

Town of Stockbridge

★ Annual Report for 2020

For Year Ending December 31, 2020

AUDITORS ' REPORT

Pursuant to Section 1681/83, Title 24 V.S.A., we have verified the foregoing state cash balances, inspected bank statements; examined the accounts of Town Officers, and to the best of our knowledge the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial condition of the town on December 31, 2020 and they are an accurate record of the funds in the year ended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathie Burns
Anthony Caparis
Pamela Lyman



ON THE COVER

A warm welcoming friend when the temperature's upside down

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Warning – Annual Town Meeting

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

MARCH 2, 2021

Legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, in accordance with Act 162, 2020 Adjourned Session, are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to MEET for Informational Meetings by ZOOM meeting on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm** to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot for the School Dissolution Article and on **Thursday, February 25, 2021 7:00 pm** to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot for the Town Meeting Articles.

Legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, in accordance with Act 162, 2020 Adjourned Session, are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to VOTE on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Stockbridge Town Office** located at 1722 VT RTE 100, Stockbridge Vermont. Polls shall be open beginning at 9:00 AM (when the polls will open) and ending at 7:00 PM (when the polls will close) to transact voting by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT on the following matters:

Article 1: To elect the following officers for the terms indicated and to fill other offices vacant.

1. Moderator for 1-year term.
2. Selectperson for 3-year term.
3. Lister for 3-year term.
4. Auditor for 3-year term.
5. Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1-year term.
6. Agent to Defend and Prosecute suits for a 1-year term.
7. Grand Juror for a 1-year term.
8. First Constable for a 1-year term.
9. Second Constable for a 1-year term.
10. Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term.
11. Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term.
12. Memorial Day Chair for a 1-year term.

Article 2: To hear the auditors' report and to take any necessary action thereon.

Article 3: Will the Town vote to pay real estate taxes in two equal installments due on August 15 and November 15?

Article 4: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Taxes or to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes?

Article 5: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended \$792,539

Article 6: Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Article 7: Will the Town vote to withdraw from the Rochester Stockbridge Unified School District? taxes?

Article 8: Will the Town vote to roll the unspent portion of the 2020 Audit expense and the 2020 Building Maintenance expense in the amount of \$13,000 into the 2021 Budget?

Article 9: Will the Town vote \$4,200 to help defray the costs to use Margaret Perkin's former residence on Laury Road as the Town's new home of the Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society?

Article 10: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting.

STOCKBRIDGE SELECTBOARD

Lee Ann Isaacson

Jim Shands

Mark Pelletier

Voter Information

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office, Stockbridge Post Office, and Gaysville Post Office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

- ! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first-time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or cannot read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten, or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

WAYS OF VOTING EARLY: Not available for the annual town or school meeting

WARNINGD POSTED ON: January 31, 2021 (No later than 30 days before election)

Who's Who in Local Government

Local Office Descriptions

Agent to Convey Real Estate (appointed) – executes the deeds on behalf of the town.

Auditor (elected) –Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good writing skills are a plus.

Cemetery Commissioner (elected) –Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected, the Selectboard fulfills this role.

Collector of Current Taxes (elected) – Collects the taxes for the town. In many towns this function is performed by the treasurer or town manager. Should be detail oriented and good with numbers.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes (elected) – Collects delinquent taxes for the town. Should be good with numbers and able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances. Should also have a thick skin.

Constable (elected) –In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure, and arrest within the town. In other towns, the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the first constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Emergency Management Director (appointed) –Responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of the local committee that is formed for emergency management in the town or city. The emergency management director is under the direct control of the Selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities, and with the state emergency management division and the federal government.

Fence Viewers – (appointed) –Three viewers are appointed by the Selectboard each year. When called upon, they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

Grand Juror (elected) –Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally, not a very active position.)

Health Officer (appointed) –Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a three-year term after recommendation of the town Selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Inspector of Lumber (appointed) –Appointed, upon request, to examine, measure, and classify the quality of lumber, shingles, and wood sold within the town.

Justices of the Peace (elected) –Although elected by a town, justices of the peace are actually county officers. The duties of justices of the peace can include:

- a. Elections. Justice of the peace are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve as election officials at town elections by Australian ballot and statewide elections. Justices also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to voters at election time.

b. Tax Abatement and Appeals. Justices of the peace sit as members of the town board for abatement of taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's tax obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. Justices of the peace also serve an important role in the town's tax appeal process. As a member of the board of civil authority justices sit and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.

c. Marriages. Justices of the Peace may also solemnize marriages.

d. Oaths and Notary – Justices of the peace may also administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice of the peace is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgment powers of a notary public. However, the justice of the peace must file with the county clerk to act as a notary public.

Listers (elected) –Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm and not be oversensitive to criticism.

Moderator (elected) –Runs the annual and special town/school meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Planning Commission (appointed) – Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan; making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation; and participating in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a development review board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Regional Planning Commission Representative (appointed) – Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

Road Commissioner (elected or appointed) –Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority but can assist the Selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Selectboard Members (elected) –General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations, and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents, and manages budget, and oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing, and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health and liquor control commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have a very thick skin.

Town Agent (elected) –The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The Selectboard now has that authority. Thus, the town agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress, at the request of the Selectboard. Generally, not a very active position.

Town Clerk (elected) – Records, preserves, and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage licenses. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the board of civil authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Forest Fire Warden (appointed) –Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the Selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

Town Service Office (appointed) –Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Town Treasurer (elected) –Keeps the towns and school’s accounts, invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Town Tree Warden (appointed) –Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Removes diseased, dying, or dead trees; which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Trustee of Public Funds (elected) –Manages, invests, and reports on real and personal property held in the trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

Weighers of Coal (appointed) – Serves as a referee over weights of contested loads.

Town Officers – Elected

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| Moderator | Kent Butterfield | 2021 |
| Town Clerk | Lori Scott | 2023 |
| Treasurer | Lori Scott | 2023 |
| Selectman | Lee Ann Isaacson Jim Shands Mark Pelletier | 2023 2022 2021 |
| Listers | Zach Cavacas Beth Dawley Janet Whitaker | 2023 2022 2021 |
| Auditors | Kathie Burns Pam Lyman Tony Caparis | 2023 2022 2021 |
| Agent to defend & Prosecute Suits | Jack Green | 2021 |
| Town Grand Juror | Louis Chap | 2021 |
| First Constable | Zachary Cavacas | 2021 |
| Second Constable | Brian Merrill | 2021 |
| Collector of delinquent taxes | Susan Pelletier | 2021 |
| Trustees of Public Funds | Bill Edgerton Mary Ellen Dorman Craig Cota | 2023 2022 2021 |
| Cemetery Commissioners | Brenda Hillier Sara Poisson Kelly McDermott-Burns | 2023 2022 2021 |
| Rochester-Stockbridge Unified School Directors | Carl Groppe Megan Payne Justine Calnan-Cavacas Ethan Bowen-Chair Jenny Austin Amy Wildt | 2023-Stockbridge 2023-Rochester 2022-Stockbridge 2022-Rochester 2021-Stockbridge 2021-Rochester |
| Justices of the Peace | Suzanne Butterfield Kathie Burns Tony Caparis Patrick Giordano Ryan Knox | 2023 2023 2023 2023 2023 |
| Memorial Day Chair | Suzanne Butterfield | 2021 |

Town Officers – Appointed

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| Assistant Town Clerk | Kelly McDermott-Burns | 2021 |
| Road Commissioner | David Brown | 2021 |
| Fence Viewers | Richard Lunna David Brown Vacant | 2021 2021 2021 |
| Agent to Convey Real Estate | Vacant | 2021 |
| Tree Warden | Richard Lunna | 2021 |
| Inspector of Lumber | William Lynam | 2021 |
| Health Officer | Dan Levy | 2023 |
| Emergency Management Coordinator | Jim Shands | 2021 |
| Fire Chief | Dave Brown | 2021 |
| Fire Warden | David Brown | 2021 |
| Planning Commission | Suzanne Butterfield Jon Benson Louis Chap Todd Trzaskos Regina Toolin Bill Johnson Kevin Travis | 2022 2021 2021 2021 2023 2023 2023 |
| Zoning Administrator | Lee Ann Isaacson | 2021 |
| Regional Planning Representative Alternate Representative | Bill Edgerton Vacant | 2021 2019 |
| Board of Adjustment | Tom Weymouth John Benson Mark Pelletier Jim Burns Louis Chap | 2022 2021 2021 2020 2020 |
| Board of Civil Authority | Town Clerk Justices of the Peace And Board of Selectmen | |
| Green Up Coordinator | Janet Whitaker | 2021 |
| Ambulance Representative Representative to Stagecoach EC Fiber Representative First Alternate | Beth Dawley Vacant Joshua Trudeau Vacant | 2021 2021 2021 2021 |

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Cash Receipts and Disbursements for Year ended 12/31/2020

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Cash Balance 1/1/2020 | 515,244.28 |
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Taxes

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| Current Taxes | 1,992,366.28 |
| Delinquent Taxes | 200,090.91 |

State Payments

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|-----------------|------------|
| Highway Aid | 93,945.53 |
| Current Use | 45,360.00 |
| Stanley Tool | 2,000.00 |
| Grants | 123,652.58 |
| Fish & Wildlife | 24,702.60 |

Licenses and Permits

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|-------------------|----------|
| Dog Licenses | 482.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 50.00 |
| Road Use Permits | 250.00 |
| Building Permits | 2,050.00 |

Fees

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Clerk Fees | 11,177.50 |
| Restoration Fees | 4,330.00 |
| Delinquent Tax Collector Fee | 14,520.83 |

Interest

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Interest on Delinq Taxes | 5,579.96 |
| Interest on Checking | 459.54 |

Other

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Trustees of Public funds | 2,163,689.24 |
| Refund | 291.78 |
| Tax Anticipation Note | 300,000.00 |
| History Book Sales | 296.00 |
| Property Appraisal Fund | 17,571.50 |
| RSUD Ed Tax 2020 Reimbursement | 5,174.00 |
| New Boston Rd Reimbursement | 1,500.00 |
| Misc. | 2,552.79 |

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| Total Cash Available | 5,012,093.04 |
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| Checks Written | (5,168,866.63) |
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| Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2020 | <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; padding: 2px 0;">358,470.69</div> |
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General Fund Proposed 2021 Budget

| Town of Stockbridge Proposed 2021 Budget | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Jan 1 - Dec 31, 20 | Budget | 2021 Budget |
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| Restoration Fees | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | - |
| Building permit fees | 2,000.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Current taxes | 610,986.86 | 611,661.00 | 619,539.00 |
| Current Use Reimbursement | 45,360.00 | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 |
| Dog licenses | 387.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Educ. tax payment to Town | 3,611.55 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Fish & Wildlife Land PILT | 22,182.60 | 22,500.00 | 22,200.00 |
| Grant Income | | | |
| Hazard Mitigation Buyout-Tweed | 64,809.00 | | |
| Covid Grant | 901.48 | | |
| River Road | 42,822.96 | 0.00 | - |
| 2020 Election Grant | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | - |
| 2020 Highway Grant | | 0.00 | - |
| Spring Street Grant | 13,612.82 | 0.00 | - |
| Grants-In-Aid Stonybrook | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Dry Hydrant Grant | 7,938.96 | 0.00 | - |
| Grants-in-Aid Whitcomb Hill | 14,760.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Total Grant Income | 169,845.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway Revenue | 74,600.06 | 72,500.00 | 74,000.00 |
| History book sales | 296.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Interest on checking | 459.54 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| interest on delinquent taxes | 5,579.96 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 |
| Marriage license fees | 50.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 2,182.33 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| New Boston Rd. Maint. | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Stanley Tool Revenue | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Town Clerk fees | 11,210.59 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| VSA Forest Service | 2,520.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Total Income | 954,771.71 | 785,761.00 | 792,539.00 |
| Expense | | | |
| General Budget | | | |
| Selectboard Office | | | |
| Audit | 8,000.00 | 8,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Legal Fees | 3,128.14 | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Legal Notices | 143.28 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Selectboard Salary | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 | 4,200.00 |
| Total Selectboard Office | 15,471.42 | 15,500.00 | 14,500.00 |
| Town Clerk/Treas. Office | | | |
| Computer Expenses | 3,003.75 | 4,500.00 | 4,800.00 |
| Town Website | 1,406.09 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Town Clerk Training | 346.30 | 1,100.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Accounting Supplies | 466.98 | 0.00 | 595.00 |
| Asst. Town Clerk | 6,860.00 | 7,400.00 | 8,300.00 |
| Bond Payment | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Building Maintenance | 5,348.29 | 5,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Elections/Town Meeting | 5,111.28 | 0.00 | 640.00 |
| Electricity | 1,087.52 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Interest on Bond payment | 1,835.00 | 2,273.00 | 2,273.00 |
| Land Records | 498.87 | 2,000.00 | 3,100.00 |
| LP Gas | 692.15 | 1,500.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Mowing | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Office Supplies | 1,976.61 | 2,200.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Postage | 921.10 | 1,800.00 | 1,500.00 |

**Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2021 Budget**

| | Jan 1 - Dec 31, 20 | Budget | 2021 Budget |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Retirement expense | 1,966.37 | 1,900.00 | 2,400.00 |
| Telephone | 1,290.89 | 1,600.00 | 700.00 |
| Health Insurance | | | 14,350.00 |
| Town Clerk Salary | 16,927.89 | 16,000.00 | 19,136.00 |
| Town Office rubbish removal | 335.00 | 350.00 | 350.00 |
| Treasurer Salary | 16,927.94 | 16,000.00 | 19,136.00 |
| Total Town Clerk/Treas. Office | 77,002.03 | 76,523.00 | 97,180.00 |
| Auditors Office | | | |
| Auditors Salaries | 427.50 | 300.00 | 425.00 |
| Town Report | 3,899.60 | 4,000.00 | 4,200.00 |
| Total Auditors Office | 4,327.10 | 4,300.00 | 4,625.00 |
| Listers Office | | | |
| Lister expenses | 10,101.20 | 9,400.00 | 1,400.00 |
| Listers Salaries | 2,925.00 | 6,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Reappraisal Fund | 686.25 | 2,000.00 | - |
| Total Listers Office | 13,712.45 | 17,400.00 | 6,400.00 |
| Zoning/Planning Office | | | |
| Health Officer | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Planning Commission | 15.89 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Regional Planning Commission | 1,126.00 | 1,097.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Zoning Administrator | 1,440.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Zoning Expense | 16.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Total Zoning/Planning Office | 3,097.89 | 3,397.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Fire Dept./First Response | | | |
| Equipment/Supplies | 23,332.78 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Fire Dept. Equip Fund | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Fire Dept. Salaries | 9,460.00 | 8,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Fire Dept. Telephone | 401.31 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Fire Truck Payment | 29,013.04 | 29,000.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Repairs | 2,658.16 | 3,100.00 | 5,600.00 |
| Total Fire Dept./First Response | 79,865.29 | 80,500.00 | 63,500.00 |
| Rubbish Removal | | | |
| A.B.L.E. Waste Contract | 6,240.00 | 6,930.00 | 6,930.00 |
| Annual Alliance Fee | 7,877.88 | 8,200.00 | 8,670.00 |
| Total Rubbish Removal | 14,117.88 | 15,130.00 | 15,600.00 |
| Law Enforcement | | | |
| Animal Control | 75.29 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Constables | 333.75 | 550.00 | 550.00 |
| Windsor County Sheriff | 4,338.00 | 0.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Total Law Enforcement | 4,747.04 | 700.00 | 8,200.00 |
| General Operations | | | |
| Ambulance | 44,160.00 | 44,160.00 | 44,896.00 |
| Cemetery | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| County Tax | 8,119.00 | 8,200.00 | 8,200.00 |
| Disability insurance | 965.16 | 1,050.00 | 1,050.00 |
| FICA | 13,868.78 | 14,000.00 | 14,750.00 |
| Liability Insurance | 13,860.00 | 13,860.00 | 10,349.00 |
| Memorial Day | 501.20 | 500.00 | 550.00 |
| Misc. Town Expense | 3,149.79 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Mow Common | 0.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Print History Books | 783.00 | 0.00 | |
| Street Lights | 3,483.51 | 3,000.00 | 3,300.00 |
| Tax Antic. Note Interest | 6,225.98 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| VLCT Dues | 1,980.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total General Operations | 112,096.42 | 112,670.00 | 110,995.00 |

Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2021 Budget

| | Jan 1 - Dec 31, 20 | Budget | 2021 Budget |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Total General Budget | 324,437.52 | 326,120.00 | 324,500.00 |
| Highway Budget | | | |
| Mileage | 546.26 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Highway - Personnel | | | |
| Health Insurance | 14,082.32 | 14,000.00 | 14,350.00 |
| Highway Payroll | 106,362.82 | 113,000.00 | 113,000.00 |
| Retirement Expense | 6,157.93 | 5,800.00 | 7,180.00 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 100.00 | 100.00 | 415.00 |
| Uniforms | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Workers Comp. | 10,155.00 | 9,991.00 | 9,094.00 |
| Total Highway - Personnel | 137,658.07 | 143,691.00 | 144,839.00 |
| Equip. Operations | | | |
| Cutting Edges | 3,147.60 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Diesel | 12,645.45 | 18,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Equipment Fund | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Roadside Mowing | 16,290.00 | 16,500.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Gasoline | 223.06 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Propane | 502.27 | 0.00 | - |
| Repairs & Maintenance | | | |
| RM Leaf Blower | 12.49 | 0.00 | - |
| RM 2020 International | 1,989.56 | 0.00 | - |
| Repairs & Maintenance - Other | 511.73 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| RM 2016 Kenworth | 1,650.64 | 0.00 | - |
| RM 2017 Ford | 1,021.75 | 0.00 | - |
| RM Grader | 1,083.93 | 0.00 | - |
| RM International | 75.00 | 0.00 | - |
| RM Loader | 2,131.95 | 0.00 | - |
| Total Repairs & Maintenance | 8,477.05 | 8,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Small Equipment Repairs | 473.27 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Tires and Chains | 3,320.20 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Tools | 994.18 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Equip. Operations | 121,073.08 | 126,750.00 | 127,250.00 |
| Highway Materials | | | |
| Bridges | 225.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Chloride | 4,350.00 | 5,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Culverts | 5,513.85 | 5,500.00 | 5,500.00 |
| Gravel | 54,973.90 | 55,000.00 | 55,000.00 |
| Guard Rails | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Retreatment | | | 5,000.00 |
| Salt | 10,765.15 | 14,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Sandpile | 44,285.74 | 44,500.00 | 44,500.00 |
| Signs | 1,110.61 | 750.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Highway Materials | 121,224.25 | 130,750.00 | 136,000.00 |
| Town Garage | | | |
| Garage Maintenance | 9,667.01 | 9,500.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Heating Oil | 4,711.98 | 5,500.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Rubbish Removal | 365.00 | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| Shop Supplies | 2,912.21 | 2,000.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Town garage electricity | 1,781.22 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Town garage telephone | 1,034.86 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Town Garage | 20,472.28 | 20,450.00 | 21,950.00 |
| Construction | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Purchased Labor | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Total Highway Budget | 437,973.94 | 459,641.00 | 468,039.00 |
| Grants | | | |

**Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2021 Budget**

| | Jan 1 - Dec 31, 20 | Budget | 2021 Budget |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Hydrant | 7,938.96 | 0.00 | - |
| River Road | 42,822.96 | 0.00 | - |
| Grant - Stony Brook Road | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Grant - Whitcomb Hill Road | 14,760.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Total Grants | 85,521.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tropical Storm Irene Expense | | | |
| Hazard Mitigation Buyout | | | |
| hmgp #34000MC-068 | 64,809.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Total Hazard Mitigation Buyout | 64,809.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Tropical Storm Irene Expense | 64,809.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Payroll Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Expense | 912,742.38 | 785,761.00 | 792,539.00 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 42,029.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Income | 42,029.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet

Town of Stockbridge
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of December 31, 2020

| | <u>Dec 31, 20</u> | <u>Dec 31, 19</u> | <u>\$ Change</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Checking/Savings | | | | |
| Mascoma Savings Checking | 358,470.69 | 515,244.28 | -156,773.59 | -30.43% |
| Petty Cash | 25.00 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Total Checking/Savings | <u>358,495.69</u> | <u>515,269.28</u> | <u>-156,773.59</u> | <u>-30.43%</u> |
| Accounts Receivable | | | | |
| Accounts Receivable - Grants | 64,809.00 | 0.00 | 64,809.00 | 100.0% |
| Delinquent A/R | 92,745.47 | 82,756.04 | 9,989.43 | 12.07% |
| Total Accounts Receivable | <u>157,554.47</u> | <u>82,756.04</u> | <u>74,798.43</u> | <u>90.38%</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>516,050.16</u> | <u>598,025.32</u> | <u>-81,975.16</u> | <u>-13.71%</u> |
| Other Assets | | | | |
| Tax Sale Properties | 6,697.05 | 6,697.05 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Total Other Assets | <u>6,697.05</u> | <u>6,697.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.0%</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>522,747.21</u> | <u>604,722.37</u> | <u>-81,975.16</u> | <u>-13.56%</u> |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | | | | |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | | | | |
| A/P ACCRUAL | 0.00 | 21,633.72 | -21,633.72 | -100.0% |
| Accounts Payable | 453,083.81 | 583,467.38 | -130,383.57 | -22.35% |
| Total Accounts Payable | <u>453,083.81</u> | <u>605,101.10</u> | <u>-152,017.29</u> | <u>-25.12%</u> |
| Other Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Accrued Expenses | 17,330.00 | 0.00 | 17,330.00 | 100.0% |
| Penalties Collected | 2,256.79 | 0.00 | 2,256.79 | 100.0% |
| 2019 Flood Repair Loan | 59,400.00 | 59,400.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Payroll Liabilities | 6,738.36 | 735.10 | 6,003.26 | 816.66% |
| Trustees of Public Funds | 4,506.78 | 2,084.03 | 2,422.75 | 116.25% |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | <u>90,231.93</u> | <u>62,219.13</u> | <u>28,012.80</u> | <u>45.02%</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>543,315.74</u> | <u>667,320.23</u> | <u>-124,004.49</u> | <u>-18.58%</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>543,315.74</u> | <u>667,320.23</u> | <u>-124,004.49</u> | <u>-18.58%</u> |
| Equity | | | | |
| Opening Bal Equity | -62,597.86 | -301,096.70 | 238,498.84 | 79.21% |
| Retained Earnings | | | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Net Income | 42,029.33 | 238,498.84 | -196,469.51 | -82.38% |
| Total Equity | <u>-20,568.53</u> | <u>-62,597.86</u> | <u>42,029.33</u> | <u>67.14%</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>522,747.21</u> | <u>604,722.37</u> | <u>-81,975.16</u> | <u>-13.56%</u> |

Listing of Investment Accounts

| Citizens | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|
| Fire Dept. Equipment Fund | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 73,511.95 | | |
| Transfer From General Fund | | 15,000.00 | | |
| Interest Earned | | 7.56 | | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>88,519.51</u> | | |
| Highway Dept. Equip Fund | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 150,659.12 | | |
| Transfer From General Fund | | 75,000.00 | | |
| Transfer To General Fund | | (90,000.00) | | |
| Interest Earned | | 15.06 | | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>135,674.18</u> | | |
| Construction/Paving Fund | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 63,885.92 | | |
| Transfer From General Fund | | 9,889.29 | | |
| Interest earned | | 5.05 | | |
| Ending balance | | <u>73,780.26</u> | | |
| Reappraisal Fund | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 88,079.19 | | |
| Transfer To General Fund | | (10,000.00) | | |
| Interest Earned | | 6.32 | | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>78,085.51</u> | | |
| Lister Training Account | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 602.28 | | |
| Interest Earned | | 0.07 | | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>602.35</u> | | |
| Tax Trust CD | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 30,211.58 | | |
| Interest Earned | | 3.06 | | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>30,214.64</u> | | |
| Planning Commission Savings | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 2,879.06 | | |
| Interest Earned | | 0.24 | | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>2,879.30</u> | | |

| | | | |
|--|----------|------------------|-----------------|
| Fire Dept./First Response Savings Account | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 23,576.45 | |
| Donation: | | | |
| Steve Van Nostrand | 1,000.00 | | |
| William Sticht | 250.00 | | |
| Edgerton | 100.00 | | |
| Gaysville Community Church | 100.00 | | |
| Highwood Homeowners | 300.00 | | |
| Lloyd White | 100.00 | | |
| Glenn Eldredge | 1,000.00 | | |
| Kelly McDermott Burns | 50.00 | | |
| Highwood Homeowners | 300.00 | | |
| Total | | 3,200.00 | |
| Interest Earned | | 2.35 | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>26,778.80</u> | |
| History Book Fund | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 3,342.94 | |
| Interest Earned | | 0.36 | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>3,343.30</u> | |
| Land Record Restoration Fund | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | - | |
| Transfer from General Fund | | 2,682.00 | |
| Interest Earned | | 0.03 | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>2,682.03</u> | |
| Mascoma | | | |
| Herbert Brown Cemetery Savings | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 1,293.93 | |
| Transfer to Cemetery Checking | | - | |
| Interest Earned | | 0.26 | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>1,294.19</u> | |
| Bar Harbor | | | |
| Disaster Relief Fund | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 1,040.00 | |
| Transfer to General Fund | | (1,040.00) | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>-</u> | Dormant account |
| Stanley Tool CD | | | |
| Beginning Balance | | 21,341.13 | |
| Transfer to General | | (2,000.00) | |
| Interest Earned | | 85.32 | |
| Ending Balance | | <u>19,426.45</u> | |

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

MARCH 3, 2020

Kent Butterfield, Moderator, brought the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He introduced Rep. Sandy Hass. Sandy noted that the Minimum Wage Bill was passed over the veto of Governor Scott. She also highlighted that the House also passed the Global Warming Solutions Act. This act would put into statute the greenhouse gas reductions that have been goals of the state for years. This bill also establishes a Vermont Climate Council. Sandy encouraged all citizens to respond to the 2020 Census invitations. Information gathered in the Census is critical to the state funding from the Federal government. She left copies of her written report of what has been happening in the Legislature this year. She encouraged voters to reach out to her with any concerns and questions they may have.

Sandy Hass introduced Senator Dick McCormick. Senator McCormick shared that the Governor has responded to the Corona virus concerns highlighting a “no panic” but be prepared strategy. The Governor has appointed the Commissioner of Health Dr. Mark Levine to lead this effort for the state. He also touched on Global Warming saying the state needs to take serious science-based steps which may inconvenience some, but will also save over time.

The Town Clerk read the official warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge are hereby warned to meet at the Union Meeting House on the Stockbridge Common on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect the following officers for terms indicated and to fill other offices vacant:

1. Moderator for 1-year term. Mark Pelletier took over to accept nominations for the position. Kent Butterfield was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Kent was re-elected as Moderator.
2. Town Clerk for a 3-year term. Lori Scott was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Lori was elected as Town Clerk.
3. Town Treasurer for a 3-year term. Lori Scott was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Lori was elected as Town Clerk.
4. Selectperson for a 3-year term. Lee Ann Isaacson was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Lee Ann was re-elected to serve as Selectperson. The Town Clerk cast 1 ballot for Lee Ann.
5. Lister for a 3-year term. Zach Cavacas was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Zach was re-elected. The Town Clerk cast 1 ballot for Zach.
6. Auditor for a 3-year term. Kathie Burns was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Kathie was re-elected. The Town Clerk cast 1 ballot for Kathie.
7. Delinquent Tax Collector for 1-year term. Susan Pelletier was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Susan was re-elected.
8. Agent to defend and prosecute suits for a 1-year term. Jack Green was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Jack was re-elected.
9. Grand Juror for a 1-year term. Louis Chap was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Louis was re-elected Grand Juror.
10. First Constable for a 1-year term. Zach Cavacas was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Zach was re-elected as First Constable.
11. Second Constable for 1-year term. Brian Merrill was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were Closed and Brian was re-elected Second Constable.
12. Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years. Bill Edgerton was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Bill was re-elected.

13. Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term. Brenda Hillier was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed. Brenda was re-elected as Cemetery Commissioner.
14. Memorial Day Chair for 1-year term. Suzanne Butterfield was nominated. Seconded. Nominations were closed and Suzanne was elected to serve as Memorial Day Chair.

Article 2: To hear the auditors' report and to take any necessary action thereon. Kathie Burns read the Auditors' report. So moved. Seconded. The motion was approved.

Article 3: Will the Town vote to pay real estate taxes in two equal installments due on August 15 and November 15? So moved. Seconded. The motion was approved.

Article 4: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of taxes or vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? If a tax collector is elected to determine his or her compensation. Suzanne Butterfield moved to have the Town Treasurer collect current taxes. Move to close discussion Seconded and approved.

Article 5: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended: \$777,761. Carl Groppe asked the Selectboard if there were any highlights of the budget that they wanted to share. Jim Shands spoke about the possible need to expand the road crew as it is becoming difficult to cover all the roads especially during the winter months. Mark Pelletier discussed the demands of 24x7 on call for the crew. Mark was thinking that another person on the crew would be able to provide coverage so that vacations and time off would be better scheduled. Sylvan Groth indicated that she would support additional funds to increase the road crew. Donna Bryan asked if there would need to be an additional truck or other equipment. She recommended looking at this further to determine the total cost needed. Dave Brown said it would be nice to have a third person to help with coverage. Bill Edgerton supports Donna's thoughts. He said we used to have a third person on the crew. He also brought up the fact that Dave Brown brings in a lot of grant money year after year and it is awfully hard to research grant availability when he is out on the roads maintaining or plowing. He said the town needs to balance human resources needs and equipment requirements. He commended the Selectboard for being proactive in bringing this up to the town. The Selectboard will analyze the total costs and plan to address in the 2021 budget.

Bill also brought up the additional \$1,000 requested to upgrade the town's website to enhance communications and the \$4,500 for computing infrastructure. He said if the town doesn't invest here that we will be basically standing still.

Todd Trzaskos asked if the Selectboard if they knew what the cost might be for a second mow to help prevent the wild chervil from going to seed and spreading further. They said cost of the current mow later in the year is \$8,000. Dave Brown also reported that a lot of the chervil is outside of the town's right of way. Kathie Burns asked when the best time to mow chervil was. The board said they would do research. Joanne Mills reminded everyone that we had a speaker last year who shared how to manage several invasive species like chervil, parsnip, etc. Jody Lynam said the only way to get rid of it is to pull it out. Beth Dawley shared that mowing and maintenance over the years has thinned out the patch of chervil that she has. Mark Pelletier thought that we should do more research before increasing the budget. Lou Chap thought to vote for an increase might not be prudent until we know more about how to solve the problem. Sylvan Groth asked what harm would there be. Mark indicated that even if we do add the \$8,000, we would do the research as well. He also said he found the best time to pull the chervil is when the ground is wet. Willie Lynam suggested that we add a clause to the mower's contract that if they mowed after the chervil had gone to seed, they will have to do preventative management to wash down the equipment to prevent the spreading of the seeds. Randy Race said that we need expert advice with best practice procedures before just adding dollars to the budget. He wants to find out the

best recommendations of what should be done. Willie Lynam wants us to ensure we look at all the invasive species not just chervil. Kelly McDermott-Burns would like us to get the speaker back in contact with the board. Bruce Griffith motioned to amend the article to add \$8,000 to the 2020 budget. Motion was made to close the discussion. Kent called for a show of hands to approve the increase. Motion was approved. The town will raise the 2020 budget to \$785,761.

Article 6: Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? So moved. Seconded and approved.

Article 7: Will the Town vote to charge penalty and interest for late payment on both the first and second installments due for property taxes? Mark Pelletier started the discussion by asking if a payment is due on 8/15 and if late no penalty or interest is charge, was it really due? Susan Pelletier said that she had called all of the surrounding towns to see if they charged the penalty and interest on all of their installments and they said yes. Several towns indicated that doing so actually reduced the amount of money that they had to borrow in anticipation of tax collections. She also indicated that this year the delinquent amount at 11/15 was higher than in years past. Linda Lunna asked if first payment delinquencies would show on the town report. Donna Bryan asked if we should split the payment into 3 or 4 installments to spread it out. Mark Pelletier indicated that it used to be collected in 1 payment. Joanne Mills asked if 2019 was just an unusual year due to the education tax rate error. Lee Ann Isaacson said that she paid the original amount for the first payment knowing that the town would be correcting for the 2nd payment. Several people pointed out that sometimes people are delinquent because they have fallen on hard times. Randy Race asked if people were struggling could they go to an abatement board for help. Mark Pelletier indicated that had been done in the past. Pam Lyman inquired if other due dates could be picked. Kent asked if there was anymore discussion. Move to close the discussion was approved. Seconded. Article was approved.

Article 8: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting.

Bill Edgerton pointed out the Volunteer Form and suggested that anyone with an interest complete the form and return to the Town Clerk.

A second auditor position was needed for a 2-year term. Kathie Burns nominated Pam Lyman. Seconded. Motion to close nominations. Pam Lyman was elected as an auditor. Town Clerk cast 1 ballot.

Question was raised if anyone was able to speak to the progress on the Gaysville Park. The board indicated that they will re-engage this spring and communicate progress.

Joanne Mills thanked everyone who contributed to support the Meeting house. She also let everyone know that the PTO has snacks for purchase in the foyer. Money earned will support field trips for the students.

Carl Groppe and Joanne Mills confirmed there was a school meeting tonight 3/3/2020. Everyone is encouraged to attend to hear the discussion and ask questions.

Rabies Clinic will be held on March 17 from 6:00-7:30

Beth Dawley shared that as part of the reappraisal project all properties have been visited. The vendor will be sending out teams of two to review the initial inspections. Once finalized a booklet will be sent to all property owners. There will be instructions on how to grieve and all will be finalized and in place prior to issuing the 2020 tax bills.

Reminder that there are two openings on the Planning Commission. A question was raised if Stockbridge needs to create a Conservation Commission.

Todd Trzaskos inquired about the slight increase in the ABLE Waste contract. He also asked the board if they felt that ABLE was serving the town well. Lee Ann Isaacson shared that she has noticed that the ABLE truck puts both trash and recyclables into the same container with curbside pickup. She said that the driver said that the recyclables and trash were sorted at the ABLE facility. Kathie Burns said there are two trucks during fast trash service at the town office. Donna Bryan asked if they have a sorting facility. Lauren Foley asked if we should stop sorting out recyclables. Mark Pelletier said that we have asked ABLE representatives to attend an upcoming Selectboard meeting to present the new contract and address questions.

Kent asked if there was any other business to address?

Bill Edgerton moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

2020 Town Salaries

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Selectmen | | |
| | Jim Shands | \$ 1,400.00 |
| | Mark Pelletier | \$ 1,400.00 |
| | Lee Ann Isaacson | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Town Clerk | | |
| | Lori Scott | \$ 16,927.91 |
| Treasurer | | |
| | Lori Scott | \$ 16,927.92 |
| Highway Dept | | |
| | Luke Gibson | \$ 45,017.26 |
| | David Brown | \$ 61,345.56 |
| Health Officer | | |
| | Dan Levy | \$ 500.00 |
| Asst. Town Clerk | | |
| | Kelly McDermott-Burns | \$ 7,312.00 |
| Listers | | |
| | Beth Dawley | \$ 2,812.50 |
| | Janet Whitaker | \$ 885.00 |
| Delinq. Tax Collector | | |
| | Susan Pelletier | \$ 13,026.77 |
| Auditors | | |
| | Kathie Burns | \$ 225.00 |
| | Pamela Lyman | \$ 202.50 |
| Poll Workers | | |
| | Kimberlee Marsh | \$ 180.00 |
| | Linda Lunna | \$ 187.50 |
| | Marc Scott | \$ 307.50 |
| Fire Dept/First Response | | |
| | David Brown | \$ 1,080.00 |
| | Dan Novotny | \$ 1,340.00 |
| | Jim Munyon | \$ 1,340.00 |
| | Corey Novotny | \$ 900.00 |
| | Brian Merrill | \$ 580.00 |
| | Martin Hunt | \$ 540.00 |
| | Eric Brown | \$ 340.00 |
| | Matthew Johnson | \$ 1,120.00 |
| | Josh Kennedy | \$ 820.00 |
| | Nathaniel Kennedy | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Constable | | |
| | Zachary Cavacas | \$ 333.75 |
| Zoning Administrator | | |
| | Lee Ann Isaacson | \$ 1,440.00 |

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

| | Tax Rate | Grand List | Taxes |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Non-Homestead Education | 1.5459 | 712,258.00 | 1,101,079.71 |
| Homestead Education | 1.5814 | 435,421.00 | 688,574.78 |
| Local Agreement | 0.0037 | 1,147,679.00 | 4,246.47 |
| Highway | 0.3091 | 1,147,679.00 | 354,747.78 |
| Town | 0.2193 | 1,147,679.00 | 251,682.02 |
| Total Taxes Raised | | | <u>2,400,330.76</u> |

Taxes Accounted for as follows

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Collected Through 11/15/2019 | 1,992,366.28 |
| State Education Payment | 188,376.09 |
| Municipal Portion of Tax Credit | 5,174.00 |
| Corrections and Abatements | 2,148.07 |
| Turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector | <u>212,266.32</u> |
| | <u>2,400,330.76</u> |

Summary of Delinquent Taxes at 12/31/2020

| YEAR | 12/31/2019 BALANCE | 12/31/2020 Balance | Collected |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2012 | 43.16 | 43.16 | 0.00 |
| 2013 | 841.83 | 841.83 | 0.00 |
| 2014 | 909.92 | 909.92 | 0.00 |
| 2015 | 887.97 | 887.97 | 0.00 |
| 2016 | 172.32 | 42.25 | 130.07 |
| 2017 | 570.24 | 290.94 | 279.30 |
| 2018 | 6734.64 | 1,638.78 | 5,095.86 |
| 2019 | <u>72,595.96</u> | <u>3,538.55</u> | <u>69,057.41</u> |
| SUBTOTAL | 82,756.04 | 8,193.40 | 74,562.64 |
| 2020 | 212,266.32 | 86,738.05 | 125,528.27 |
| Balance due for 2012-2020 delinquent taxes | | 94,931.45 | 200,090.91 collected. |
| Paid as of 1/12/2020 | | <u>4,412.99</u> | |
| Total Balance due | | 90,518.46 | |

DELINQUENT TAX LIST 2020

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|
| ABSC REALTY LLC | 2017-20 | 1,001.53 |
| AD ASTRA | 2020 | 5,264.61 |
| ANDREWS, RODNEY | 2012-15 | 2,598.87 |
| ARCHER, WILLIAM | 2019-20 | 2,665.04 |
| BARNETT, MICHELLE | 2020 | 1,011.98 |
| BARTOLONE, BEN | 2018-20 | 790.38 |
| BILODEAU JOSHUA | 2019-20 | 1,065.79 |
| BRADY, TERI | 2014-20 | 476.76 |
| BRONSON, RITCHIE | 2018-20 | 850.94 |
| BROWN, BRODIE | 2020 | 263.12 |
| CARRIER ROBERTA | 2020 | 3,636.50 |
| COMMEFORD, W | 2020 | 366.78 |
| COTE TODD | 2020 | 199.29 |
| DAY, RANDEE | 2020 | 135.73 |
| DRISCOLL CHARLES | 2020 | 1,194.84 |
| DUBREUIL, DEAN | 2020 | 4,591.70 |
| FACCIOLI GUGLIEMO | 2020 | 340.78 |
| FIELDER, DON | 2020 | 192.20 |
| GAGE, JAMES | 2020 | 5,955.54 |
| GAUL, JOHN | 2020 | 769.30 |
| GORTON JOHN | 2020 | 2,524.76 |
| GREATHOUSE NANCY | 2020 | 290.92 |
| GRIMM PETER | 2020 | 56.78 |
| HATCH, MARYANN | 2020 | 650.38* |
| HAWK RESORTS INTL | 2020 | 1,365.24 |
| HENDERSON RICHARD | 2020 | 18.96* |
| HUDSON, PATRICK | 2020 | 1,760.54* |
| HULBURT ELIZABETH | 2020 | 265.28* |
| JAGODA, LINDA | 2020 | 1,456.20 |
| KELSEY RICHARD | 2020 | 45.29 |
| KETCHUM, CLAY | 2020 | 588.61* |
| KETCHUM, MICHAEL | 2020 | 9,488.14 |
| KORNBERG, OREN | 2020 | 294.28 |
| LANGAN, LANCE | 2020 | 797.43 |
| LEESER JOHNATHAN | 2020 | 2,462.22 |
| LEMERY RAELENE | 2020 | 707.80 |
| MARTELL TODD | 2018-20 | 2,789.83 |
| MCCULLOUGH, KIRK | 2020 | 1,205.24 |
| MCRAE ROBERT | 2020 | 662.88 |
| MOSHER, ERIK | 2020 | 617.16 |
| MUELLER, JOHN | 2018-20 | 830.04 |
| PTASYSKI JOHN | 2020 | 3,212.58 |
| PUZA, MICHAEL | 2020 | 1,714.34 |
| ROTH, SHAUN | 2019-20 | 983.80 |
| ROTH, SHAUN | 2020 | 1,066.02 |
| SABLE MTN. CORP | 2020 | 4,839.66 |
| SCHUMANN ADAM | 2020 | 1,109.59* |
| SCOVILLE THOMAS | 2020 | 5,005.90 |
| SHEEHAN TERRY | 2020 | 1,159.52 |
| SMITH, CHARLES | 2020 | 2,262.94 |
| SMITH EUGENIE | 2020 | 191.47 |
| SULLIVAN, KIMBERLY | 2019-20 | 4,803.40 |
| TEIXIERA, FRANK | 2020 | 3,249.98 |
| THOMPSON JOHN | 2020 | 1,005.76 |
| TWEED RIVER REALTY | 2020 | 1,043.14 |
| VARGAS STEINHEIL | 2020 | 19.63* |
| WESTHAVER FAMILY | 2020 | <u>1,014.06</u> |
| Total Amount Due | | \$94,931.45 |

*PAID IN FULL BY 1/12/2021

Trustees of Public Funds



Craig Cota-Chair, Mary Ellen Dorman, and Bill Edgerton

Trustees of Public Funds Report--2020

Role: Stockbridge is blessed with six endowments. The trusts were created for the benefit of residents in need, to support our school, provide educational opportunities for our students, and for library materials. The Trustees are also responsible for administering the Cemetery Trust Fund. As Trustees we have a dual responsibility to manage these funds prudently while proactively supporting the people and purposes for which the funds were created. See page 2 for descriptions of each fund.

Assistance Highlights: Assistance provided totaled \$ 45,709 as shown on page 3. Direct assistance for those in need was primarily administered through Capstone Community Action. Distributions were also made to support the Stockbridge Central School, school programs, students, and the care and maintenance of Town cemeteries.

Included in the above total is \$29,209 supporting 16 non-profit organizations helping Stockbridge residents. Prior to 2015 such support was provided by the Town's taxpayers via Town Meeting appropriation. Trust Fund contributions through 2020 now total \$162,844. The organizations and support provided are shown on page 4.

Financial Highlights: The combined Fund portfolio had an annual rate of return of 6.4% as shown on page 3. **On July 15, 2020, the Trustees accepted \$2,114,404 from the Hollister Fletcher Trust to establish the Hollister Fletcher Fund. See attached research report by Forrest Newton about Hollister Fletcher.**

Investment Advisory Services: Investment advisory services were provided by Mascoma Wealth Management LLC of Hanover, New Hampshire. The advisory fee for the year was \$11,168.

If anyone is aware of needy individuals, families, or programs that could benefit from the trust funds managed by the Trustees, please call Craig Cota, 234-5332; Mary Ellen Dorman, 234-9281; or Bill Edgerton at 234-5106. Capstone's office is located at 12 Prince Street in Randolph and can be reached at 1-800-846-9506 or 1-802-728-9506. Tax-deductible donations c/o the Trustees of Public Funds are gratefully accepted.

Respectfully submitted:

Trustees of Public Funds: Craig Cota, Chair

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Trust Funds

Keyes Poor/School Fund

Established in 1860 with an original endowment of \$632. Its purpose is to be used “for support of the poor of said town, or if not required for this purpose, to be used for school purposes.”

Albert Whitcomb School Fund

Established in 1897. The original gift was \$20,000 and the will states, “the income only shall be annually divided among the school districts in said town; each district shall receive an amount in proportion to the number of scholars attending school.”

Albert Whitcomb Welfare Fund

Established in 1898 and is part of the Albert Whitcomb estate. The original endowment was \$22,323, and the will instructs “the principal to be safely invested and the income only to be used for the relief of the poor in said town.”

Edwina Paine Welfare Fund

Established in 1903 with an original amount of \$2,905. The will states this amount is “to be used and expended for the poor in said town of Stockbridge.”

Chamberlain Library Fund

Established in 1948 by a gift from Vernie Chamberlain that directed the income to be used to buy books for the Stockbridge Library. She specified the books to be religious subjects or biographies of great Americans.

Hollister Fletcher Fund

Established in 2020 by a gift of \$2,114,404 from the Hollister J. Fletcher Trust “to help worthy citizens of the Town to overcome temporary, difficult, or needy situations.”

Cemetery Trust Fund

These funds were originally kept by the Town and then turned over to the Trustees in 1938. This Fund contains monies originally given for perpetual care of individual lots, monies from the Albert Whitcomb and Orley Whitcomb Cemetery Trust Funds, and sales of cemetery lots. Additions are made to the Fund whenever cemetery lots are sold. Distributions from these combined funds are provided yearly to the Cemetery Commissioners to supplement the Town’s cemetery appropriation for the maintenance and care of all six Town cemeteries--Abbott, Maplewood, Mt. Pleasant-Ranney, South Hill, Sylvester (Alcorn), and Watkins Cemetery.

Trustees of Public Funds

2020 Financial Report

| <u>A. Assets</u> | <u>12/31/2019</u> | <u>12/31/2020</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Equities | \$962,199 | \$1,887,756 |
| Fixed Income | \$674,911 | \$2,009,114 |
| Alternative Assets | \$0 | \$0 |
| Cash | \$35,108 | \$71,215 |
| Total Assets: | <u>\$ 1,672,218</u> | <u>\$ 3,968,085</u> |

| <u>B. Sources & Uses</u> | <u>12/31/2019</u> | <u>Gains 1)</u> | <u>Transfers 2)</u> | <u>Uses 3)</u> | <u>12/31/2020</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Hollister Fletcher Fund 4) | \$ - | \$ 94,551 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,208,955 |
| Whitcomb Welfare Fund | \$ 944,432 | \$ 77,432 | \$ (3,000) | \$ (24,209) | \$ 994,655 |
| WWF Capstone 5) | \$ 3,366 | | \$ 3,000 | \$ (1,500) | \$ 4,866 |
| Whitcomb School Fund | \$ 353,833 | \$ 23,006 | \$ - | \$ (14,000) | \$ 362,839 |
| Paine Welfare Fund | \$ 109,018 | \$ 10,059 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 119,077 |
| Keyes School/Poor Fund | \$ 11,152 | \$ 800 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,952 |
| Chamberlain Library Fund | \$ 8,381 | \$ 593 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,974 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | \$ 242,036 | \$ 20,731 | \$ - | \$ (6,000) | \$ 256,767 |
| Sources & Uses Totals: | <u>\$ 1,672,218</u> | <u>\$ 227,172</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (45,709)</u> | <u>\$ 3,968,085</u> |

| <u>Annual Returns:</u> | <u>16.1%</u> | <u>6.4%</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hollister Fletcher Fund | \$ - | \$ - |
| Whitcomb Welfare Fund 5) | \$ 1,529 | \$ 1,500 |
| WWF--Non-Profits Support | \$ 22,209 | \$ 24,209 |
| Whitcomb School Fund | \$ 12,683 | \$ 9,000 |
| WSF--One Planet | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Paine Welfare | \$ - | \$ - |
| Keyes School/Poor | \$ - | \$ - |
| Chamberlain Library | \$ - | \$ - |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 |
| Support Totals: | <u>\$ 47,421</u> | <u>\$ 45,709</u> |

| <u>D. Trust Expenses</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Financial Advisor Fee 6) | \$ 7,860 | \$ 11,168 |
| Administrative Expenses | \$ - | \$ - |
| Expense Totals: | <u>\$ 7,860</u> | <u>\$ 11,168</u> |

Notes:

1) Gains net of Financial Advisor Fee.

2) Fund transfers, donations and Cemetery lot sales

3) Uses do not include Trust Expenses shown under Section D.

4) HF Fund beginning date: June 11, 2020, \$2,114,404.

5) Most support for Stockbridge residents is provided through Capstone Community Action.

5) Support includes emergency fuel, rent, utilities and transportation, child care & senior services.

6) Financial advisory services: Mascoma Wealth Management LLC, Hanover, N.H.

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Trustees of Public Funds Non-Profit Organizational Support

| Organization | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | American Red Cross | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$1,250 |
| 2 | Belcher Library | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| 3 | Bethel Food Shelf | \$3,000 | \$3,000 | \$6,000 | \$3,000 | |
| 4 | Capstone (formerly CVCAC) | \$300 | \$300 | \$300 | | |
| 5 | Central VT Council on Aging | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 |
| 6 | Clara Martin Center | \$1,081 | \$1,081 | \$1,081 | \$1,081 | \$1,081 |
| | Green Mt. Economic Dev. Corp | \$365 | | | | |
| 7 | Green UP Vermont | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| 8 | One Planet (formerly Ex.C.E.L.) | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 9 | Park House | \$1,800 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 |
| 10 | Quin-Town Senior Center | \$4,150 | \$5,398 | \$5,398 | \$5,668 | \$6,668 |
| 11 | Safeline, Inc. | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$1,500 |
| 12 | Stagecoach Transportation Services | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$1,250 | \$2,250 |
| | Stockbridge Historical Society | \$2,000 | | | | |
| 13 | Visiting Nurses Alliance | \$2,630 | \$2,630 | \$2,630 | \$2,930 | \$3,930 |
| 14 | VT Adult Learning | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| 15 | VT Center for Independent Living | \$230 | \$230 | \$230 | \$230 | \$230 |
| 16 | VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| 17 | White River Partnership | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| 18 | Windsor County Partners | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| | Totals: | \$27,856 | \$26,939 | \$29,939 | \$27,209 | \$29,209 |

Contributions by Town Appropriation

> \$2,000

Contributions by Trustee Funds > \$25,856 \$26,939 \$29,939 \$27,209 \$29,209

Biography of Hollister J. Fletcher

Benefactor of the Hollister Fletcher Fund

by Forrest Newton

- 1 Who was Hollister J. Fletcher?
- 2 Why did he name the Stockbridge (VT) Trustees of Public Funds stewards of the Hollister Fletcher Fund “to help worthy citizens of the Town overcome temporary, difficult, or needy situations”?

The ‘Who’ is fairly straightforward and may be summarized as follows: Hollister Fletcher was the son of Frank C. Fletcher and Kate (Schermerhorn) Fletcher. Hollister was born in Roxbury, Vermont in 1902. Frank C. was an M.D., and he moved his family to Stockbridge in 1903 where he became the town doctor. Hollister grew up in Stockbridge with his older brother Frank L. and younger sister M. Irene. Hollister’s older cousin Florence Schermerhorn came to live with the family, perhaps to help with housekeeping and the three young children.

Hollister went to local schools, graduating from Whitcomb High School in Bethel. He enrolled in the University of Vermont in Burlington in the fall of 1921 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York in 1923. He studied Electrical Engineering.

In 1925 his sister Irene died from appendicitis while she was attending the University of Vermont. She was buried at what was to become the Fletcher family plot in Ranney Cemetery in Stockbridge.

In 1926 Hollister began his professional career working for several Vermont companies, first in Bethel and then in Rutland with the Hortonia Power Company. He went on to work for the Rutland Railway Power and Light Company and was there until that company merged with a number of others in late 1928. After the merger, Hollister decided to move out to the Midwest where he continued his studies, this time in aviation. While at Hortonia Power he probably met and was impressed with Edward McGoff who was in charge of construction for the company. McGoff purchased a small plane to visit company worksites in Vermont.

In 1930 at the age of 28, Hollister came back to Stockbridge. He began work in Bethel for the local telephone company. In the 1930’s he also became involved in local politics and community. At the Stockbridge Town Meetings he was elected Moderator at least twice, once as School Director, and once as a Town Auditor. Politically he was active in the Democratic Party. He was often a representative at state conventions and ran several times for Windsor County Sheriff on the Democratic ticket.

The 20’s and 30’s period was one of mergers and takeovers for the early telephone and electric industry. There were numerous small, local telephone and electric companies that were assimilated by larger organizations. Hollister was in the middle of this, and his employers’ names would change

though he may have continued to work with the same people. He was promoted to senior management positions during these years.

In 1938 with several other men, Hollister began a start-up business, The Valley Airport, Inc. They purchased land in the Hancock-Granville area for an airport and established business offices in Rochester. He also traveled out to the Midwest with a friend and bought a small airplane and flew it back to Vermont. He used the plane regularly, including visits to his brother in Massachusetts or to New York. He also took friends with him on trips and excursions.

In 1941 Hollister married Catherine Smith of Keeseville, New York, in Lynn, Massachusetts. The couple settled in Bethel. They were both active in charitable causes. Catherine was a devout Catholic and involved with St. Anthony's in Bethel.

In 1947 his mother died. She was buried in the family plot at Ranney Cemetery, next to her daughter. In 1950 his father died. He also was buried at Ranney with his wife and daughter.

That same year Hollister purchased the Hartland Telephone Company. At this time, he was also managing the Rutland Telephone Co. With both his parents gone, Catherine and Hollister moved from Bethel to Rutland. Over the next few years, they purchased several properties in Rutland. Hollister restructured his businesses. They took a trip to Fort Myers, Florida and began to set their sights on retirement in that state.

The 1960's began with Hollister and Catherine selling properties in Rutland and Hollister divesting his business interests and moving to Palm Springs, Florida.

Hollister passed in 1983; Catherine in 1998. Hollister was interred at the family plot at Ranney Cemetery with his parents, brother and sister; Catherine in her family plot in Keeseville, NY.

What may we infer from the facts?

He was an intelligent man. He studied Electrical Engineering. He also went to several schools for classes in Airplane Aviation.

He was forward thinking. His fields of interest were nascent when he was a young man. Electricity was still theoretical for much of rural America in 1910. Electrical consumer products were practically non-existent, as were homes with electricity. The telephone was just beginning to become available and was a 'wonder product'. (Newspapers in the 1920's featured ads for local telephone companies that touted the 'miracle capabilities' of telephones.)

He was also a pilot! Commercial flight in Vermont did not exist before 1919, and almost no one had a personal airplane.

He was respected. Other people gave him responsibilities. He was nominated and elected to positions of importance for the Town of Stockbridge, and the Vermont Democratic Party, where he

was the party nominee for County sheriff several times as well as a regular delegate to the state conventions. During World War II, he chaired the local rationing board--a *very* difficult position.

He was charitably motivated. He was on various boards for different charities. He was concerned about his fellow man and embraced political activity that was compassionate and progressive, a proponent of Roosevelt's New Deal.

He was a successful businessman. In his working career he quickly advanced to management and was a visionary entrepreneur. His abilities and training combined with an engineer's focus made him successful in business.

The 'Why' is entirely subjective:

There is, of course, no way to know why Hollister Fletcher left a significant portion of his estate to the stewardship of the Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds, although knowing something of his life we can always speculate.

A person's first choice for the beneficiary of their estate is usually his family. Charities are another popular choice for beneficiary and/or institutions promoting causes that resonate with the benefactor. A third option is those people and institutions where there is a significant emotional attachment. Hollister had initially intended to leave the majority of his estate to four non-profit charitable organizations after his wife and nephew, his only remaining family, had use of the dividends and interest during their lifetimes. He changed his mind shortly before his death and named the Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds as stewards of the Hollister Fletcher Fund. It seems that he was motivated by an emotional connection to this town. Some of the following *may* have factored into his ultimate decision:

1. His early life in Stockbridge and his family. As the son of the town doctor, he probably enjoyed community favor. The family also seemed to be financially comfortable and he may have looked back on his early years as happy ones. He was also attached to his parents and when he wasn't living with them in their Gaysville home, he was a regular visitor. He stayed in the area until both had passed.
2. His sister's death. Irene's death when she was just 20 years old had to be extremely difficult for all the Fletchers. She was the 'baby' of the family and was born on Christmas Day. Every subsequent Christmas had to bring back memories of her and make the holiday season bittersweet. In the Fletcher family plot in Ranney Cemetery, hers is the only family stone marker that is raised. All other members of the family have closely identical markers that are level with the ground. I think the fact that Hollister died in Florida but is interred in the family plot at Ranney Cemetery, is an indication of his affection for his sister and family. His brother Frank, who passed away in Idaho, is also interred at Ranney. It seems unusual to have both brothers pass away in locales so far away and yet have their resting places in Stockbridge, *unless there was a very strong emotional factor drawing them back.*
3. Hollister Goddard. His cousin Florence married a local man, Benjamin Goddard, and named her first child "Hollister". Like Irene Fletcher, he was also born on Christmas Day. After she had married, Florence and her family continued to spend time with the Fletchers, and they would

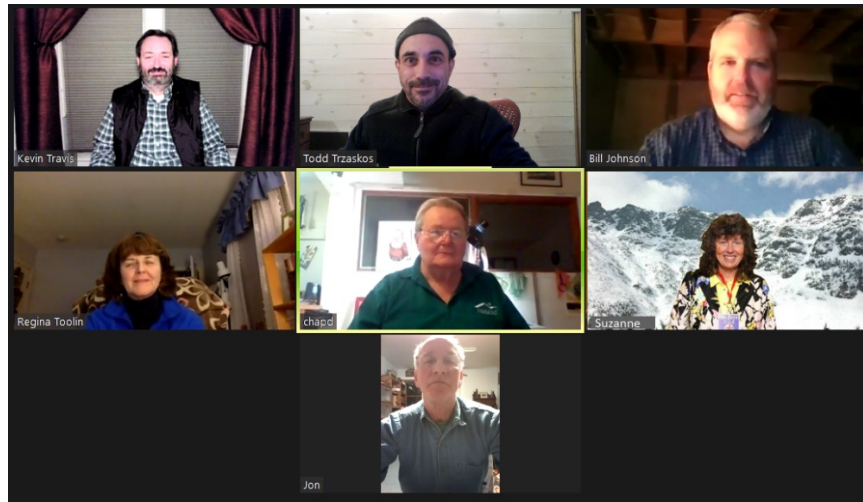
get together for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She must have been quite attached to Hollister Fletcher in order to name her first child after him and, if this was the case and the feeling was mutual, it may have played a part in his estate planning decisions. Considering Florence's affection for him may have brought back fond memories of her, and by association, Stockbridge, Vermont.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, research was limited to what was readily accessible on the Internet. I had requested additional documents from government agencies, but they were not available due to staffing and procedural difficulties from Covid-19. However, I am certain that the essential elements and character of Hollister J. Fletcher are still apparent with what information was available.

Forrest Newton

June 15, 2020

Planning Commission Report



Role: The Planning Commission is principally responsible for drafting the Town Plan and the Town's zoning and subdivision bylaws. It also serves in a regulatory capacity, reviewing site plans, subdivisions, and Clustered Housing Developments, and may prepare and present building, housing and safety codes, and capital budgets.

Commissioners are appointed by the Selectboard and normally serve three-year terms.

Meetings: Regularly scheduled monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday via Zoom and may resume at the Town office later in 2021 depending on COVID status. The public is invited to attend all meetings and hearings. Agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the town website: <http://stockbridgevt.org>

2020 Highlights: 2020 was a year of unanticipated changes due to COVID-19 and the need to maintain socially distanced meets, as well as renewing the membership of the commission. The commission was able to move to Zoom as a meeting mechanism, and while there were a few initial adjustment difficulties, by the 3rd quarter a regular meeting process was in place. The commission elected two new members, Bill Johnson in March, Kevin Travis in June, and Regina Toolin in December. In addition, in December, the commission elected Kevin Travis as the new Chair, to succeed Lou Chap in his acting role. As of the end of 2020, the commission is now fully staffed again.

The main issues in front of the commission were continuing discussions on preparing to review and revise the town plan, which will be due in 2023. This document, last updated in 2015, requires updating every 8 years. To date, the Commission has been discussing the scope and approaches for soliciting town input and will be proposing approaches later in 2021. In addition, the commission discussed issues related to land use as well as Freenet (ATT) cell services and the challenges of siting towers. Several additional initiatives underway elsewhere including the Gaysville campground plan and a proposal to consider historically significant sites in Gaysville were discussed. The town participated in a bid for economic development aid from the Federal Reserve in Boston with 12 other White River Valley towns as well.

The Commission extends a warm thanks to Lou Chap for all his work as Acting Chair. Current Planning Commission members are: Jon Benson, Suzanne Butterfield, Lou Chap, Bill Johnson, Regina Toolin, Kevin Travis (Chair) and Todd Trzaskos.

Respectfully submitted, Stockbridge Planning Commission, Kevin Travis, Chair

Lister's Report

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION

What is a Homestead Declaration? In Vermont, all property is subject to an education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, property is categorized as either nonresidential or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land up to two acres surrounding the dwelling, owned, and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile.

What is not a Homestead? Property is considered nonresidential and therefore not a homestead if one of the following applies:

- Your property is leased for more than 182 days out of the calendar year.
- The property is used exclusively for a commercial, including rental, purpose.
- The property is used for a second home, camp, vacation, or summer cottage.

How do I file a Homestead Declaration? The Homestead Declaration is filed using Form HS-122, the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim or save time by filing your Homestead Declaration online. Many people file their Homestead Declaration at the same time they file their Vermont income tax returns. However, if you apply to extend the time to file your income tax return, the declaration must still be filed by the April filing deadline. Even if a person is not required to file a Vermont Income Tax Return, the declaration must be filed by the deadline.

Filing Deadlines – You must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April deadline. If you file after April 15, you will be assessed one of the following penalties.

- Up to a 3% penalty if the nonresidential rate is higher than the homestead education property rate
- Up to 8% if the nonresidential rate is lower than the homestead education property tax.

If you file your declaration after the October filing deadline your property will be classified as nonresidential. You then must pay the higher of the two rates, a penalty, and any additional tax and interest due.

Filing your Homestead Declaration can save you money on your education taxes. Likewise, NOT filing it can cost you money. There is a lot more information about this on-line and can be accessed by looking up Vermont Homestead Declaration.

REAPPRAISAL: The re appraisal has been completed and the Grand List increased by \$5,000,000 dollars.

As can be seen in the Property Transfer Report here in the town report, our sales have been very active this year. This is a statewide trend. Our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 101.36% our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is now 6.61%. The ideal is 100% and 0% respectively. We had been on the state watch list because of our climbing COD. The reappraisal has taken care of this issue. Our last reappraisal took effect in 2006. A lot changed since then.

Do not forget to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15, 2021 or the late filing penalty will be added to your tax bill. If you use any of the available tax filing software packages, they might not include this State of Vermont form.

This has been a challenging year for all town officials. Zoom meetings and working from home as much as is possible. Thank you so much for your understanding of this global phenomenon.

Beth Dawley, Janet Whitaker, Zach Cavacas

Zoning Administrator's Report

Town of Stockbridge

The 2020 Zoning activity has been strong. despite, and most likely due to the COVIS19 Pandemic. First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the support that I received from Lori, our Town Clerk, without whom my job would have been very difficult.

Working remotely from home meant that she often had to pull files and documents and track down data for me that enabled me to answer the myriad calls, questions, and permit applications that we received over the Spring, Summer and Fall. We perfected the technique of hanging things on the doorknob for drop off and pick up!

This year there were 5 permits issued for New Construction, 1 Sign Permit, 3 Permits were issued for Accessory Structures, 5 issued for Additions to existing homes, 1 Simple Subdivision permit granted and 3 permits for shed or decks.

9 Certificates of Completion were issued (using photos and videos submitted via email of the completed work) and 2 Variances requested and approved all via email and ZOOM.

A few of the permit requests were exempt from needing a permit – however, the application must still be made and filed with the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Stockbridge with regard to any construction to determine whether or a not a project is exempt.

We have received and addressed several Noise Ordinance complaints. As of this writing the policy is under consideration and revision by the Select Board as the existing Ordinance is outdated.

The zoning by laws are posted on our Town website along with the application and fee schedule, and are proving user friendly from the feedback received by applicants.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, I am happy to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Isaacson

Zoning Administrator

Road Commissioner's Report

This year proved to be a lot challenging with the stipulations from the COVID Pandemic. For part of it the Road Crew was quarantined at home only working when necessary. When we did get back to work there were a lot of road improvements to tackle. It seemed like everything happened at once when it came to approving things. When it comes down to doing road improvement projects, I strongly feel they turnout better if Luke and Dave are on scene helping with them and will continue to handle them this way. I see the forced account labor as part of maintaining the roads even though if you add it all up the cost of projects goes up.

The first project was a drainage concern with a section of road that began at the Fletcher Brook turn off from Stony Brook and continued all the way up to what has become known to me as Sonny's Log Landing. The work to this area first included removing some trees by Richard Veilleux that prevented us from putting in ditches while widening the road out. We installed 3 new culverts in this work area with 1 culvert needing to be upgraded from an 18-inch to a 24-inch. The other 2 culverts were lengthened out and upgraded from 15-inch culverts to 18-culvert. The sod berms that have built up over the years were removed to allow water to flow evenly off the sides of the road. We then needed to remove some ledge on the sharp corner to widen out the road while creating a ditch for the water to flow in. After completing all the necessary repairs, we gave the area a fresh coat of crushed ledge over the entire project area in hopes to be better able to maintain a trouble-free road. The final addition was to hydro seed the area and get the grass growing on all disturbed parts.

The next section of road that we had a Grants in Aide for was a section of Whitcomb Hill Road starting at the intersection of Lyon Hill and Whitcomb Hill and continuing down as far as Lynn Austin's home. A grant in aide gives the town a specified amount of money with the town having to spend a match to the amount given. This section of road has given us trouble as far as being able to control water flow either into a ditch or off the side of the road. To correct the problem the tree berm built up over the years needed to be removed off the side of the road. This was done by Richard Veilleux and his tree cutter. After removing the trees, the stumps and berm were removed to allow for water to flow off the side evenly. We needed to replace 4 culverts in this upgraded section as the project progressed relocating some one way or the other to better control of water. The road improvement required working with the landowner to move a long section of wall back from the road, the installation of a stone lined ditch to prevent water runoff from contaminating his spring, and the setting back of a cherished wall below his driveway across from his home.

The road improvement required a lot of hydraulic hammer work so we could widen the road while adding high quality ditches. There was one section that required a little better alignment moving it over about the width of the road. Luke rebuilt the wall across from Lynn's and did an outstanding job making it look better than it was.



We then added ledge topcoat to the improvement area that required quite a bit of material. When putting on topcoat it is considered normal maintenance to the road. Quite often a section of road might get ignored because of poor drainage and the fact if you put it on it would just wash away. Then when you bring it up to standards it could take a substantial amount. The area was all hydro seeded and the grass grew back in making it look great.

The next road improvement was a section of Lyon Hill road off Common Road that I had tried several times to get a grant for but did not secure one. This area of road again had large tree berms that prevented us the ability to control the flow of water in a normal way, causing the sides of the road to wash away during rain events. I worked for 3 years on this area before we finally were able to start the work with landowners in agreement. There were trees in the town right of way that needed to be removed, and Richard Veilleux was able to get the job done for us. After removing the trees town contractors as well as forced account labor went to work clearing away the stumps and berms to allow for the water to flow evenly off the sides of the road. After all areas were improved a coating hydro seeder mix was applied to the sides of the road for the length of the project. We then trucked in some ledge to bring the require depth of material up to road standards.



Flooding on April 15, 2019 left us with an area of erosion that posed a threat to continued erosion, that would eventually washout the road, and potentially take out a home near the intersection of River Road and Lilliesville Road. The erosion had left the stream flow so that it was not lined up with the bridge when the bridge was initially installed. I initially had FEMA look at the pictures and they would not get involved because of it being out of the town right of way. I contacted NRCS to come out and have a look at this site and after investigating they were on board helping to realign the stream to the bridge with over 300 feet of rip rap. The project was sent out to bid and Harvey's got the job doing the work. I feel that this was a project

that needed to be done for the good of all involved. The job included putting grubbing's over the rip-rapped area and seeding and mulching it. A part of the job that was done by Fish and Wildlife was putting in some trees to increase stability down the road over the years.

Luke and Dave worked on a large ditching project down on River Road from Lamberts down to the town line. We removed the berms off the sides of the road and allowed the water to drain into the cleaned-out ditch. I then after a long summer hired trucks to help bring in crushed ledge to topcoat the road from Lilliesville Intersection back to the town line. I am hoping that all of this work the road will not get as muddy in the spring and that the potholes will stay in check. This section of road has not been re graveled since we did it after Irene.

Luke and Dave worked on ditching a large section of Music Mountain where the ditches had become filled in with debris. After we completed removing the material, we hydro seeded the entire area.

The slide area down on Blackmer Boulevard continues to give us a problem with settling down. I had done a grant to try improving the area but do to COVID-19 no grants were sent out. I will apply again this year. We ended up needing to remove a rusted and separated culvert to stop water from eroding out the area, and with some filling back in the area was repaved to get us by for now, I hope.

I would like to thank Luke and all the contractors that have worked for me over the last year for their help in completing my projects. These projects we worked on were not easy ones but between all of us working together they came out looking outstanding and will allow for less maintenance needed for the road while allowing for easier removal of snow.

I would like to mention again that when it is snowing it takes us about 4 hours to complete a round trip of our routes we plow and sand. It is not that we are not out there it is the area we must cover before we get to start going around again.

Dave Brown, Road Commissioner

Fire Chief's Report

This year the Stockbridge Fire Department and First Response responded to 57 calls.

We continued to update our equipment with the purchase of a new air pack this year. In addition, we replaced outdated fire gear for 3 firemen. I am working on replacing air tank bottles that have exceeded their 15-year life span. I replaced 8 of them this year. This does not include the two new ones that are coming with the new air pack. This should leave us in good shape with the tanks for now. Pagers and radios continually need to be replaced or repaired adding to the cost of the budget.

This year I am hoping to begin upgrading our vintage extrication tools that are on the rescue truck. The newer ones are battery operated and do not require a separate gas-powered unit to run them.

I also am going to do some rust repair on Engine 1 that is now 33 years old. The rear step and one side running board either need to be covered up or replaced.

I would like to thank my fire department crew for their continued participation in the Stockbridge Fire Department, doing a more than professional job on all the calls.

The fire department could use a few new members to help with the roster numbers. If you are interested, please contact me, and let me know and I can give more details. My contact phone number is 802- 353-9392.

Dave Brown, Fire Chief

Property and Equipment Inventory

Town of Stockbridge

Garage/Fire Station

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Building Value | \$549,600 with .57 acres Blackmer Boulevard |
| Contents | 20,000 |
| Salt Shed | 7,974 |

Town Office

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Building Value | \$207,000 with 1 acre Route 100 |
| Contents | 20,000 |

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1.3 acres Stockbridge Com. | \$26,500 |
| 2.1 acres Route 107 | 30,000 |
| 1 acre Whitcomb Hill Road | 23,800 |
| Timberhawk Lots | 6,697 |
| Chalet Village - 11 Lots | |
| 4.7 acres River Road | |
| 21 acres Bridge Street | |
| 19.5 acres Fletcher Brook | |
| 156 Tweed Lane | |
| 118 Tweed Lane | |
| 8.3 acres Route 107 | |

2020 Caterpillar 430 backhoe/loader - Purchase Price \$140,000 less trade of \$50,000
 2020 International – Purchase Price \$178,803 less trade of \$45,000
 2017 Ford Truck – Purchase Price \$103,926 less trade of \$39,000
 2016 Kenworth Pumper/Tanker – Purchase Price \$200,000
 2016 Kenworth Dump Truck – Purchase Price \$180,089
 2008 Ford Mini-Pumper – Purchase Price \$141,500
 2006 John Deere Grader - Purchase Price \$216,500 less trade of \$30,000
 1987 Ford F8000 Fire Truck – Purchase Price \$88,500

2005 Chloride Spreader – Purchase Price \$6,189.93
 2017 Hydro-seeder - Purchase Price \$5,928
 2019 Debris Blower – Purchase Price \$7,600

Highway Grants

| Grant | Total Cost | Paid from 2020 Highway Budget/Construction Fund | Grant Received |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|
| Stony Brook Road | 25,930.75 | 5,930.75 | 20,000.00 |
| Whitcomb Hill Road | 30,767.54 | 16,007.54 | 14,760.00 |
| River Road | 56,504.00 | 13,681.04 | 42,822.96 |
| Fire Hydrant | 7,938.96 | - | 7,938.96 |
| Total | 121,141.25 | 35,619.33 | 85,521.92 |
| | | | |
| Total Construction Cost | 121,141.25 | | |
| Grants Received | 85,521.92 | | |
| Total Town Cost | 35,619.33 | | |

Equipment Hourly Usage

| | 2017 Ford | 2016 Kenworth | 2020 Inter. | Hydro Seeder | Grader | 2020 Loader | Loader | Rock Rake | Chloride Spreader | Chainsaw | Leaf Blower |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2020 Q1 | 207.00 | 16.00 | 227.50 | - | 32.00 | - | 92.50 | - | - | 0.50 | - |
| 2020 Q2 | 62.50 | 172.25 | 3.00 | 11.00 | 71.00 | - | 145.50 | - | 5.00 | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| 2020 Q3 | 84.50 | 186.50 | 4.00 | 15.50 | 91.50 | - | 152.50 | 4.50 | 12.50 | 15.50 | - |
| 2020 Q4 | 107.50 | 105.60 | 60.00 | - | 45.00 | 86.50 | - | 3.00 | 1.00 | - | - |
| 2020 Total | 461.50 | 480.35 | 294.50 | 26.50 | 239.50 | 86.50 | 390.50 | 7.50 | 18.50 | 18.50 | 2.50 |
| ** Loader was traded in in October for the 2020 Cat | | | | | | | | | | | |

Selectboard Report

In this year of pandemic, the Town of Stockbridge has been moving forward in many different directions. Despite the late winter pandemic related shutdowns, the Town has seen a lot of activity, citizen concerns and involvement regarding current events and issues. The use of Zoom video conferencing has allowed the Select Board and other bodies continue the collaborative and essential work of the Town. Lori Scott quickly establish a Zoom account last spring and we have upgraded our account so that we can have ***an on-line Informational Meeting to discuss Town affairs. We will then have an Australian ballot vote.*** The Town informational meeting will be February 25th. It will definitely be a different experience, but with our focus on pandemic safety, we feel that this is the only way forward. Please use the Town website (<https://stockbridgevt.org/>) for current information and details regarding our virtual town meeting.

Town Meeting, March 2020, we discussed a couple items that have been pushed aside due to COVID and other more time sensitive items. The Gaysville Campground has been dormant. We really need input from concerned citizens to push this issue and come up with possible uses and funding. If there are people interested in collaborating on this, please let us know. If a Zoom meeting is warranted, we can figure out a way for the committee to meet virtually. We also discussed adding money to the Road budget to fund a 3rd person to work on the crew. We would like to hear any further thoughts from Stockbridge residents regarding this budget change. As Dave points out in his reports, it takes the crew about 4 hours to make a circuit for the 2 people clearing snow during a storm. The December 17th storm was a whopper and many thanks to Dave & Luke for dealing with that volume of snow.

We would again, like to thank Dave Brown for his tireless grant writing and subsequent project execution. Dave lists many projects in his report that are great improvements to the Town's road system and getting grants really takes the sting out of the expense. We did purchase a new loader. The 2013 unit had a long list of necessary repairs; some under warranty, some not and reliability was starting to be an issue. Purchase was made from the equipment fund and this purchase, though a little ahead of time was clearly warranted. At Town Meeting last year, the Town did authorize the addition of a second mowing in order to deal with the proliferation of invasive plants along our roadsides. We did schedule an earlier mowing, but from my perspective, the contractor was just a week or two late and may have missed the window to knock the chervil down. We then subsequently cancelled the second mowing as unnecessary and a cost saving. We have budgeted for 2 mowing and will work with the mowing contractor to time the first mow prior to chervil bloom.

You will notice a line in the budget to contract with the Windsor County Sheriff for part-time coverage of Stockbridge. After numerous complaints in Gaysville for congested roadways by parked cars, as well as significant speed issues on back roads, we had the Sheriff patrolling town roads this past fall. The effect on road speeds was dramatic and in order to get ahead of the swimming hole issue, we thought it prudent to have the Sheriff around, on a part time basis, this coming summer & fall. This will also backstop our dedicated constable, Zach Cavacas, who has been on the sharp end of the spear this past summer. We want to thank Zach for his dedicated and sincere assistance to the Town. Other budget line details:

- Lori was able to secure a grant for elections, so the Elections/Town Meeting expense is zeroed out.
- The Board would like to recognize Lori's exceptional work this past year. We have increased the Town Clerk's rate to reflect the outstanding work for the Town this past year. There has been a significant uptick in the Town Clerk's workload; some relative to COVID, some regarding the elections as well as Lori's continued focus on finance and IT upgrades.
- It has been some time since we have had an independent audit of the Town's finances. We have added funds to get this done in 2021.
- We added money to the Town Garage Maintenance line in order to have it stained this summer.

- The completed town wide reappraisal resulted in an increase of the grand list by ~4.5%. Our CLA is now down to 101.36%. This is a favorable rate as this CLA is used to factor our homestead & non-homestead tax rates.

There has been a valid petition, put to the Select Board, regarding the Act 46 merger between Rochester & Stockbridge's schools. There will be a separate informational meeting regarding this petition February 23rd via Zoom. The Select Board will be facilitating this meeting with representatives from the School Board and Superintendent's office. We have placed the budget information, provided by the SU in the town report. These sheets detail the ramifications to both towns, that a dis-merger would bring to the towns, as well as implications to our taxes if we were to remain in the RSUD. We would like to have any specific questions to either board, or the superintendent, regarding this petition ahead of time, but as of this writing in January, we have not finalized that process. Please check the town website for details on how to submit questions regarding this critical issue.

The Town was the recipient of a bequest from the Hollister Fletcher estate. This gift has been added to the funds overseen by our Trustees of Public funds. These funds are invested and are also available for dispersal by discretion of the Trustees.

The Select Board is currently revising the Town's personnel policy. This critical document has been out of date for some time and Lee Ann has been diligently working with VLCT to update the policy so that we have clear guidance on staff and town responsibilities. We will also be addressing the current noise ordinance as that needs updating as well. There was a fair number of complaints regarding noise in various neighborhoods and the current dawn to dusk noise prohibition. Also, on the agenda for the coming year is to dust off the Town Garage sand shed project. As previously reported, the original concept to add land around the current town garage fell apart for multiple reasons. We are still working towards improving the Town Garage facility as it is too small and there is not adequate land around it to install a sand shed. Expected future water regulations may force our hand to store our winter road sand in environmentally compliant manner.

After 21 years on the Select Board, Mark Pelletier has decided that it is time to spend more time with family, friends, and the great outdoors. He has made a huge contribution to the Town and provided clear, consistent, and outstanding leadership. Lee Ann & I would like to thank Mark for his patient and knowledgeable guidance. We wish him the best in all future endeavors.

We look forward to any comments and would like to invite all to our twice monthly zoom Select Board meetings. The instructions and link to the meeting are published on the Town's website. Though we miss the in-person meetings, Zoom is a very efficient and effective tool for us.

Stockbridge Cemetery Commissioner's Report

This year we have been working to update our cemetery maps. We have been doing this manually using sometimes, incredibly old records. The Commission will purchase a program that will create updated and accurate mapping of our cemeteries, especially for Maplewood Cemetery where lots are still available.

We have finished our review of cemetery policies in surrounding towns and will have a new policy in place, effective on March 1st, 2021. The Stockbridge Cemetery Commission will be raising the rate of our lots, including having separate fees for residents and non-residents.

Are you interested in serving the town? Do you have an appreciation for our beautiful and historic cemeteries? We are looking for someone to fill an opening on our Commission. This is a small commitment of your time. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to one of the commissioners below or notify the town office.

We would like to thank Steve Twitchell and his crew for keeping our cemeteries in good shape. Should you find anything that needs to be addressed while visiting our cemeteries, please contact one of our commissioners.

Respectfully Yours,

Kelly McDermott-Burns

Brenda Hillier

Sara Poisson

For Year Ended 12/31/2020

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | | 2,444.72 |
| Revenue: | | | |
| | Perkins Trust | 300.00 | |
| | Trustees of Public Funds | 6,000.00 | |
| | Transfer from Town | 15,000.00 | |
| | Sale of Lots | 400.00 | |
| | Transfer from Savings | - | |
| Total Revenue | | | <u>21,700.00</u> |
| Total Cash Available | | | 24,144.72 |
| Expenses | | | |
| | Twitchell Contract | 21,250.00 | |
| | Tree's Inc | 2,475.00 | |
| | Pump Repair | 47.00 | |
| Total Expenses | | | <u>23,772.00</u> |
| Ending Balance | | | <u><u>372.72</u></u> |

Long Term Debt

Town of Stockbridge – Long-Term Debt as of 12/31/2020

| | Date Loan Incurred | Original Amount Borrowed | Balance on 12/31/2019 | Principal Payments | Interest Payments | Balance on 12/31/2020 |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Town Office | 2003 | 210,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 1,835.00 | 30,000.00 |
| Fire Truck | 2015 | 140,000.00 | 33,785.20 | 28,381.72 | 631.32 | 5,403.48 |
| | | <u>350,000.00</u> | <u>73,785.20</u> | <u>38,381.72</u> | <u>2,466.32</u> | <u>35,403.48</u> |

Property Tax Transfers

| Seller | Buyer | Description | Sales Price | Assessed Value |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Lambert | Miller | 3.1 ac & dwelling | \$30,000 | \$74,000 |
| Luf | Luf | 1.95 ac | N/A | \$23,800 |
| Fannie Mae | Greenwood | 24.29 ac & dwelling | \$155,000 | \$191,200 |
| Greenwood | Greenwood | 24.29 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$191,200 |
| Goddard | Goddard | 1.95 ac & mbl home | N/A | \$127,400 |
| Lunna | Lunna | 128.2 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$471,000 |
| Abdallah | Thompson | .29 ac & dwelling | \$9,500 | \$45,700 |
| Campisi | Murphy | 94 ac & shed | \$95,000 | \$93,600 |
| Wright | Murphy | 3.1 ac & dwelling | \$185,000 | \$181,000 |
| Tibeault | Murphy | 2.31 ac & dwelling | \$159,000 | \$111,700 |
| HSBC | Ski Inn, LLC | 29.59 ac & dwelling | \$106,652 | \$221,800 |
| A Johnson | Strongbridge | Timber Rights Only | \$862,669 | N/A |
| A Johnson | Strongbridge | Timber Rights Only | N/A | N/A |
| Van Den Bosch | Twitchell | .22 ac & dwelling | \$115,000 | \$97,700 |
| Begin | Jensen | 56.68 ac | N/A | Subdivision |
| Vosburgh | Wells Fargo | .36 ac & dwelling | \$123,234 | \$129,200 |
| LeClerc | Moore | 10.54 ac | \$35,000 | \$40,500 |
| SHUD | Ptaszynski | 1.1 ac & dwelling | \$93,000 | \$185,800 |
| Brown | Brown | 2.8 ac & dwelling | N/A | Subdivision |
| Barbieri Estate | Niblett | .9 ac & industrial bldg. | N/A | \$48,700 |
| Bones Estate | 3rd Branch Investments | 63.6 ac | \$318,000 | \$102,700 |
| Marshall | Mack | 5.5 ac & dwelling | \$227,000 | \$275,400 |
| Abdallah Estate | Abdallah | .25 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$8,700 |

| Seller | Buyer | Description | Sales Price | Assessed Value |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Chap | Chap | 53.5 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$265,400 |
| Ridgeline Overlook | Clough | 4.2 ac | \$21,300 | \$24,300 |
| Wells Fargo | Sec. of Veterans Affairs | .36 ac & dwelling | \$125,234 | \$130,500 |
| Morse | Tonachel | 1.79 ac & dwelling | \$139,000 | \$210,700 |
| Grimm Trust | Egan | 1.02 ac | \$36,000 | \$31,500 |
| Grindel | Barcomb | 2.9 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$191,600 |
| Niblett | Barnett | .9 ac & industrial bldg. | \$10,000 | \$48,700 |
| Lambert Estate | Burnham | 2.2 ac & dwelling | \$62,000 | \$113,700 |
| Whitney | Bardis | 23.19 ac & mbl home | \$110,000 | \$53,300 |
| Deforges | Desforges | 10 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$151,400 |
| Walls | Marden | 5.96 ac & dwelling | \$385,000 | \$302,400 |
| Sec. of Veterans Affairs | Silver | .36 ac & dwelling | \$67,000 | \$130,500 |
| Wells Fargo | Sec. of Veterans Affairs | .36 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$130,500 |
| Adams | Langlois | 1.1 ac & mobile home | \$70,000 | |
| Rudewick | Wales | 10.1 ac | N/A | \$286,200 |
| Abrams | Bridgewater | 8.48 ac | \$56,000 | \$34,900 |
| Lisk | Lisk Trust | 1 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$210,300 |
| Adams | Needham | 1.1 ac & mobile home | \$70,000 | |
| Fuster | Mears | 5.33 ac | \$25,000 | Subdivision |
| Stockbridge | Mahren | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mahren | Perez | 83 ac & dwelling | \$460,000 | \$290,300 |
| Carrier | Perkins | 1.38 ac & welling | \$225,000 | \$175,000 |
| Paladino | Zhang | 1.1 ac & dwelling | \$320,000 | \$200,600 |
| Lew Trust | Fierro | land | N/A | \$6,700 |

| Seller | Buyer | Description | Sales Price | Assessed Value |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Merrill | Spence | 2 ac & mobile home | \$220,000 | \$89,700 |
| Young | Bollman | 7.1 ac & dwelling | \$88,500 | \$110,400 |
| Lunna | Price Trust | 1 ac & commercial bldg. | \$340,000 | \$150,500 |
| Wayne | Wayne Jaffe Trust | 369.2 ac & dwelling | N/A | \$639,400 |
| Coen | Zhang | 1 ac & dwelling | \$256,000 | \$162,300 |
| Rogers | Messier | 1.78 ac & mobile home | \$99,500 | \$75,000 |
| Bayroot | Helmer | 142.3 ac | \$163,000 | \$115,400 |
| Blackmer | Cooper | 1 ac & dwelling | \$199,000 | \$239,600 |
| Key Bank | Sosik | 3.7 ac & dwelling | \$86,100 | \$180,900 |
| Robinson | Larson | .34 ac & dwelling | \$158,000 | \$148,600 |
| Lary | Gorton | 10.01 ac & dwelling | \$227,500 | \$145,500 |
| Riendeau | Williams/Clement | 78.5 ac & mobile home | \$87,500 | \$97,700 |
| Barcomb | McCarthy | 2.9 ac & mobile home | \$97,200 | \$110,000 |
| Brown | Baxter | 2.93 ac | \$25,000 | \$33,800 |
| Bollman | Bollman | 7.10 ac & dwelling | N/A | N/A |

Belcher Library Annual Report

As the entire world has suffered with the pandemic the State, the BELCHER LIBRARY has suffered with the State and all others with connections to our Library. We continue to receive books from all walks of life and they are an interesting selection. We will be listing some of our new books on our library page. This year, our leader, Doug Keffer, spent many hours working on the building. He painted, scraped, etc. on the building especially working on the roof of the area over the apartment entrance. This area had been leaking severely and this fix was a very beneficial job. Doug worked on many other areas. He purchased shades for all the windows in the building and hung them all. This also was a job needing to be done!! We also thank our loyal volunteers for continuing to help Doug, our President, Mary Ellen Dorman, Secretary and acting Librarian, Sage Campisi, Junior Librarian, Marge Turner, Treasurer and other board Members, Sandy Steele, Kim Taylor, Karen Pofcher, Dawn Cieniewicz and Sara Poisson. We are saddened to report that our Board Member, Margaret Perkins, passed this last summer, a very valuable member who will be missed dearly!!

We have taken in several new patrons and look forward to many more. Books are continuing to be ordered as requested and we are happy to do so.

We are looking forward to having children come again to make cookies with us on special occasions and having the school come to visit whenever they want.

We appreciate the Town giving us the \$3,800 –this helps us very much! Thank you-from the Library Board!

BELCHER LIBRARY
P.O.BOX 144
GAYSVILLE, VERMONT 05746
802-234-6608

Stockbridge -Gaysville Historical Society Report

We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to discover, collect, preserve, and exhibit materials, records and artifacts that relate to the civil and natural history of Stockbridge, VT. We strive to promote interest in Stockbridge, VT by all suitable means for the use, education, and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Although the year 2020 was especially challenging for all of us, with many plans and events cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Historical Society was still able to complete several projects. Thanks in particular to the efforts of board member Mette Rea, a donation of original historical records pertaining to Stockbridge was rescued and preserved. Several Historical Society members also 'answered the call' to assist with a research project on behalf of the Trustees of Public Funds.

However, 2020 will also be remembered for an important opportunity that has been presented to the Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society as well as the town of Stockbridge. Peggy Perkins, a longtime resident of Stockbridge who passed away this past June, left the use of her historic home on Laury Road to the Historical Society; ownership will remain with the Perkins' Trust. The Perkins home is one of the few residences in Gaysville that survived the terrible flood of 1927. Included with the home are family photos and many items pertaining to the Perkins family as well as the History of Stockbridge. If we are able to accept this gift of use, the Historical Society will finally be able to display some of Stockbridge's History to the public in a wonderfully appropriate setting.



Understanding our past is key to comprehending our present. Knowing and appreciating the 'history of place' -where we live - helps to engender ownership and participation with that place: Stockbridge, Vermont. The Historical Society is excited about what Peggy Perkins' generous gift means for all of us here in Stockbridge.

The Perkins House

If you have an interest in local history or wish to learn more about Stockbridge, consider becoming a Historical Society member! Contact our Vice President, Forrest Newton at 234-2121.

Respectfully submitted: Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society, Sara Poisson, President

American Red Cross



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

Windsor County Service Delivery

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **21 disaster cases**, assisting **48 residents** of **Windsor County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

| Town/City | Disasters | Individuals |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Bethel | 1 | 2 |
| Bridgewater | 2 | 6 |
| Cavendish | 2 | 3 |
| Chester | 1 | 4 |
| Hartford | 1 | 4 |
| Hartland | 1 | 2 |
| Norwich | 2 | 2 |
| Pomfret | 1 | 2 |
| Royalton | 1 | 2 |
| Sharon | 5 | 13 |
| Springfield | 3 | 6 |
| Woodstock | 1 | 2 |

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Windsor County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **44 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **27** of **Windsor County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **2,083 pints** of lifesaving blood in **Windsor County**.

Training Services

Last year, **750 Windsor residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Windsor County is home to **27 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

Clara Martin Center

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Child and Family Services
35 Ayers Brook, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Community Support Services
1740 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Adult Outpatient and Emergency Services
11 N. Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Wilder
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency and one of the 10 Designated Agencies in Vermont, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for over 50 years. Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Primary Care integration
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 50+ years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. During the current COVID pandemic, Clara Martin Center and its dedicated workforce, have remained committed to the mission of service to all individuals and have worked tirelessly to make sure that essential needs of those we serve were met, including assisting in food delivery to individuals isolating in their homes, providing for technology devices to allow services to continue uninterrupted through telemedicine, helping to acquire appropriate PPE for staff and community members in need, and maintaining ongoing distance learning opportunities for students enrolled at East Valley Academy to name a few.

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Tri-Valley Transit, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, Gifford Medical Center and Little Rivers Health Care.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

| FY20 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC | | TOTAL SERVED Stockbridge | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|----|
| Children & Family Services | 532 | Children & Family Services | 3 |
| School Services | 61 | School Services | 0 |
| JOBS | 59 | JOBS | 1 |
| Adult Services | 668 | Adult Services | 7 |
| CSP Services | 155 | CSP Services | 3 |
| Supportive & Transitional Housing | 22 | Supportive & Transitional Housing | 0 |
| Substance Abuse Services | 459 | Substance Abuse Services | 3 |
| Corrections Services | 85 | Corrections Services | 1 |
| Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic | 328 | Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic | 2 |
| Access | 1,025 | Access | 9 |
| Total Served - unduplicated | 2,063 | Total seen: | 19 |
| | | | |
| CVSAS | 456 | CVSAS | 0 |

Central Vermont Council on Aging
Report of Services to Stockbridge

FY20

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

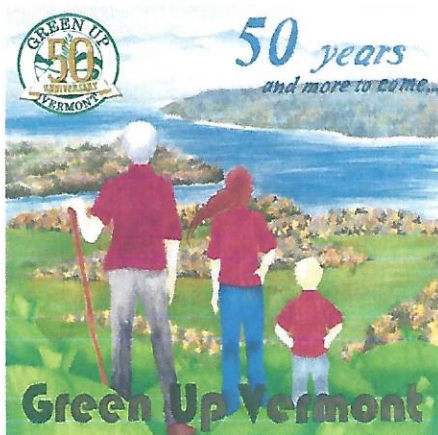
For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 23 Stockbridge residents. Case Manager, Karen Eddy is designated to work directly with the seniors in Stockbridge.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Stockbridge for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.



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

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

Fun Facts and achievements of the 50th Green Up Day

Green Up Day 2020 was certainly an event of perseverance, innovation, and true Vermont grit. In the midst of a global pandemic and fear, most Vermonters were not willing to give up taking care of their towns or their civic service commitments. These actions speak volumes about why we live, play, raise families, and do business here in Vermont.

Here are some fun details about how Green Up Day went this year:

- We **nearly tripled the number of students** participating in the poster art contest and had **184 applicants to our new \$1000 college scholarship**.
- **244 towns participated** - Four opted out this year due to Covid-19 concerns.
- **307 Green Up Volunteer Coordinators** spearheaded town clean-ups.
- **Better GreenCore Bags made of 70% post-consumer waste** were used this year.
- **Nearly 14,000 volunteers** throughout Vermont got involved.
- **Over 241 tons (!) of litter and over 9,000 tires** were collected and disposed of.
- Green Up Vermont hand delivered **251 birthday bag gifts to each municipality** in appreciation of their participation in Green Up Day for the past 50 years. Each bag included partner recognition and a maple tree sapling among other goodies.
- We had a new **Green Scuba Team** cleaning the depths of Lake .
- Our **social media exploded with 31,000 reached** on our 50th anniversary post.
- A **podcast of oral memories** of the first Green Up Day (and others) aired on *Before Your Time* on the Vermont Historical Society's website.
- Beyond our paid media strategy which garnered **over 6,866,302 impressions**, **Green Up Day was featured in over 100 additional editorial pieces** throughout the state, driving people to our website and enhancing your corporate exposure. We even had a national mention in the *Washington Post*!
- **Biggest accomplishment - by pulling together we made this happen when 99% of all other events/efforts were cancelled.**

"We found that the roads were much cleaner this year! We heard from many people that have been cleaning them up as they take their daily walks. We had a great turnout, every road was covered!" - Volunteer Town Coordinator from Barnard

As a private 501(c)3 nonprofit, your support is crucial to the Green Up mission and to Vermont. Together we make such a difference for all who live and visit our beautiful state. Moving forward Green Up Vermont is committed year-round to raising awareness and building environmental stewardship with youth and in educational programs, initiatives that promote civic engagement in our communities and to sharing the great achievements of doing good things in our neighborhoods – connecting all of us for Vermont in this great effort for a clean environment.

www.GreenUpVermont.org



Green Mountain National Forest - Town Meeting Report

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for the support and interest that you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000-acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Following is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Forest Vegetation Management

The Forest provided maple tapping opportunities to six permit and contract holders for almost 9,000 taps in the towns of Lincoln, Stockbridge, Pomfret, Wilmington and Mount Tabor.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Monitoring

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through the creation and maintenance of early successional habitat. Approximately 200 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by mowing, or mastication in the towns of East Dorset, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Hartford, Lincoln, Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Ripton, Rochester, Warren, Stockbridge, Salisbury, Readsboro, Weston, Stratton, Woodford, and Winhall. Approximately 70 acres of permanent upland openings were reestablished or created for blueberry management in Goshen, and permanent upland openings in Manchester and East Dorset. In addition, apple trees, which provide high-value wildlife food, were "released" by cutting competing vegetation in old orchards in Rochester, Dorset, Pittsfield, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Somerset, Stratton, Weston, Wallingford and Stamford.

Peregrine falcon nest sites on the GMNF in Rochester, Salisbury, Stockbridge, and Wallingford continue to be monitored, and closures to protect sensitive nesting habitat continue seasonally from March 15th to August 1st each year at all sites except Wallingford. The peregrine falcon was removed from the federal list of endangered and threatened species in 1999 and the Vermont State list of endangered species in the spring of 2005; however, the species remains on the Regional Forester Sensitive Species list.

One Planet Afterschool Program



One Planet Afterschool Program Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge, Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge

Dear Stockbridge Community,

November 2, 2020

One Planet's mission is to create a dynamic learning environment after school and during the summer that inspires and supports students in becoming compassionate global citizens and lifelong learners.

During the school year, we offer a healthy snack, outdoor play time, homework support and enrichment programming each day. Our enrichment programming ranges from STEM activities to physical activities to arts-based activities. In 2019-20, some of our enrichment programs included Archery, Improv, Junk Drawer Science, Drug Prevention, Drama and student-led clubs. We had 22 K-6th students participate, which is 65% of the school population.

When our school year programming came to an abrupt end in March, One Planet staff spent many hours planning for various iterations of what our summer camp might look like. Thankfully, we were given approval to proceed and in July and August, we operated a five-week summer camp for 30 Stockbridge & Rochester students in grades K-6th, including a one week mountain bike specialty camp. Since many "normal" elements of the program could not be offered (such as field trips, swimming lessons and outside visitors), we focused instead on developing student voice and choice. In addition, students were successfully introduced to important new behaviors, like physical distancing and mask wearing. They were served two healthy meals and a snack daily. They were given a much-needed opportunity to re-learn valuable social-emotional skills, supervised by caring and attentive adults.

In consideration of the instability of the economy, One Planet felt it was important to rethink our approach to summer fees. Thanks to the support of the Town of Stockbridge, we were able to offer families the ability to register their child and pay only what they could afford. Parents were truly grateful to see their kids smiling and connecting with others again, without worrying about the cost during this unstable time.

We want to thank the town of Stockbridge for supporting our program with a contribution of \$5,000. As we expect similar expenditures next year, we would like to request \$5,000 for 2021-22 fiscal year. Please let me know if you need any more information or have questions.

Sincerely,

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director
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Park House



Hello to our Stockbridge neighbors!

Can you believe what a year 2020 has turned into? Last year we were happily holding Brown Bag Lunches, Discussions and Demonstrations within our communities. Then along came Covid. Our last Bag Lunch was in February, and as of March 10th, Park House restricted all visitors other than caregivers for an extended period. We moved from family style meals to singly serving our residents and setting up tray tables so all could be socially distanced. Needless to say, it's been hard for everyone, but I'm so proud of how well all our residents are handling this.

We were able to get the living room windows replaced thanks to a very generous donation from our local Lions Club last year. This will make the living room a much cozier place this winter. As always, our beautiful old building is always in need of repairs and should be painted soon. With your continued generous appropriation, we can hopefully at least tackle repairs to our beautiful porch.

Many thanks to all our friends in Stockbridge for your support over the years, and we ask that you consider contributing \$2000 again in 2021-2022.

Sincerely,

Joanne McDonnell

Executive Director

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Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens

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Nov. 11, 2020

To the Town of Stockbridge Select Board/Budget Committee and Community Members:

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972 has given senior citizens in our valley a place to go for on-site meals each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels Program.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our senior center. To keep our clients safe, we have had to suspend our on-site dining. However, we continue to provide nutritionally balanced meals to help meet the dietary requirements of our seniors by offering our new To-Go Meals Program and continue delivering Meals on Wheels each Wednesday and Friday. Our Meals on Wheels Program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. Additionally, we have organized our new Virtual Bingo Game Program in order to help meet our seniors' social needs during this time of social distancing,

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of the surrounding towns that are supported by our senior center. Our request from Stockbridge is \$5668.00 for the coming year. The donation is well spent. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center including our new To-Go Meals Program and our Meals on Wheels Program.

Your donation will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program that provides quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors and relatives.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

Sincerely,

Quin-Town Board of Directors

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Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

Due to Covid-19 and the Stay-at-Home order, many victims were not able to call for assistance because their abuser was watching them. Therefore, statistics might not be as high as they were in previous years. During the pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for survivors and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline's staff and volunteers provided 1,292 services for 316 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

We did not receive calls from victims who identified themselves as residents of Stockbridge. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters of Stockbridge for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Stockbridge.

Tri-Valley Transit (TVT), Formerly Stagecoach Services

Thank you for the Town of Stockbridge's generous support last year. Over the past four years, your support helped us provide an average of 300 free trips for Stockbridge residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Additionally, 126 trips on our fixed route bus system originated at stops in the Town of Stockbridge in the past fiscal year. Tri-Valley Transit's Dial-A-Ride and Bus Systems provided a total of 226,281 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

The COVID-19 crisis has emphasized the incredible importance of our work. Public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Healthcare staff get to work; dialysis, cancer and methadone patients get to treatment, and at-risk residents get food delivered. Services have been revamped to protect riders, the general public, and our staff. At first, we focused on trips to riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips were essential; and then we safely increased capacity to meet growing demand by:

- installing physical barriers between seats and directing riders to use window seats,
- waiving fares to reduce contact,
- ensuring all buses are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- requiring facemasks, even prior to the statewide mandate, and
- implementing screening techniques to ensure riders are not COVID risks.

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise 20% "local match" dollars. TVT's requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement. TVT seeks the other 15% from other sources including businesses, institutions, individuals, and grants.

Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission

TRORC 2020 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2020.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the marketing of the Region's creative economy sector. Staff hosted informational and networking events to enhance business promotion. TRORC also worked on public health projects with local hospitals and worked on including incorporating health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials continued meeting the needs of our first responders. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Energy

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Funding provides for projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets.

Specifically, this past year, TRORC helped complete Stockbridge's Local Emergency Management Plan and coordinated the buyout of flood-affected properties. As part of the Grants in Aid Year 3 program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Whitcomb Hill Road and assisted with an equipment grant to purchase a leaf blower.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*



VT Center for Independent Living

Town of Stockbridge

Summary Report

For the past 41 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'20 (10/2019-9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

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

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:

1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

VT Dept of Health



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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

White River Junction District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH

Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Stockbridge, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 366 homecare visits to 20 Stockbridge residents. This included approximately \$13,140 in unreimbursed care to Stockbridge residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 187 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 177 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 2 home visits to 1 resident for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence

888-300-8853

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Assoc.

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association 2020 Report to the Town of Stockbridge

2020 was the eighth year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map showing the project area boundary, below.



CWMA partners include the **Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership.** The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasive plants on their own properties and community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

2020 Summary:

CWMA Coordination: Grant funding was received, and despite the pandemic, a coordinator was hired, and several tasks were accomplished.

Monitoring and Control:

One new infestation of common barberry was found in Mayo Meadow in Stockbridge.

Education & outreach:

In late spring, Forest Service staff provided wild chervil management direction to landowners, towns, and road crews via Front Porch Forum. The CWMA Coordinator reached out to a few landowners, but no volunteer events were held due to the pandemic. Instead, the Coordinator is planning a virtual event for late winter, and an in-person event for late spring in 2021.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at mary.deller@usda.gov. To learn more about invasive plants in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

Windsor County Mentors



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Town Narrative - Stockbridge For July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

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

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

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

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

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

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

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

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

Matthew Garcia
Executive Director

Windsor County News

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

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

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

The Final Budget Hearing will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Please email countyclerk@windsorcountyyt.com for instructions to join the meeting. Thank you.

White River Valley Ambulance

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 10 full-time staff and a number of part time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2020 through November 20, 2020 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,342 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospitals.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers from throughout the state.

Funding for WRVA comes primarily from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2021, the per capita amount will increase by \$1.00 to \$61.00, or 1.67%.

Looking back on 2020 and ahead to 2021, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments who we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800** www.wvra.org

Matt Parrish,

Executive Director

White River Partnership 2020 Annual Report to Stockbridge

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2020:

- The WRP engaged 520 teachers and students from 15 watershed schools – including Stockbridge Central School – in the Trout in the Classroom program, **raising native brook trout to learn about their cold-water habitat needs** in partnership with the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
- WRP staff and 15 volunteers completed the 3rd year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, monitoring river access sites every month during the summer to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We wrapped-up the season with a “remote” river cleanup event in September – in sum, volunteers removed **1,500 pounds of man-made trash** from the river.
- WRP staff and 25 trained volunteers **completed the 20th year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including Gaysville Bridge, Mouth of Tweed River-Stockbridge, and Peavine Park-Stockbridge – every two weeks from June through September. We shared results via email, our website, and our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and three work crews to **plant 4,425 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 620 students and teachers from 19 schools – including Stockbridge Central School – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed issues**, including crayfish sampling & identification, stream-crossing culvert assessments, waterbugs sampling & identification, wildlife track & sign monitoring along the river, and more!

For more information

White River Partnership
PO Box 705, S. Royalton, VT 05068
(802) 763-7733, info@whiteriverpartnership.org
www.whiteriverpartnership.org and www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership

Bethel-Royalton Solid Waste Facility

122 Waterman Road

Royalton, VT 05068

802-763-2232

whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

Open to the public Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7am-1pm

Pricing Effective January 1, 2021

| | | |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bulk Waste | \$170.00/ton. | \$20.00 minimum |
| Per Bag | \$8.00/45 gallon | \$5.00/30 gallon \$3.00/gallon |
| Recycling | \$3.00 per visit | |
| Food Scraps | \$2.00/gallon | 1 gallon minimum |

Yard Waste (small branches, grass, leaves) **\$50.00 cubic yard**

1/2 yard minimum. 1.5" maximum on branches. NO stumps

Christmas Trees **\$20.00** must be free of tinsel and all decorations.

Bulk Items such as **mattresses, couches, sofas, rugs, chairs, desks, end tables, carpet, computer desks, etc.** must use the scale.

Freon Appliances (refrigerators, freezers, water coolers dehumidifiers) **\$25**

Scrap Metal **\$5.00 cubic yard See attendant before you dump !**

Vehicle batteries **\$1.00 each**

Waste Oil **\$1.25/quart**

Antifreeze **\$1.25/quart**

Grill Size Propane Tanks **\$8.00**

Small Camping Size **\$1.00**

DO NOT PUT PRESSURIZED TANKS IN THE SCRAP METAL !!

Fluorescent Bulbs **No Charge-Limit 10 per day**

Latex/Oil Based Paint **No Charge-Limit 10 gallons per day**

Tires

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Car and Light Truck 16" and under | no rim \$6.00 | with rim \$8.00 |
| Truck tires over 16" with | no rim \$20.00 | with rim \$30.00 |
| Loader, tractor, heavy equipment | no rim \$75.00 | with rim \$125.00 |

Computers, TVs, Tabletop Printers, Keyboards, Monitors **FREE** for VT households, charities and businesses with up to 10 employees.

Microwaves, Stereos, Game Consoles, Record Players, DVDs, VCRs, Cordless Phones, Fax Machines **\$5.00** Large Printers/Copiers **\$25-75**

Vital Record

Births:

Rupert Wesley Runnals to Alexandra Myrick and Lance Runnals

Maeve Elizabeth Cooper to Caitlin Carley and Matthew Cooper

Asher Ray Bessett to Lindsay Silvia and Jesse Bessett

Marriages:

Scott Morrow and Christina Gallagher

Allen Langlois and Holly Wood

Deaths:

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Stephen Aldrich | 64 |
| Emily Barber-Dubois | 37 |
| Annette Bryan | 94 |
| Marilyn Gibson | 76 |
| James Gilman | 65 |
| Barbara Green | 80 |
| Janet Heider | 77 |
| Margaret Perkins | 87 |
| Philip Scolaro | 69 |

Town Clerks Report

Town Clerk's Report

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT: All Vermont Homeowners must file their Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment (HS-122) every year. **Even if you are not required to file a Vermont income tax return or you are filing for an extension, you must file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment form by April 15, 2020 to avoid penalties.** A late filed Property Tax Adjustment Claim form and Household Income Form may still qualify for an education tax refund but may be subject to a penalty.

THREE EASY WAYS TO GET YOUR VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS:

1. Download fillable PDF forms from the web. Download, complete and print forms at www.bit.ly/vttaxforms.
2. Order forms by email request to taxforms@vermont.gov.
3. Order forms by phone. Call toll-free in the US at 855-297-5600.

DOG LICENSES:

All dogs 6 months of age and older must be licensed on or before April 1st of each year. A current rabies certificate is required. These numbered tags help the Constables to reunite wandering/lost dogs with their owners.

HISTORY BOOKS:

I have copies of the two town history books for sale. Whether you are new to Stockbridge or a lifetime resident you will enjoy this book. We did a reprint of the 1976 Stockbridge-Gaysville book selling at \$20. The Stockbridge Revisited book is selling at \$24.

REGISTER TO VOTE:

You can now register to vote online by using the State of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

By using the My Voter Page, a voter can:

- Register to vote.
- Check registration status.
- View information on upcoming elections
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours
- Request and track an absentee ballot.

Voters are encouraged to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Log in at: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>

VOLUNTEER FORM:

You will find a volunteer form included in this town report. If you have ever thought you might like to serve on any of the various boards in town, please take a few minutes to complete this form. Even if there are no vacancies at this time you will be notified when something becomes available. If you have any questions about what the positions involve, please give me or any of the current members of that board a call.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2020

- Updated the Town of Stockbridge Website. There is still more to improve, and we are looking for a volunteer to help us with Web Design and Development
- Obtained two grants (COVID & Elections) to help make the town office safer for our employees and voters. The grants allowed us to purchase a laptop so the listers could work from home. We were also able to purchase extra cleaning supplies, air purifiers with HEPA filters, and have the office deep cleaned on a schedule.
- Developed a remote process to hold committee and board meetings throughout the year. Although we all miss meeting in person, we have found that the meetings that are held remotely via ZOOM are very well attended.

PLANNED WORK IN 2021

- Continued improvement on the Town Website to better serve our town.
- Digitizing the town's land records. COVID taught us that we need to have our records available even when the office may need to be closed. This will be a huge undertaking and great win for all those that use our records for real estate, historical, and legal research. In just land records, the town has 35,000 pages from 1980-current and another 5,000 pages to get back to 1960.
- Build a better contact list and seamless way to push information out to our property owners and residents. (email, regular mail, newsletter, website, newspaper).
- Work with the Cemetery Commission to computerize cemetery records.

I want to thank the Stockbridge voters for electing me last March to serve as the Town Clerk/Treasurer. Although this has been a year of many unexpected challenges, it has been tremendously rewarding. It has been a complicated year managing through COVID requirements. We held 6 elections (Presidential Primary, School Budget June, School Budget August, State Primary, General Election, School Director). Thank you to our Poll Workers and to all the voters who were able to vote safely. With Absentee Ballots and high turnout of in person voting we had some of the best voting percentages ever. The Selectboard, Planning Commission, Board of Civil Authority, and the Trustees of Public Funds were able to continue to meet remotely. The Town Office figured out ways to still provide land records through email, the mail and using our drop box. Dogs still got their licenses.

A special thank you Kelly McDermott-Burns the Assistant Town Clerk for all her hard work in this ever-changing environment.

It is unbelievable that a year has gone by

Respectfully Submitted, Lori Scott

Town of Stockbridge Volunteer Form

Stockbridge is full of citizens who care about their town and have skills, talents and interests that our Town needs to move ahead. Without the active participation of our residents, Stockbridge will not continue to be that special place we all enjoy and want to protect and enhance.

This Volunteer Form is for all people interested in helping the Town of Stockbridge. By filling out this form you let us know what areas you might be interested in serving. You're not making any commitment. The Town Clerk will keep your Volunteer Form on file for future reference.

Directions: Thank you for your interest in serving Stockbridge! Simply follow these steps:

1. Check off which position you may want to serve on or join. You may select more than one. If you choose more than one, tell us your top preference.
2. Fill in the personal information so we can contact you when there is a vacancy or need.
3. Return this form to the Town Office via mail @ Town of Stockbridge, P.O. Box 39, Stockbridge, VT 05772, or by emailing to townofstockbridgevt@gmail.com

Town Volunteer Positions/Organizations (Check all that you might be interested in):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agent to defend/ Prosecute Suits (elect) | <input type="checkbox"/> Listers (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agent to Convey Real Estate(appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day Chair (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance Representative (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring (Windsor County Partners) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditors (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderator (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commissioner (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commissioner (appointed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collector of Current Taxes (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Planning Representative (appt) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collector of Delinquent Taxes (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stagecoach Representative (appointed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commissioner (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> School Directors (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constable (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E.C. Fiber Representative (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School Coach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management Coord. (appt) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School P.T.O. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Committee member (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbridge Central School Tutor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence Viewers (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Selectboard member (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Volunteer (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Warden (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Town Clerk (appointed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Juror (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>) Green Up Day Coordinator (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Warden (appointed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Up Day Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee of Public Funds (elected) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Officer (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Consulting (for Town Web Page) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Society member | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Administrator (appointed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspector of Lumber (appointed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment (apt) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justices of the Peace (elected) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Trustee | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you checked off more than one volunteer position, which one is your top choice?

1. _____

Would you be interested in helping on a special project, like the future use of the Campground?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you're interested in helping on a special project, please tell us what kind of project you would be interested in working on. (example: Town Website Development)

Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Address (or P.O. Box): _____

Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Cell Phone Number:** _____

Best time to contact you: _____

Relevant background/experience/education/interest areas: _____

Date: _____

Town Almanac

A Compendium of Old, New and Useful Information and Announcements.

Town Charter - Stockbridge became a Town on July 1st, 1761, chartered by Benning Wentworth, Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, through a grant to William York Grant, being the first one in territory (the same land) was made to William Story. There is nothing further about this grant in town records.

The Land - 28,300 acres

Its People - 736 - 2010 Census

Its River - The White River enters Stockbridge at the Stockbridge-Rochester line at an elevation of approximately 755 feet. In its course through the town it falls 175 feet, leaving at the Stockbridge-Bethel line at an elevation of about 580 feet.

Checklist - The Town's current checklist has 586 registered voters.

Dog Licenses - Dog licenses are due April 1st. After April 1st an additional fee is charged. Fees to register dogs are: \$9.00 Spayed Females & Neutered Males and \$13.00 Unneutered dog.

All wolf-hybrids must also be licensed. Rabies shots must be kept up-to-date and the certificate listed with the Town Clerk.

Taxes Due - Property Taxes are due on August 15th with a second installment due November 15th. All taxes become delinquent on the day following the date they are due and are subject to interest and fees.

Official Notices & Warnings - The newspaper in which Stockbridge publicizes its official warnings and notices is the White River Valley Herald published weekly on Thursdays.

Garbage Disposal – Stockbridge residents can take their rubbish to the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility located at 122 Waterman Road, Royalton, VT. (802) 763-2232. There is a fee for rubbish but no charge for recyclables. You can also contract with A.B.L.E. Waste Management (802-672-3569) for curbside pickup. There is also a Saturday drop-off held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Town Office from 12:00PM – 2:00 PM. for rubbish and recycles. There is a per bag fee for the rubbish.

Post Offices - Stockbridge, 05772 Phone 746-8041

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays - 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Gayssville, 05746 Phone 234-5575

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 & 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

To Report a Fire - Dial 911

To Call Police - Dial 911 or 234-9933

To Call Ambulance - 911

To Call Clara Martin Center - Dial Toll Free 1-800-622-4244 - 24-hour emergency phone.

Burning Permits - Burning permits are required. Contact Dave Brown, Fire Warden. Please also advise the Stockbridge Fire Department of any major burning to be accomplished. Fire watch towers and residents call in to report smoke.

Town Clerk's Office – During COVID, The Town office is open by appointment Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. and Friday from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Telephone/Fax 802-746-8400. Email TownofStockbridgeVT@Gmail.com. Town website: stockbridgevt.org. There is a drop box to the left of the front door.

Selectmen - The Selectboard meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the Town office at 7:00 P.M.

Fire Department - The Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department meet regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town garage at 7:00 P.M. Dave Brown, Fire Chief 746-7849

Planning Commission- The Stockbridge Planning Commission has its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town office at 7:00 P.M. Zoning regulations are in effect and a building permit is required for most projects. Please contact the Zoning Administrator if you have any questions regarding permit requirements.

Rochester/Stockbridge United District School Board - The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. alternating between campuses.

Reminder

All dogs 6 months of age and older must be

Licensed on or before April 1st of each year.

A current rabies certificate is required.

Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any questions.

Jamie Kinnarney, Superintendent
Tara Weatherell, Business Manager
Donald McMahon, Director of Special Services
Raymond Ballou, Director of Technology



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461 Waterman Road, Royalton, VT 05068
Phone: 802-763-8840 Fax: 802-763-3235

Memo:

To: Stockbridge Selectboard and Rochester/Stockbridge School District Board of Directors

From: Jamie Kinnarney, Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU and Tara Weatherell, Business Manager, WRVSU

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Subject: Pertinent Budget Information for Towns of Rochester/Stockbridge regarding upcoming vote to decouple merger

You will find several tax sheets included in this document that should serve to provide the following information:

- RSUD 20-21 Budgeted Expenditures, Revenues, Per Pupil Spending, and Tax Rates for Stockbridge and Rochester
- Stockbridge 20-21 Projected Expenditures, Revenues, Per Pupil Spending, and Tax Rate for Stockbridge as a singleton district
- Stockbridge 20-21 Projected Expenditures, Revenues, Per Pupil Spending, and Tax Rate for Stockbridge as a singleton school district and under the excess spending threshold
- Stockbridge 20-21 Projected Expenditures, Revenues, Per Pupil Spending, and Tax Rate for Stockbridge as a singleton school district with PreK-12 choice
- Rochester 20-21 Projected Expenditures, Revenues, Per Pupil Spending, and Tax Rate for Rochester as a singleton district

These figures were derived from the current budgeted faculty/staff in each building, and by identifying the location codes within the current 20-21 Rochester/Stockbridge Budget. The S.U. and Special Education assessments were also adjusted based on the algorithm used to assess the annual WRVSU budget. For this exercise Stockbridge was assessed at 4.6% and Rochester 6.5%.

The revenue was apportioned out based on what each respective school is receiving from tuition, grants local/state/federal and other budgeted revenue from things such as rentals, etc.

You will note that we also provided a draft budget figure to ensure that Stockbridge as a singleton district and under the penalty threshold was projected. This would result in a required net decrease of 3.5 FTEs from current staffing levels to ensure we remain under the excess spending threshold.

Finally, you will note that the Stockbridge singleton district projection doesn't include excess spending penalties because that penalty is eliminated when a district moves to complete choice. The budgeted expenses arrived in this model were based on current tuitions and budgeting for an additional 6 prek and 40 elementary tuitions to four local area districts (based on current enrollment).

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| District | Total Expenses | Per Pupil Spending | Tax Rate |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Rochester/Stockbridge | \$4,371,950 | \$18,755.54 | Rochester: 1.5155 Stockbridge: 1.6538 |
| Stockbridge | \$1,877,529 | \$25,660.47 *includes penalty | 2.3170 |
| Stockbridge complete choice PreK-12 | \$1,511,450 | \$19,802.77 <u>*no penalty</u> | 1.7881 |
| Stockbridge under the excess spending threshold | \$ 1,607,513 (decrease of current expenditures by \$270,016) <u>*This would result in a reduction of approximately 3.5 FTEs from current 20-21 staffing levels</u> | \$18,756.00 <u>*no penalty</u> | 1.6935 |
| Rochester | \$2,536,048 | \$ 21,250.36 *includes penalty | 1.7583 |

White River Valley Supervisory Union

ROCHESTER-STOCKBRIDGE UNIFIED DISTRICT

FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET

FY21 Estimated Tax Rate

| Act 68 Tax Factors | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget Expenditures | 4,371,950 |
| Changes | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 4,371,950 |
| less Offsetting Revenue | 1,051,658 |
| Act 68 Education Spending | 3,320,293 |
| Equalized Pupils | 177.03 |
| Education Spending Per Pupil Cost | 18,755.54 |
| less exclusions | 494.30 |
| PP over cap | 0.00 |
| Adjusted PP spending for calculation | 18,755.54 |
| Equalized Residential Tax Rate | 1.7054 |
| Less merger incentive | (0.0400) |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6654 |

PER FY21 V3

18,756

Excess Spending
Threshold

NEW Target Rate Ceiling (if not hit or exceeded prior, it becomes Equalized Tax Rate Basis for FY21 Budget)

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Yield Amount (using \$1.00 base rate) | 10,998 | Yield Updated in H.959 |
| VT Residential rate | 1.0000 | went to yield model |
| VT Non-Residential rate | 1.6280 | Updated in H.959 |

| | | |
|--------------------|----|-----------|
| 1 cent on tax rate | \$ | 19,469.76 |
|--------------------|----|-----------|

| Rochester | |
|---|---------------|
| FY20 CLA | 110.30% |
| FY20 Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6544 |
| FY20 Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.4999 |
| FY20 Non-Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.4451 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6654 |
| FY21 Capped Increase/Decrease | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Max | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Min | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Equalized Tax Rate Final | 1.6654 |
| CLA FY21 | 109.89% |
| FY21 Homestead Tax Rate | 1.5155 |
| Changes in Tax Rates | |
| FY21 vs FY20 Homestead Tax Rate Change | 0.0156 |
| | 1.04% |

| Stockbridge | |
|---|---------------|
| FY20 CLA | 100.38% |
| FY20 Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6544 |
| FY20 Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.6481 |
| FY20 Non-Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.5880 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6654 |
| FY21 Capped Increase/Decrease | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Max | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Min | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Equalized Tax Rate Final | 1.6654 |
| CLA FY21 | 100.70% |
| FY21 Homestead Tax Rate | 1.6538 |
| Changes in Tax Rates | |
| FY21 vs FY20 Homestead Tax Rate Change | 0.0056 |
| | 0.34% |

White River Valley Supervisory Union
STOCKBRIDGE STAND ALONE FY21

FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET

| Act 68 Tax Factors | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Budget Expenditures | 1,877,529 |
| Changes | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,877,529 |
| less Offsetting Revenue | 185,433 |
| Act 68 Education Spending | 1,692,096 |
| Equalized Pupils | 75.82 |
| Education Spending Per Pupil Cost | 22,317.28 |
| less exclusions | 218.08 |
| PP over cap | 3,343.20 |
| Adjusted PP spending for calculation | 25,660.47 |
| Equalized Residential Tax Rate | 2.3332 |
| Less merger incentive | 0.0000 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 2.3332 |

FY21 Estimated Tax Rate

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Yield Amount (using \$1.00 base rate) | 10,998 | Yield Updated in H.959 |
| VT Residential rate | 1.0000 | went to yield model |
| VT Non-Residential rate | 1.6280 | Updated in H.959 |

PER FY21 V4
 18,756
 Excess Spending
 Threshold

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 cent on tax rate \$ | 7,252.27 |
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| STOCKBRIDGE | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| FY20 CLA | 100.38% |
| FY20 Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6544 |
| FY20 Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.6481 |
| FY20 Non-Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.5880 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 2.3332 |
| FY21 Capped Increase/Decrease | 0.0000 No Longer capped at 5% |
| FY21 Max | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Min | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Equalized Tax Rate Final | 2.3332 |
| CLA FY21 | 100.70% |
| FY21 Homestead Tax Rate | 2.3170 |
| Changes in Tax Rates | |
| FY21 vs FY20 Homestead Tax Rate Change | 0.6688 40.58% |

White River Valley Supervisory Union
 STOCKBRIDGE FULL TUITION FY21

Proposed FY21 Budget

FY21 Estimated Tax Rate

Act 68 Tax Factors

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Expenditures | 1,511,450 |
| Changes | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,511,450 |
| - Offsetting Local Revenue | 10,004 |
| Act 68 Education Spending | 1,501,446 |
| Education Spending Per Pupil Cost | 75.82 |
| Less exclusions | 19,802.77 |
| THRESHOLD PENALTY | 218 |
| Adjusted PP spending for calculation | 19,584.77 |
| Equalized Residential Tax Rate | 1.8006 |
| Less merger incentive | 0.0000 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.8006 |
| Equalized Non-Residential Rate | 1.6280 |

PENALTY

To save \$.01 on the tax rate: \$ 8,397.05

\$18,756 Exempt from penalty due to 100% tuition district

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Yield Amount (using \$1.00 base rate) | 10,998 | Final Yield per H.959 |
| VT Residential rate | 1.0000 | went to yield model |
| VT Non-Residential rate | 1.6280 | Final Rate per H.959 |

STOCKBRIDGE

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| FY20 Tax Rate | 1.6544 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.8006 |
| Final FY21 Equalized Tax Rate | 1.8006 |
| (WAS 100.38% CURRENT YR) | CLA 100.70% |
| FY21 Homestead (Actual) Tax Rate | 1.7881 AFTER CLA |
| FY20 Homestead (Actual) Tax Rate | 1.6481 AFTER CLA |
| FY21 Homestead Incr(Decr) over FY20 | 0.1400 AFTER CLA |

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| FY20 Ed Sp per Eq Pupil | 18,254.84 |
| FY21 Ed Sp per Eq Pupil | 19,802.77 |
| % Increase in Ed Sp per Eq Pupil | 8.48% |

White River Valley Supervisory Union
STOCKBRIDGE STAND ALONE FY21 UNDER THRESHOLD

FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET

FY21 Estimated Tax Rate

Act 68 Tax Factors

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget Expenditures | 1,877,529 |
| Changes | -270,016 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,607,513 |
| less Offsetting Revenue | 185,433 |
| Act 68 Education Spending | 1,422,080 |
| Equalized Pupils | 75.82 |
| Education Spending Per Pupil Cost | 18,756.00 |
| less exclusions | 218.08 |
| PP over cap | 0.00 |
| Adjusted PP spending for calculation | 18,756.00 |
| Equalized Residential Tax Rate | 1.7054 |
| Less merger incentive | 0.0000 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.7054 |

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PER FY21 V4

18,756

Excess Spending
Threshold

NO PENALTY

\$ -

Amount to cut to be below threshold

Yield Amount (using \$1.00 base rate)

10,998

Yield Updated in H.959

1.0000 went to yield model

1.6280 Updated in H.959

VT Residential rate

VT Non-Residential rate

1 cent on tax rate \$ 8,338.68

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| STOCKBRIDGE | |
| FY20 CLA | 100.38% |
| FY20 Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6544 |
| FY20 Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.6481 |
| FY20 Non-Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.5880 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.7054 |
| FY21 Capped Increase/Decrease | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Max | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Min | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Equalized Tax Rate Final | 1.7054 |
| CLA FY21 | 100.70% |
| FY21 Homestead Tax Rate | 1.6935 |
| Changes in Tax Rates | |
| FY21 vs FY20 Homestead Tax Rate Change | 0.0454 |
| | 2.76% |

White River Valley Supervisory Union
ROCHESTER STAND ALONE BUDGET PER FY21
FY21 Estimated Tax Rate

FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET

| | Act 68 Tax Factors |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Budget Expenditures | 2,536,048 |
| Changes | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 2,536,048 |
| less Offsetting Revenue | 486,512 |
| Act 68 Education Spending | 2,049,536 |
| Equalized Pupils | 101.21 |
| Education Spending Per Pupil Cost | 20,250.33 |
| less exclusions | 494.30 |
| PP over cap | 1,000.03 |
| Adjusted PP spending for calculation | 21,250.36 |
| Equalized Residential Tax Rate | 1.9322 |
| Less merger incentive | 0.0000 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.9322 |

PER FY21 V4
18,756
Excess Spending
Threshold

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| Yield Amount (using \$1.00 base rate) | 10,998 | Yield Updated in H.959 |
| VT Residential rate | 1.0000 | went to yield model |
| VT Non-Residential rate | 1.6280 | Updated in H.959 |

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| 1 cent on tax rate \$ | 10,607.25 |
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NEW Target Rate Ceiling (If not hit or exceeded prior, it becomes Equalized Tax Rate Basis for FY21 Budget

| | Rochester |
|---|-----------|
| FY20 CLA | 110.30% |
| FY20 Equalized Tax Rate | 1.6544 |
| FY20 Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.4999 |
| FY20 Non-Homestead Tax Rate on Tax Bill | 1.4451 |
| Preliminary Equalized Tax Rate | 1.9322 |
| FY21 Capped Increase/Decrease | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Max | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Min | 0.0000 |
| FY21 Equalized Tax Rate Final | 1.9322 |
| CLA FY21 | 109.89% |
| FY21 Homestead Tax Rate | 1.7583 |
| Changes in Tax Rates | |
| FY21 vs FY20 Homestead Tax Rate Change | 0.2584 |
| | 17.23% |