

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **Town of Stratton, Vermont**



**July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**



# **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, 2024**

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

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

# *In Memory*

**Terri (Bills) Garland**, 59, died on March 26, 2023 at her home in Wardsboro. She grew up in Stratton and eventually served the Town in various positions, including Town Clerk in 1992 / 1993, then remained on as Assistant to the Town Clerk and Treasurer intermittently into the 2000's. Afterward, being a wealth of knowledge regarding the town and local government, she often provided help with questions whenever needed. Our condolences go out to her family members.

**Dr. Helmer E. Pearson**, 87, passed away in Albany New York on May 20, 2023. Helmer and his wife, Thelma had resided on North Brookwood Rd. in Stratton since his retirement about 20 years ago. Our condolences go out to Mrs. Pearson and their family.

**Leighton "Skip" Hammond**, 77, died at the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven, Connecticut, on June 4, 2023. Skip and his wife, Linda, had resided on Canedy Rd. in Stratton for many years during the 1990s and 2000s, at which time, he served on the Town's Recreation Committee and as the Town's Constable. Our condolences go out to Linda and their family.

**Robert Whittier "Whit" Foote**, 72, died as a result of an accident at his home in Stratton on October 24, 2023. Whit had been a resident of the Town for many years, residing on Pikes Falls Rd. Condolences to his family.

**Paul Sargent**, 83, died in St. Augustine, FL on November 12, 2023. Paul, his wife, Judy and their family resided in Stratton on Shepardson Rd. during the 1990s and 2000s. At that time Paul served on Stratton's Recreation Committee, as its chairman. Although the Sargents resettled in Florida, they continue to own the home in Stratton and often visited here. Our condolences go out to Judy and the family.

**On the Cover:** A porcupine eating an apple. Photo courtesy of Siobhan Eddy Young.



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January 15, 2024

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, 2023.

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

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

**ELECTED POSITIONS**

**NAME**

**TERM EXPIRES**

Moderator:	Boomer Walker	2024
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2026
Treasurer:	Alyson Peterson	2026
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2024
	Larry Bills	2024
	Chris Liller	2025
	Greg Marcucci	2026
	Boomer Walker	2024
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2026
	Ray Hawksley	2024
	George Rigoulot	2024
	Rob Wadsworth	2024
	Chris Mann	2025
Listers:	Kent Young, Chair	2024
	Candie Bernard	2025
	Elizabeth Liller	2026
School Directors:	Allison Young, Chair	2025
	Melissa Walker	2024
	Kellie D'Elia-Laskin	2026
	Devon Crowther	2024
	(vacant)	2024
Cemetery Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2026
	Chris Liller	2024
	Larry Bills	2025
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2024
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Peterson	2024
Constable:	Paul Bernard	2024
Town Agent:	John Waite	2024
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
	Diane Niederhauser	Feb. 1, 2025

**APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:**

Assistant Town Clerks:	Candie Bernard	
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Candie Bernard	
Zoning Administrator:	Ray Hawksley	2026
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Chris Mann	2026
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2026
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2025
	Boomer Walker	2025



	Paul Bernard	2026
	Tom Montemagni	2024
	Greg Marcucci	2024
Emergency Mgt Coordinator	(Selectman Chair)	
Regional Emergency Management		
Committee Members:	Al Dupell (as EMC)	
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	
Town's Cannabis Local Control		
Commission	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.	Dale Niederhauser	
And Alternate	Betsy Wadsworth	
Road Foreman:	Chris Liller	
Road Crew:	Stuart Chapin Tim Bills	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	
Asst. Transfer Station Attendants:	Gerry Cloutier / Mark Ellison	
Windham Solid Waste		
Management Dist. Rep.	Kent Young	

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

## 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	No	No	No, if Opposed	No	No <sup>2</sup>
Selectperson	No <sup>2</sup>	Yes	No	No	No	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
School Director	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	No	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes
Town Manager	No <sup>2</sup>	No	—	No	N/A	No	No	No
Town Treasurer	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	N/A	—	No, if Opposed	N/A	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	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	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 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. § 2456.
- 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 5, 2024**

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 5, 2024 at 10:00AM to act upon the following matters of the Town.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aids Project of Southern Vermont	500.00
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	3,150.00
Neighborhood Connections	1000.00
Senior Solutions	800.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Stratton Mountain Rescue	6000.00
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	7,000.00
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>\$48,608.00</u>

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$90,292.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

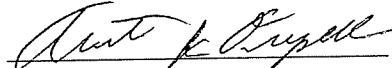
**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

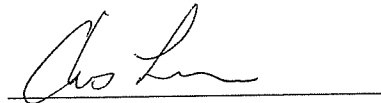
**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,121,988.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,520,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).

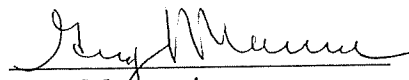
**ARTICLE 11::** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

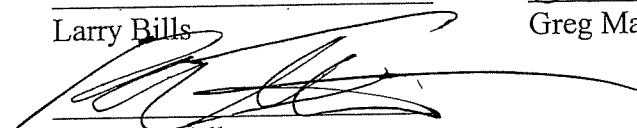
Stratton Board of Selectmen

  
 Albert Dupell

  
 Chris Liller

Larry Bills

  
 Greg Marcucci

  
 Boomer Walker

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
	<b>General Fund Revenues</b>						
100-2000-00.00	Current Taxes		136,911.01		147,926.60		
100-2004-00.00	Current Use		8,328.00		4,762.00		
100-2005-00.00	Delinquent Taxes		44,552.09		30,904.53		
100-2006-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Interest		19,074.22		14,087.74		
100-2007-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Penalty		16,312.80		13,763.96		
100-2100-00.00	Zoning/Building Permits		3,960.00		8,641.50		
100-2105-00.00	911 Fees		210.00		385.00		
100-2200-00.00	Sales/Meals Option Tax		575,242.83		648,716.86		
100-2200-50.00	Appraisal Revenue		15,285.50		15,247.50		
100-2250-00.00	PILT Revenue		38,946.00		56,670.00		
100-2260-00.00	American Rescue Plan Act		14,871.50		36,460.31		
100-2400-00.00	Interest-Checking		522.44		483.38		
100-2401-00.00	Interest- Savings		74.75		97.32		
100-2500-00.00	Clerk's Fees		57,028.25		33,513.75		
100-2505-00.00	Sales - Town History		240.00		480.00		
100-2510-00.00	Dog Licenses		584.00		239.00		
100-2515-00.00	Marriage/Civil Union Licenses		390.00		170.00		
100-2520-00.00	Beverage Licenses		1,590.00		1,360.00		
100-2600-00.00	Traffic Fines		215.00		553.50		
100-2700-00.00	Town Hall Revenue		50.00		-		
100-2750-00.00	Local Share of State Education Tax		29,339.02		27,743.79		
100-2825-00.00	Pay As You Throw Revenue		10,219.88		7,318.10		
100-2850-00.00	Recreation Area Revenue		-		6,487.47		
100-2900-00.00	Fire Alarm Fine		1,000.00		-		
100-2900-50.00	Cemetery Revenue		2,800.00		-		
100-2999-00.00	Miscellaneous Revenue		194.51		87.85		
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>977,941.80</b>		<b>1,056,100.16</b>		
Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
	<b>Salaries</b>						
100-3000-09.01	Salaries - Selectmen	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-3000-09.02	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>

**General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget**

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
	<b>Wages</b>						
100-3000-10.01	Wages - Selectmen	7,000.00	5,200.00	7,000.00	5,350.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
100-3000-10.02	Wages - Town Clerk	68,000.00	55,708.67	60,000.00	57,545.34	62,000.00	62,750.00
100-3000-10.03	Wages - Assistant Town Clerk	3,000.00	3,555.60	10,000.00	4,622.81	3,800.00	5,500.00
100-3000-10.04	Wages - Treasurer	59,000.00	58,422.67	60,000.00	59,458.89	62,000.00	62,750.00
100-3000-10.05	Wages - Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	266.67	1,000.00	544.78	650.00	750.00
100-3000-10.06	Wages - Selectmen's Clerk	2,000.00	1,176.35	2,000.00	2,053.94	1,500.00	2,250.00
100-3000-10.08	Wages - Listers	38,500.00	38,530.23	38,000.00	43,418.70	43,500.00	51,000.00
100-3000-10.10	Wages - Planning	3,000.00	400.00	3,000.00	500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3000-10.12	Wages - Election Officials	-	33.61	2,000.00	1,561.71	1,000.00	2,000.00
100-3000-10.14	Wages - Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-3000-10.17	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	15,500.00	10,896.43	16,000.00	7,611.30	13,500.00	10,000.00
100-3000-10.19	Wages - BCA/JPs	3,000.00	150.00	3,000.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3000-10.21	Wages - Transfer Station Attendant	31,000.00	27,864.97	33,500.00	32,280.21	35,500.00	37,500.00
	<b>Sub-Total Wages</b>	<b>232,000.00</b>	<b>202,205.20</b>	<b>236,500.00</b>	<b>215,397.68</b>	<b>237,450.00</b>	<b>248,500.00</b>
	<b>General Expenses</b>						
100-3000-15.00	FICA	19,000.00	19,042.76	19,000.00	20,104.49	19,500.00	20,000.00
100-3000-20.00	Office Supplies	7,500.00	5,179.18	7,500.00	7,411.76	7,500.00	8,000.00
100-3000-38.00	Office Equipment	3,000.00	1,881.36	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3000-40.00	Dues	1,330.00	1,330.00	1,430.00	1,430.00	1,537.00	1,653.00
100-3000-48.00	Insurance - Unemployment	1,000.00	549.00	1,000.00	449.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-3000-48.01	Insurance - Liability, Bonding, Workers Comp	45,000.00	33,168.25	50,000.00	49,120.25	53,000.00	56,000.00
100-3000-48.02	Insurance - Health & Dental	75,000.00	68,823.31	71,500.00	64,790.88	77,500.00	85,000.00
100-3000-31.00	Legal Fees	1,500.00	2,135.75	1,500.00	1,093.35	4,000.00	4,000.00
100-3000-61.04	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	1,000.00	847.30	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-3000-68.01	Mowing - Daniel Webster	-	460.00	500.00	265.00	500.00	500.00
100-3000-69.00	Animal Control Expense	3,500.00	3,307.80	3,500.00	2,779.12	3,500.00	3,500.00
100-3000-76.02	Street Lights	2,000.00	1,928.06	2,000.00	1,766.46	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-3000-93.00	911 House Numbering	200.00	196.36	200.00	96.22	200.00	200.00
100-3000-94.00	Appraisal/Reappraisal	10,000.00	48,467.30	-	28,747.00	17,000.00	18,000.00
100-3000-97.00	Training/Seminars	500.00	514.75	500.00	10.00	500.00	500.00
100-3000-99.00	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	274.13	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-3002-00.00	PILT Transfer to School District	-	38,946.00	-	56,670.00	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total General Expenses</b>	<b>172,030.00</b>	<b>227,051.31</b>	<b>164,130.00</b>	<b>234,733.53</b>	<b>193,237.00</b>	<b>205,853.00</b>
100-3100-00.00	Selectmen Expense	500.00	477.20	500.00	112.60	500.00	500.00



General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
100-3200-00.00	Lister Expense	-	1,970.50	-	94.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-3300-00.01	Town Report Expense	2,000.00	994.87	2,000.00	1,232.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-3300-95.00	Outside Audit Expense	8,000.00	11,859.00	10,000.00	11,959.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
100-3400-34.00	Town Clerk Expense	1,500.00	2,972.13	1,500.00	1,799.75	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3400-36.00	Land Records Preservation	12,000.00	-	15,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
100-3400-54.00	Copier Expense	5,000.00	3,375.22	5,000.00	3,858.58	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-3500-00.00	Treasurer Expense	2,000.00	1,260.67	2,000.00	1,222.81	2,000.00	2,000.00
100-3500-00.01	Bank Reconciliation Expense	1,500.00	1,268.75	1,500.00	1,558.75	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-3600-00.00	Planning Expense	3,000.00	595.65	3,000.00	605.68	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3650-00.00	Zoning Expense	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	101.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<b>Town Hall Expenses</b>						
100-3700-68.00	Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance	-	6,908.16	-	939.68	-	-
100-3700-68.01	Telephone - Consolidated Communications	-	-	-	647.40	1,500.00	5,500.00
100-3700-68.02	Alarm & Security	-	-	-	630.00	500.00	800.00
100-3700-68.04	Cleaning	-	-	-	2,022.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-3700-68.08	Hired Contractors	-	-	-	74.11	500.00	500.00
100-3700-68.10	Supplies	2,500.00	2,552.86	2,500.00	1,861.77	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3700-76.00	Fuel/Heat	1,600.00	1,020.95	1,600.00	1,231.40	1,600.00	1,600.00
100-3700-76.01	Electricity	4,100.00	10,481.97	4,100.00	7,406.36	12,100.00	17,400.00
	<b>Sub-Total Town Hall Expenses</b>						
100-3770-68.00	Cemeteries Expense	3,000.00	2,539.30	3,000.00	2,370.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	<b>Town Office Expenses</b>						
100-3800-34.00	Telephone/Internet - Consolidated Communications	3,000.00	2,652.96	3,000.00	2,367.61	3,000.00	3,000.00
100-3800-68.00	Repairs/Maintenance	17,000.00	34,875.40	40,000.00	830.21	-	-
100-3800-68.02	Alarm & Security	-	-	-	937.40	1,500.00	5,500.00
100-3800-68.04	Cleaning	-	-	-	1,660.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
100-3800-68.06	Generator	-	-	-	1,089.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
100-3800-68.08	Hired Contractors	-	-	-	22,519.61	5,000.00	5,000.00

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Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
100-3800-68.10	Internet - VTEL	-	-	-	1,080.61	1,200.00	1,200.00
100-3800-68.11	Internet - Starlink	-	-	-	830.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-3800-68.12	Mowing	-	-	-	43,626.65	29,800.00	30,000.00
100-3800-68.14	Software/IT	-	-	-	483.91	500.00	500.00
100-3800-68.16	Water Delivery Service	4,000.00	4,165.15	4,000.00	3,011.48	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-3800-76.00	Fuel/Heat	2,500.00	1,867.93	2,500.00	2,905.55	3,000.00	4,000.00
100-3800-76.01	Electricity	26,500.00	43,561.44	49,500.00	81,342.03	53,000.00	60,500.00
	<b>Sub-Total Town Office Expenses</b>						
100-3900-00.00	Election Expense	50.00	-	250.00	-	-	500.00
100-4000-00.00	Marriage License Expense	-	350.00	-	-	-	-
100-4100-00.02	Rescue Services	6,372.00	6,372.00	12,980.00	12,980.00	13,112.00	13,244.00
100-4100-00.03	Mutual Aid Expense	43,149.00	43,149.00	44,228.00	44,228.00	45,112.00	46,691.00
100-4200-00.00	Dog License Expense	-	369.74	-	65.03	100.00	100.00
100-5000-00.00	Town Functions	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	813.94	4,000.00	15,000.00
100-5500-00.00	Transfer Station Operations	30,000.00	32,071.61	40,000.00	31,506.00	35,000.00	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	36,869.32	20,000.00	27,675.09	20,000.00	30,000.00
100-6000-00.12	Rec Area Pavillion	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
100-9300-00.00	County Tax	75,000.00	64,951.00	75,000.00	96,539.00	75,000.00	120,000.00
100-9700-00.00	VT Retirement	12,500.00	11,676.62	14,000.00	12,685.18	15,000.00	15,000.00
100-9800-00.00	Green Up Day	200.00	168.05	300.00	186.85	300.00	300.00
100-9900-00.00	Total Appropriations	103,368.00	102,868.00	106,183.00	105,683.00	105,383.00	138,900.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>907,769.00</b>	<b>944,458.55</b>	<b>954,671.00</b>	<b>1,031,156.66</b>	<b>988,794.00</b>	<b>1,121,988.00</b>
	<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>		<b>33,483.25</b>		<b>24,943.50</b>		

**STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**  
**JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

	Balance 7/1/2022	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2023
Outside Audit	-	-	-	-	-
Rec Equipment	15,043.89	9.03	-	(6,013.70)	9,039.22
Rec Pavillion	80,659.15	48.41	5,000.00	-	85,707.56
State Reappraisal	12,185.67	6.71	-	(12,192.38)	-
Computer/Office Equipment	1,597.25	0.95	-	-	1,598.20
Land Records Preservation	21,505.87	12.91	15,000.00	-	36,518.78
Meeting House/Church	3,245.11	1.95	-	-	3,247.06
Town Hall	14,438.24	8.67	-	(4,213.19)	10,233.72
School House	11,540.77	6.93	-	-	11,547.70
Lister Education	2,942.83	1.77	-	-	2,944.60
Bridge Funds	11,120.24	6.67	-	-	11,126.91
Culverts	54,670.64	32.81	-	(10,373.17)	44,330.28
Guardrails	-	0.60	10,000.00	-	10,000.60
Paving	11,851.76	7.11	-	(273.90)	11,584.97
Equipment Replacement	81,455.01	48.89	-	(2,108.00)	79,395.90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>322,256.43</b>	<b>193.41</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>(35,174.34)</b>	<b>317,275.50</b>

**STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS**  
**JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023**

	Balance 7/1/2022	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2023
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	1,436.48	6.89	-	1,443.37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,291.48</b>	<b>6.89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,298.37</b>

**Town of Stratton  
Tax Reconciliation  
June 30, 2023**

Beginning Delinquents (6/30/2022)	31,348.55
Total 2022 Tax Billings	13,420,629.31
Taxes sent to Stratton School District	(1,197,683.00)
Taxes transferred to Highway Fund	(876,008.00)
Taxes sent to State of Vermont	(11,091,783.21)
State Payments	(45,949.00)
Late Fee Retained by Town	30.00
Local Share of State Education Taxes	(27,743.79)
Current Taxes	(147,926.60)
Delinquent Taxes Collected	(30,904.53)
Abatements	(6.74)
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,002.99</b>
<b>Total Per Delinquent List (6/30/2023)</b>	<b>34,002.99</b>
Difference	0.00

<b>Breakdown 2022 Taxes Billed</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Total Raised</b>
Non Residential Ed.	1.5723	11,967,080.08
Homestead Ed.	1.5326	395,159.44
Local Agreement	0.0002	1,618.31
Highway	0.1083	876,252.97
General Fund	0.0222	179,618.90
Late Homestead Penalty		899.61
<b>2022 Total Taxes Billed</b>		<b>13,420,629.31</b>

**DELINQUENT TAXES**  
**Year Ending June 30, 2023**

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe	2022	6.47
Berman, Allison	2022	5,562.90
Call, Michael*	2022	371.99
Capes, Charles III	2021	568.07
Capes, Charles III	2022	487.89
Carey, David*	2022	2,360.68
Carmody, Timothy J Et Al*	2022	10.18
Collins, David A	2022	451.00
Colsey, Roy & Christine*	2022	1,189.22
E & T Properties LLC	2022	14,332.09
Milton, James*	2022	2,605.70
Reney, Mary*	2022	378.63
Sasco Farms Vermont LLC	2022	788.26
Thomson, John B JR*	2022	2,836.54
Thomson, John B JR*	2022	2,868.10
Wasserman, Wayne H	2022	3,860.12
Wells, Marcelle F	2022	582.73

**39,260.57**

\* Paid after June 30, 2023  
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
	<b>Highway Fund Revenues</b>						
200-2000-00.00	Current Taxes		749,500.00		876,008.00		
200-2001-00.01	Equipment Sale Revenue		-		-		
200-2005-00.00	Savings Interest		79.11		96.09		
200-2010-00.00	State Aid		9,830.84		-		
200-2010-00.01	State Aid - Class 2		71,407.75		73,346.26		
200-2010-00.02	State Aid - Class 3		17,416.49		17,887.17		
200-2200-00.04	FEMA - DR4621		-		282,605.68		
200-2400-00.03	Grant Funds		207,820.00		13,711.62		
200-2999-00.00	Miscellaneous Revenue		6.00		-		
200-2999-00.05	Insurance Proceeds		-		-		
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1,056,060.19</b>		<b>1,263,654.82</b>		
	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021-2022</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2021-2022</b>	<b>BUDGET 2022-2023</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2022-2023</b>	<b>BUDGET 2023-2024</b>	<b>BUDGET 2024-2025</b>
200-5010-00.00	Employee Benefits	20,000.00		26,000.00		28,000.00	28,000.00
200-5010-10.02	Employee Leave - Stuart	-	7,841.90	-	8,257.37	-	-
200-5010-10.05	Employee Leave - Chris	-	14,099.41	-	8,110.44	-	-
200-5010-10.08	Employee Leave - Tim	-	1,965.75	-	5,135.00	-	-
200-5010-10.09	COVID 19 Leave	-	3,244.60	-	-	-	3,000.00
200-5010-20.00	Health & Dental Expense	35,000.00	60,302.23	60,500.00	71,979.14	66,000.00	85,000.00
200-5010-30.01	VT Retirement	9,000.00	11,758.14	13,000.00	13,843.31	14,500.00	15,000.00
	<b>Sub-Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>64,000.00</b>	<b>99,212.03</b>	<b>99,500.00</b>	<b>107,325.26</b>	<b>108,500.00</b>	<b>131,000.00</b>
200-5100-15.00	Highway FICA	13,000.00	12,023.43	15,000.00	13,660.31	16,000.00	17,000.00
200-5110-00.00	Summer Roads - CL2	40,000.00	-	50,000.00	1,198.97	50,000.00	50,000.00
200-5110-10.00	Labor - S2	-	14,652.80	-	17,261.28	-	-
200-5110-20.00	Materials - S2	-	574.64	-	7,259.62	-	-
200-5110-24.00	Hired Equipment - S2	-	5,782.85	-	8,154.16	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL2</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>21,010.29</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>33,874.03</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
200-5111-10.00	Summer Roads - CL3	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	1,198.95	80,000.00	90,000.00
200-5111-10.00	Labor - S3	-	26,249.55	-	37,124.28	-	-
200-5111-20.00	Materials - S3	-	24,762.67	-	29,350.37	-	-
200-5111-24.00	Hired Equipment - S3	-	3,109.25	-	11,355.82	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL3</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>54,121.47</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>79,029.42</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>
200-5113-00.00	Retreatment - Paving	60,000.00	327,040.99	250,000.00	250,273.90	300,000.00	450,000.00
200-5113-10.00	Labor - Paving	-	1,567.39	-	-	-	-
200-5114-00.00	Crack Sealing	20,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00



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Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
200-5140-00.00	Winter Roads - CL2	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	125,000.00
200-5140-10.00	Labor - W2	-	18,002.56	-	28,888.73	-	-
200-5140-20.00	Materials - W2	-	70,429.73	-	98,574.10	-	-
200-5140-24.00	Hired Equipment - W2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Winter Roads CL2</b>	100,000.00	88,432.29	100,000.00	127,462.83	100,000.00	125,000.00
200-5141-00.00	Winter Roads - CL3	80,000.00	-	90,000.00	-	90,000.00	100,000.00
200-5141-10.00	Labor - W3	-	22,669.87	-	28,518.91	-	-
200-5141-20.00	Materials - W3	-	58,105.66	-	73,020.77	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Winter Roads CL3</b>	80,000.00	80,775.53	90,000.00	101,539.68	90,000.00	100,000.00
200-5150-00.00	Brush & Mowing	25,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	20,000.00
200-5150-10.00	Labor - Brush & Mowing	-	4,259.47	-	8,434.27	-	-
200-5150-24.00	Hired Equipment - Brush & Mowing	-	5,412.00	-	10,030.00	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Brush &amp; Mowing</b>	25,000.00	9,671.47	30,000.00	18,464.27	30,000.00	20,000.00
200-5280-00.00	Road Signs	1,000.00	-	2,500.00	2,406.61	3,000.00	5,000.00
200-5280-10.00	Labor - Road Signs	-	21.50	-	104.00	-	-
200-5280-20.00	Materials - Road Signs	-	458.84	-	117.08	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Road Signs</b>	1,000.00	480.34	2,500.00	2,627.69	3,000.00	5,000.00
200-5283-00.00	Culverts	30,000.00	-	-	-	-	100,000.00
200-5283-10.00	Labor - Culverts	-	1,847.96	-	3,867.17	-	-
200-5283-20.00	Materials - Culverts	-	9,248.02	-	6,506.00	-	-
200-5283-24.00	Hired Equipment - Culverts	-	4,520.00	-	-	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Culverts</b>	30,000.00	15,615.98	-	10,373.17	-	100,000.00
200-5285-00.00	Guardrails	-	-	10,000.00	-	2,000.00	25,000.00
200-5285-10.00	Labor - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-
200-5285-20.00	Materials - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-
200-5285-24.00	Hired Equipment - Guardrails	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Guardrails</b>	-	-	10,000.00	-	2,000.00	25,000.00
200-5287-00.00	Salt/Sand Shed	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	5,000.00
200-5287-10.00	Labor - Salt/Sand Shed	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Salt/Sand Shed</b>	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	5,000.00
200-5305-00.00	Seminars	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
200-5305-10.00	Labor - Seminars	-	-	-	1,116.23	-	-
	<b>Sub-Total Seminars</b>	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,116.23	1,000.00	1,000.00
200-5310-00.00	Garage Maintenance/Supplies	40,000.00	22,711.78	40,000.00	21,723.48	45,000.00	70,000.00
200-5310-10.00	Labor - Garage Maintenance	-	20,297.24	-	30,420.77	-	-

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Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2021-2022	ACTUAL 2021-2022	BUDGET 2022-2023	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024	BUDGET 2024-2025
200-5310-25.00	Utilities - Garage Maintenance	19,000.00	21,735.00	20,000.00	21,269.92	22,000.00	-
	Sub-Total Garage Maintenance	59,000.00	64,744.02	60,000.00	73,414.17	67,000.00	70,000.00
200-5311-00.00	Tools	1,500.00	1,021.35	2,000.00	622.34	2,000.00	2,000.00
200-5312-00.00	Fuel, Grease & Oil	28,000.00	19,552.73	20,000.00	32,318.76	28,000.00	30,000.00
200-5530-00.00	Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	1,369.29	50,000.00	50,000.00
200-5330-00.05	Grader	-	1,989.20	-	1,126.28	-	-
200-5330-00.07	Chipper	-	-	-	-	-	-
200-5330-00.10	Chloride Sprayer	-	-	-	105.33	-	-
200-5330-00.13	2011 John Deere Loader	-	7,661.41	-	1,702.49	-	-
200-5330-00.15	Saws	-	1,269.08	-	98.83	-	-
200-5330-00.22	2016 John Deere Backhoe	-	-	-	-	-	-
200-5330-00.23	T1 - 2019 Western Star	-	8,649.70	-	13,516.18	-	-
200-5330-00.24	2020 Ford F550	-	5,903.76	-	11,859.32	-	-
200-5330-00.25	JCB Hydradig Excavator	-	845.50	-	728.85	-	-
200-5330-00.26	T2 - 2021 Western Star	-	8,270.99	-	11,237.48	-	-
200-5330-00.27	Mulcher Head Attachment	-	569.51	-	-	-	-
200-5330-00.28	2023 John Deere 524 Loader	-	-	-	2,378.28	-	-
200-5330-00.29	T1 - 2024 Western Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Sub-Total Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	50,000.00	35,159.15	50,000.00	44,122.33	50,000.00	50,000.00
200-5335-00.00	Radios	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00
200-5340-00.00	Administrative	5,000.00	10,869.85	6,000.00	10,971.91	8,000.00	12,000.00
200-5350-00.01	New Equipment Purchase	175,000.00	16,398.00	100,000.00	102,108.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
200-6100-00.00	Highway Uniforms	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
200-9990-00.00	FLAP Grant Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-
200-9999-00.00	Highway Miscellaneous Expense	2,000.00	1,544.95	4,000.00	507.99	4,000.00	4,000.00
200-9999-10.00	Labor - Highway Miscellaneous Expense	-	1,905.57	-	312.00	-	-
200-9999-11.00	July 2021 Flooding Event	-	322,330.40	-	-	-	-
	Sub-Total Highway Miscellaneous Expense	2,000.00	325,780.92	4,000.00	819.99	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Total Expenditures	837,500.00	1,186,477.23	1,008,000.00	1,013,124.29	1,179,000.00	1,520,500.00
	Net Change in Fund Balance		(130,417.04)		250,530.53		

**Wage Report**  
**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

Employee	Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total
Bernard, Candie	Lister	\$ 31.13	1,215.75	\$ 37,846.42
	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 31.13	244.50	\$ 7,611.30
	Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 31.13	148.50	\$ 4,622.81
	Elections	\$ 31.13	7.50	\$ 233.48
	Assistant Treasurer	\$ 31.13	17.50	\$ 544.78
	Personal Pay	\$ 31.13	179.00	\$ 5,572.28
				\$ 56,431.07
Bernard, Paul	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 50.00
Bills, Lawrence	Selectboard			\$ 1,250.00
Bills, Timothy	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 26.00	1,720.50	\$ 44,733.00
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 26.00	161.00	\$ 4,186.00
	Overtime	\$ 39.00	160.50	\$ 6,259.50
	Personal Pay	\$ 26.00	197.50	\$ 5,135.00
				\$ 60,313.50
Chapin, Stuart	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 29.81	1,729.00	\$ 51,541.58
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 29.81	58.00	\$ 1,728.98
	Overtime	\$ 44.72	71.50	\$ 3,197.15
	Personal Pay	\$ 29.81	277.00	\$ 8,257.37
			\$ 2,135.50	\$ 64,725.08
Dupell, Albert	Selectboard			\$ 4,150.00
	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 23.67	47.50	\$ 1,124.33
				\$ 5,274.33
Eddy, Helen	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 50.00
	Elections	\$ 26.52	11.50	\$ 304.98
				\$ 354.98
Ferrucci, Nancy	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 100.00
	Elections	\$ 26.52	10.00	\$ 265.20
				\$ 365.20
Hawksley, Raymond	Zoning Administrator			\$ 3,000.00
	Health Officer			\$ 2,000.00
	Planning Commission			\$ 300.00
				\$ 5,300.00
Holton, Dennis	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 50.00
Liller, Christopher	Selectboard			\$ 1,700.00
	Road Foreman (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 35.11	1,695.00	\$ 59,511.66
	Road Foreman (General Fund Hours)	\$ 35.11	165.50	\$ 5,810.71
	Overtime	\$ 52.67	252.50	\$ 13,297.96
	Personal Pay	\$ 35.11	231.00	\$ 8,110.44
			\$ 88,430.77	
Liller, Elizabeth	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 23.67	32.00	\$ 757.44

**Wage Report**  
**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

Mann, Christopher	Planning Commission			\$ 300.00
Marcucci, Greg	Selectboard			\$ 1,700.00
	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 50.00
				\$ 1,750.00
Marquis, Scott	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 23.67	1,112.00	\$ 26,510.48
	Personal Pay	\$ 23.67	136.00	\$ 3,219.12
				\$ 29,729.60
Montemagni, Thomas	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 1,050.00
Peterson, Alyson	Treasurer	\$ 35.11	1,492.00	\$ 52,384.20
	Elections	\$ 35.11	5.00	\$ 175.55
	Personal Pay	\$ 35.11	201.50	\$ 7,074.69
				\$ 59,634.44
Rigoulot, George	Planning Commission			\$ 300.00
Wadsworth, Robert	Planning Commission			\$ 300.00
Walker, Boomer	Selectboard			\$ 1,550.00
	Fire Warden			\$ 200.00
	Elections	\$ 3.50	26.52	\$ 92.82
				\$ 1,842.82
Weeks-Newell, Lorraine	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 100.00
	Elections	\$ 13.50	26.52	\$ 358.02
				\$ 458.02
Young, Kent	Town Clerk	\$ 35.11	1,408.00	\$ 49,434.92
	Selectboard Clerk	\$ 35.11	58.50	\$ 2,053.94
	Personal Pay	\$ 35.11	231.00	\$ 8,110.42
	Planning Commission			\$ 3,100.00
				\$ 62,699.28
<b>Total Wages Paid in FY23</b>				<b>\$ 441,366.53</b>

**WARNING  
TOWN OF STRATTON  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
March 5, 2024**

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 5, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

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

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

**ARTICLE 3:** To set the Annual 2024-2025 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the amount of \$18,900.00 for students in grades K-6, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

**ARTICLE 4:** To set the Annual 2024-2025 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.

**ARTICLE 5:** To set the Annual 2024-2025 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$20,966.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

**ARTICLE 6:** To set the Annual 2024-2025 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 5, who are residents of the school district.

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$925,565.00, 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 \$9,756.15 per pupil. This projected spending per pupil is 51.7% less than spending for the current year.


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

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the voters of the Stratton School District authorize the School Board to withdraw money from the Reserve Fund to offset the Homestead tax rate, but no more than \$50,000.00?

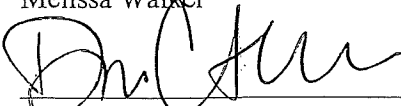
**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the voters of the Stratton School District authorize moving the operational surplus, if any, from FY 2024 to the Tuition Reserve Fund?

**ARTICLE 11:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

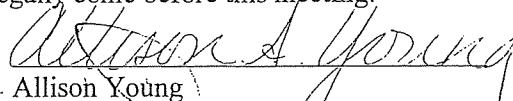
Approved by the Stratton School Directors:

  
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Melissa Walker

  
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Devon Crowther

  
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Allison Young

  
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Kellie D'Elia-Laskin

**STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

SCHOOL/GRADE	Enrollment as of January 2024												Prior Year Totals							
	PK3	PK4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	YTD	FY23	FY22	FY21	
Burr and Burton Academy												1			2	6	9	16	15	15
Flood Brook School																	0	0	1	1
Kids in the Country Child Care																	0	1	0	0
Long Trail School											1					1	1	1	3	3
Manchester Elementary Middle School								1		1						2	3	0	2	2
Maple Street School									1							1	1	1	2	6
Mountain School at Winhall	1				1	1	2	1	2							8	10	18	11	11
Northshire Day School																0	0	0	1	1
Proctor Academy																0	0	0	0	1
Red Fox Community School																0	0	0	0	1
Stratton Mountain School											4		1	2	3	10	11	8	15	15
The Academy at Charlemont									1							1	0	0	0	0
The Dorset School																0	1	1	0	0
The Dover School		1							1							2	2	2	3	3
Twin Valley Elementary School																0	0	1	1	1
Twin Valley Middle High School										1						2	2	1	1	1
Vermont Academy																0	0	1	1	1
Wardsboro Elementary School				1				1								3	3	3	3	3
West River Montessori School		1														1	1	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>

PK3 = 3 year olds  
PK4 = 4 year olds



**FY25 Stratton School District Annual Budget Report - Revenues**

Account	Account Title	FY23 Budget	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
1001 GENERAL FUND							
5 LOCAL	INTEREST EARNED	15.00	70.38	50.00	120,000.00	(50.00)	(100.00%)
	OTHER REVENUES-RENTALS	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	-	-
<b>Total 5 - LOCAL</b>		<b>120,015.00</b>	<b>120,070.38</b>	<b>120,050.00</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>	<b>(60.00)</b>	<b>(0.04%)</b>
6 OTHER	OTHR SUBGRT	10,000.00	12,132.94	10,000.00	12,000.00	2,000.00	20.00%
<b>Total 6 - OTHER</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>12,132.94</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>20.00%</b>
7 STATE	STATE TRANSP GRANT	14,950.00	16,138.00	14,950.00	16,000.00	1,050.00	7.02%
	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	1,197,663.00	1,197,663.00	1,200,820.00	721,565.00	(479,055.00)	(39.90%)
	PRIOR YR ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total 7 - STATE</b>		<b>1,212,653.00</b>	<b>1,213,821.00</b>	<b>1,215,770.00</b>	<b>721,565.00</b>	<b>(478,005.00)</b>	<b>(39.32%)</b>
8 FEDERAL	OTHR-DIR FRM FED GOV	37,000.00	56,670.00	37,000.00	56,000.00	19,000.00	51.35%
<b>Total 8 - FEDERAL</b>		<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>56,670.00</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>	<b>56,000.00</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>51.35%</b>
<b>Total 1001 - GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>1,379,648.00</b>	<b>1,402,694.32</b>	<b>1,392,820.00</b>	<b>925,565.00</b>	<b>(457,055.00)</b>	<b>(33.05%)</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,379,648.00</b>	<b>1,402,694.32</b>	<b>1,392,820.00</b>	<b>925,565.00</b>	<b>(457,055.00)</b>	<b>(33.06%)</b>

**FY25 Stratton School District Annual Budget Report - Expenditures**

Account	Account Title	FY23 Budget	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
01 PREKINDERGARTEN							
1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	10,926.00	15,310.98	30,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00	16.67%
	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	7,284.00	15,310.98	40,000.00	30,000.00	(20,000.00)	(200.00%)
<b>Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>		<b>18,210.00</b>	<b>30,621.96</b>	<b>70,000.00</b>	<b>65,000.00</b>	<b>(25,000.00)</b>	<b>(62.50%)</b>
1201 ECSE	SU ASSESSMENTS	20,529.00	20,529.00	9,037.00	6,579.00	(2,458.00)	(27.20%)
<b>Total 1201 - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>20,529.00</b>	<b>20,529.00</b>	<b>9,037.00</b>	<b>6,579.00</b>	<b>(2,458.00)</b>	<b>(27.20%)</b>
1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	CONTRACTED SERVICES	5,600.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	101,576.00	101,309.00	104,339.00	72,100.00	(32,239.00)	(30.90%)
	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	331,803.00	128,160.00	340,501.00	185,400.00	(155,101.00)	(45.56%)
	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>		<b>438,979.00</b>	<b>229,679.00</b>	<b>444,840.00</b>	<b>257,500.00</b>	<b>(187,340.00)</b>	<b>(42.11%)</b>
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	12,500.00	6,250.00	12,500.00	12,875.00	375.00	3.00%
<b>Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS</b>		<b>12,500.00</b>	<b>6,250.00</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>	<b>12,875.00</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>3.00%</b>
1101 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	TUITN TO PUB VT LEAS	34,155.00	99,555.44	88,786.00	74,160.00	(14,626.00)	(16.47%)
	TUITN TO PRIV VT LEAS	695,514.00	541,884.95	675,341.00	354,956.00	(320,375.00)	(47.44%)
	TUITN TO NONVT PRIV LEAS	35,032.00	0.00	0.00	18,814.00	18,814.00	0%
<b>Total 1101 - DIRECT INSTRUCTION</b>		<b>764,701.00</b>	<b>641,440.39</b>	<b>764,127.00</b>	<b>447,930.00</b>	<b>(316,197.00)</b>	<b>(41.35%)</b>
2711 RESIDENT STUDENTS	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	20,000.00	9,220.00	17,210.00	17,585.00	375.00	2.18%
<b>Total 2711 - RESIDENT STUDENTS</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>9,220.00</b>	<b>17,210.00</b>	<b>17,585.00</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>2.18%</b>
1201 MTSS (Special Ed/AST)	SU ASSESSMENTS	39,124.00	39,124.00	44,053.00	63,030.00	18,977.00	43.08%
<b>Total 1201 - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>39,124.00</b>	<b>39,124.00</b>	<b>44,053.00</b>	<b>63,030.00</b>	<b>18,977.00</b>	<b>43.08%</b>
2811 BOARD OF EDUCATION	OTHER	12,000.00	3,692.88	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0%
	FICA	918.00	282.51	459.00	459.00	0.00	0%
	OTH PROF SERV - LOCAL	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
	TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
	PRCHSRV FRM PUB VT LEA	642.00	642.00	622.00	0.00	(622.00)	(100.00%)
	SU ASSESSMENTS	36,395.00	36,395.00	28,272.00	39,097.00	4,825.00	17.07%
<b>Total 2811 - BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		<b>55,105.00</b>	<b>41,162.39</b>	<b>35,353.00</b>	<b>39,556.00</b>	<b>4,203.00</b>	<b>11.89%</b>
2314 AUDIT	AUDITING SERVICES	10,500.00	7,818.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total 2314 - AUDIT</b>		<b>10,500.00</b>	<b>7,818.00</b>	<b>10,500.00</b>	<b>10,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
2315 LEGAL FEES	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0%
<b>Total 2315 - LEGAL FEES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total 51 - LOCATION-WIDE EXCL PRE-K</b>		<b>104,729.00</b>	<b>88,104.39</b>	<b>94,906.00</b>	<b>118,086.00</b>	<b>23,180.00</b>	<b>24.42%</b>
<b>Total 1001 - GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>1,379,648.00</b>	<b>1,402,694.32</b>	<b>1,392,820.00</b>	<b>925,565.00</b>	<b>(457,055.00)</b>	<b>(33.06%)</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,379,648.00</b>	<b>1,402,694.32</b>	<b>1,392,820.00</b>	<b>925,565.00</b>	<b>(457,055.00)</b>	<b>(33.06%)</b>

392,169.56

Surplus/(Deficit)

**Statement of School District Fund Balances**  
**June 30, 2023**

<b>General Fund</b>	
Beginning FY23 Fund Balance	146,007
FY23 Revenues	1,402,694
FY23 Expenses	1,010,525
FY23 Surplus Transferred to Reserve Fund	392,170
Ending FY23 Fund Balance	146,007

<b>Tuition Reserve Fund</b>	
Beginning FY23 Fund Balance	423,477
FY23 Revenues	392,170
FY23 Expenses	-
Ending FY23 Fund Balance	815,647

District: <b>Stratton</b> SU: <b>Windham Central</b>		FY25 is the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY22 - FY24. LTWADM is required			T200 Windham County	Property dollar equivalent yield 9,171 ←See bottom note	Homestead tax rate per \$9,171 of spending per LTWADM 1.00
		FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025		
<b>Expenditures</b>							
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, and full technical center expenditures)	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	\$1,382,620	\$925,565		1.
2.	<i>plus</i> Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-		2.
3.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	\$1,382,620	\$925,565		3.
4.	<i>plus</i> Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-		4.
5.	<i>plus</i> Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-		5.
6.	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$1,231,190	\$1,379,648	\$1,382,620	\$925,565		6.
7.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		7.
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		8.
<b>Revenues</b>							
9.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc.)	\$181,805	\$181,965	\$182,000	\$204,000		9.
10.	Offsetting revenues	\$181,805	\$181,965	\$182,000	\$204,000		10.
11.	Education Spending	\$1,049,385	\$1,197,683	\$1,200,620	\$721,565		11.
12.	Pupils (eqpup FY22 - FY24, LTWADM FY25)	65.23	62.95	59.44	73.96		12.
<b>Education Spending per Pupil</b>							
13.		\$16,087.46	\$19,025.94	\$20,198.86	\$9,756.15		13.
14.	<i>minus</i> Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per Pupil pupil	-	-	-	-		14.
15.	<i>minus</i> Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	-	-	-	-		15.
16.	<i>minus</i> 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)	-	-	-	-		16.
17.	<i>minus</i> Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer pupils	-	-	-	-		17.
18.	<i>minus</i> Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-	-		18.
19.	<i>minus</i> Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-	-		19.
20.	<i>minus</i> Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	-		20.
21.	<i>minus</i> Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	-	-	-		21.
22.	<i>minus</i> Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-		22.
23.	Excess spending threshold	\$18,789.00	\$19,997.00	\$22,204.00	\$22,204.00		23.
24.	<i>plus</i> Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$16,087	\$19,026	\$20,199	\$9,756.15		24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,087	\$19,026	\$20,199	\$9,756.15		25.
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	142.153%	142.902%	130.796%	106.380%		26.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>							
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$9,756.15 + (\$9,171 / 1.00))]	\$1.4215	\$1.4290	\$1.3080	\$1.0638		27.
28.	Act 127 tax cap (FY25 - FY29 eligible)				\$1.0638		28.
29.	Percent of Stratton pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.06)	\$1.4215	\$1.4290	\$1.3080	\$1.0638		30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	95.80%	93.24%	123.10%	107.25%		31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0638 / 107.25%)	\$1.4838	\$1.5326	\$1.0626	\$0.9919		32.
<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>							
33.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$9,756.15 + \$10,227) x 2.00%]	2.34%	2.39%	2.30%	2.00%		33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	2.34%	2.39%	2.30%	2.00%		34.
35.		-	-	-	-		35.
36.		-	-	-	-		36.

- Using the revised January 9th, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY25 forecast, the FY25 education fund need results in a property yield of \$9,171 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$10,227 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of 1.452. These figures use the estimated \$13,000,000 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%.



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

### Notice of Education Tax Rates for FY24

As per 32 V.S.A § 5402(b)(1) the Education Property Tax Rates for your municipality have been calculated and set for FY24.

Town/City: Stratton  
2023 Reappraisal (blank unless reappraising): ✓  
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA): 123.1%  
Calculation Date: 8/9/2023

**Homestead Education Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$1.0626**

*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: \$1.1300**

*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).



(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	236	252,870,000	22,226,600	230,643,400	252,870,000
Residential II R2	109	91,731,800	22,457,300	69,274,500	91,731,800
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	528,100	255,700	272,400	528,100
Seasonal I S1	9	1,231,200	0	1,231,200	1,231,200
Seasonal II S2	5	1,733,600	0	1,733,600	1,733,600
Commercial C	56	106,172,700	228,400	105,944,300	106,172,700
Commercial Apts CA	1	4,964,500	0	4,964,500	4,964,500
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	2	5,923,900	0	5,923,900	5,923,900
Utilities-O UO	1	249,800	0	249,800	249,800
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,090	727,081,700	3,319,900	723,761,800	727,081,700
Woodland W	60	20,541,500	0	20,541,500	20,541,500
Miscellaneous M	31	1,361,600	0	1,361,600	1,361,600
<b>TOTAL LISTED REAL</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>1,214,390,400</b>	<b>48,487,900</b>	<b>1,165,902,500</b>	<b>1,214,390,400</b>
P.P. Cable	1	1,029,100		1,029,100	1,029,100
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
<b>TOTAL LISTED P.P.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,029,100</b>		<b>1,029,100</b>	<b>1,029,100</b>
<b>TOTAL LISTED VALUE</b>		<b>1,215,419,500</b>	<b>48,487,900</b>	<b>1,166,931,600</b>	<b>1,215,419,500</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>					
Veterans 10K	1/1	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
Veterans >10K		30,000			
<b>Total Veterans</b>		<b>40,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>
P.P. Contracts	1	1,029,100			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	561,600	0	561,600	561,600
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
<b>Total Contracts</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>1,590,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>561,600</b>	<b>561,600</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	5,050,000	813,900	4,236,100	5,050,000
Special Exemptions	14		0	22,575,100	22,575,100
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total Exemptions</b>		<b>6,680,700</b>	<b>823,900</b>	<b>27,372,800</b>	<b>28,196,700</b>
<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>6,680,700</b>	<b>823,900</b>	<b>27,372,800</b>	<b>28,196,700</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>12,087,388.00</b>	<b>476,640.00</b>	<b>11,395,588.00</b>	<b>11,872,228.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST</b>					
<b>NON-TAX</b>					

18 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

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Stratton 2023 Billed 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
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)

Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	561,600	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions		0
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)	22,575,100	0
Special Exemptions	5,050,000	0
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	10,000	0
Veteran Exemptions	30,000	0
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K		0
Nonhmstd Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K		0
Partial Statutory Exemptions		0



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Stratton 2023 Billed Grand List  
CONTRACTS - (Town code: 627)  
Main District: Listed By Type and Date Voted

DATE VOTED	PARCEL ID	NAME	CAT. CODE	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	STATUTE CODE TITLE	VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTION	CONTRACT AMOUNT	ASSMT LESS CONTRACT
03/07/23	0800030.2 627-197-11425	STRATTON MNT VOL. FIRE DE	O	03/07/23	04/01/28	3840	561,600 Nonhomestead	561,600 561,600	0 0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions								561,600	
03/02/99	9900010. 627-197-10837	COMCAST CORP	PC	04/01/99	/ /	3848:38	1,029,100 Nonhomestead	1,029,100 0	0 1,029,100
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions								1029,100	

Stratton 2023 Billed 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	1,869,400
	18) 32 VSA § 3802(16)				
CHAPEL OF THE SNOWS INC	0301079.	C	STRATTON MNT ACCESS ROAD	STRATTON MNT ACCESS ROAD	528,800
	9) 32 VSA § 3802(4): 3832(2)				
STRATTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL	0301081.	C	USSEFI LAND WITH BLDG	USSEFI LAND WITH BUILDING	694,000
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4) 3800(b)				
STRATTON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL	0800030.3	C	SCHOOL	BRAZERS WAY	12,341,800
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4) 3800(b)				
STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	1100020.	M	RECREATION AREA	OLD TOWN ROAD	554,700
	10) 32 VSA § 3802(4) 3800(b)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	0800042.	M	NORTH CEMETERY	NORTH ROAD	7,000
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1000009.	M	DANIEL WEBSTER MONUMENT	STRATTON ARLINGTON ROAD	1,600
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100021.	M	UPPER LOT AT REC AREA		57,000
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100034.	M	BALL CEMETERY	BALL FARM RD	45,800
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100041.2	C	WEST JAMAICA ROAD	WEST JAMAICA RD	347,800
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100041.300	W	WEST JAMAICA ROAD	WEST JAMAICA ROAD	11,700
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1100065.	C			416,900
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1200028.	C	TOWN GARAGE ROAD	TOWN GARAGE ROAD	1,460,700
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1500018.	M	WILLIS CEMETERY	WILLIS CEMETERY RD	27,600
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1602083.	M	PIKE HOLLOW CEMETERY	PIKE HOLLOW RD	42,100
	14) 32 VSA § 3802(7) 18 VSA §5317				
STRATTON TOWN OF	1800011.	C	TOWN FOREST	ROUTE 100	564,600
	8) 32 VSA § 5401(10) (F)				
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT	0600014.	W	NATIONAL FOREST	STRATTON ARLINGTON RD/GRO	18,606,700
	1) 32 VSA § 3802(1)				
WINHALL STRATTON FIRE DISTRICT	0301093.	C			46,500
	30) 24 VSA § 3352				
TOTAL NUMBER OF EXEMPT PARCELS:					18

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Stratton 2023 Billed Grand List  
Special Exemptions Abstract  
Main District: Listed in Parcel Order Main District

Parcel SPAN	Exemption	Real Value		Assessment	
				Special less Exempt	Spec. Exemption
9900030. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11176	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	2,955,800	C Nonhmstd Homestead	1976,400 0	979,400 0
9900031. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11177	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	3,980,300	C Nonhmstd Homestead	2745,000 0	1235,300 0
9900032. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11178	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	488,200	C Nonhmstd Homestead	378,800 0	109,400 0
9900033. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11179	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	5,918,900	C Nonhmstd Homestead	530,400 0	5388,500 0
9900034. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11180	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	2,069,700	C Nonhmstd Homestead	1427,400 0	642,300 0
9900035. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11181	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	549,300	C Nonhmstd Homestead	454,600 0	94,700 0
9900036. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11182	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	3,343,400	C Nonhmstd Homestead	2305,800 0	1037,600 0
9900054. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11185	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	375,900	C Nonhmstd Homestead	274,500 0	101,400 0
9900061. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11186	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	106,100	C Nonhmstd Homestead	106,100 0	0 0
9900062. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11187	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	7,101,200	C Nonhmstd Homestead	1207,800 0	5893,400 0
9900082. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11381	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	31,000	C Nonhmstd Homestead	31,000 0	0 0
9900083. STRATTON CORP 627-197-11401	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	10,242,000	C Nonhmstd Homestead	8193,600 0	2048,400 0
9900080. STRATTON CORP. 627-197-11379	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	4,139,500	C Nonhmstd Homestead	2854,800 0	1284,700 0
9900081. STRATTON CORP. 627-197-11380	Ski Lifts & Snow Making	128,900	C Nonhmstd Homestead	88,900 0	40,000 0

Stratton 2023 Billed 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	22,575,100
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	41,430,200	
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Total Exemptions	0	22,575,100
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Grand Lists After	0	18,855,100

We certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the grand list of Stratton for the year 2023.  
Given under our hands at Stratton on this 14 day of August in the year 2023.

Carole Beane, David Kay LISTERS

I hereby certify that I have examined the grand list for the year \_\_\_\_\_ now on file and hereby certify this abstract in accord with 32 V.S.A. 4183.

Attest: David Kay TOWN CLERK  
Date: 14 Aug 2023

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 munici 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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January 5, 2024

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Chair, Board of Listers  
 Town of Stratton  
 9 West Jamaica Road  
 Stratton, VT 05360

**2023 Equalization Study Results**

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2023 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EPPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town (32 V.S.A § 5406). This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$1,187,222,800
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$1,107,017,782
<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):</b>	<b>107.25% or 1.0725</b>
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	17.63%

For a copy of your town final computation sheet and final certified sales report, please view those in your VTPIE account. 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).



## **Board of Selectmen 2023 Annual Report**

During the Town Meeting of 2023, Greg Marcucci was re-elected Selectman for a three-year term. Al Dupell and Boomer Walker were re-elected for one-year terms. At the subsequent 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 2023: 1) Paving of *the Stratton Mountain Access Rd. through the village*. 2) The Selectmen coordinated with the Southern Vermont Trail Assoc. to create a system of hiking and biking trails, as well as a small parking area within the Town Forest on VT Rte. 100. 3) In accordance with the State's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), the Highway Dept. continued with compliant ditching and culvert replacements this past year. 4) Minor road repairs and some culvert replacements, as well as a bank-stabilization project on Pike Hollow Brook were required following the July flooding event. 5) A new 2024 Western Star truck was purchased for the Highway Dept. 6) Mini-split units were added to the Town Hall for air-conditioning and additional heating of the building.

Boomer Walker was appointed as Fire Warden. Dale Niederhauser agreed to take on the position of DVFiber representative, with Betsy Wadsworth as the alternate. Ray Hawksley was re-appointed to the three-year positions of Zoning Administrator and Health Officer. Chris Mann was re-appointed as the Assistant to the Zoning Administrator for three-years. 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. Paul Bernard was re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three-year term. The position of Emergency Management Coordinate was unfilled; therefore, the Chair of the Selectmen assumes that roll.

Finally, after discontinuing the annual holiday party back in 2020, due to COVID, the Town continued the tradition in December, with a potluck dinner and the collection of food items for the local food bank. Additionally, the Board has agreed to hold a summer community event, to include a pig roast, at the Recreation Area. The Board would like to thank Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson, as well as the Road Crew for their work preparing for the event, and Steve Fletcher for his efforts toward the upcoming summer event. Thanks also goes out to Diane Schwippert for her work on the flower beds surrounding the town hall and meetinghouse. Lastly, the board appreciates all those who participated in the annual Green Up day cleanup along Town roadways this year.

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

**TOWN CLERK  
2023 ANNUAL REPORT  
(Calendar 2023)**

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

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

**Land Records:** In 2023, two Mylars (surveys or drawings) were recorded at \$25.00 / each = \$50.00. 1717 pages were recorded (Book 192 page 1 through Book 194 page 230). Recording fees at \$15.00/page brought in revenues of \$25,755.00.

**Property Transfers:** 127 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2023, for a total of \$57,062,645.00 in sales. An amount of \$1,905.00 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 \$793,455.86 (a decrease of about 45.3% from last year).

**2023 Vital Statistics:**

- Births** – No children of local Stratton families were born this year.
- Marriages** – Eight marriages were registered in Stratton this year.
- Deaths** – One resident and two non-resident people passed away in the Town in 2023.

**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, 2023 – April 30, 2024. Statistics concerning Catering and Special Event Permits are calculated for the 2023 calendar year):

1 <sup>st</sup> Class Restaurant / Bar Licenses:	11 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Licenses:	2 (\$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:	10 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	8 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Special Event Permits	10 (\$35.00 fee to the State)
Tobacco	1 (\$100.00 to the State)
Total fees collected by the Town: \$1405.00	Total fees collected by the State: \$14,260.00

**Solid Waste Disposal:** A total of 177.14 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2023. Of this, 48.47 tons (27%) were recycled. Additionally, Casella collected compost deposited at the Transfer Station totaling about 2304 gallons. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics:** Stratton collected \$6344.00 [fees] in revenues and paid out \$29,556.04 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.

**Voter Statistics:** As of December 31, 2023, Stratton had 245 voters on the Voter Checklist. 26 new voters applied to the checklist and were added in 2023, while 14 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. 21 voters remain inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. 28 voters attended the March 7, 2023 Annual Town and School District meetings. No State or Federal elections were held in 2023. The Governor appointed Diane Niederhauser as a Justice of the Peace following the resignation of Loretta Clark.

David Kent Young, Town Clerk

# Stratton Planning Commission

## 2023 Annual Report

At the Town Meeting of 2023, Kent Young 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 Commission recommended re-appointment of Ray Hawksley as the Zoning Administrator and Chris Mann as Assistant to the Zoning Administrator for those upcoming three year terms. The Selectmen made said appointments at their subsequent meeting.

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 2023

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard, and Elizabeth "Beth" Liller.

This year, the Listers heard 171 Grievances, with 10 appeals to the Board of Civil Authority.

The December 2022 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was calculated at 81.60%, but after completing the Town-wide reappraisal, the CLA to be applied to the 2023/4 taxes was calculated at 123.10%. The State Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate for 2023/24 was \$1.1300. The Homestead Education Tax Rate was \$1.0626. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.0776; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.1402 for homestead properties and \$1.2076 for non-homestead properties.

The December 2023 Common Level of Appraisal was calculated at 107.25%. This value will be applied to the Town's Grand List to calculate the Education Tax Rate for the 2024/5 tax year.

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) Cartographic Technologies, Inc. for tax mapping and software support.

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

Candie Bernard, Listers' Chair



# Stratton Highway Department

2023 was a busy year for the Highway Department. The month of March was a particularly busy month with a large storm that dumped almost four feet of snow.

The summer was dominated by the flooding in July which caused moderate damage to some of our roads and one of our large culverts. I would like to thank Lawrence Bills Excavating for assisting us with the repairs.

Other summer projects included routine maintenance, grading and ditching. We continue work towards compliance with the Municipal Road General permit which is required by Act 64.

The Village from the Stratton/Winhall town line to Shattarack road was repaved. The town was awarded a Class II paving grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. This grant covered almost two thirds of the project cost.

The last few winters have featured warmer temperatures and more rain than we typically see during the winter months. Unfortunately, this causes thawing and results in muddy roads. The Highway Department monitors this, and we do our best to make the roads passable, but it can be a difficult task.

During these times, I would ask that the roads that are used as "shortcuts" such as Penny Ave., Canedy Road and County Road be avoided. The increased traffic on these roads makes the conditions worse for the people that live on those roads and have no choice but to use them.

I would like to thank the staff at the Town Office for their help throughout the year, and a big thank you to Stuart Chapin and Tim Bills for working nights, weekends and many long hours throughout the year.

Respectfully,

Chris Liller

**ZONING REPORT**  
**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Permit Fee</b>
K. Koeppe	House	07/28/2022	790.00
Remy Lane LLC	House	08/11/2022	240.00
J Webber	Boundary Line	08/23/2022	50.00
Steinfeld/Coleman	Curb Cut	08/24/2022	20.00
Tollens/Cortado	House	08/24/2022	1211.00
Steinfeld/Colman	Access Permit	0825/2022	45.00
D'elia-Laskin	Tree House	09/20/2022	20.00
Stratton Corp	Snack Shed	09/20/2022	35.00
Stratton Corp	Chair Lift	09/28/2022	1155.00
Stratton Corp	Lifts	09/28/2022	715.00
Stratton Corp	Pool & T Courts	09/28/2022	1665.00
Stratton Corp	RFID Gates	09/28/2022	825.00
DiGangi	Renovation	10/06/2022	30.00
D.Juelg	Deck	10/10/2022	20.00
J. Boles	Deck	10/12/2022	25.00
R. Barrieau	Garage Addition	10/17/2022	35.00
R. Neeves	Building	11/22/2022	195.00
M. Zinman	Reno & Addition	12/27/2022	665.00
J. Webber	Subdivision	01/24/2023	50.00
J. Acerra	House	01/24/2023	265.00
D. Glennon	House	03/06/2023	165.00
C. Thurber	Boundary Line	03/09/2023	50.00
G. Montemagni	Garage	04/04/2023	65.00
B. Doolittle	Shed	04/24/2023	20.00
B. Juliano	House	06/05/2023	265.00
D. Stehle	Deck	06/28/2023	25.00
<b>Total Permit Fees Collected</b>			<b>8646.00</b>

## 2023 DOG REPORT

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

59 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2023. Licenses issued were for:  
55 spayed female or neutered male dogs.  
4 unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs.

Fees collected for 2023: \$569.00 (of which \$330.00 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

STRATTON MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE CO, INC					
				YTD	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	7/1/23-1/3/24	Budget
	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
<b>Income</b>					
4001 · Town of Stratton	65,550	65,550	65,550	63,500	90,292
4002 · Post Office Rental	7,000	8,125	7,000	3,750	7,500
4010 · Fundraising Income	15,000	21,338	15,000	18,815	15,000
<b>Subtotal Income</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>95,013</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>86,065</b>	<b>112,792</b>
4900 · Interest Income	0	296	0	364	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>95,309</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>86,429</b>	<b>112,792</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
6100 · Fundraising Expense	1,500	1,494	1,500	1,696	1,700
6105 · Office Supplies	300	60	300	0	300
6110 · Postage	550	126	550	34	500
6115 · Telephone Expense	600	603	600	494	800
6151 · Finance Charges	0	3	0		0
6155 · Computer, Software, Internet	500	2,460	500		2,650
6171 · Member Apparel, License Plates	0	3,076	0	1,036	0
6175 · Insurance Expense	1,500	850	1,500		1,500
6180 · Dues & Assoc. Fees & Subscript	500	402	500	330	500
6200 · Reimbursement	30,000	30,136	30,000	29,994	30,000
6205 · Turnout Gear	10,000	58	10,000	6,076	10,000
6210 · Training	500	139	500		500
6215 · Fire Call Food & Expenses	0	763	0	227	1,000
6300 · Utilities					
6305 · Electricity	1,200	933	1,200	757	1,200
6310 · Heat	5,500	4,348	5,500	1,491	5,500
6405 · Vehicle M&R	2,000	1,177	2,000	2,727	
* Engine 1 Tires & Batteries					6,903
* Tower 1 Tires & Batteries					10,786
* Engine 2 Tires					5,548
6500 · Equipment Maintenance	1,500	4,533	1,500		1,500
6510 · Grounds Maintenance	1,200	420	1,200		1,200
6525 · Building Maintenance & Supplies	2,000	896	2,000	397	2,000
6610 · Professional Fees	600	1,390	600	0	705
6615 · Treasurer	2,600	482	2,600	0	3,000
6620 · Secretary		1,601			
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>62,550</b>	<b>55,949</b>	<b>62,550</b>	<b>45,259</b>	<b>87,792</b>
1350 - Building Improvement	10,000	5,692	10,000		10,000
1500 - New Equipment	15,000	6,527	15,000	4,113	15,000
Compressor		44,251			
Radios				8,350	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>112,419</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>57,722</b>	<b>112,792</b>

**Stratton Mountain  
Volunteer Fire Company Inc.**

5 Brazers Way Stratton Mtn., VT 05155

**John Nault – President**

**Mathew Underwood – Chief**

**[strattonmtnfire@comcast.net](mailto:strattonmtnfire@comcast.net)**

The Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company responded to 103 calls in 2023.

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

In 2023, we hosted four trainings to better prepare us during incidents while meeting current requirements. We would like to thank Stratton and Stratton Mountain School for allowing us to use their facilities for these trainings. We were also able to complete the procurement and installation of an air compressor and filling station to fill SCBA bottles in our station. This is a valuable asset giving us the ability to fill our own bottles as needed and not rely on other departments.

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

TOWN OF STRATTON  
MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF  
MARCH 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Boomer Walker opened the meeting at 10:00am.

The Clerk took the roll. 28 voters were present – 15 votes constitute a majority.

The Moderator read the following Article:

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

Kent Young nominated Boomer Walker. Chris Liller seconded. Candie Bernard 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 act on the Town Report.*

Kent Young moved to approve the Town Report. Al Dupell 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:*

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

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

*Selectman (one three-year term):* Kent Young nominated Greg Marcucci. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Greg Marcucci was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

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

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

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

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

*Planning Commissioner (one one-year term):* Kent Young nominated Ray Hawksley. Al Dupell seconded. Candie Bernard moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Ray Hawksley was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

**Lister (one three-year term):** Kent Young nominated Beth Liller. DR Holton seconded. Candie Bernard moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Beth Liller was elected Lister for a three-year term.

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

**Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term):** Kent Young 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 Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

**Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term):** Kent Young nominated Alyson Peterson. Chris Liller seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. Alyson Peterson was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

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

**Town Agent (one one-year term):** DR Holton nominated John Waite. Kent Young seconded. Candie Bernard moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Kent Young seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

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

Kent Young so moved. DR Holton seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was approved.

**ARTICLE 5:** *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.* Kent Young so moved. Chris Liller 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>8,000.00</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>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>Londonderry Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>3,000.00</i>
<i>Senior Solutions</i>	<i>725.00</i>
<i>SeVEDS.</i>	<i>648.00</i>
<i>Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center</i>	<i>1000.00</i>
<i>Valley Cares, Inc.</i>	<i>335.00</i>
<i>VT Center for Independent Living</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>VT Family Network</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Public Library</i>	<i>6,600.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>

Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Windham County Safe Place	200.00
Winhall Library	2,625.00
<u>Women's Freedom Center</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$41,883.00

Kent Young so moved. Helen Eddy 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 \$63,500.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed unanimously.

*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.* Al Dupell so moved. Chris Liller seconded. No Discussion: No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

*ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to eliminate the Outside Audit Reserve Fund* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. Discussion: Devin Rondeau asked for an explanation of this article. Alyson Peterson explained that the reserve fund was nearly out of funds and that in this current year, this expense had been moved over as a line item in the Town's budget. With no further 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.* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell 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 \$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).* Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young 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 \$1,179,000.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. DR Holton asked why this budget had increased over last year's budget. Chris Liller explained that the cost of materials has increased considerably, which accounts for the majority of the increase. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 12 unanimously passed.

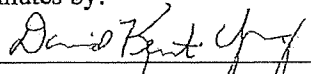
*ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.* The Moderator read a list of appointed positions the Town needs to fill this year, along with a brief description of the responsibilities of each position. Betsy Wadsworth also described what was happening with DV Fiber and the progress toward getting high-speed internet availability into the southern portions of Town. In conclusion, the Moderator said that anyone interested in volunteering for any of these various positions should please contact the Town Office.



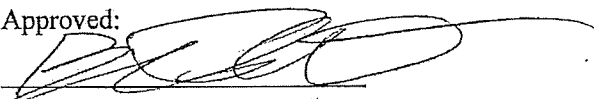
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**Adjournment:** At 10:30AM, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded and the Annual Stratton Town Meeting for 2022 adjourned.

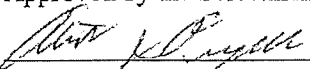
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Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:

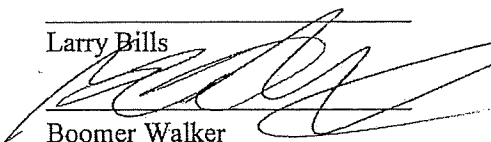
  
Moderator – Boomer Walker

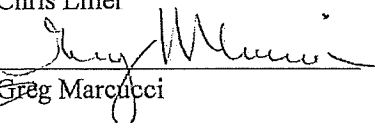
Approved by the Selectmen:

  
Albert Dupell

  
Chris Liller

Larry Bills

  
Boomer Walker

  
Greg Marcucci

**TOWN OF STRATTON**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF**  
**MARCH 7, 2023**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Stratton Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. Moderator, Boomer Walker, called the meeting to order and immediately asked for a motion to recess the meeting until Laura Sibilia, the State Representative for Stratton's District, was finished with her presentation to the voters. Kent Young so moved. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote to recess with unanimous consent and the meeting recessed. At 11:10AM, the Moderator reconvened the meeting. The Town Clerk took the roll and 28 voters were present (one additional voter arrived during the meeting). A majority of 15 voters will be required.

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

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

*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.*

Kent Young so moved. Allison Young seconded. Discussion: Allison Young stated that the School Board initially thought it would be a good idea to reduce the board membership back to what it had been a few years ago. Currently, however, members of the board believe it would be better to keep the number of members at five and therefore would ask that the voters reject this Article. The Moderator explained that voting yes / aye would approve the article and reduce the number to three, while voting no / nay would reject the article and keep the number of School Directors at five. He then asked for a voice vote. No one voted to pass the article and so the no / nays rejected the article - Article 2 DID NOT pass.

*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.)*

Melissa Walker nominated Kellie D'Elia-Laskin. Al Dupell seconded. No additional nominations. Candie Bernard moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred and Kellie D'Elia-Laskin was elected School District Director for a three-year term.

*School District Director                      One one-year term*

Betsy Wadsworth nominated Devon Marcucci. Al Dupell seconded. Candie Bernard moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Devon Marcucci was elected School District Director for a one-year term.

*School District Director                      One one-year term*

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

Kent Young so moved. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed unanimously.

*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/less than spending for the current year.*

Kent Young so moved. DR Holton seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed unanimously.

*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.*

Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed unanimously.

*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?*

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

*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?*

Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 11 passed unanimously.

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

The Moderator stated that there had been much discussion recently regarding some potential legislation regarding School Choice in Vermont. (Although an Article regarding this issue did not make the School District Warning, it seemed appropriate for the voters present to express their opinion, as long as it is known to be only the opinion of the majority of voters present at this meeting and not representative of the entire town.). The Moderator read the following statement and then asked for a voice vote to approve this non-binding request:

*“Do the voters of the Town of Stratton present today advise the Stratton School Board, the Vermont General Assembly including the Windham-2 District Representative, and Governor that: Because our district does not operate a public school, students have the ability to choose from a variety of public and independent school options;*

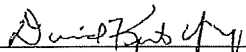
*The majority of voters present do not support the public funding of any school that discriminates against students or staff on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity;*

*The majority of voters present support the current structure of independent schools having autonomy over their governance and operations within the current regulatory framework. This structure of oversight has enabled our town to make school education available, as required by the State of Vermont, while maintaining confidence that the public and independent schools serving our students provide a high quality of education; and the majority of the voters present oppose efforts to change the current structure in a way that eliminates educational opportunities made possible by our current practice of school choice. The majority of voters present believe our current local educational system has evolved within this current structure, through a high level of community commitment and an appropriate exercise of local control, to provide high quality, equitable educational opportunities for our students."*

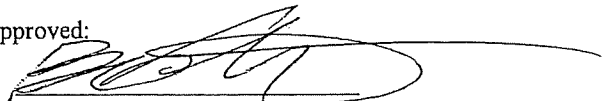
Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and the above non-binding statement was passed approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Kent Young so moved at 11:34am. Al Dupell seconded and the 2023 Annual School District Meeting adjourned.

Minutes by:

  
Town Clerk – David Kept Young

Approved:

  
Moderator – Boomer Walker

Approved by the Stratton School Directors

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Melissa Walker

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Devon Marcucci

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Allison Young - Chair

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Kellie D'Elia-Laskin

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Claire Sears



AIDS Project  
of Southern Vermont

October 25, 2023

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

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members,

I am writing today to request \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton for FY2025.

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. Our harm reduction (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.

With gratitude,

Samba Diallo  
Executive Director  
samba@apsvt.org



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

December 27, 2023

Town of Stratton  
Attn: Kent Young  
9 West Jamaica Road  
Stratton, VT 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 Northern New England region:

- We made **700 homes safer** by installing **2,177** smoke detectors and educating **897** families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **42,950 people** in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills. (training data for county level)
- We collected over **133,100 units of blood**. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,400** 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,

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

November 15, 2023

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 27th year we are continuing to engage diverse young Vermonters in the real-world work of preserving and promoting Vermont-made music. Stratton's local music sector and artists are served by and warmly welcomed to participate in the free resources we create. 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.

A highlight of our work during the past year is a new music licensing platform that creates the possibility for Vermont artists to generate revenue. Created with support from the Vermont Arts Council through a Digital Capacity grant, it brings authentic Vermont-made music to a central location for access by filmmakers and marketing companies, including the state itself. See

<https://bigheavyworld.com/latest-news/2023/7/12/vermont-music-licensing-site-launches>

Our mobile museum exhibit of Big Joe Burrell's saxophone has continued to tour the state, from the State House to elementary and high schools. It is available to libraries, museums, and schools throughout Vermont, free of charge. See

<https://bigheavyworld.com/latest-news/2022/5/12/mobile-big-joe-burrell-saxophone-exhibit-to-tour-state-schools-libraries-and-museums>

The recent project to bring USB microphones to Vermont libraries has made them available directly or through inter-library loan to the libraries of every Vermont town. The USB microphones can be borrowed to record or stream music, create podcasts, improve virtual meetings, etc. See

<https://bigheavyworld.com/latest-news/2022/5/6/usbmicrophones>

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. Bands across Vermont appear for live performances and interviews that then become a podcast with over 1,800 current subscribers. See

<https://bigheavyworld.com/rocket-shop-podcast>

Other ongoing projects include a USDA-supported map-based directory of Vermont's music sector, including a band guide that all original Vermont musicians may add themselves to. We're continuing to 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 are 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. 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.

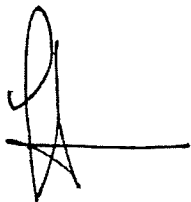


We are successful with engaging young people in service to their community in situations that give them professional skills because our programs are so diverse. We operate a 'hyper-local' community radio station that automates Vermont-made music between the shows that are hosted by local DJs. Our archive 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 dozens of Vermont towns this year. 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 be 'James Lockridge', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the bottom of the signature.

James Lockridge, Executive Director

(802) 373-2890; [jim@bigheavyworld.com](mailto:jim@bigheavyworld.com)



December, 19, 2023

Dear Sending Towns:

The Board of Trustees of Burr and Burton Academy has approved sending town tuition at \$20,966 for the 2024-2025 school year, a 4.9% increase. Our tuition for private-pay individuals (i.e., non-sending towns) will be \$23,589.

In reaching this figure, the board sought first and foremost to maintain affordability to our sending towns. The Vermont tax commissioner estimates that statewide education spending will increase 12% and overall taxes will increase 18%. We hope our tuition increase of 4.9% will help offset these onerous figures. Our tuition remains well below that of any of the other historic town academies as well as many public high schools.

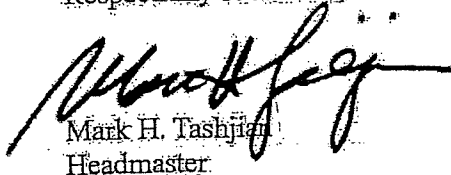
We also are deeply committed to the quality of education, and our costs will necessarily increase. We are supporting the faculty and staff in efforts to offset inflation not only in their lives, but in the face of skyrocketing healthcare costs, which are estimated to increase by 16% statewide this year. Our faculty and staff are the lifeblood of this school, and offering meaningful salaries and benefits allows us to attract and retain the absolute best teachers we can find.

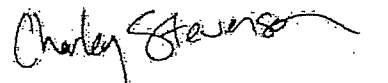
We will also continue to keep a sharp eye on managing expenses so each dollar spent has maximum impact.

As always, our tuition does not cover the total cost of a BBA education. We supplement tuition revenues with private fundraising of \$1.5-\$2.0 million as well as an endowment draw of approximately \$1 million. In addition, we raise money privately for all capital projects so the beautiful facilities that serve all students come at no cost to taxpayers. No public debt, no public bonds.

Since 1829, Burr & Burton Academy has served the Northshire communities in partnership. We appreciate the support, and we do everything we can to continue to be a school that is a point of pride and worthy of support from all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

  
Charley Stevenson  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



**Jamaica/Wardsboro**  
**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**  
*Hunger has no place in our community*

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

December 26, 2023

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.

Diane Allen  
Coordinator

**Emergency Contact & Information:**

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

The Community Food Pantry Inc. is a 501-c-3 organization: #03-0346100  
[www.communityfoodpantryvt.org](http://www.communityfoodpantryvt.org)



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

September 19, 2023

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 14 volunteers, Five 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 2024- June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 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.

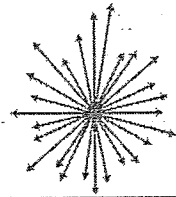
Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. would like to thank you for your consideration of this contribution it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heidi S. Taylor  
Business Administrator, DVR

PROUDLY SERVING

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Somerset	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marlboro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Halifax



# DVFiber

## Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2023

### Welcome

We are pleased to share with you our accomplishments through our first three years.

### Years One & Two (2021-2022)

Our volunteers established our organization, formed a public/private partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI), received \$26 million in grant funding, and connected pilot customers.

### Year Three (2023)

DVFiber started network construction and connected its first customers in Readsboro.

### Next Up for Connection:

Halifax (2024-2025)  
 Marlboro (2024-2025)  
 Stamford (2023-2024)  
 Whitingham (2023-2024)

### Towns Post-2025:

Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover,  
 Dummerston, Guilford, Jamaica,  
 Londonderry, Newfane,  
 Putney, Searsburg, Stratton,  
 Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro,  
 Westminster, Weston,  
 Wilmington, Windham & Winhall

### Who Are We

DVFiber was formed in 2020 as a municipality for the special purpose to bring universal high-speed fiber optic Internet service to all homes and businesses in our 24 town district. We are governed by a board whose members are appointed by the Select Boards in each member town. When completed, the network will be community owned and operated under contract providing service to its customers that meets or exceeds national standards.

### Year Four Budget

	FY 2023		FY 2024
	Budget	Actual (Projected)	Budget
Operating Revenue	\$453,805	\$3,706	\$503,697
Grant Revenue - Construction	\$9,990,031	\$6,335,630	\$9,158,716
Grant Revenue - Ops		\$485,081	\$794,608
Other Revenue	\$15,000	\$216,700	\$50,000
Net Revenue	\$10,458,836	\$7,041,117	\$10,507,021
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Admin Costs	\$499,354	\$350,888	\$534,670
Operating Costs	\$693,452	\$321,792	\$813,635
Construction Costs	\$9,376,819	\$6,335,630	\$9,158,716
Total Expenditures	\$10,569,625	\$7,008,310	\$10,507,021
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$(110,789)	\$32,807	-

\*FY 2022 Financial Statements can be found in our FY 2022 Audit



### Stay Connected

Scan the QR code or visit DVfiber.net to order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter.

### Contact Us

☎ 844.383.6246

✉ info@mydvfiber.net



November 1, 2023

Kent Young  
Town of Stratton  
9 W Jamaica Rd  
Stratton, VT 05360-9714

Dear Kent,

The Gathering Place is most grateful for the most recent appropriation from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$1,000.

Thanks to this generosity, we can celebrate together as we welcome the adults with disabilities, elders and their caregivers into our multi-faceted adult day program.

Remember, these funds help us provide so much:

- Programming designed to stimulate, entertain, and nurture creativity
- Independence and support for families who want the best for their loved one
- Opportunities for fulfilling, meaningful relationships at every stage of life
- Clinical oversight of medicine, nutrition, physical activity, intellectual and social engagement.

Thank you for your support as we work together to sustain and develop this critical community resource.

With Gratitude,

Heather Robertson  
Executive Director

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The Gathering Place is a 501(c)(3) organization. Federal Tax ID #03-0341536  
No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.

30 Terrace St., Brattleboro, VT 05301  
802-254-6559 [gatheringplacevt.org](http://gatheringplacevt.org)



November 3, 2023

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, we hope that you will please consider adding the following warning in your 2023 Annual Report, for consideration at Town Meeting in March 2024:

*"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 from the town of Stratton every year since 2007. This amount is identical to what was requested and approved by the taxpayers of Stratton last year.

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



United States Department of Agriculture



USDA Forest Service

# Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

This report can be viewed on the Town website.

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

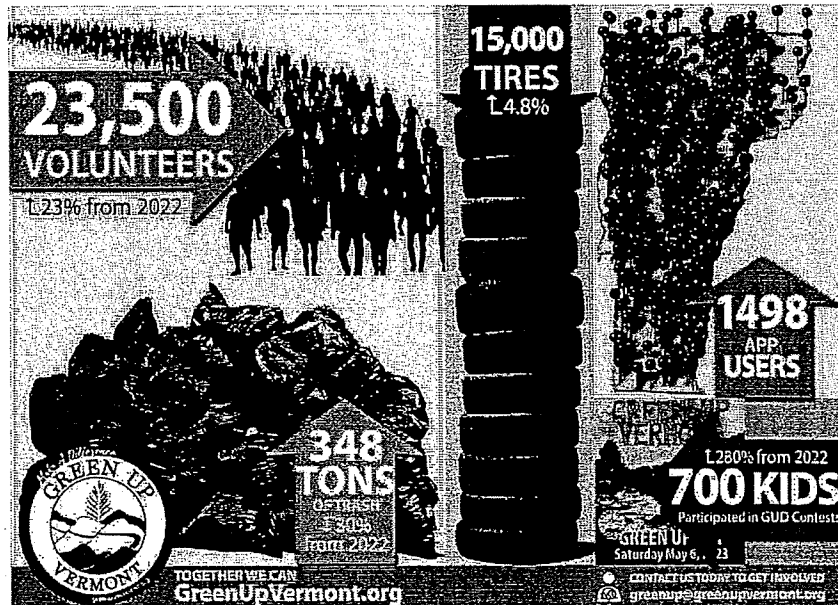
on the Town Meeting/Report page.





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

Green Up Day  
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

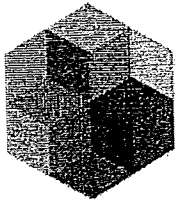
Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024.

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

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. **Thank you for supporting 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 online at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow 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 7, 2023

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 to create solutions to end hunger and homelessness for all people in our region. Our programs are focused around food, shelter and supportive services, all of which are available to residents of Stratton:

- Drop-In Center and Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main operates year-round for our neighbors 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



# HCRS

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES  
OF SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

Headquarters:  
390 River Street  
Springfield, VT 05156  
(802) 886-4500  
[www.hcrs.org](http://www.hcrs.org)

October 18, 2023

Albert Dupell, Selectboard Chair  
Town of Stratton  
9 West Jamaica Road  
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Dupell,

I am writing on behalf of the Springfield office of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services to request that the town of Stratton appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to our agency in support of services being provided to 3,690 individuals in Windham and Windsor counties.

This request is based on a formula of one dollar per capita according to the 2008 Yearbook. These funds will help support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance use 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 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Enclosed is a copy of HCRS FY24 Budget for the Agency. If you should have further questions, please contact Heather Cloud at (802) 886-4567 ext. 2219.

Thank you for your support in prior years and for your consideration in continuing to support us in this vital community service.

Sincerely,

George Karabakakis, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

**For inclusion in the Town Report:**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY**

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927, making it one of the oldest historical societies in the State, apart from the Vermont Historical Society. Since its founding, the Society has faithfully fulfilled its mission of protecting, preserving and presenting the historical and cultural development of the towns of Windham County for the education and enlightenment of the general public.

Just nine years after its founding, the Society's Executive Committee voted to erect the County Museum in the Shire Town of Newfane to showcase the Society's already growing collection. Notwithstanding The Great Depression, the Federal-style County Museum was constructed in 1936 and dedicated by Governor George Aiken the following year.

The Historical Society extended its scope in the Fall of 2014, when it purchased the old Newfane Railroad Station, comprising the 1880 Depot building and its associated Water Tank House. The Society saved the historic buildings from total deterioration, and at the same time acquired what may very well be the last surviving water tank house in the State of Vermont. Restoration of the Station took three years, and the Grand Opening of the West River Railroad Museum was held in 2017. The following year, the Historical Society of Windham County was the recipient of the Award of Excellence in Historic Preservation from the Vermont Historical Society.

For almost a century, generations of Windham County residents have entrusted the Historical Society of Windham County to safeguard their heritage. The Society's invaluable collection comprises close to 10,000 County artifacts and archival materials. However, even as stewards of two buildings—the 1936 County Museum and the 1880 West River Railroad Museum—much of our collection has been held in storage for decades for lack of exhibit space. That dilemma has been resolved this year with the Historical Society's expansion into the 1825 Windham County Jail building. Renovations are underway in the building, including the restoration of the historic jail cells. The Society anticipates a grand opening of its new Museum in 2024.

In addition to providing the space needed to creatively exhibit the Society's extensive collection, the new Museum in the County Jail building will allow access for the general public to the 1825 building for the first time in 200 years—access that, for all intents and purposes, was previously limited to an involuntary minority! At the same time, the 1936 Museum building will be refurbished as the Society's Archival, Research, and ever popular Genealogy Center, serving as a primary educational resource to students, scholars, and genealogists.

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 and the West River Railroad Museum has always been free. The same is true for the special events, programs, presentations, archival and genealogical research services 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 present Windham County's heritage for generations to come. We thank you for your consideration.

*The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum are open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from Memorial Day weekend through Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, as well as by appointment. School group visits are encouraged. The West River Railroad Museum is open from Noon - 4:00.*

*The County Museum is open from Noon - 5:00 and is also open Wednesdays with the same hours.*

*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.historicalsofwindhamcounty.org](http://www.historicalsofwindhamcounty.org).*

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

November 14, 2023

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.

We responded to 647 calls this year which is slightly lower than last year's record breaking number of calls. We remain the only all-volunteer rescue squad in the state of Vermont that doesn't charge patients for our transports or 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.

Even with our slight decrease in calls, our expenses continue to rise. This is due to the increased costs for medical supplies, diesel fuel and equipment. Our expenses this year totaled \$196,168.21. This year we are asking all of the towns for a 5% increase over the amount that they gave last year. This is a \$150.00 increase over the \$3,000.00 given by Stratton last year.

This year we are asking the Town of Stratton for \$3,150.00

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your community in 2024.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee of LVRS



Town of Stratton, Vermont  
Attn: Town Clerk/Select Board

**Re: Transportation Appropriation Request for 2024**

Dear Select Board:

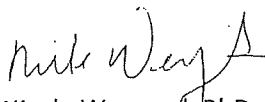
The Mountain Town Connector, Neighborhood Connections' transportation program, has provided nearly 1500 rides since its launch in late 2021. Last year, after receiving several resident requests, we added Stratton as a service town. Rides to essential services are accessible to anyone in our transportation service area, at no cost to the rider. We offer "door through door" service, meaning our drivers will assist and accompany riders to their destination if needed, ensuring our neighbors are always well cared for.

**The popularity of our program is evident in the over 1200 ride requests we have received year-to-date, an increase of over 200% since last year.** Our expansion efforts in response to this growth have included procedural updates and hiring additional staff, allowing us to fulfill more ride requests and increase group rides and social activities. Because of this, so many of our neighbors have been able to get where they needed to go this past year with the help of our accommodating staff and drivers.

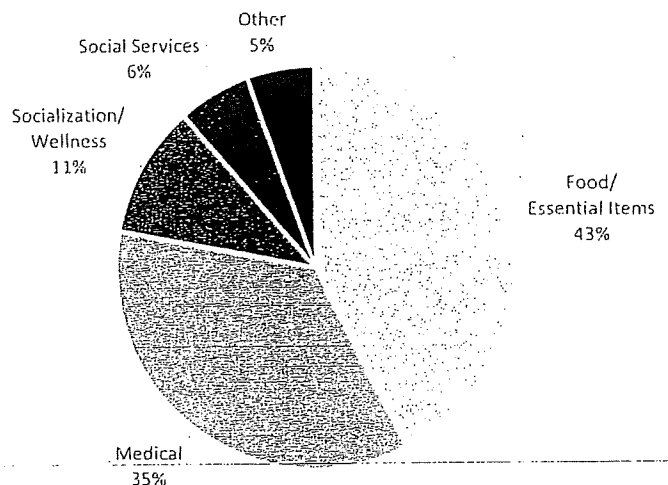
The long-term viability of the Mountain Town Connector requires collaboration and support from the communities we serve. Most of our program has been financed thus far by grantors who believe in the importance of transportation access in rural communities like ours, and we will continue to seek this support. Our long-term sustainability goal also includes securing 20% (or \$22,000) of our program's budget directly from appropriations from the ten towns we serve. We kindly request a \$1,000 contribution from the town of Stratton's budget to sustain our efforts.

Thank you for your continued support.

With sincerest gratitude,

  
Nicole Wengert, PhD  
Executive Director

Top Five Ride Request Categories



## Rescue Inc : 2023

Rescue Inc had another successful year providing reliable high-quality medicine and medical transport to our member towns. We are pleased to announce that once again we responded to 100% of the 911 emergencies. We responded to more than 6000 requests for service in 2023 which resulted in transport to hospitals in five states and ranged from public assists to critical care transports.

During the last year, in addition to our emergency medical response, we were able to teach 358 classes and train more than 1500 students at our new training academy located in Newfane. The Vermont EMS Academy offers initial and continuing EMS education as well as specialty programs for all healthcare professionals. The state-of-the-art facility features human simulators that create a life-like training experience in an ambulance and emergency room setting. New this year, we are also able to provide Pearson Vue certification exams.

A dozen searches and two floods this year kept our volunteer technical rescue team busy. We are excited to have had the opportunity to expand our membership with new members from the Killington area, bringing our team to more than 40 members. We take our role as part of the statewide disaster response seriously, training more than forty days throughout the year to keep our skills sharp. Our teams were deployed to some of the most complex rescues in the state.

Doing more for our communities and providing cutting-edge medicine is nothing new for Rescue Inc. We have nearly 58 years of leading the state in EMS delivery and serving our community. This year, in partnership with Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, we are pleased to be providing the first mobile integrated healthcare program in the state. Rescue Inc EMTs and Paramedics are now actively working with BMH orthopedics to improve the patient experience and improve healing before and after joint replacement. Home visits that are closely coordinated with the orthopedics team provide patients access to specialized services in their home.

We are grateful for the partnerships that we have with our local first-response agencies. Our system is widely regarded as the most reliable and cost-effective EMS system in the state, and we could not do it without them. Looking forward to the next year, we are committed to providing the same high-quality care, community support, and specialized programs that we are known for. Our municipal assessments for 2024 are going to increase by a modest 1%.

Thank you for your continued support!

Drew Hazelton  
Chief of Operations  
Rescue Inc

## SENIOR SOLUTIONS

### Detailed Report to the Town of Stratton

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

**This is a summary of services provided to Stratton residents in the time period of 10/01/2022-9/30/2023.**

**Information & Assistance:** Four (4) Stratton residents called our HelpLine (1-802-885-2669 or 1-866-673-8376 toll-free), which offers information, referrals and assistance to older Vermonters, their families, and their caregivers to problem-solve, plan, and access resources. We assist with health insurance problems, long-term care applications, fuel assistance, applying for benefits, and many other needs. Extensive resources are also on our website: [www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org](http://www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org)

**Medicare Assistance:** One (1) Stratton resident called our office for assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, classes for new Medicare enrollees, and help enrolling in Part D and choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Care Coordination Services:** We provided 2 residents with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 3.75 hours) to enable them to remain living safely at home. A Senior Solutions' case manager meets clients at home to create and monitor a person-centered plan of care. Based on this plan, case managers work to secure the services needed to support the client in the community. We also support clients with self-neglect behaviors, and help those who experience abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

**Nutrition services and programs:** Senior Solutions supports community meal gatherings at Jamaica Community Church and other local meal sites. We administer federal and state funds to local organizations to help them operate these meal programs. However, the funds we provide do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support these meals and does not benefit from any funds that towns provide directly to local meal sites. Senior Solutions also offers the services of a registered dietician to older adults and to local meal sites.

**Volunteer Visitors:** Our volunteers provide home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping or other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions provides many other services, including caregiver respite, grants for special needs, transportation, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities, and home-based mental health services.

*Senior Solutions is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Stratton.*

*Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director*



## Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Thrift Stores and a Community Solar Program. Since March 2020, SEVCA has also managed the statewide VT Everyone Eats (VEE) program, which has supported restaurants and farmers to enable them to provide over 4 million meals throughout VT.

In the community of Stratton, we provided the following services during FY2023:

**Weatherization:** 1 home (1 person) received weatherization services.

**Family Services:** 2 households (3 people) received 6 services (*including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, application assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services.*)

**Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 1 household (2 people) received 1 assist to get emergency heating fuel or assist with resolving utilities disconnects.

The combined value of services provided for the residents of Stratton exceeds \$5,198.00.

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

SEVCA does not currently receive any funding from the Town of Stratton. Nevertheless, we understand the importance of making Stratton residents aware of the services that we offer, and we thank the residents of Stratton for their support.

Kathleen Devlin, Interim Executive Director  
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[www.sevca.org](http://www.sevca.org)

### SeVEDS Impact Statement for Stratton Town Report March 2024

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 do on its own. **Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (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). A new CEDS input process will be completed in 2024.

### 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 (based on a population of 216) to support SeVEDS.**

In 2023, 21 communities, representing 86% of Windham region 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. To build regional economic development capacity. SeVEDS uses municipal funding to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners.
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. In FY23 we helped bring close to **\$7 Million** to our region – funding that supports the work of our region's towns, businesses and nonprofits.

### Program Impacts

- We support jobs for the majority of Stratton folks, many who commute out of town to work, by working with hundreds of businesses, including many of the area's largest employers
- Our **Business Services Team** provides access to technical assistance, microlending, and business succession services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement. We encourage any local small businesses to reach out!
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that in 2023 provided career training and support to students in area High Schools. Stratton students attending **Leland and Gray, BUHS, or Windham Regional Career Center** benefit directly from this work. 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.
- The **Welcoming Communities** program has supported **80** New Americans who have filled positions in **49** local companies, keeping our regional economy thriving.
- 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, visit our website at [www.brattleborodevelopment.com](http://www.brattleborodevelopment.com). There you can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources, or download our annual report (you can also 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).

**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

STRATTON MTN. RESCUE



A DIVISION OF THE  
CARLOS OTIS STRATTON  
MOUNTAIN CLINIC

January 5, 2024

Town of Stratton  
9 West Jamaica Road  
Stratton, Vermont 05360

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STRATTON MOUNTAIN, VT  
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78 FOUNDERS HILL ROAD  
STRATTON MOUNTAIN, VT  
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802-297-2300  
CARLOSOTISCLINIC.ORG

RE: Annual Funding Request

Dear Selectboard:

Please find this as a funding request from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$6,000 for ongoing support of Stratton Mountain Rescue services.

We appreciate this request being added for consideration at Town Meeting.

If you have any questions, please reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

Seth D. Boyd  
Executive Director



# Valley Cares

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

November 29, 2023

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 2024 Town Meeting, we respectfully request \$335 in continued support.

Valley Cares is here to serve our local community. During our 16+ years of service, it has been clear that seniors move to our housing because they or their immediate family are from this area. We recognize how important community and relationships are, and 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 Brookline remain safely in their homes. If the time comes for them to move, we provide peaceful, affordable independent and assisted living options nearby.

We recognize the vital importance of keeping the cost of housing and services as low as possible so that our residents can afford to live here, especially at this time when there is so much uncertainty around housing. This is why we keep our rent rates well below the amount government regulators say we may charge. It is why we accept Medicaid payments for care from approximately 2/3 of our assisted living resident population, even though Medicaid payments are well below the actual costs of the care we provide. We know that, without these allowances, many of our residents would not be able to stay here in the West River Valley as they age.

Annual support from Stratton residents on Town Meeting Day is one way we are able to provide such savings. 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.*



*People with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights*

December 28, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Young and voters:

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, respectfully requests funding from the Town of Stratton for our FY'24.

Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Stratton in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes or other locations; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people with disabilities under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

We are requesting \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton to continue supporting people with disabilities in the coming year. Enclosed you will find a summary of VCIL's programs and services for the town and a copy of our FY'24 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Sarah Launderville  
Executive Director  
[slaunderville@vcil.org](mailto:slaunderville@vcil.org)

Enclosures

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email: [info@vcil.org](mailto:info@vcil.org) • website: [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org)

# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2023

Middlebury Local Health Office | 156 S. Village Green, Suite 102, Middlebury VT  
802-388-4644 | [AHS.VDHMiddlebury@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHMiddlebury@Vermont.gov)

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Middlebury Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Addison County. Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/middlebury](https://HealthVermont.gov/middlebury)



## WIC Welcomes Clients In-Person

When the COVID-19 waivers ended, the Middlebury District Office was able to resume in-person Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) services.

This kickoff event was successful, drawing over 100 attendees eager to reconnect. At this event staff met participants, taught about nutrition and shared VT state park passes. Since the start, the WIC team has been meeting clients by phone and in person. They also continue to reach out to families to educate them about WIC services.



## 802 Smiles

The 802 Smiles initiative is working to improve dental care access, education and prevention.

Our office is working with Vermont's 802 Smiles program and local schools to improve oral health services for students. We will be collaborating to improve infrastructure and increase capacity, making it easier for students to get care. Including oral health in schools ensures students understand the importance of dental health and have access to necessary resources.



## Emergency Preparedness

Our office works with community partners to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.

During the recent flood emergency, our office distributed important information and resources. We distributed water test kits and promoted safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers through education and reflector distribution. We worked with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to offer "Stop the Bleed" training at various locations, including local farms. To learn more about "Stop the Bleed" or to request training, please contact us!



Scan to access  
the report online



September 28, 2023

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

We are proud to serve over 1000 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.

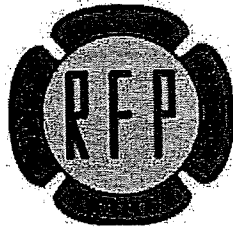
Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 7000 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire Giroux-Williams".

Claire Giroux-Williams  
Development Manager  
Vermont Family Network



## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

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

November 22, 2023

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 **26+ years** of the program, **1,177 grants** totaling nearly **\$2.8 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 (\$15,000 for a couple special case projects). 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 2023 was **\$199,158** of which **\$82,374** was paid in grants to support the construction and repair of **17 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



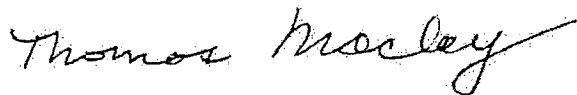
grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. In FY 2023, we received over **\$9,375** in town appropriations from **90 towns**. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
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Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person for Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
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Jill Arace, Executive Director  
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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**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  
Dan Dilner, VT Forest Parks & Recreation  
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders Office



Town of Stratton  
9 West Jamaica RD  
Stratton, VT 5360

October 3, 2023

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 2024 funding. **VNH respectfully requests 800. 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 13 visits to 3 residents of all ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today.

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

Town funding is what allows us to bring down the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide an affordable option for home healthcare in the 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  
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(603) 790-3172

## TIME TO SPAY & NEUTER CATS & DOGS and LICENSE!

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

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

For an Application for VSNIP send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if it is for a cat, dog, or both. To print out, go to: [VSNIP.Vermont.Gov](http://VSNIP.Vermont.Gov). VSNIP helps income challenged Vermonters with neutering and vaccinations. If approved, you'll receive a Voucher and instructions. If not, a list of low-cost resources will be sent. Several humane societies host spay neuter clinics open to the public. Your cost for a VSNIP surgery is \$27.00, if without complications. The balance is paid by fellow Vermonters with their \$4.00 fee collected at licensing. **Veterinarians and their staff are the backbone of this important program. Thanks to their generosity and altruistic vision, Vermont no longer uses routine euthanasia as a means of population control. Sincerely thank your veterinarian for their participation in VSNIP. If not currently a participating office, please ask them to join and help make a difference in your community. They are very needed.**

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

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

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator: VSNIP    Executive Director: VVSA

**Wardsboro Public Library**  
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**170 Main Street**  
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[wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com)

December 31, 2023

To the Town of Stratton,

The Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library greatly appreciate the continued financial support of the Town of Stratton. We count on financial support from the towns of Stratton and Wardsboro, along with funds raised by the Trustees through our annual appeal to our patrons and fundraising events 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 \$7,000.00. This represents an increase of \$400.00 over the \$6,600.00 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 Agin  
Carol Backus  
Donna Fernandes  
Steve Herd  
Sheri Lewis  
Karina Martin  
Bob Stupp

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Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library

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

January 9, 2024

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, rescue, and medical 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.

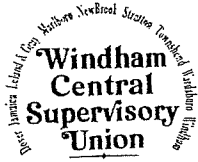
Respectfully,



Ron Betit, Chief



Duane Tompkins, President



Windham Central Supervisory Union provides leadership and resources to ensure a strong educational system for all students.

1219 Vermont Route 30 ♦ Townshend, VT 05353  
802-365-9510 phone ♦ 802-365-7934 fax

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

January 2023

Dear WCSU Communities,

As this is my first year as Superintendent of WCSU, I would like to begin by introducing myself. I have spent 18 of my 30 years in public education, working in this supervisory union - with ten years as a classroom teacher (starting in 1996) and the last seven as the principal at Leland & Gray. I've also worked in northern Vermont (at the start of my career), in western Massachusetts (as a first time administrator) and in Springfield, Vermont as the principal of the high school. But my heart is with the communities of WCSU, and so I willingly became your superintendent this past July 1.

This year, we've hired six new building administrators, a new IT Director, a new Equity Coordinator, and I have a new executive assistant. And keeping with the spirit of new transitions, we're all very sad to see that our Chief Financial Officer, Laurie Garland will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. We have already begun our search for her replacement, and that person will overlap with her for six months to minimize the disruption to the SU. As you can imagine, it has been a very exciting year for a first year superintendent!

Finally, I want to personally thank each and every educator that works in WCSU. As has been widely shared in the mainstream media, schooling has been incredibly challenging in the past several years. From the pandemic, to pandemic "recovery," to rebuilding and rethinking education in an ever-changing world, our educators - principals, teachers, counselors, nurses, support staff, bus drivers, food service workers, office staff and custodians - have all been working tirelessly to ensure the very best possible educational experience for the children of our communities. And they have earned my thanks and my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Thibault  
WCSU Superintendent

Windham Central Supervisory Union

will ...place students at the center of our decision-making.  
...build trust and respect by acting ethically, transparently, and with integrity.  
...operate as a community of learners, committed to developing the skills and capabilities of all.  
...collaborate, share and seek creative solutions.

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Windhamcountyhumane.org

October 10, 2023

Town of Stratton  
9 W Jamaica Road  
Stratton, VT 05360

Greetings,

I am writing from the Windham County Humane Society to respectfully request that the Town of Stratton consider an appropriation of \$400.00 to WCHS to support our important animal welfare work.

Accessible services for the Town of Wilmington and its 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 owners with their lost pets  
Assistance with Cruelty Calls  
Low-cost or free pet identification specials (pet ID tags or microchips)

I am also sending a report of services provided to your town's residents for the Annual Report.

We are grateful for your past support and look forward to continuing to work with the town and your residents.

Thank you for caring!

Maya Richmond  
Executive Director

Next year will be an exciting year for WCHS. We anticipate completing the shelter addition and renovation by July 2024. With the added space, we will strategically grow community veterinary services to help more of our neighbors provide care to their pets.





January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Michelle Meima, and I am the Administrative Director and Victim Advocate at Windham County Safe Place. Our organization supports child and adult survivors of sexual & physical violence. We conduct forensically sound interviews for the child and family. We are dedicated to provide trauma-informed and victim centered services to both children and adults.

This past fiscal year we have served one family in the Statton district. Our forensic interviewer provided interviews and our victim advocate provided support, resources and referrals.

We request between \$100-\$200.00 of your town appropriation funds.

Thank you in advance.

Michelle Meima

802 579-1358





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).

WRC assists towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; addressing natural resource issues, including watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; energy resilience and planning; transportation related projects, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that 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.

2023 will most likely be noted for weather-related disasters, beginning with the late-December heavy snow and flooding, the historical heavy snow and related damage from the March storm, and the summer flooding, with the July 8<sup>th</sup> flooding being the worst since Irene for the towns in the northwest of the region. WRC staff support municipal disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, response, and recovery, as well as direct support of State Emergency Operations Center functions. It was also a year when the governor and legislature recognized the limited capacity of rural towns. Programs like the Municipal Energy Resilience Program in support of town building efficiency, and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program in support of high-need towns, will hopefully become models for future statewide initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 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 \$1,173.48. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2024 and 2023 Annual Report, visit our website, [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org), and click on the heading "About Us."

Windham Solid Waste Management District							
Fiscal Year 2025 as of 10-10-23							
	Actual FY 2022	Budget Approved FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Budget Approved FY 2023	Budget Approved FY 2024	Approved 0 FY 2025	
211	<b>Total WSWMD</b>						
212	<b>Revenues</b>						
213	Sale of Recycled Materials-OCC	131,492	31,800	55,851	58,800	76,567	70,843
214	Collection Fees - HHW	6,184	2,500	5,622	2,440	3,011	3,940
215	Renewable Energy Credits	132,881	105,348	142,113	125,000	130,000	130,549
216	Tipping Fees - General (CC)	399,660	294,500	477,025	309,499	364,197	490,205
217	Recycling Revenue- all other	34,744	32,600	23,326	19,063	27,479	20,811
218	Tip Fees- Organics	74,862	79,222	85,721	66,538	92,723	83,968
219	Access Stickers	111,080	93,200	118,460	111,560	111,560	114,450
220	Day Pass Fees	12,505	14,250	10,890	12,450	12,149	9,842
221	Compost Sales	54,070	73,900	50,220	94,150	79,560	54,303
222	Blde Lease Revenue	6,072	6,000	6,485	6,254	6,817	7,022
223	Grant Revenue	166,575	39,000	88,917	56,000	89,000	53,750
225	Interest Income	406	200	5,182	150	250	7,500
226	Credit Card Fees	5,631	3,160	6,987	4,500	6,194	8,385
227	All Other Inc	11,255	3,720	14,406	5,500	8,073	9,880
228	Solar Lease Revenue	139,475	120,290	137,567	120,290	120,290	120,290
229	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,286,891</b>	<b>899,690</b>	<b>1,228,772</b>	<b>992,194</b>	<b>1,127,870</b>	<b>1,205,737</b>
230	<b>Expense</b>						
231	Salaries & Wage	416,751	385,064	476,964	463,805	523,971	610,644
232	Empl Ins Bene	130,757	110,397	121,163	119,868	122,114	136,894
233	PR Tax & Bene	39,705	34,656	38,391	46,380	52,397	61,064
234	VT Corrections	330	2,340	50	2,340	2,340	
235	SEP Payments	18,639	18,743	22,359	22,238	25,299	26,165
236	<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>606,182</b>	<b>551,200</b>	<b>658,927</b>	<b>654,631</b>	<b>726,121</b>	<b>834,763</b>
237	Worker's Comp	16,379	22,878	26,186	19,084	26,715	19,217
238	Insurance	13,705	14,309	12,364	17,705	14,678	22,547
239	Materials/Supplies	13,989	17,000	20,651	14,250	14,000	16,925
240	Uniform Expense	5,020	3,216	3,366	3,300	4,000	2,000
241	Pick Up-Truck	2,908	1,500	4,649	1,000	2,000	2,000
242	Prof Svcs Audit	9,200	8,400	9,500	8,400	9,200	9,500
243	Prof Svcs Legal	330	2,000	60	1,500	1,000	500
244	Prof Svc Computer	14,801	9,000	14,028	11,200	14,200	14,100
245	Prof Svc Engineering and Other	6,136	6,000	538	5,000	1,000	1,000
247	Hauling Trash/CD	28,350	22,155	72,300	27,720	35,500	20,000
248	All Other Disposal	22,886	5,000	26,135	8,000	24,000	31,472
249	Loan Interest	2,261	2,229	877	872	10	
250	Single Stream Recycling	27,879	43,875	40,512	36,265	49,156	56,448
251	Trash Disposal	110,591	97,250	105,113	96,256	127,278	130,546
252	Waste Disposal - Haz. Waste	20,230	40,000	32,621	36,000	26,000	32,000
253	Organics Additives		1,250	1,432	1,000	1,000	1,400
254	Brush Recycling		2,400		2,400	1,200	
255	C&D Disposal	53,887	56,000	53,990	56,624	54,397	61,143
256	Compost Residual Disposal	28,176	10,000	825	6,000	6,000	
257	Diesel	18,081	10,000	14,443	10,000	14,000	14,500
258	Truck Maint Rep	11,979	13,000	6,399	12,000	12,000	12,000
259	Postage	1,559	1,000	1,012	800	900	1,100
260	Adv. & Printing	8,703	5,500	11,135	3,900	5,500	6,700
261	Training & Trav	3,451	2,650	9,736	2,700	3,500	4,000
262	Dues & Prof Exp	7,199	8,075	9,016	7,975	7,225	9,000
263	Office Expense	5,323	4,800	4,988	3,200	3,200	4,900
264	Utilities Elec	31,403	23,900	29,913	25,000	30,000	30,000
265	Utilities Heat	10,892	10,500	8,013	10,500	11,000	9,750
266	Utilities Phone	7,274	4,500	7,487	6,100	7,440	7,600
267	Rental Exp	3,596	3,700	3,689	3,700	3,800	3,800
268	Equip Maint Rep	25,074	15,000	22,964	12,000	15,000	20,000
269	Build Grounds Maint	27,695	20,000	23,106	17,000	18,000	20,500
270	Loan Payments	41,993	42,030	43,382	43,334	3,664	
271	Misc Expense (All Other)	15,257	2,500	11,103	10,000	11,073	12,500
272	PILOT	4,360	4,360	4,204	4,130	4,624	4,257
273	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,206,747</b>	<b>1,087,177</b>	<b>1,294,666</b>	<b>1,179,546</b>	<b>1,288,380</b>	<b>1,416,168</b>
274	Inc/Loss Before Cap Exp	80,144	(187,487)	(65,894)	(187,352)	(160,510)	(210,431)
275	Capital Reserve Plan/Compost Expansion	269,888	45,000	45,000	45,000	95,000	55,000
276	Gain/ Loss	1,797		667			
277	Capital Spends	25,357	0	57,443	0	0	0
278	<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(213,303)</b>	<b>(232,487)</b>	<b>(167,670)</b>	<b>(232,352)</b>	<b>(255,510)</b>	<b>(265,431)</b>
279							
280	Assessment	232,487	232,487	232,363	232,352	255,510	265,431
281	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>19,184</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64,693</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	
<b>BUDGET SUMMARY FY 25</b>							
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,205,737</b>					
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,416,168</b>					

**WSWMD Town Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2025**

**Permanent Population Based**

10/10/2023 Town Name	US Census Bureau 2020 % population by Town	Approved		Assessment Change Amount
		Assessment for FY 25	Assessment for FY 24	
BRATTLEBORO	12,184	\$87,316.03	\$84,052.43	\$3,263.61
BROOKLINE	540	\$3,869.88	\$3,725.24	\$144.64
DOVER	1,798	\$12,885.28	\$12,403.67	\$481.61
DUMMERSTON	1,865	\$13,365.43	\$12,865.87	\$499.56
GUILFORD	2,120	\$15,192.88	\$14,625.01	\$567.86
HALIFAX	771	\$5,525.33	\$5,318.81	\$206.52
JAMAICA	1,005	\$7,202.28	\$6,933.08	\$269.20
MARLBORO	1,722	\$12,340.63	\$11,879.37	\$461.25
NEWFANE	1,645	\$11,788.81	\$11,348.18	\$440.63
PUTNEY	2,617	\$18,754.60	\$18,053.61	\$700.99
READSBORO	702	\$5,030.85	\$4,842.81	\$188.04
SOMERSET	6	\$43.00	\$41.39	\$1.61
STRATTON	440	\$3,153.24	\$3,035.38	\$117.86
TOWNSHEND	1,291	\$9,251.89	\$8,906.08	\$345.81
VERNON	2,192	\$15,708.86	\$15,121.71	\$587.15
WARDSBORO	869	\$6,227.65	\$5,994.88	\$232.77
WESTMINSTER	3,016	\$21,614.02	\$20,806.15	\$807.87
WILMINGTON	2,255	\$16,160.35	\$15,556.32	\$604.02
	37,038	<b>\$265,431.00</b>	<b>\$255,510.00</b>	<b>\$9,921.00</b>

Percentage Change

4%



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 in 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 *21 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *110 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *31 new homeowners* in 2023 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 were *36 under construction and 14 completed projects* spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2024.

**Housing Development:** WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. This year, the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating *27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls, and contributes to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes within the village and is planned to break ground in 2024. The Central & Main 25-unit development in downtown Windsor will also be breaking ground in 2024. This year, WWHT completed work 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 allows us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

**Property Management:** WWHT owns *83 residential properties* housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management 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 the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. 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. Between Windsor's SASH program and SASH For All, we had over *120 participants connected to health and wellness resources.*

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  
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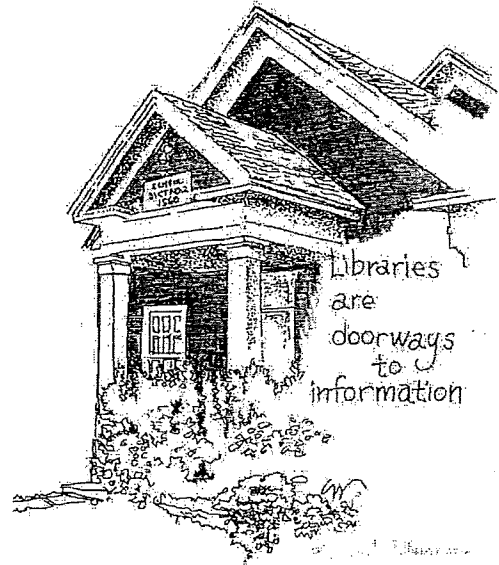
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# Winhall Memorial Library - Annual Report

## July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Your local library is a bright, inviting, and safe public space packed with books and more to inspire all. Don't let the small physical size of the building, a historic one room schoolhouse, deceive you. There are over 6,000 books on the shelves. Plus the library is part of a group of over 20 Vermont libraries that you can borrow materials from and they are delivered to the library via the courier. The online catalogue is available 24 hours a day for browsing and requesting items, visit anytime at [www.WinhallMemorialLibrary.org](http://www.WinhallMemorialLibrary.org).



### Statistics

- 2,065 Items Loaned Out in FY 22/23
- 2,640 Patron Visits FY 22/23
- 513 Total Patrons as of June 30, 2023
- 6,960 Total Items as of June 30, 2023

### Events

- Monthly Book Discussions
- Summer Reading Program with the theme: Adventure Begins at Your Library
- Story Time
- Art Exhibits

### Books

- Fiction: Historical, Mystery, Science Fiction, Graphic Novels, Thrillers, Romance, Fantasy, Horror, Large Print, Comedy
- Childrens: Board Books, Picture Books, Junior, Young Adult, Non-Fiction, Graphic Novels
- Non-Fiction: Historical, Biographies, Cookbooks, Animals, Health, Poetry, Environment
- Plus: Audio Books, DVDs, Puzzles, Games, Meeting Space, Office Cubicles, Hoopla, WiFi, Printing

And so much more!

### **Library Hours:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10pm-5pm  
Saturday 9am-12pm  
2 Lower Taylor Hill Road  
[www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org)

Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!

### **Board of Trustees Officers**

Alexis Matrone  
Tamatha Blanchard  
Elaine Villano

### **Board Members**

Patricia Glabach  
Carolann Mitchell  
Judy Reynolds  
Vicki Smul

### **Librarian**

Pat Meulemans

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

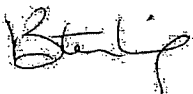
The Women's Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place, and providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to survivors and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, 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 survivors and their 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 southern Windsor County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes, this means assisting them to get to us, and other times, it means us going to them somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 144 people, and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,099 people** (623 women, 2 non-binary individuals, 31 men, and 444 children) who had been abused. In addition, we provided 50 community outreach activities, including school presentations and workshops, to over 700 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor Counties.

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, 2024**

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

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