 over the \$6,100.00 that the Town of Stratton appropriated to the Library in 2022-2023 and is an effort by the Trustees to keep up with estimated cost increases during fiscal 2023-2024.

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  
Donna Fernandes  
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 18, 2023

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 an appropriations request of \$5000.00 and Wardsboro Rescue in the amount of \$5000.00 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



September 27, 2022

Town of Stratton

Greetings,

I am writing from the Windham County Humane Society to respectfully request that the Town of Stratton consider an appropriation of \$500 to WCHS to support our important animal welfare work.

Accessible services for the town's citizens include:

- Pet adoptions
- Low-cost rabies vaccinations & wellness examinations
- Low-cost spay/neuter surgeries
- Pet food from the pet food pantry
- Pet behavior counseling & support
- Volunteer opportunities
- Temporary boarding for residents facing eviction/acute life crises
- Humane education visits
- Lost/found pet sheltering
- Reuniting with owners with their lost pets
- Addressing Cruelty Calls
- Low cost or free pet identification specials (pet ID tags or microchips)

We are grateful for your past support and look forward to continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maya Richmond", is written over a horizontal line.

Maya Richmond

Executive Director, WCHS



# WINDHAM COUNTY SAFE PLACE

## CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER & SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

**Samantha Prince**  
Executive Director  
Interview Specialist

62 Black Mountain Rd  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
[www.SafePlaceCAC.net](http://www.SafePlaceCAC.net)

September 19, 2022

To Whomever It May Concern:

Windham County Child Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit would like to request funding support/appropriations in the amount of **one dollar per citizen** of the town of  
Our center is willing to attend any and/or Selectboard meetings if you so desire.

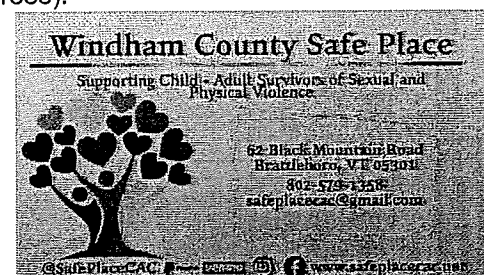
Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit, established in 2010, is a non-profit, nationally accredited agency that provides support to all Windham County residents, and to those who were victimized in Windham County. We were created to: help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse; conduct quality investigations; reduce stress and trauma to the victim; and protect the victim in the community. Because of our continued efforts, we can anticipate and respond to the needs of children and their families more effectively, lessen the stress of the court process, and increase access to resources needed by the family.

### What We Do

- Provide direct services to children and families upon the commencement of an alleged child abuse case, for as long as needed, regardless of judicial outcome.
- Provide direct services to adult victims of sexual abuse, for as long as needed, regardless of judicial outcome.
- House a child-friendly interview room and a private family waiting room.
- Ensure that our investigators and case coordinator stay abreast of current best practices
- Maintain a Multi-Disciplinary Team, which, promotes cooperative efforts between disciplines: law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, medical, mental health, victim advocacy, schools and child advocacy center staff.
- Provide school and community outreach.
- Serve as a resource to any adult working with children.

Windham County Child Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit appreciates your consideration of our request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at if you have any questions (802-579-1358).

Sincerely,  
Samantha Prince,  
Executive Director





WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
327 OLD FERRY ROAD, BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301  
(802) 257-0272 windhamsolidwaste.org

2022

## ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

Bob Spencer, Executive Director

John Fay, Programs Manager

**History and Current Status:** The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 6 full-time and 3 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

**Town Solid Waste Services:** Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. 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. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services. There are also two companies providing subscription collection of food scraps. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town.

**Financial Report:** WSWMD finished fiscal year 2022 (FY22) with a budget surplus of \$224,887, which has been allocated toward the construction of the expanded compost facility. Revenues of \$1,500,194 off-set total expenses of \$1,206,748 and \$68,559 of capital reserves and expenses.

The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2023 was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new 2020 census figures.

**Transfer Station:** The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$40/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. There is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):** The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY22 was exceptionally high at \$166,000 due to the strong markets for recycled cardboard.

**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 9th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

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 therefore the District is pursuing a capital expansion project at the facility. The new composting facility will have a building with aerated windrows, air collection for odor

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

control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP):** All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2022 was the third year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

**Solar Array:** WSWMD leases its capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital to operate a 5 mega-watt solar array, the largest group net-metered project in the state. Greenbacker has contracted to provide solar power for 20 years to the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; 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.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to all District residents and small businesses. In 2022, the WSWMD operated the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot and sponsored special one-day events in Readsboro and Wilmington. This year, 355 households were served by the program, a slight increase from last year. The HHW Depot is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. The average cost per user at the Depot is \$75, which is covered by a user fee of \$10, a Vermont DEC grant program, and operating costs of the District. At the special one-day events, costs are much higher, typically about \$200 per user. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

**Community Outreach & Technical Assistance:** The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2022, WSWMD's programs were expanded by a grant of \$68,000 from the US Department of Agriculture. Under the grant project, the District has been able to provide member town transfer stations with new signage and technical assistance; recycling and composting workshops at schools in Guilford, Marlboro, Vernon, Newfane/Brookline, and Brattleboro; assistance in how to improve waste management in over 40 businesses; and new videos and other educational resources available on our website. A \$5,000 grant from the Windham Foundation was instrumental in establishing food scrap collection in four downtown Brattleboro buildings with a mix of retail, office, and residential tenants.

**Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance:** WSWMD has 20 sets of bins for collecting recyclables, food scraps, and trash at special events. They 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 41 new homeowners in 2022 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 140 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 40 Active projects spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties with 45 potential projects and awaiting shovel-readiness. Our Housing Retention Program has assisted 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. The Bellows Falls Garage, slated of open at the end of March '23, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is proposed to create 25 new homes within the village and awaits the end of the appeal process. This year, WWHT worked on deep retrofits and renovations on 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. The Central & Main development in downtown Windsor is entering into the permitting phase at the beginning of 2023.

**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's VERAP program before it closed in the Fall of '22. We've expanded our supportive services capacity through participating in the SASH For All program, connecting residents of all ages to critical resources to meet their self-driven health and well-being goals. 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](http://www.homemattershere.org)

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Windham & Windsor Housing Trust  
68 BIRGE STREET  
BRATTLEBORO, VT 05301  
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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 Erica Reynolds. 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](http://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.

2022 has been a busy year. We continued assisting towns with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) management and deliberation about how to use these funds. We successfully applied for Congressionally directed spending (an earmark) through Senator Sanders to collaborate with Green Mountain Power to assist towns with planning for greater electricity resiliency in the event of grid instability or outages using renewable energy and battery storage. This project will get underway in 2023. We are developing a report for the Windham Region Seniors' Health Collaborative, which seeks to prepare the region for the needs of our rapidly growing senior population. Our Brownfields program continues to assist with the assessment and remediation of contaminated sites, and we continue to assist our towns with flood mitigation, water quality, and habitat restoration projects.

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. 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 \$1,133.29. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2023, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."



# Winhall Memorial Library Annual Report

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022



The Library had a milestone year, a year of great improvement.

Thank you to all the continued support from our trustees, our patrons, our volunteers and the Town of Winhall. The library successfully survived its pandemic closure and is flourishing again. Our patronage continues to grow, with regular attendance at our events. Thank you to our amazing community.

<b>Board of Trustees</b> <b>Officers</b> Allie Matrone & Elaine Villano Patricia Glabach Tamatha Blanchard <b>Board Members</b> Judy Reynolds Vicki Smul Steve Obletz Pat Meulemans Carolann Mitchell	<b>Statistics</b> Patron visits: 1354 Live Program attendance: 286 Physical Items circulated: 1728 Digital items (Hoopla) circulated: 404
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## Milestones

- **Winter 2021**

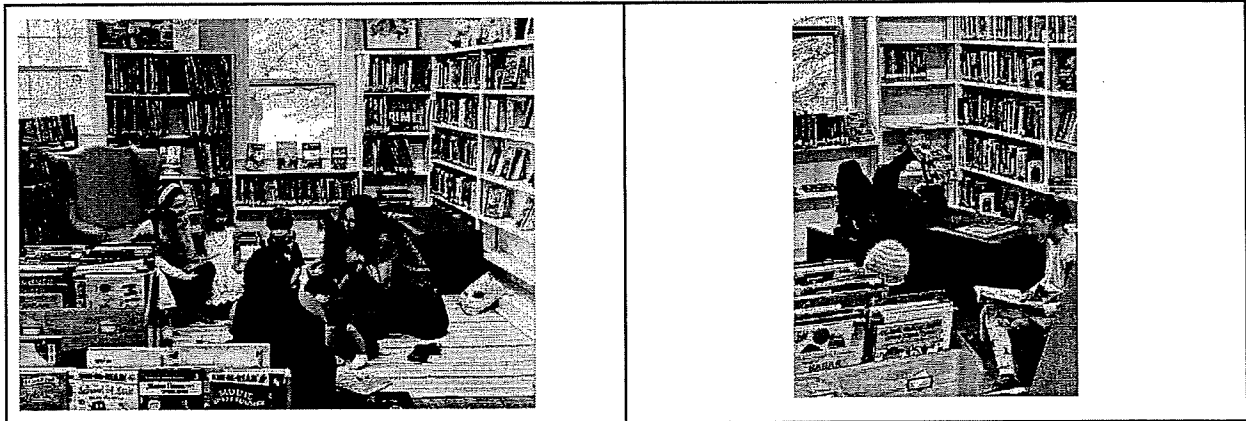
**Building Improvement** The children's collection was moved into the main room & new shelving & furniture was purchased with grant funds. We created a non-fiction/meeting room. A volunteer painted the interior and installed a new art rail system and a donated bathroom cabinet. We purchased 2 storage containers for outdoor storage. The town paid to refinish the floors in November 2022. Thank you!

- **June-August 2022**

**We had 486 patron visits last summer; more than the entire previous year's 466 visits** (see last Town Report). The Library was open for 17 hours weekly including Saturday mornings. The Librarian is contracted for 20 hours per week.

- **July 19, 2022**

**WML went live on the Catamount Library Network, becoming 100% automated.** WML adopted a 14 digit barcode system and began issuing new cards. CLM is a consortium of 23 Vermont libraries that share a circulation/cataloging software platform and allow our Winhall patrons to borrow from all 23 as if one. Automation means more accurate statistical, inventory, circulation reports, etc.



## Fundraising and Grant Awards

- Library Day, Plant Sale, Maple Syrup Fundraiser, Art Sale, # Giving Tuesday 2022

The library continues to successfully raise the \$4000 that is mandated in the income side of our working budget. In fact, the library's fundraising efforts greatly exceeded this amount, clearly indicating the support of the local community. Thank you to Audrey Roberts & Tami Blanchard for spearheading the Plant and Maple Syrup sales.

- 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 & required for membership in the CLN.

- Summer Performance Grant/Vermont Department of Libraries

WML was granted \$300 for a 2022 Vermont Summer Program Performer. WML teamed up with the South Londonderry Library to host an event at the Bondville Fairgrounds. Approximately 25 children and adults were treated to a fun "Camp Ocean" theater show by the Travelling Lantern group. Next summer South Londonderry will host. Funds were also used to buy supplies for crafts related to the summer reading theme *Oceans of Possibilities*. Summer reading challenges were accepted by 8 local children.

- Vermont Public Libraries Equipment and Supplies Grant (IMLS ARPA Round 2)

WML was awarded \$500 in federal funds in order to support library programs and services with standalone HVAC augmentation, etc. Funds were received in July and were used to purchase a BlueAir silent filter, carbon filters, prefilters, an industrial floor fan and PPE materials.

## Live Programs



- *Snow Program* for children, February 2022
- *Scram, Scammers!* Workshop for adults, May 2022 (8)
- Gardening Workshop for adults, May 2022 (11)
- Benandana Band, Kid's concert, June 2022 (15+)
- Outdoor Movie Nights, July & August 2022, (20+)
- Travelling Lantern's "Camp Ocean" theater performance at the Bondville Fairgrounds, for children & caregivers, August 2022 (25+)
- *Falling with Leaves*, October 2022, for children & caregivers 2022 (25+)
- 2 Artist Receptions, August/October (4, 15+)
- Author Talk, October 20, 2022 (6)
- Book Discussion for adults, meets monthly (12 on average)
- Computer drop in for adults, Thursday (2 average daily) not included in live program count above
- Storytimes, July/August/Vacations, Tuesdays (1-3) not included in live program count above



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

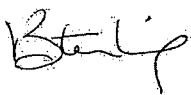
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,800 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 128 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **936 people** (546 women, 3 non-binary individuals, 18 men, and 369 children) who had been abused. These figures include 1 survivors from Stratton. In addition, we provided 38 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 600 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

**Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office:** (802) 896-6184  
(802) 896-6185

**Town Office FAX:** (802) 896-6630

**Town Clerk Email:** townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com

**Treasurer Email** strattontax@townofstrattonvt.com

**Town Office Web Site:** www.townofstrattonvt.com

**Town Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00PM

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

**Town Garage FAX:** (802) 896-6999

**Town Garage Email:** garage@townofstrattonvt.com

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Board of Selectmen:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office

**Planning Commission:** Warned as necessary - Town Office

**School Board:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month – 6:15 PM – Town Office

**Volunteer Fire Co.:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2023**

**(Please ensure that the Rabies Vaccination Certificate is current)**

**Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting**