

Town of Jamaica

2021 Annual Report



July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Prepared for the April 2, 2022 Town Meeting

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Elected Town Officers (* denotes Chair)

Moderator: Greg Joly – *1- year term to March 2022*

Selectboard:

Tom Tolbert – *1- year term to March 2022*

*Greg Meulemans- *3-year term to March 2023*

Jessica Pollack - *3-year term to March 2024*

Andy Coyne - *3-year term to March 2022*

Kate Ullman - *1 year term to March 2022*

Listers:

Valerie Pantorno - *3-year term to March 2024*

Micah Eberhardt - *3-year term to March 2022*

Patricia Meulemans - *3-year term to March 2023*

First Constable: Robert Willis - *1 -year term to March 2022*

Second Constable: Ben Williams – *1- year term to March 2022*

Town Grand Juror: Robert Willis - *1 -year term to March 2022*

Town Agent: Peter Andrus - *1 -year term to March 2022*

Trustee of Public Funds: Rob Willis-*1 year term to March 2022*

Agent to Deed Land: Rob Willis -*1-year term to March 2022*

Library Trustees:

Janet Hamilton - *5-year term to March 2023*

Bonnie West - *2-year term to March 2023*

*Alice Abraham - *2-year term to March 2023*

Greg Joly - *5-year term to March 2024*

Clara Robinson - *5-year term to March 2025*

Jennifer Dorta-Duque - *5-year term to March 2026*

Susan Stomski - *5-year term to March 2022*

West River Modified Unified Union School Directors:

Drew Hazelton – At Large position

Dana West - 3-year term until March 2022

Anne Connor - 1 year of a 3-year term until March 2022

Cemetery Commissioners:

Selectboard - *one year term to March 2022*

Appointed Town Officials (*One-year terms unless otherwise noted*)

Fence Viewer: Tom Tolbert

Animal Control Officer: Robert Willis, 1st Constable

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal: Vacant

Tree Warden: Ben Williams

Cemetery Sextons: East Jamaica - L. Bruce Chapin
Jamaica Village - L. Bruce Chapin
South Windham - L. Bruce Chapin
West Jamaica - Karen Ameden
South Hill - Karen Ameden
Pikes Falls - Karen Ameden
Rawsonville - Nelson Coleman

Health Officer: The Selectboard

Deputy Health Officer: vacant

Emergency Management Coordinator: Paul Fraser

Rescue Inc. Rep: Stewart Barker

Energy Coordinator: Tom Tolbert

Flood Zone Administrator: Michael Tuller

Windham Regional Commissioners: Joel Bluming and Andy Coyne

Planning Commissioners & Zoning Board of Adjustments:

* Brian Zieroff, Christopher Robbins, John Sohikian, Patrick McQuillan and Charlie Peck

Recreation Committee: Bob Johnson and Kate Ullman

Village Beautification Committee: Karen Ameden, Alexandra Clark, Joe Dumas and Kate Ullman

Justice of the Peace (terms end 2022): Karen Ameden, Greg Joly, Clara Robinson, Robert Willis, and Heather Bartels

Fire Warden: Stewart Barker

Assistant Fire Warden: Bob Stomski

911 Address Coordinator: Erica Bowman

Senior Solutions Rep: Jeannine Stone and Alice Abraham

WSWMD Rep: Greg Meulemans

WRC Transportation Committee Rep: Joel Bluming, Andy Coyne

Meeting Schedules

Selectboard: 874-4681

Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

Planning Commission:

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

West River Modified Unified Union School District:

Board meets 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. at LGUHS

Jamaica Library Trustees Meetings:

3rd Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Library

Town Offices 28 Town Office Road, PO Box 173

Town Clerk & Treasurer: 874-4681

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Town Clerk: Sara Wiswall

Treasurer: Terri Garland

Listers: 874-4908

Wednesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Animal Licensing Notice to Dog Owners

Vermont State Law requires all dogs 3 months or older to be licensed by the municipality on or before April 1st of each year with a valid rabies certificate. (Title 20 V.S.A. Section 3581)

Please notify the Town Clerk if you no longer have your dog.

January 1st – April 1st

Spayed or Neutered \$9.00

Other (Female or Male) \$13.00

After April 1st

\$11.00

\$17.00

Post Office Locations

Jamaica Post Office, 3912 VT Route 30..... 874-4242

Bondville Post Office, 43 VT Route 30..... 297-1671

South Londonderry Post Office, 67 Main St.....824-6800

West Townshend Post Office, 6573 VT Route 3... 874-7092

Emergency Services

Emergency Number for Fire (Mutual Aid) Rescue/
Ambulance, Windham County Sheriff, Vermont State
Police, Police (TTD)

DIAL 911

Non-Emergency Numbers

Fire Warden: 874-4515

Assistant Fire Warden: 380-1221

Constable: 896-6391

2nd Constable: 874-4441

Windham County Sheriff: 365-4942

Town Services

Jamaica Memorial Library: 874-4901

Tuesday 12-6 p.m.

Wednesday 12-4 p.m.

Thursday 12-6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Librarian: Cassidy Menard

Library Assistant: Darlene Hamilton &
Carrie Lane

Waste Disposal Transfer Station: 874-7171

Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Thursdays & Fridays, Town Meeting,
Easter, Christmas, & New Year's

Attendant: Dan Miller

Jamaica Town Garage: 874-4265

Road Crew: Keith Hazard (foreman)

Richard Thomas, Bill Flood, Dennis Palmer

Websites of Local Interest

Official website: jamaicavermont.org

Jamaica Historical Foundation: jamaicahf.info

Jamaica Library: jamaicavtlibrary.wordpress.com

Jamaica Village School: jamaicavillageschool.org

Leland and Gray: lelandandgray.org

WCSU: windhamcentral.org

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Garage in said town of Jamaica, on the first Saturday of April, April 2nd, 2022, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Article 2: To review the town report.

Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.

- a. Selectperson for a term of three years (by ballot)
- b. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)
- c. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)
- d. Lister for a term of three years (by ballot)
- e. 1st Constable for a term of one year
- f. 2nd Constable for a term of one year
- g. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year
- h. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year
- i. Library Trustee for a term of five years
- j. Library Trustee for a term of two years
- k. Library Trustee for a term of two years
- l. School Director for West River Modified Union Education District for a term of three years.
- m. School Director for the West River Modified Union Education District for two years of a three year term.

Article 4: Shall the town allocate \$25,000 to pursue hiring a Town Administrator?

Article 5: Shall the town assess a one percent (1%) tax on sales, meals and alcoholic beverages and rooms, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138(b)?

Article 6: Shall the Voters in the Town of Jamaica appropriate the sum of \$3,105.00 to be raised by taxes for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to the Windham Region.

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.

Article 8: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 9: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

Article 10: Article: Shall the Voters exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.?


Article 11: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2023.

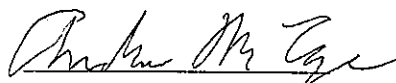
Article 12: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

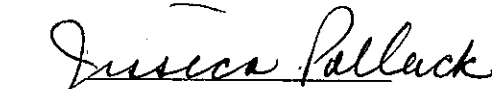
Article 13: To Adjourn.

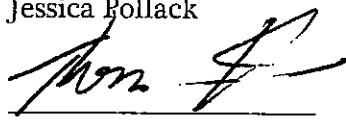
Approved as the legal town warning for the town of Jamaica for April 2, 2022, on this 28th day of February, 2022.


Selectboard, Town of Jamaica, Vermont


Greg Meulemans, Chair

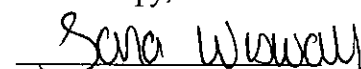

Andy Coyne, vice-chair


Jessica Rollack


Tom Tolbert


Kate Ullman

A true copy, Attest:-


Sara Wiswall, Town Clerk

Town Meeting Minutes May 1, 2021

Greg Joly called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Greg read the warning. "The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, in the County of Windham and State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Garage in said town of Jamaica, on the first Saturday of May, May 1st, 2021, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles."

Please sign in if you want to vote on the articles.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

Paul Fraser made a motion to nominate Greg Joly as Moderator for a term of one year, seconded by Fran Janik. Motion passes.

Article 2: To act on the town report.

Patrick McQuillan made a motion to act on the town report, seconded by Tom Tolbert. Judy Flower called the question. Article passes.

Article 3: To elect the following officers as required by law.

A. Selectperson for a term of three years (by ballot)

Bob Stomski nominated Paul Fraser. Clara Robinson nominated Jessica Pollack. Bob Stone nominated Katherine Ullman.

Kate-5

Jessica- 42

Paul-21

Jessica Pollack was elected for a 3-year term for Selectboard.

B. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)

Karen Ameden nominates Tom Tolbert. Bob Stomski nominated Paul Fraser. Bob Stone nominated Kate Ullman.

Kate-11

Paul-10

Tom-49

Tom Tolbert was elected for a one-year term for Selectboard.

C. Selectperson for a term of one year (by ballot)

Bob Stomski nominated Paul Fraser. Erica Bowman nominated Kate Ullman.

Paul- 20

Kate- 50

Kate Ullman was elected for a one-year term of Selectboard.

D. Lister for a term of three years (by ballot)

Margaret Miller nominated Val Pantorno. Motion made for the clerk to cast one ballot for Val Pantorno. Val Pantorno was elected for a 3-year term as Lister.

E. Lister for one year of a three-year term (by ballot)

Margaret Miller nominated Micah Eberhardt. Motion for the clerk to cast one ballot for Micah Eberhardt for lister for one year. Micah Eberhardt was elected for one year of a three-year term as Lister.

F. Lister for two years of a three-year term (by ballot)

CJ King nominated Pat Meulemans. Motion for the clerk to cast one ballot for Pat Meulemans for two year of a three-year term. Pat Meulemans was elected lister for two years of a three-year term.

G. 1st Constable for a term of one year

Tom Tolbert nominated Rob Willis, seconded by Bob Stone. Motion carries. Rob Willis is elected 1st Constable for a term of one year.

H. 2nd Constable for a term of one year

Rob Willis nominated Ben Williams, seconded by Jackie Brown. Motion carries. Ben Williams was elected 2nd Constable for a term of one year.

I. Town Grand Juror for a term of one year

Erica Bowman nominated Rob Willis. Bonnie West nominated Steve Clark.

Steve-29

Rob-37

Rob Willis was elected Town Grand Juror for a one-year term.

J. Town Agent for a term of one year

Karen Ameden nominated Peter Andrus. Motion carries. Peter Andrus was elected as Town Agent for a one-year term.

K. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year

CJ King nominated Rob Willis. Paul Fraser nominated Steve Clark.

Rob- 32

Steve- 28

Rob Willis was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

L. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year

Stephanie Amyot nominated Rob Willis. Motion to close nominations. Rob Willis was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

M. Library Trustee for a term of five years

Ed Dorta-Duque nominated Jennifer Dorta-Duque. Jennifer Dorta-Duque was elected Library Trustee for a term of five-years.

N. Library Trustee for a term of two years

Jen Dorta-Duque nominated Bonnie West. Bonnie West was elected Library Trustee for a term of two-years.

O. Library Trustee for a term of two years

Jen Dorta-Duque nominated Alice Abraham. Alice Abraham was elected Library Trustee for term of tow-years.

P. School Director for West River Modified Union Education District for a term of two years.

Many nominations were made before anyone accepted including Stephanie Amyot, Ed Dorta-Duque, Keighan Eaker, Greg Joly, Dana West and Drew Hazelton.

Motion withdrawn to close nomination.

Elinor Katz nominated Ann Dubosque.

Drew Hazelton nominated Karen Ameden, declined.

Caroline Persson nominated Heather Bartels.

Elinor withdrew her nomination.

Heather Bartels has been elected to the WRMUED board.

Article 4: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.

Ed Dorta-Duque moved the article, seconded by Andy.

\$1,089,844.38 to be raised by taxes. Bonnie made a motion to spend a total of \$1,389,730.00 of which \$1,089,844.38 is to be raised by taxation for the running expenses of the town and this along with

anticipated receipts of \$299,885.62 equaling a budget of \$1,389,730. With payment due on October 1, 2021. The delinquency will begin on October 2 with an 8% penalty added by state law, plus interest at the rate of 1% will be added starting December 1, 2021 until paid in full.

Ed moved to vote. Article passed.

Article 5: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Ed Dorta-Duque made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article passes.

Article 6: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

Ed Dorta-Duque made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds. Article passes.

Article 7: Article: Shall the Voters exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.?

Ed Dorta-Duque made a motion to exempt the Jamaica Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc's land and building from taxation for a period of five years, Seconded by CJ King. Article passes.

Article 8: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2021.

Ed Dorta-Duque moved to amend to March 2022.

Bob Stomski would like to have Town Meeting on a Saturday, which would be March 5 at 1:00 p.m. Motion fails 12 in favor -34 opposed.

Town meeting will be March 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Article passes.

Article 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Thank you to Paul Fraser for all his service to the town.

Rob Willis, please register your dog, we have been lenient since covid but will start issuing fines. We also have a leash law in the entire town.

Dana West thanked Keighan for her time on the board and he welcomes Heather. Keighan put a lot of time in.

Alice Abraham would like to thank Lou Brusio for all he has done for the town.

Pat Meulemans, reminder today is Green Up day but it can be done anytime.

Jackie Brown is publishing the Jamaica Journal every month. Jamaicajournal.info

Drew Hazelton- Rescue Inc has a clinic tomorrow at Newbrook Fire Dept tomorrow. Show up between 9-3 tomorrow.

Drew is back on the school board Please get involved.

Margaret Miller- Nancy Jean is going to do Tommyfest on Saturday, July 3.

Dana would like to thank the Selectboard for dedicating the town report to his father.

Janine Stone thanks Jackie Brown for the newsletter she is doing.

Jamaica Old Home day is in the plans for this year, in September. Reach out to Karen Ameden or Ann Dubosque for more info or to help out.

Tom Tolbert motion to adjourn at 2:35

Submitted by Sara Wiswall

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Sara Wiswall, positioned to the right of the text 'Submitted by Sara Wiswall'.

Homestead Declaration Reminder

In Vermont, all property is subject to 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 surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

You are a Vermont resident

You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2022

You must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) annually by the April 17th deadline.

If you file after April 17th, your municipality may assess 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 rate.

Property Tax Adjustment Claim

The Vermont Property Tax Adjustment assists many Vermont homeowners with paying their property taxes. You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements:

Your property qualifies as a homestead, and you have filed a Homestead Declaration for the 2021 grand list

You were domiciled in Vermont for the full prior calendar year

You were not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer

You have the property as your homestead as of April 1; and

You meet the household income criteria.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1, 2022

Please register all dogs by April 1st.

Spayed or Neutered- \$9.00 After April 1st- \$11.00

Other (Female or Male)-\$13.00 After April 1st- \$17.00

We will need a copy of your valid rabies certificate if one is not already on file. Please call with any questions. (802)874-4681

	2021			2022	2023
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE					
Tax Collections	1,071,358.00	1,003,490.48	(16,652.20)	1,089,844.38	1,135,081.00
Delinquent Tax- Principal		84,519.72			
Delinquent Tax- Interest	5,000.00	4,669.14	330.86	5,000.00	5,000.00
Delinquent Tax- Penalties	25,000.00	31,938.72	(6,938.72)	25,000.00	25,000.00
Tax Sale Redemption		904.97			
Education Tax Retained	8,000.00	8,978.12	(978.12)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Current Use	20,000.00	35,971.50	(15,971.50)	25,000.00	30,000.00
PILOT Payments	16,000.00	15,780.72	219.28	16,000.00	16,000.00
Traffic Fines	20,000.00	12,112.41	7,887.59	10,000.00	15,000.00
Town Clerk Fees/photocopy	17,000.00	25,408.77	(8,408.77)	17,000.00	17,000.00
Dog Licenses	750.00	984.00	(234.00)	750.00	750.00
Liquor Licenses	600.00	440.00	160.00	500.00	500.00
Marriage License	180.00	160.00	20.00	150.00	150.00
Sign Permit		150.00	(150.00)		
Town Hall Rental	800.00	50.00	750.00	500.00	-
Transfer Station Revenue	18,000.00	24,083.22	(6,083.22)	18,000.00	18,000.00
Pay As You Throw Revenue	35,000.00	39,384.00	(4,384.00)	35,000.00	35,000.00
Earned Interest	3,000.00	1,196.88	1,803.12	3,000.00	1,500.00
CT River Losses	2,272.00	2,272.00	-	2,272.00	2,272.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		2,530.54	(2,530.54)		
Transfer in from reserve			-	39,413.62	
Highway State Aid	92,000.00	95,825.58	(3,825.58)	94,000.00	94,000.00
Grant Revenue		194,937.28	(194,937.28)		
Highway Misc. Revenue		24,747.26	(24,747.26)		
Highway Permit Fees	300.00	613.00	(313.00)	300.00	300.00
Transfer in from reserve		448,498.00	(448,498.00)		
Surplus - General					30,000.00
Surplus - Highway					30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	1,335,260.00	2,059,646.31	(723,481.34)	1,389,730.00	1,463,553.00
EXPENSES					
~Payroll & Benefits~					
Bookkeeper	3,407.00	-	3,407.00	3,500.00	3,675.00
Lister Salary	18,540.00	5,539.56	13,000.44	12,000.00	20,000.00
Town Office Salary	67,594.00	67,808.88	(214.88)	69,700.00	73,200.00
Emergency Management	500.00	63.97	436.03	500.00	500.00
Selectboard Salaries	5,500.00	5,500.00	-	5,500.00	5,500.00
Selectboard Clerk	1,236.00	781.65	454.35	1,300.00	1,365.00
Town Administrator					25,000.00
Elections Expense	500.00	219.20	280.80	500.00	500.00
BCA	500.00	230.16	269.84	500.00	200.00
Flood Zoning Admin.	250.00	56.43	193.57	250.00	250.00
FICA	11,000.00	11,582.60	(582.60)	12,000.00	14,000.00
Employers Retirement	5,603.00	5,729.79	(126.79)	6,100.00	6,900.00
Unemployment Insurance	500.00	621.00	(121.00)	500.00	500.00
Workers Comp Insurance	4,000.00	3,256.00	744.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Health Insurance	15,800.00	10,608.50	5,191.50	16,000.00	14,000.00
Total Payroll & Benefits	134,930.00	111,997.74	22,932.26	132,350.00	169,590.00

	2021			2022	2023
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
~Town Office Operations~					
Advertising	900.00	494.60	405.40	900.00	900.00
Attorney	4,000.00	2,504.00	1,496.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Computer Software/Support	6,500.00	9,007.99	(2,507.99)	6,500.00	6,500.00
Town Office Equipment	500.00	561.94	(61.94)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office machines Maint.	500.00	92.57	407.43	500.00	500.00
Printing/Postage Town Report	1,500.00	2,223.71	(723.71)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Telephone/Cable	3,500.00	4,829.66	(1,329.66)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Postage	2,600.00	2,282.61	317.39	2,600.00	2,600.00
Supplies	2,000.00	3,297.98	(1,297.98)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Yearly Outside Audit	16,000.00	17,800.00	(1,800.00)	17,000.00	17,800.00
Listers Expense	2,000.00	2,917.30	(917.30)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Listers Support	2,900.00	-	2,900.00	2,900.00	1,500.00
Lister contracted services	3,500.00	500.00	3,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Training Expenses	1,000.00	55.00	945.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	-	88.48	(88.48)		
Mileage	500.00	-	500.00	250.00	250.00
Total Town Office Operations	47,900.00	46,655.84	1,244.16	50,150.00	50,550.00
~Town Buildings~					
Town Office Janitor	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Emergency Generator	500.00	442.00	58.00	500.00	500.00
Town Office Repairs/Maint.	500.00	2,035.57	(1,535.57)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall Repairs/Maint	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bank Building Repairs/Maint	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
Rawsonville Sch Repairs/maint	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town Office Supplies/Water	700.00	184.73	515.27	700.00	500.00
Town Hall Supplies	300.00	146.34	153.66	300.00	300.00
Town Office Electricity	1,700.00	1,813.88	(113.88)	1,700.00	1,700.00
Town Hall Electricity	1,000.00	1,040.55	(40.55)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Building Electricity	500.00	294.68	205.32	500.00	500.00
Rawsonville School Electricity	250.00	269.70	(19.70)	250.00	250.00
Town Office Fuel	3,600.00	3,210.96	389.04	3,600.00	3,600.00
Town Hall Fuel	1,000.00	74.84	925.16	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Building Fuel	600.00	-	600.00	-	-
Total Town Buildings	15,850.00	13,513.25	2,336.75	16,250.00	16,050.00
~Public Safety~					
Salaries, Constable	350.00	350.00	-	350.00	350.00
Salaries, Health Officer	350.00	350.00		350.00	350.00
Windham County Sheriff	50,000.00	50,000.04	(0.04)	52,000.00	50,000.00
Humane Society	350.00	350.00	-	350.00	350.00
Total Public Safety	51,050.00	51,050.04	(0.04)	53,050.00	51,050.00
~Emergency Services~					
Ambulance - Rescue Inc.	30,232.00	30,232.35	(0.35)	31,000.00	29,648.00
Fire Department	98,791.00	98,791.00	-	99,750.00	99,750.00

	2021			2022	2023
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
Total Emergency Services	129,023.00	129,023.35	(0.35)	130,750.00	129,398.00
			-		
~Street Lighting~					
Village	4,000.00	4,644.27	(644.27)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Rawsonville	600.00	656.42	(56.42)	600.00	600.00
Total Street Lighting	4,600.00	5,300.69		4,600.00	4,600.00
~Miscellaneous Expense~					
Windham County Tax	18,500.00	22,550.00	(4,050.00)	22,500.00	24,000.00
VLCT PACIF	30,000.00	22,714.00	7,286.00	30,000.00	28,000.00
Western Surety Bonding	145.00	143.00	2.00	145.00	145.00
VLCT Dues	2,400.00	2,354.00	46.00	2,400.00	2,600.00
WRC Dues	2,400.00	2,453.78	(53.78)	2,400.00	3,200.00
Planning Exp. Offset by grant money		8,967.00	(8,967.00)		
Tax Sale Expense		550.00	(550.00)		
BCA Tax Appeals/ Abatement	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	100.00
Village Beautification	700.00	711.00	(11.00)	700.00	1,000.00
Village Flags	200.00	779.76	(579.76)	300.00	300.00
Old Home Day	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	
Tax Mapping					9,900.00
Total Miscellaneous Expense	56,945.00	63,722.54		58,545.00	69,245.00
~Waste Disposal~			-		
Attendant	26,713.00	27,057.12	(344.12)	27,514.00	28,900.00
Sub-attendant	2,704.00	1,118.40	1,585.60	2,785.00	2,900.00
Water/Septic	1,080.00	1,080.00	-	1,080.00	1,080.00
Waste Disposal ~ PAYT & C/D	30,000.00	58,749.22	(28,749.22)	40,000.00	45,000.00
Recycling Disposal	14,000.00	28,848.26	(14,848.26)	18,000.00	20,000.00
Organics Disposal	2,100.00	5,235.57	(3,135.57)	5,600.00	5,600.00
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00	627.62	372.38	500.00	200.00
WSWMD Assessment	6,800.00	6,811.16	(11.16)	5,500.00	6,305.00
Supplies	200.00	126.49	73.51	200.00	200.00
Electricity	1,000.00	1,240.88	(240.88)	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Waste Disposal	85,597.00	130,894.72		102,179.00	111,185.00
~Cemetery Maintenance~					
Stone Maintenance		217.00	(217.00)		
Cememtery Maint.	6,000.00	4,150.00	1,850.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Flags	300.00	254.08	45.92	300.00	300.00
Total Cemetery Maintenance	6,300.00	4,621.08	1,678.92	6,300.00	5,300.00
~Library~			-		
Library Programs/Books	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Librarian Salary	18,710.00	13,295.36	5,414.64	19,271.00	20,300.00
Library World	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Library Repairs/Maint	500.00	283.70	216.30	500.00	5,500.00
Library Electric	700.00	691.13	8.87	700.00	700.00
Library Fuel	2,000.00	1,429.86	570.14	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Library	27,910.00	21,700.05		28,471.00	34,500.00

	2021			2022	2023
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
~Capital Reserve Funds~					
Town Buildings Reserve	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
Transfer Station Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
Office Equipment Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Re-Appraisal Reserve	6,800.00	6,800.00	-	6,800.00	6,800.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds	15,300.00	15,300.00		15,300.00	15,300.00
~Voted Appropriations ~					
Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Neighborhood Connections	750.00	750.00	-	750.00	750.00
VT Center For Independent Living	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
Women's Freedom Center	900.00	900.00	-	900.00	900.00
Red Cross	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Healthcare & Rehab Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	1,200.00
Valley Cares	1,604.00	1,604.00	-	1,604.00	1,604.00
Preservation Trust of VT	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
VT Art Council	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050.00	1,050.00	-	1,050.00	1,050.00
Visiting Nurse Service	3,236.00	3,236.00	-	3,236.00	3,236.00
Windham County Youth Services	395.00	395.00	-	395.00	395.00
L&G Educational Foundation	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Senior Solutions	600.00	600.00	-	600.00	800.00
Mt. Valley Health Clinic	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
CT River Transit	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Windham County Historical	250.00	250.00	-	250.00	250.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
SEVCA	950.00	950.00	-	950.00	950.00
Windham County Humane Soc.	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	500.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
So VT Watershed Alliance	240.00	240.00	-	240.00	240.00
Jamaica Historical Foundation	750.00	750.00	-	750.00	750.00
Vermont Green Up	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	50.00
Village Cemetary	900.00	900.00	-	900.00	900.00
VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Recreation Club	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	1,700.00	500.00
BCTV	800.00	800.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Appropriations	23,725.00	23,725.00		23,625.00	22,625.00
General Government Totals	599,130.00	617,504.30		621,570.00	679,393.00
	2021			2019	2021
	Adopted			Proposed	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
HIGHWAY EXPENSES					
~Payroll & Benefits~					
Highway Labor	194,670.00	200,324.37	(5,654.37)	200,500.00	211,000.00
Health Insurance	22,000.00	16,615.78	5,384.22	20,000.00	18,000.00
Employers FICA	15,000.00	12,674.01	2,325.99	15,500.00	16,200.00
Employers Retirement	11,500.00	11,981.55	(481.55)	12,500.00	14,300.00
Insurance Workmans Comp	20,000.00	13,595.00	6,405.00	15,000.00	13,000.00
Total Payroll & Benefits	263,170.00	255,190.71		263,500.00	272,500.00

	2021			2022	2023
	Adopted			Voted	Proposed
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET
~Town Garage~					
Repairs/Maintenance	500.00	1,091.90	(591.90)	500.00	500.00
Electricity	1,500.00	1,988.69	(488.69)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fuel	3,000.00	3,231.91	(231.91)	3,000.00	4,000.00
Supplies/Internet	200.00	195.34	4.66	200.00	200.00
Internet		900.27		1,100.00	1,100.00
Total Town Garage	5,200.00	7,408.11		6,300.00	7,300.00
~Highways - General~					
Contract Town of Townshend	7,200.00	4,800.00	2,400.00	7,200.00	6,200.00
Contract Town of Windham	7,200.00	6,765.34	434.66	6,200.00	5,200.00
Contract Old Cheney Road	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	4,500.00	4,500.00
Mowing~Sweeping	20,000.00	6,800.00	13,200.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Road Signs	500.00	17,526.00	(17,026.00)	750.00	750.00
Radios	2,160.00	1,920.00	240.00	2,160.00	2,160.00
Mileage	200.00	34.50	165.50	200.00	200.00
Materials ~ Winter	70,000.00	85,784.00	(15,784.00)	70,000.00	70,000.00
Materials ~ Summer	45,000.00	48,330.09	(3,330.09)	55,000.00	55,000.00
Miscellaneous/Expenses	-	470.00	(470.00)		
New Town Garage Bond Pmt.	55,000.00	53,711.79	1,288.21	55,000.00	55,000.00
New Equipment Purchase			-		7,500.00
Class 2 Paving		495,144.00			
Class 3 Paving		112,554.38			
Permit Fees		1,590.00		1,350.00	1,350.00
MRGP Road Erosion Inventory		7,635.34			
Trail #6 Survey		3,910.00			
Total Highways - General	211,760.00	851,475.44		217,360.00	222,860.00
~Highway - Equipment~					
Parts	50,000.00	44,281.41	5,718.59	50,000.00	50,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	12,000.00	20,690.42	(8,690.42)	12,000.00	12,000.00
Gas	4,000.00	4,484.30	(484.30)	4,000.00	4,500.00
Diesel	25,000.00	22,927.76	2,072.24	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Highway - Equipment	91,000.00	92,383.89	(1,383.89)	91,000.00	91,500.00
~Reserve Funds~					
Highway	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	75,000.00
Highway Equipment	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	80,000.00
Sidewalk	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
FEMA cost reimbursement			-	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Reserve Funds	165,000.00	165,000.00		190,000.00	190,000.00
Highway Budget Totals	736,130.00	1,371,458.15	(635,328.15)	768,160.00	784,160.00
Total Gen. & Highway Budget	1,335,260.00	1,988,962.45	(653,702.45)	1,389,730.00	1,463,553.00

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2021

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 1,072,567
Restricted Cash	1,837
Investments	2,400
Deposits with Insurance Company	9,600
Due from Fiduciary Fund	<u>330</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,086,734</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to Others	<u>300</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>300</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Prepaid Property Taxes	<u>5,845</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>5,845</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Restricted:	
Non-Expendable:	
Cemetery	23,220
Expendable:	
Highways and Streets	953,917
Other	74,562
Unrestricted	<u>28,890</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,080,589</u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Program Cash Receipts				Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 263,844	\$ 44,214	\$ 14,778	\$ 0	\$ (204,852)
Public Safety	180,873	12,112	0	0	(168,761)
Highways and Streets	1,154,263	613	140,510	175,000	(838,140)
Culture and Recreation	21,700	0	0	0	(21,700)
Solid Waste	130,894	63,467	0	0	(67,427)
Debt Service	53,712	0	0	0	(53,712)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ <u>1,805,286</u>	\$ <u>120,406</u>	\$ <u>155,288</u>	\$ <u>175,000</u>	<u>(1,354,592)</u>
General Receipts:					
Property Taxes					1,087,705
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes					36,608
General State Grants					54,025
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					3,079
Other					<u>2,836</u>
Total General Receipts					<u>1,184,253</u>
Change in Net Position					(170,339)
Net Position - July 1, 2020					<u>1,250,928</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2021					\$ <u><u>1,080,589</u></u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Flood Damage Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$ 234,715	\$ 772,496	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 65,356	\$ 1,072,567
Restricted Cash	1,837	0	0	0	0	1,837
Investments	0	0	0	0	2,400	2,400
Deposits with Insurance Company	9,600	0	0	0	0	9,600
Advances to Other Funds	0	256,273	0	0	0	256,273
Due from Other Funds	89,610	0	0	492,350	468,124	1,050,084
Total Assets	<u>\$ 335,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,769</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 492,350</u>	<u>\$ 535,880</u>	<u>\$ 2,392,761</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Advances from Other Funds	\$ 256,273	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 256,273
Due to Other Funds	0	712,185	337,566	0	3	1,049,754
Due to Others	300	0	0	0	0	300
Total Liabilities	<u>256,573</u>	<u>712,185</u>	<u>337,566</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1,306,327</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	5,845	0	0	0	0	5,845
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>5,845</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,845</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES/(DEFICIT)</u>						
Nonspendable	337,566	0	0	0	23,220	360,786
Restricted	1,837	316,584	0	492,350	217,708	1,028,479
Committed	0	0	0	0	200,140	200,140
Assigned	0	0	0	0	94,809	94,809
Unassigned/(Deficit)	<u>(266,059)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(337,566)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(603,625)</u>
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	<u>73,344</u>	<u>316,584</u>	<u>(337,566)</u>	<u>492,350</u>	<u>535,877</u>	<u>1,080,589</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 335,762</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,769</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 492,350</u>	<u>\$ 535,880</u>	<u>\$ 2,392,761</u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	Flood Damage Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash Receipts:						
Property Taxes	\$ 1,087,705	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,087,705
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	36,608	0	0	0	0	36,608
Intergovernmental	369,535	0	0	0	12,378	381,913
Charges for Services	72,495	0	0	0	50	72,545
Permits, Licenses and Fees	27,756	0	0	0	7,993	35,749
Fines and Forfeits	12,112	0	0	0	0	12,112
Investment Income	2,103	499	20	251	206	3,079
Donations	0	0	0	0	2,400	2,400
Other	2,836	0	0	0	0	2,836
Total Cash Receipts	1,611,150	499	20	251	23,027	1,634,947
Cash Disbursements:						
General Government	263,844	0	0	0	0	263,844
Public Safety	180,873	0	0	0	0	180,873
Highways and Streets	530,765	0	0	0	0	530,765
Culture and Recreation	21,700	0	0	0	0	21,700
Solid Waste	130,894	0	0	0	0	130,894
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	623,498	0	0	0	0	623,498
Debt Service:						
Principal	37,500	0	0	0	0	37,500
Interest	16,212	0	0	0	0	16,212
Total Cash Disbursements	1,805,286	0	0	0	0	1,805,286
Excess/(Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	(194,136)	499	20	251	23,027	(170,339)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Transfers In	448,498	75,000	0	80,000	29,240	632,738
Transfers Out	(184,240)	(448,498)	0	0	0	(632,738)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	264,258	(373,498)	0	80,000	29,240	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	70,122	(372,999)	20	80,251	52,267	(170,339)
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2020	3,222	689,583	(337,586)	412,099	483,610	1,250,928
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2021	\$ 73,344	\$ 316,584	\$ (337,566)	\$ 492,350	\$ 535,877	\$ 1,080,589

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund <u>William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund</u>	<u>Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 772	\$ 0
Investments	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,772</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Due to Other Funds	<u>330</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>330</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Restricted:		
Held in Trust for Individuals	<u>10,442</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 10,442</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY MODIFIED CASH BASIS NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund	Custodial Fund Education Tax Fund
<u>ADDITIONS</u>		
Investment Income	\$ 18	\$ 0
Education Taxes Collected for Other Governments	<u>0</u>	<u>3,981,373</u>
Total Additions	<u>18</u>	<u>3,981,373</u>
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>		
Education Taxes Distributed to Other Governments	<u>0</u>	<u>3,981,373</u>
Total Deductions	<u>0</u>	<u>3,981,373</u>
Change in Net Position	18	0
Net Position - July 1, 2020	<u>10,424</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2021	\$ <u><u>10,442</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

Budgets are approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. Any budget changes require voter approval. There were no budget changes during the year. The budget presented herein is for the Town's "General Fund" only and does not include the Stabilization Fund, the Planning Fund or the HRA Fund activity that is included with the General Fund and unbudgeted capital expenditures and related funding. There was no activity for the Stabilization Fund or Planning Fund during the year.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2021, expenditures in the General Fund exceeded appropriations by \$29,675. These over-expenditures were funded by excess revenues.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

Cash and investments as of June 30, 2021 consist of the following:

Unrestricted Cash:

Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$1,072,982
Cash on Hand	<u>357</u>
Total Unrestricted Cash	<u>1,073,339</u>

Restricted Cash:

Money Market Mutual Fund – U.S. Government Securities – Unspent Bond Proceeds	<u>1,837</u>
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Investments:

Mutual Funds – Mixed Holdings	2,400
Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,000</u>
Total Investments	<u>12,400</u>

Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$1,087,576</u>
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The Town has one (1) certificate of deposit in the amount of \$10,000 with an interest rate of 0.18%. The certificate of deposit will mature during fiscal year 2022.

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2021

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are in the name of the Town and is not exposed to custodial credit risk. The following table shows the custodial credit risk of the Town's cash and certificate of deposit.

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC Insured	\$ 336,041	\$ 336,041
Uninsured, Collateralized by U.S. Government Agencies Securities Held by the Pledging Financial Institution's Agent	<u>746,941</u>	<u>783,747</u>
Total	<u>\$1,082,982</u>	<u>\$1,119,788</u>

The difference between the book and the bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

The book balance is comprised of the following:

Unrestricted Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$1,072,982
Investments – Certificate of Deposit	<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u>\$1,082,982</u>

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to interest rate risk. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, exempt from interest rate disclosure. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to interest rate risk disclosure.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk that is the risk an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to credit risk. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are open-ended and therefore, exempt from credit risk disclosure. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to credit risk disclosure.

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Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk that a large percentage of the Town's investments are held within one security. The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The money market mutual fund and mutual funds are open-ended and therefore, exempt from the concentration of credit risk analysis. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to concentration of credit risk disclosure.

B. Interfund Balances and Activity

Interfund balances as of June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Due from Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ 89,610	\$ 0
Highway Capital Fund	0	712,185
Flood Damage Fund	0	337,566
Highway Equipment Fund	492,350	0
Non-Major Governmental Funds	468,124	3
Private-Purpose Trust Fund – William W. Boynton Memorial Scholarship Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>330</u>
Total	<u>\$1,050,084</u>	<u>\$1,050,084</u>

In fiscal year 2014, the General Fund borrowed \$415,000 from the Highway Capital Fund in order to finance the Town's current expenses. As of June 30, 2021, the remaining balance is \$256,273. This is shown as an advance to other funds in the Highway Capital Fund and an advance from other funds in the General Fund. The Town intends to repay this loan when the funds become available.

Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2021 were as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	Highway Capital Fund	\$ 75,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	80,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Reappraisal Fund	6,800	Appropriation
General Fund	Town Buildings Fund	2,500	Appropriation
General Fund	Town Buildings Fund	3,940	Transfer Budget Surplus
General Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	2,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Transfer Station Fund	4,000	Appropriation
General Fund	Sidewalk Fund	10,000	Appropriation
Highway Capital Fund	General Fund	432,698	Fund Project Expenses
Highway Capital Fund	General Fund	<u>15,800</u>	Fund Equipment Purchase
Total		<u>\$632,738</u>	

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Non-Major Funds

Permanent Funds:

Nonspendable Muzzy Legacy Fund Principal	\$ 5,000
Nonspendable Cemetery Fund Principal	<u>18,220</u>

Total Non-Major Funds	<u>23,220</u>
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Total Nonspendable Fund Balances	<u>\$360,786</u>
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The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Restricted for Town Garage Expenditures by Unspent Bond Proceeds (Source of Revenue is Bond Proceeds)	\$ <u>1,837</u>
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Highway Capital Fund:

Restricted for Highway Expenditures by Statute - Designated for Capital (Source of Revenue is Highway Property Taxes)	<u>316,584</u>
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Highway Equipment Fund:

Restricted for Highway Expenditures by Statute - Designated for Equipment (Source of Revenue is Highway Property Taxes)	<u>492,350</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Emergency Management Expenses by Grant Agreements (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	9,095
Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute (Source of Revenue is Restoration Fees)	<u>19,094</u>

Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>28,189</u>
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Capital Projects Funds:

Restricted for Highway Expenditures by Statute - Designated for Sidewalks (Source of Revenue is Highway Property Taxes)	<u>144,983</u>
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Permanent Funds:

Restricted for Muzzy Legacy Expenses by Trust Agreement	
– Expendable Portion	\$ 13,812
Restricted for Cemetery Expenses by Trust Agreement	
– Expendable Portion	<u>30,724</u>
Total Permanent Funds	<u>44,536</u>
Total Non-Major Funds	<u>217,708</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$1,028,479</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are committed as follows:

Non-Major Funds

Capital Projects Funds:

Committed for Town Buildings Expenditures by the Voters	\$118,667
Committed for Town Office Equipment Expenditures by the Voters	28,996
Committed for Transfer Station Expenditures by the Voters	<u>52,477</u>
Total Committed Fund Balances	<u>\$200,140</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Assigned for Planning Expenses	\$ 9,486
Assigned for HRA Expenses	8,835
Assigned in Excess of Available Fund Balance	<u>(18,321)</u>
Total General Fund	<u>0</u>

Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Assigned for Reappraisal Expenses	90,869
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Capital Projects Funds:

Assigned for Town Buildings Expenditures	<u>3,940</u>
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Total Non-Major Funds	<u>94,809</u>
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Total Assigned Fund Balances	<u>\$ 94,809</u>
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The unassigned deficit of \$266,059 in the General Fund will be funded by the repayment of the interfund loan or with future property taxes.

The unassigned deficit of \$337,566 in the Flood Damage Fund will be funded with future property taxes.

D. Restricted Net Position

The restricted net position in the governmental activities includes the nonspendable fund balances of \$23,220 and the restricted fund balances of \$1,028,479 for a total of \$1,051,699.

The net position held in trust for various purposes in the Town's Private-Purpose Trust Fund at June 30, 2021 consisted of the following:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund:

Restricted for Scholarships by Trust Agreement	<u>\$10.442</u>
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IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Pension Plan

Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for municipal and school district employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. As of June 30, 2020, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, the retirement system consisted of 353 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives-one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

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Long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Town Garage, Principal Payments of \$37,500 Payable on November 1 Annually, Interest Ranging from 1.491% to 3.091% Payable on May 1 and November 1, Due November, 2036	\$637,500	\$ 0	\$37,500	\$600,000
Total	\$637,500	\$ 0	\$37,500	\$600,000

Maturities are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 37,500	\$ 15,514
2023	37,500	14,764
2024	37,500	13,966
2025	37,500	13,128
2026	37,500	12,244
2027-2031	187,500	46,458
2032-2036	187,500	19,847
2037	<u>37,500</u>	<u>580</u>
Total	\$600,000	\$136,501

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,072,358	\$ 1,087,705	\$ 15,347
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,000	4,669	(331)
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000	31,939	6,939
Education Billing Fee Retained	8,000	8,978	978
Current Use	19,000	35,972	16,972
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	16,000	15,781	(219)
Traffic Fines	20,000	12,112	(7,888)
Highway State Aid	92,000	95,826	3,826
Highway Supplement Payment	0	24,747	24,747
Town Clerk Fees	17,000	25,409	8,409
Dog Licenses/Fines	750	984	234
Liquor Licenses	600	440	(160)
Marriage/Civil Union Fees	180	160	(20)
Sign Permit Fees	0	150	150
Highway Permits	300	613	313
Town Hall Rental	800	50	(750)
Transfer Station Fees	18,000	24,083	6,083
Pay as You Throw Fees	35,000	39,384	4,384
Investment Income	3,000	2,103	(897)
CT River Loss Income	2,272	2,272	0
Grants-in-Aid Grant Income	0	13,829	13,829
Erosion Grant Income	0	6,108	6,108
Other	0	2,836	2,836
Total Cash Receipts	1,335,260	1,436,150	100,890
Cash Disbursements:			
Payroll & Benefits:			
Bookkeeper	3,407	0	3,407
Lister's Salary	18,540	5,540	13,000
Town Office Salary	67,594	67,809	(215)
Emergency Management	500	64	436
Selectboard Salaries	5,500	5,500	0
Clerks Salaries	1,236	782	454
Elections Expense	500	219	281
BCA Salaries	500	230	270
Flood Zoning Administrator Salary	250	57	193
Health Insurance	15,800	10,609	5,191
Social Security	11,000	11,583	(583)
Retirement	5,603	5,730	(127)
Unemployment Insurance	500	621	(121)
Workman's Compensation	4,000	3,256	744
Training	0	55	(55)
Total Payroll & Benefits	134,930	112,055	22,875

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Office Operations:			
Legal Fees	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,504	\$ 1,496
Computer Support	6,500	9,008	(2,508)
Telephone	3,500	4,830	(1,330)
Postage	2,600	2,283	317
Advertising	900	495	405
Listers	2,000	2,917	(917)
Listers Computer Support	2,900	0	2,900
Lister Contracted Services	3,500	500	3,000
Outside Audit	16,000	17,800	(1,800)
Printing Town Report	1,500	2,224	(724)
Supplies	2,000	3,298	(1,298)
Office Equipment	500	562	(62)
Office Equipment Maintenance	500	93	407
Miscellaneous	1,500	88	1,412
Total Office Operations	47,900	46,602	1,298
Town Buildings:			
Town Office Janitor	500	0	500
Town Office Repairs & Maintenance	500	2,036	(1,536)
Town Hall Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	4,000	0
Bank Building Repairs & Maintenance	500	0	500
Rawsonville Repairs & Maintenance	200	0	200
Town Office Supplies	700	185	515
Town Hall Supplies	300	146	154
Town Office Electricity	1,700	1,814	(114)
Town Hall Electricity	1,000	1,041	(41)
Bank Building Electricity	500	295	205
Rawsonville School House Electricity	250	270	(20)
Town Office Fuel	3,600	3,211	389
Town Hall Fuel	1,000	75	925
Bank Building Fuel	600	0	600
Emergency Generator	500	442	58
Total Town Buildings	15,850	13,515	2,335
Police Support:			
Salaries, Constables	350	350	0
Windham County Sheriff's Department	50,000	50,000	0
Total Police Support	50,350	50,350	0
Emergency Services:			
Fire Department	30,232	30,232	0
Ambulance Service	98,791	98,791	0
Total Emergency Services	129,023	129,023	0
Health Officer:	350	350	0

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Street Lighting:			
Village	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,644	\$ (644)
Rawsonville	600	656	(56)
Total Street Lighting	4,600	5,300	(700)
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Tax Sale Expenses	0	550	(550)
Windham County Tax	18,500	22,550	(4,050)
Liability & Property Insurance	30,000	22,714	7,286
Bonding	145	143	2
VLCT Dues	2,400	2,354	46
WRC Dues	2,400	2,454	(54)
BCA Tax Appeals	100	0	100
Village Beautification	700	711	(11)
Mileage	500	0	500
Planning Expenses	0	8,967	(8,967)
Old Home Day	2,500	2,500	0
Village Flags	200	780	(580)
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	57,445	63,723	(6,278)
Waste Disposal:			
Caretaker	26,713	27,057	(344)
Sub-Caretaker	2,704	1,118	1,586
Water & Septic	1,080	1,080	0
Recycling Disposal	14,000	28,848	(14,848)
Organic Disposal	2,100	5,236	(3,136)
Pay as You Throw Expenses	30,000	58,749	(28,749)
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	628	372
Windham Solid Waste Management District	6,800	6,811	(11)
Supplies	200	126	74
Electricity	1,000	1,241	(241)
Total Waste Disposal	85,597	130,894	(45,297)
Cemetery Maintenance:			
Cemetery Maintenance	6,000	4,367	1,633
Miscellaneous Flags	300	254	46
Total Cemetery Maintenance	6,300	4,621	1,679
Library:			
Library Salary	18,710	13,295	5,415
Library Repairs & Maintenance	0	284	(284)
Library Electric	700	691	9
Library Fuel	2,000	1,430	570
Library Programs/Books	5,000	5,000	0
Library World	1,000	1,000	0
Total Library	27,410	21,700	5,710

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Transfers:			
Transfer to Town Buildings Fund	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 0
Transfer to Transfer Station Fund	4,000	4,000	0
Transfer to Office Equipment Fund	2,000	2,000	0
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	6,800	6,800	0
Transfer to Highway Capital Fund	75,000	75,000	0
Transfer to Highway Equipment Fund	80,000	80,000	0
Transfer to Sidewalk Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0
Total Transfers	180,300	180,300	0
Appropriations:			
Gathering Place	500	500	0
Neighborhood Connections	750	750	0
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250	250	0
Women's Freedom Center	900	900	0
Red Cross	500	500	0
Health Care & Rehabilitation	1,200	1,200	0
Valley Cares	1,604	1,604	0
Preservation Trust of VT	100	100	0
Vermont Art Council	100	100	0
Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050	1,050	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance - VT & NH	3,236	3,236	0
Windham County Youth Services	395	395	0
L&G Educational Fund	2,000	2,000	0
Senior Solutions	600	600	0
Mountain Valley Health Clinic	1,500	1,500	0
CT River Transit	500	500	0
Windham County Historical Society	250	250	0
Community Food Pantry	500	500	0
S.E. VT Community Action	950	950	0
Windham County Humane Society	500	500	0
Grace Cottage Foundation	1,500	1,500	0
Southern Vermont Watershed Alliance	240	240	0
Jamaica Historical Foundation	750	750	0
Green Up	50	0	50
Village Cemetery	900	900	0
VT Rural Fire Protection	100	100	0
Recreation Club	2,000	0	2,000
BCTV	800	800	0
Windham County Humane Society	350	350	0
Total Appropriations	24,075	22,025	2,050
Highway Payroll & Benefits:			
Labor	194,670	200,324	(5,654)
Health Insurance	22,000	16,616	5,384
Social Security	15,000	12,674	2,326
Retirement	11,500	11,982	(482)
Workman's Compensation	20,000	13,595	6,405
Total Highway Payroll & Benefits	263,170	255,191	7,979

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 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
 GENERAL FUND
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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Town Garage:			
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 500	\$ 1,092	\$ (592)
Supplies	200	195	5
Electricity	1,500	1,989	(489)
Fuel	3,000	3,232	(232)
Internet	0	900	(900)
Total Town Garage	5,200	7,408	(2,208)
General Highway:			
Mileage	200	35	165
Mowing	20,000	6,800	13,200
Garage Bond	55,000	53,712	1,288
Contracted - Townshend	7,200	4,800	2,400
Contracted - Windham	7,200	6,765	435
Contracted - Old Cheney Rd	4,500	4,500	0
Permit Fees	0	9,225	(9,225)
Materials - Winter	70,000	85,784	(15,784)
Materials - Summer	45,000	48,330	(3,330)
Signs	500	1,726	(1,226)
Radios	2,160	1,920	240
Trails Survey	0	3,910	(3,910)
Miscellaneous	0	1,988	(1,988)
Total General Highway	211,760	229,495	(17,735)
Highway Equipment Maintenance:			
Parts/Supplies	50,000	44,281	5,719
Repairs	12,000	20,690	(8,690)
Fuel	4,000	4,484	(484)
Diesel	25,000	22,928	2,072
Total Highway Equipment Maintenance	91,000	92,383	(1,383)
Total Cash Disbursements	1,335,260	1,364,935	(29,675)
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	\$ 0	71,215	\$ 71,215
Adjustment to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Cash Basis of Accounting:			
HRA Fund Expenses		(1,093)	
Unbudgeted Transfer from Highway Capital Fund		448,498	
Unbudgeted Paving Grant Income		175,000	
Unbudgeted Paving Expenses		(607,698)	
Unbudgeted Signs Purchase		(15,800)	
Net Change in Fund Balance		70,122	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2020		3,222	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2021		\$ 73,344	

The reconciling items are due to combining three (3) funds, the Stabilization Fund, the Planning Fund and the HRA Fund, with the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54 and unbudgeted capital expenditures and related funding.

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS,
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 65,356	\$ 65,356
Investments	0	0	2,400	2,400
Due from Other Funds	<u>119,058</u>	<u>349,063</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>468,124</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>119,058</u>	\$ <u>349,063</u>	\$ <u>67,759</u>	\$ <u>535,880</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Due to Other Funds	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>3</u>	\$ <u>3</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	0	0	23,220	23,220
Restricted	28,189	144,983	44,536	217,708
Committed	0	200,140	0	200,140
Assigned	<u>90,869</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94,809</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>119,058</u>	<u>349,063</u>	<u>67,756</u>	<u>535,877</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>119,058</u>	\$ <u>349,063</u>	\$ <u>67,759</u>	\$ <u>535,880</u>

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 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Funds	Total
Cash Receipts:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 12,378	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,378
Charges for Services	0	0	50	50
Permits, Licenses and Fees	7,993	0	0	7,993
Investment Income	36	118	52	206
Donations	0	0	2,400	2,400
Total Cash Receipts	20,407	118	2,502	23,027
Cash Disbursements:	0	0	0	0
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	20,407	118	2,502	23,027
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers In	6,800	22,440	0	29,240
Total Other Financing Sources	6,800	22,440	0	29,240
Net Change in Fund Balances	27,207	22,558	2,502	52,267
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	91,851	326,505	65,254	483,610
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	\$ 119,058	\$ 349,063	\$ 67,756	\$ 535,877

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS,
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
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	Reappraisal Fund	Emergency Management Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Due from Other Funds	\$ 90,869	\$ 9,095	\$ 19,094	\$ 119,058
Total Assets	\$ 90,869	\$ 9,095	\$ 19,094	\$ 119,058
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Fund Balances:				
Restricted	0	9,095	19,094	28,189
Assigned	90,869	0	0	90,869
Total Fund Balances	90,869	9,095	19,094	119,058
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 90,869	\$ 9,095	\$ 19,094	\$ 119,058

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 CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Reappraisal Fund	Emergency Management Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Total
Cash Receipts:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 12,378	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,378
Permits, Licenses and Fees	0	0	7,993	7,993
Investment Income	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>36</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>12,407</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>20,407</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	<u>12,407</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>20,407</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers In	<u>6,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>6,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	19,207	0	8,000	27,207
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	<u>71,662</u>	<u>9,095</u>	<u>11,094</u>	<u>91,851</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 90,869</u>	<u>\$ 9,095</u>	<u>\$ 19,094</u>	<u>\$ 119,058</u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2021

	Town Buildings Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Sidewalk Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Due from Other Funds	\$ <u>122,607</u>	\$ <u>28,996</u>	\$ <u>52,477</u>	\$ <u>144,983</u>	\$ <u>349,063</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>122,607</u></u>	\$ <u><u>28,996</u></u>	\$ <u><u>52,477</u></u>	\$ <u><u>144,983</u></u>	\$ <u><u>349,063</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	0	0	0	144,983	144,983
Committed	118,667	28,996	52,477	0	200,140
Assigned	<u>3,940</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,940</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>122,607</u>	<u>28,996</u>	<u>52,477</u>	<u>144,983</u>	<u>349,063</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u><u>122,607</u></u>	\$ <u><u>28,996</u></u>	\$ <u><u>52,477</u></u>	\$ <u><u>144,983</u></u>	\$ <u><u>349,063</u></u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND
 CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Town Buildings Fund	Town Office Equipment Fund	Transfer Station Fund	Sidewalk Fund	Total
Cash Receipts:					
Investment Income	\$ 56	\$ 9	\$ 17	\$ 36	\$ 118
Total Cash Receipts	<u>56</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>118</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	<u>56</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>118</u>
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers In	<u>6,440</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>22,440</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>6,440</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>22,440</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	6,496	2,009	4,017	10,036	22,558
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	<u>116,111</u>	<u>26,987</u>	<u>48,460</u>	<u>134,947</u>	<u>326,505</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 122,607</u>	<u>\$ 28,996</u>	<u>\$ 52,477</u>	<u>\$ 144,983</u>	<u>\$ 349,063</u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF MODIFIED CASH BASIS ASSETS,
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2021

	Muzzy Legacy Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 18,809	\$ 46,547	\$ 65,356
Investments	0	2,400	2,400
Due from Other Funds	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>18,812</u></u>	\$ <u><u>48,947</u></u>	\$ <u><u>67,759</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Due to Other Funds	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>3</u>	\$ <u>3</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	5,000	18,220	23,220
Restricted	<u>13,812</u>	<u>30,724</u>	<u>44,536</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>18,812</u>	<u>48,944</u>	<u>67,756</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u><u>18,812</u></u>	\$ <u><u>48,947</u></u>	\$ <u><u>67,759</u></u>

TOWN OF JAMAICA, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS
 AND CHANGES IN MODIFIED CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR PERMANENT FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Muzzy Legacy Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total
Cash Receipts:			
Charges for Services	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 50
Investment Income	8	44	52
Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>8</u>	<u>2,494</u>	<u>2,502</u>
Cash Disbursements:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	8	2,494	2,502
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	<u>18,804</u>	<u>46,450</u>	<u>65,254</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	\$ <u><u>18,812</u></u>	\$ <u><u>48,944</u></u>	\$ <u><u>67,756</u></u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES BILLED & ACCOUNTED FOR
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Tax Rates: X Grand List = Taxes to Raise

Non Resident Ed.	1.6368	1,925,199.00	3,151,165.72
Homestead Ed	1.9865	643,019.60	1,277,358.44
Municipal	0.424	2,561,319.00	1,085,999.26

Total Taxes to be collected 8/12/2020			5,514,523.41
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Taxes accounted for:

Municipal Taxes Collected	1,056,277.15
Payments from the State	454,739.97
Payment to WRMUED	1,102,446.00
Payment to WRMUED	1,206,005.00
Education taxes paid to State of Vermont	1,672,922.41
Delinquent/Uncollected	22,363.38
Over/under	(230.50)
Final Taxes Accounted for 2020	5,514,523.41

Delinquent Tax Report

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Tax Year	
Brown, Edward	00R-27	2019	2020
Brox, Daniel	00S-65-7		2020 *
Cieslak, Scott	00G-39-1		2020
Collins, Chuck	00S-20-1		2020
Conway, Christopher	000G-9		2020 *
Fritz, Kathleen	00G-21		2020
Jeffers, Cody	00S-48-4	2018	2019 2020
Jones, Barbara	00S-11		2020 *
LaMarche, Connie	00P-27-3		2020 *
Mercier, Timothy	00P-10		2020
Mercier, Timothy	00P-10-1		2020
Smith, Michael	000T-8-1		2020
Warner, Molly	00L-26	2019	2020
Wilkins, Daniel	MH-P-27.8	2018	2019 2020
Winnick, Richard	000O-1-1		2020 *
Yastrzemski, Richard	00F-36-1-32		2020

* - Paid after 6/30/21

Total Delinquent tax due:

	Principal	Penalty	Interest
Tax year 2018	194.00	15.54	48.75
Tax year 2019	773.88	61.91	100.59
Tax year 2020	<u>22,363.38</u>	<u>1,789.09</u>	<u>1,780.24</u>
	23,331.26	1,866.54	1,929.58

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	543	117,290,200	34,649,757	82,640,443	117,290,200
Residential II R2	263	101,283,400	28,070,695	73,212,705	101,283,400
Mobile Homes-U MHU	35	790,600	160,900	629,700	790,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	18	1,345,200	557,900	787,300	1,345,200
Seasonal I S1	33	2,249,100	263,500	1,985,600	2,249,100
Seasonal II S2	33	3,988,100	284,800	3,703,300	3,988,100
Commercial C	31	8,571,800	0	8,571,800	8,571,800
Commercial Apts CA	1	569,400	0	569,400	569,400
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	4	10,805,300	0	10,805,300	10,805,300
Utilities-O UO	0	0	0	0	0
Farm F	1	450,200	450,200	0	450,200
Other O	54	5,830,600	0	5,830,600	5,830,600
Woodland W	43	1,284,400	0	1,284,400	1,284,400
Miscellaneous M	176	13,015,200	0	13,015,200	13,015,200
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,235	267,473,500	64,437,752	203,035,748	267,473,500
P.P. Cable	2	190,405		190,405	190,405
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	2	190,405		190,405	190,405
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		267,663,905	64,437,752	203,226,153	267,663,905
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	8/8	80,000	70,000	10,000	80,000
Veterans >10K		240,000			
Total Veterans		320,000	70,000	10,000	80,000
P.P. Contracts	2	190,405			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	342,100	0	342,100	342,100
Non-Apprv(voted)	1/1	173,100			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	4/2	705,605	0	342,100	342,100
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	62/62	8,708,100	1,721,800	6,986,300	8,708,100
Special Exemptions	1		0	377,800	377,800
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		9,733,705	1,791,800	7,716,200	9,508,000
Total Exemptions		9,733,705	1,791,800	7,716,200	9,508,000
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		2,579,302.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			626,459.52	1,955,099.53	2,581,559.05
NON-TAX					

60 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411

Selectboard letter to the residents of Jamaica

With another challenging year behind us the town of Jamaica has come through strong. Our small-town community is vibrant and remains a very desirable place to live, work and visit. Our operations are fiscally stable and with many grants and funding opportunities coming down the tracks as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other initiatives, the future is bright. During our budgeting process we have given considerable attention to holding our expenses down even being faced with upward pressures on many of the basic town costs. With this we have budgeted a 5% cost-of-living increase in wages to our valued town employees.

Recognition needs to go to all town employees and volunteers who continue to step up and meet the challenges. From the Town Office to the Highway Department, the Transfer Station to the Fire and Rescue crews, and all the other people who commit time and resources to the town. So many people have contributed and gone the extra mile.

The Planning Commission has been busy assisting with work on many projects including amendments to the Town Plan, a community septic initiative, gathering ideas for ARPA projects and drafting revisions to several town ordinances. They have also begun a joint project with the Selectboard looking at some older Roads and Trails in town and making changes to their designations.

It has been several years since we have taken a comprehensive look at our fees at the Transfer Station. The costs to us for removal of recycling and other solid waste has grown considerably over the past few years and this necessitates our increasing the fees. For your reference you can find an updated list of the most common fees on the following pages. These will take effect starting April 1, 2022.

There are a couple of things of note on this year's warning. The first being the consideration of levying a 1% Local Options Tax. This tax gets added to all items that are currently taxed by the State of Vermont (Sales Tax, Meals and Rooms Tax, and Alcoholic Beverage Tax) and will help Jamaica relieve pressure on the general fund and also give the town the opportunity to look into other special projects that will enhance our community.

The other item we are proposing is to add the position of a Town Administrator. This will be a part-time position to assist in the operations of the town that are specifically assigned by the Selectboard. Although the overall management responsibilities of the town operations will remain with the Selectboard, this person will help meet the Board's responsibilities with their own work as well as the work of other staff and officers of the Town. In addition to the increased regulation and general complexity of meeting State and Federal guidelines there are many programs and other funding opportunities that we can be seeking out and believe this position will be a great asset to the town.

I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all our community members who live here and make Jamaica the very special place that we love. We are looking forward to another great year.

Greg Meulemans
Chair, Jamaica Selectboard

Town of Jamaica
Transfer Station Tipping Fees
By Order of Jamaica Selectboard

Household Waste in "Pay As You Throw" plastic bags	Small \$2, Large \$3
Recycling materials as defined by WSWMD (permit required)	No charge
Metal containing more than 50% metal, excluding appliances	No charge
Clean untreated wood, brush, grass & leaves	No charge
Computers - desktops and portables	No charge
Computer Monitors, Printers and Peripherals	No charge
Televisions	No charge
Cell Phones	\$5.00
Personal & Handheld Electronics PDAs, game consoles, fax machines, VCR, DVD players, Stereo components, or small stereo speakers	\$5.00
Vacuums	\$3.00
Ranges, Dishwashers and Microwaves (appliances w/o Freon)	\$10.00
Refrigerators, freezers, air conditions and dehumidifiers (any appliance with Freon) doors must be removed	\$20.00
Tires- Up to 15", car or light truck (add \$4.00 for rim)	\$8.00
16" to 19.5", car or light truck (add \$4.00 for rim)	\$10.00
Large truck (add \$5.00 for rim)	\$25.00
(inquire about other sizes)	
Couch	\$25.00
Loveseat	\$18.00
Stuff chair	\$15.00
Mattress or Box Spring- Twin	\$15.00
Full	\$18.00
Queen or King	\$22.00
Small appliance, bath fixtures, video equipment	\$6.00

Florescent and CFL light bulbs: not accepted - inquire or return at place of purchase

Paint: not accepted - inquire or return at place of purchase

Construction/Demolition/Non-household waste Dumpster:

Compact truck	\$40.00
Mid-size truck level full (6' bed)	\$50.00
Full size truck level full (8' bed)	\$60.00
One ton dump truck level full	\$75.00
Contractor Bags	\$5
Minimum charge for open dumpster	\$5

The Transfer Station Attendant has full authority and final say to increase or decrease tipping fees if your load does not fit an exact description above.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before closing time.

Transfer Station-Recycling Center Hours	Sunday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Monday	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Tuesday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
	Wednesday	2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
	Thursday	closed
	Friday	closed
	Saturday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Compost the following at the Transfer Station:

Food Scraps: Bread, rolls, crackers, rice, pasta, beans, eggshells, cheese/dairy products, cooked or raw meats, fish & shellfish (including bones), fruits & vegetables, tea bags, coffee grounds & filters, cooking oils & fats, and garden weeds

Non-recyclable Paper & Cardboard- Paper towels, milk/juice cartons, soiled or waxed cardboard, damp/wet paper, soiled or waxed paper, paper plates & cups, cardboard egg cartons, frozen food containers, sugar & flour bags (without the plastic liner).

DO NOT COMPOST any plastic, liquids, foil, trash, metal, glass or Styrofoam.

Revised: March 1, 2022

Jamaica Planning Commission Annual Report
Prepared for the 2021 Annual Report
TOWN MEETING - April 2, 2022

It has been a busy year for the Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC). Since the 2021 Town Meeting (May 1, 2021), the JPC put its efforts towards preparing documents for, and formally adopting an amendment to the Jamaica Town Plan, continuing the efforts of the Jamaica Communications Committee under the Deer Valley Communication Union District (DVFiber) to provide fiber optic internet connections to every home in Jamaica, and continuing with the efforts to secure state funds to complete a community wastewater feasibility study.

On February 16, 2022, the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) held a series of public hearings and recommended full approval of our amendment to the 2017 Jamaica Town Plan, which included the Enhanced Energy Element. The work by DVFiber (a district of 24 town, including Jamaica) was extensive, where funds were approved, fiber optic cable was purchased, and the Town of Jamaica is slated within the second round of cable line installation (targeting 2023). And in February 2022, the Town received contract documents from the State of Vermont that included 100% of our requested grant money to complete the wastewater feasibility study. The study is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022. You can follow DVfiber's progress by subscribing to their newsletter on DVfiber.net.

Please attend a JPC meeting to ask questions and we'll be glad to tell you all we can about these efforts. And a special thanks to Chris Robbins, Charlie Peck, John Sohikian, and Patrick McQuillen for continuing to volunteer their time to handle these tasks.

Bryan Zieroff
Chair, Jamaica Planning Commission

Jamaica Memorial Library

Jamaica Memorial Library reopened to the public in July 2021. We are operating under normal business hours. We do require masks in our building, however.

Services:

- We have a new Saturday Librarian, Carrie Lane of Jamaica! She is offering weekly storytimes at 10:30am. (Masks are required and storytimes are depending on COVID cases, please check in with our Facebook page.)
- We are still part of the courier service with the Winhall Memorial Library, this expands our Interlibrary Loan Services to include more libraries throughout Vermont. We have been able to increase our ILL requests and have seen such wonderful success with this program.
- Jamaica Memorial Library keeps up to date with our website and facebook pages. These are the best ways to look for any new library news, closings, or upcoming programs.
<https://jamaicavtlibrary.wordpress.com> & www.facebook.com/jamaicavt
- Jamaica offers a State Park pass & an Historic Site pass that allows families to visit state parks and historic sites in the state of Vermont for free. During the winter months Jamaica has Snowshoes available for loan!
- The Book Discussion Group has returned but we've moved our times to every second Tuesday at 4pm. Contact the library for the month's book!
- We were able to hold a wonderful in-person summer camp this year! We are hopeful it'll return for August 2022!

Remember, that you can visit our Catalog to place requests at <https://jamaicavtlibrary.wordpress.com/library-catalog/> click the blue Library Catalog link which will redirect you to our catalog. It's easy and free to get a library card as well! Make sure to email us at librarian@jamaicavtlibrary.org or call 802-874-4901. There are also tutorial videos located on our page on how to process a hold and use our catalog, as well.

- Thank you to Jen Dorta-Duque for her many years of chairing the Library Trustees.
- Thank you to the Select Board for allocating \$5,000 for the Library building to insulate and sheetrock the basement to use as a community area for crafts, events and summer camp activities.

Grants:

Jamaica Memorial Library received a few different grants this past year. We received a technology grant through the Vermont Department of Libraries. Which we used to update our computer security. We're also looking into laptop purchases and air purifiers for our rooms. We also received an ARPA grant, which we're going to use for PPE and book collections and programming.

We are constantly thinking of ways to stay connected with you! We have missed you and it has been so nice to see you all again inside our library!

Respectfully Submitted,
Cassidy Menard, Librarian

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Jennifer Dorta-Duque
Clara Robinson
Sue Stomski
Greg Joly

2022 LISTER REPORT

We are happy to report we have three Listers again, all dedicated to the assessment of the properties in town and maintaining our Grand List. We will also have new updated tax maps within the next year.

Valerie, Pat and Micah
Town of Jamaica, Listers
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e-mail: lister@jamaicavermont.org
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Jamaica Village School

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Jamaica Village School Principal's Report

January 31, 2022

Mission Statement

The mission of the Jamaica Village School is to “provide students with a quality education that reflects high academic standards, respects and nurtures individual talents, encourages cooperation among family, peers, school, and community and enables our students to develop to their maximum potential as life-long learners and responsible members of the global, as well as local community

At the Jamaica Village School, we believe:

- *All children can and want to learn, and it is our responsibility to teach to each student's learning style;*
- *Everyone deserves a safe and respectful environment;*
- *Knowing the families of the children we teach is as important as knowing the children, as we believe active parental involvement is key to student learning;*
- *High expectations for academic and social skills lead to lifelong learning; and*
- *Student-focused professional development maximizes student learning.*

The 2021-22 school year is my first time serving as the principal of the **Jamaica Village School (JVS)**, and my eighth year at NewBrook Elementary School. I love my job; the **Jamaica Village School** children are hard working, sweet and community-minded, and their families are supportive and involved in their school life. The staff of the **Jamaica Village School** staff are like-minded; they all love the children! This has been especially evident during the pandemic. The staff **make decisions with the children in the foreground**. I feel grateful to work in a school and within a supervisory union that attracts such high quality and student-centered staff. I also am thankful for the opportunity to work here in the beautiful West River valley.

The **Jamaica Village School** is an elementary school, currently serving **23 students** in two multi-grade classrooms, one grades K-2 and one grades 3-5. Our school is part of the West River Education District, though our students tend to reside here in the town of Jamaica.

The Jamaica Village School staff are grateful to the West River School Board and the entire community for their diligent efforts to **keep our students here at school during the pandemic**. As a supervisory union, we have managed the pandemic carefully and with our students' safety and well-being in mind. Parents have kept their symptomatic children at home, and have asked clarifying questions when they need information or advice. The end result is that we have been able to educate our students, **in-person**, during the 2021-22 school year.

Our days at the Jamaica Village School are busy! Our students know our routines and are ready for our rigorous Math and English/Language Arts blocks. Additionally, we dedicate a daily **skills block** to provide **intervention and enrichment** for our students in small groups with similar needs. We utilize many universal tools to meet the needs of our students, including **Engage NY** (K-5 math) and **Fundations** (K-3 literacy).

Throughout all of the WCSU schools, we have implemented a **Local Common Assessment Plan**, including SBAC, AIMSWeb Plus, Dibels and Words Their Way. Our Curriculum Coordinator, Ms. Jen McKusick uses this common data collection to inform our WCSU **professional development** plan. We also utilize a second tier of **diagnostic assessments** to drill further down, for those students whose benchmark scores are not on grade level. We are committed to the creation and maintenance of a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), and our implementation includes staff training and parent communication. We are all learning strategies together to best reach children who need support, either to support their grade-level work, or to add some additional enrichment for those who require it.

In spite of our size, we are able to offer the students at the Jamaica Village School a **broad array of academic, and social experiences**. Our students' "specials" schedule includes a weekly guidance class, general music, instrumental music, physical education and art. We also offer additional support services, such as speech and language intervention, physical therapy, occupational therapies, and access to our school nursing services. We offer **universal free meals**, breakfast, snack and lunch, to all children daily to ensure our students are "ready to learn."

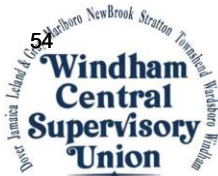
Here at the Jamaica Village School, we are grateful for our **community partners**. Our **School Club** continues to support our students' educational programming, and they also help us to plan and fund special events like Troy Wonderle's Big Top Adventures' weeklong residency, our trips to Hildene, and our trips to the Brattleboro Environmental Education Center. The **Stratton Foundation** offer assistance to our students and their families, providing basic things such as winter clothing, learning materials and other unique family needs. The **Stratton Foundation** also supports fun events at school, like the return of Dinoman!

To find out more about us, please visit our **Facebook page and our webpage**. The Jamaica Village School website has been redesigned by Suzanne Paugh, and provides important information about our school. For a more student-centered point of view, visit our Facebook page, which is populated regularly by our AMAZING administrative assistant, Susan Clark.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me to set up an appointment if you have any questions or concerns. **I have time for you!** The school staff and I are looking forward to a wonderful second semester. I feel very lucky to be working with the staff at the Jamaica Village School during the pandemic. I remain hopeful during these challenging times, knowing that the children in the West River valley are being cared for by such **loving, skilled, talented and diligent people**.

Sincerely,
 Scotty Tabachnick
 School Principal

We are safe. We are engaged. We are respectful.



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

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Superintendent's Letter January 2022

In January 2021, I communicated to the Windham Central Supervisory Union's (WCSU) member school districts acknowledging our collective challenge as we navigated an ongoing pandemic. As I write this letter in January 2022, my message will feel very similar.

We are all still living through our third school year in a COVID reality, AND our students, families, teachers, principals, board members, staff members, and community members are STILL resilient and supportive.

Our Students have shown great courage as they continue to experience school in an unprecedented manner. Our students have also provided models for continuing to move forward by engaging in daily learning opportunities, celebrating sports, creatively delivering artistic performances, and supporting their classmates.

Our Families have shown amazing patience and flexibility. The positive support from families for our schools during this challenging time is appreciated and energy sustaining.

As has been the case these last two years in particular, our Teachers, Principals, Staff Members, and Board Members have led our schools with a focus on creating a safe and welcoming environment for student learning to occur. This is not an easy task and we appreciate the professional dedication of all of our WCSU team members.

The WCSU serves close to 1,000 students in over 8 towns and 5 school districts. Over 365 square miles, we collaborate in educational leadership, multi-tiered systems of support, transportation, instruction, and professional development.

I am optimistic that our collective efforts will continue to help us deliver engaging learning for students while operating within a challenging time.

Thank you for supporting our schools.

William Anton

Windham Central Supervisory Union

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

Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue

The Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue was dispatched to 148 emergencies for the year of 2021. Most of these calls were medical calls which yearly makes up 75% of the call volume.

This last year saw major transition of personnel with Chief Robert Stomski and President Paul Fraser retiring from the department. We at the department would like to express our thanks for their dedication and service.

Drew Ameden who has been a member for sixteen years, starting as a junior fire fighter at eleven years old, is moving to Montana. We thank Drew for taking the position as Fire Chief for the past year and for his dedication to the department.

The department has made a major purchase of 10 SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) from the Scott 3M line. These units will replace outdated units. We have more expenditures to make with truck repairs and upgrades and to fix structural components and property from age and damage.

As always, we are looking for people to come volunteer with us doing whatever needs to be done to protect life and property.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana West, President

JAMAICA VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT
FY 2020-2021

REVENUE & RECEIPTS

Town of Jamaica, Tax Appropriation	\$ 98,791.00
Fire Donations	\$ 1,460.00
Rescue Donations	\$ 200.00
In Memory Donations	\$ 1,725.00
Training Reimbursement for Food costs	\$ 34.04
Interest earned on General Fund Money Market	\$ 151.07
 Total Revenues and Receipts	 \$ 102,361.11

DISBURSEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

SWNH Fire Mutual Aid, Assessment FY 2021	\$ 22,266.00
SWNH Fire Mutual Aid, Dues FY 2021	\$ 150.00
VT State Firefighters Association, Dues	\$ 241.00
VLCT Workers-Comp & Liab. Insurance thru Town of Jamaica	\$ 2,127.00
UI Insurance Service, Accident & Sickness	\$ 1,413.00
Post Office Box Rent	\$ 92.00
Computer Upgrades, Internet, Spotted Dog & Supplies	\$ 1,258.17
Clerical Supplies, Ink, Paper & Bank Charges	\$ 224.62
Miscellaneous, Membership Recruiting Sign	\$ 244.86
 Total Administration	 \$ 28,016.65

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Green Mountain Power, Electric Service	\$ 1,429.69
Cota & Cota, Inc., Propane and Service	\$ 4,027.85
VLCT Insurance thru Town of Jamaica	\$ 2,424.00
Miscellaneous, Water Cooler Rental & Supplies	\$ 124.66
D & K Property Maintenance, Snow Removal	\$ 1,062.50
Powers generator, Service Contract & Service	\$ 450.00
Bob Stomski, Reimbursement for Power Washer	\$ 199.00
WW Building Supplies	\$ 64.15
 Total Building Maintenance	 \$ 9,781.85

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Vehicle Loan #1, All American Investment Group, LLC #9 of 10	\$ 12,606.83
 Total Capital Expenditures	 \$ 12,606.83

FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Cota & Cota, Inc. Gas & Diesel Fuel	\$ 632.26
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Matthew Coleman Service, Repairs & Service	\$	829.37
DJ Truck Services & Repairs	\$	500.00
Springfield Buick GMC	\$	564.43
ATG Westminster LLC., Service & Repairs	\$	2,671.09
Allegiance Trucks, Service & Repairs	\$	1,000.00
D&K Property Maintenance, Reimbursement for Repairs	\$	1,483.71
Paul Fraser, Reimbursement for Repairs	\$	1,011.99
Bob Stomski, Reimbursement for Supplies	\$	39.17
VLCT Insurance, Vehicles & Equipment thru Town of Jamaica	\$	3,163.00
Budget allocation transfer to Vehicle Fund		15,000.00

Total Fire/Rescue Vehicle Maintenance	\$	26,895.02
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FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Bergeron Protective Clothing	\$	1,184.82
Fire Tech & Safety of New England	\$	777.98
W>D>Perkins Fire Pumps Specialist, Repairs	\$	1,310.00
Code 3 Products, Inc.	\$	74.40
Miscellaneous Reimbursement, Small Engine Gas	\$	52.83

Total Fire Equipment Maintenance	\$	3,400.03
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RESCUE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Airgas USA, LLC, Oxygen and Lease	\$	119.40
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Total Rescue Equipment Maintenance	\$	119.40
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM BUDGET	\$	80,819.78
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STATEMENT OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS

Unallocated funds available for use as of July 1, 2020	\$	48,403.54
Plus 2020-2021 Revenue Surplus	\$	3,570.11
Plus 2020-2021 Unexpended Budget	\$	17,971.22

Total Unallocated Funds Available for use June 30, 2021	\$	69,944.87
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Summary of Voted Surplus Allocations as of June 30, 2021

Building Maintenance Voted \$15,000, Spent \$12,377.20, Balance Left	\$	2,622.80
Fire Equipment Voted \$20,000, Spent \$6,074.98 Balance Left	\$	13,925.02
New Radios & Pagers Voted \$5,101.20, Spent \$1,552.00 Balance Left	\$	3,549.20
Vehicle Repairs Voted \$7,496.40, Spent \$7,111.31, Balance Left	\$	385.09
Training Voted \$3,000, Spent 0, Balance Left	\$	3,000.00

Balance of Allocated Funds Still Pending to be spent as of June 30, 2021	\$	23,482.11
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GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	2,990.32
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Plus Deposits	\$	33,919.04
Less Withdrawals	\$	29,282.79
Balance on hand June 30, 2021	\$	7,626.57

GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	82,055.33
Interest earned	\$	151.07
Plus Tax Appropriation	\$	98,791.00
Less Transfers and Withdrawals	\$	95,252.23
Less Bank Charges	\$	0.85
Balance on hand June 30, 2021	\$	85,744.32

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	80.90
Less Withdrawals for Purchases	\$	24.81
Balance on hand June 30, 2021	\$	56.09

VEHICLE FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	57,215.27
Interest earned	\$	104.39
Plus Budget Transfer	\$	15,000.00
Balance on hand June 30, 2021	\$	72,319.66

EMERGENCY FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	6,599.60
Interest earned	\$	11.13
Balance on hand June 30, 2021	\$	6,610.73

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	1,535.83
Interest earned	\$	3.08
Balance on hand June 30, 2021	\$	1,538.91

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS

Balance on hand July 1, 2020	\$	150,477.25
Total Interest earned	\$	269.67
Total Transfers in	\$	147,710.04
Total Transfers out	\$	124,560.68
Total of All Funds as of June 30, 2021	\$	173,896.28

JAMAICA VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE BUDGET

	2020-2021 Budgeted	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budgeted	2022-2023 Proposed
REVENUE				
Tax Appropriation	\$ 98,791.00	\$ 98,791.00	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00
Fire Donations		\$ 1,460.00		
Rescue Donations		\$ 200.00		
In Memory Donations		\$ 1,725.00		
Reimbursement for Training Food Costs		\$ 34.04		
Interest earned on General Fund Money Market		\$ 151.07		
Total Revenue	\$ 98,791.00	\$ 102,361.11	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00
EXPENDITURES				
Administration				
Association Assessments/Dues	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,657.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 23,000.00
Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,540.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Postage/Box Rent	\$ 300.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Fundraising Supplies	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Clerical Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 224.62	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Telephone/Internet/Computer Updates	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,258.17	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Misc./Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 244.86	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Sub Total	\$ 28,200.00	\$ 28,016.65	\$ 29,300.00	\$ 29,800.00
Building Maintenance				
Electric Service	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,429.69	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Propane/Service	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,027.85	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 124.66	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Maintenance?Repairs	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 1,775.65	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,200.00
Sub Total	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 9,781.85	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Capital Expenditures				
Truck Loan #1	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 12,606.83	\$ 12,700.00	\$ -

Air-Pak Loan			<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,700.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 12,606.83	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 17,700.00

Fire/Rescue Vehicle Maintenance

Gas/Diesel	\$ 1,641.00	632.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Parts/Repairs/Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,099.76	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,163.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Vehicle Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 26,141.00	\$ 26,895.02	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00

Fire Equipment Maintenance

New Equipment	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 1,184.82	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Supplies/Parts/Repairs	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,215.21</u>	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,800.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 3,400.03	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 10,300.00

Rescue Equipment Maintenance

New Equipment	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies/Repairs	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 119.40</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 119.40	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

Incident Expenses

\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
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Training

Fire/Rescue	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Fire Prevention	<u>\$ 250.00</u>		<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Sub Total	\$ 4,250.00		\$ 4,250.00	\$ 5,750.00

Total Budget	\$ 98,791.00	\$ 80,819.78	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00
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Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD), dba DVFiber

2021 Year in Review

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

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

What are CUDs?

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

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

Significant Events

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

Next Steps

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

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

Our Thanks

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



WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson
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Jamaica Report

As Vermont forges toward the goal of an endemic with COVID-19, the Windham County Sheriff's Office continues to work on modernization of our profession as we continue to serve our community. This year, our department adopted the statewide policy which controls how force is used by our deputies as well as every law enforcement officer in Vermont; contributed to the development of the statewide policy on body worn cameras; furthered our work in de-escalation, fair and impartial policing, law enforcement response to mental health calls; all while working to support partners through changing times. This is not to say the work is done. We continue to navigate legal, interpersonal, and complex issues with stakeholders with the vested interest of getting the above work right.

We had a few new initiatives start this year, which build toward our future to serve the people of Windham County. We deployed the first all-electric law enforcement vehicle in Vermont, as part of a pilot project to examine the costs and viability. To date, we are finding an 85% reduction in operational costs of the EV compared to a gas powered equivalent. We established a civilian panel known as the Windham County Sheriff's Advisory, who is charged with providing input on the local issues important to Windham County and the operations of the department. We've begun offering the Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program to help assist member towns with animal control issues under the municipality's statutory responsibilities. Our ACO comes with many years of experience including as an ACO in New Hampshire and as a veterinary technician in Vermont. This is a service that we've built separate from our law enforcement capacity, with the hope that one day all towns in Windham County join as members. If your town would like to learn more about becoming a member, your town's leadership can contact my office.

We have also been navigating through a variety of financial changes and hardships. While federal funds have been allocated to state and municipal governments, county funds were re-distributed outside of the county. Additionally, the state increased our contributions to the Vermont State Employees Retirement System by 58% over last year, as policymakers toil with solutions to aid the underfunded system. Our request to leave the retirement system was denied, citing mandatory participation. We've faced increases in the cost of nearly everything along with delays in receiving necessary equipment, supplies, training, and personnel. As a result, we were left with no other solution than to either increase our hourly rates, or significantly reduce or stop providing services all together. We continue to look for funding sources, grants, and pursue legislation to help alleviate this burden.

The Sheriff's Office continues to support the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Use, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety TaskForce; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Police Liaison social worker program; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; and Toys for Kids. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of Jamaica and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2021 fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), the Sheriff's Office was able to provide 838.25 hours of service. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 274 tickets with the potential net revenue for Jamaica of \$20,952. Additionally, deputies have issued 125 warnings and responded to 404 calls for service.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Jamaica and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson



Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health

"From the day of its founding, Grace Cottage Hospital has served as a beacon of healing. It is open day and night, serving all comers with respect, compassion, efficiency, professionalism, and wonderful food."
Dr. Robert Backus, Wardsboro, VT

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 70 years. In 2021, Grace Cottage was named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Pediatrician," "Best Doctor," and "Best Place to Work" in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers' Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. In 2020 and 2021, donations were a "saving grace," allowing Grace Cottage to stay vigilant and prepared during the pandemic. Donations also allowed us to upgrade the Emergency Department Trauma Room to allow for more efficient care and to purchase three new advanced capacity, non-invasive ventilators for use with patients in the Emergency Department. Also, the hospital's 10-year-old CT scanner was replaced with a new 128-slice Philips CT for cardiac, pulmonary, trauma, and pediatric diagnostic imaging.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of both returning and new patients. In most cases, provider appointments are immediately available. More than 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. Several of our providers are accepting new patients. Grace Cottage achieved Age-Friendly Certification this year from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. A new wider, safer sidewalk with built-in lighting was installed in front of Grace Cottage Family Health last fall.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers valuable, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, short-term mental health support, substance abuse assessment and treatment, and help with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with 12 physical and occupational therapists on staff. Expanded services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women's health, and pelvic health physical therapy.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness through classes in our **Community Wellness Center**. Once it is safe to gather again, we encourage area residents and visitors to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Various support groups are offered throughout the year.

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

Fiscal Year 2021, by the numbers:

28,207:	Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health
3,545:	Patient days in hospital
2,730:	Emergency Dept. visits
6,759:	Outpatient Rehab visits
2,070:	Diagnostic Imaging visits
1,941:	Community Health Team visits
3,262:	Covid-19 tests
2,366:	Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support**. You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

Grace Cottage Family Health
802-365-4331

Grace Cottage Hospital
802-365-7357

Grace Cottage Rehabilitation
802-365-3637

Messenger Valley Pharmacy
802-365-4117



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

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

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

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

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

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 229-4586

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program-VSNIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please visit our website: www.VWSAHS.org

VWSA will be hosting Rabies Clinics in March. Call for dates and locations.

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

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Services Jamaica, 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 child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

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

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 479 homecare visits to 20 residents. This included approximately \$9,710 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 195 home visits to 14 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 158 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long Term Care:** 119 home visits to 3 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 7 home visits to 1 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Jamaica's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Jamaica'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 (1-888-300-8853)



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 Assisted Living: 802-365-7190 * Independent Living: 802-365-4115

Valley Cares
 2021 FIGURES & 2022 REQUEST
 For Jamaica

Valley Cares, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing quality, affordable, housing and compassionate care allowing seniors to age in place with respect and dignity. We provide affordable assisted living, supportive living and independent living at West River Valley Senior Housing – as well as services for seniors in the greater community.

Support And Services at Home (SASH)

- 5 Jamaica residents are currently participants in our SASH program
- Statewide the SASH program has been shown to lower average annual Medicare spending by \$1,536 per SASH participant
- **Est. reduction in Medicare spending due to SASH program = \$7,680**

West River Valley Assisted and Independent Living

- 75% of our current residents receive some form of assistance to help pay for rent, meals and/or care
- 4 residents in the past year were either residents of Jamaica or have relatives who currently live in Jamaica
- Value of services provided to Jamaica residents in 2021 = \$151,862
- Rents and fees collected from Jamaica residents
and/or subsidies received for Jamaica residents in 2021 = \$107,020
- **Free care and services provided to Jamaica residents in 2021 = \$44,842**

Total savings Valley Cares provided to Jamaica residents in 2021 = \$52,522

To help cover some of our costs we are requesting \$1.55 per capita from your community. This amounts to \$1,604.

Thank you!

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



Detailed Report to the Town of Jamaica
from
SENIOR SOLUTIONS

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

Our mission and vision have guided us throughout the COVID crisis. All our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. Over the past eighteen months we have built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We continue to collaborate closely with local aging-in-place, Cares and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs, and provide short-term respite for those who are caring for loved ones.

As we all know, the population of older adults in Vermont is increasing and so are the many costs associated with providing services. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical as are the voluntary contributions from clients, to help support the services they receive.

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

This is a summary of services provided to Jamaica residents in the last year (7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021).

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

Medicare Assistance: 4 Calls or Office Visits. Jamaica residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides Medicare education and counseling, orientation classes for new Medicare enrollees, and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

In-Home Social Services: We provided 7 seniors with in-home case management or other home-based assistance (totaling 29.25 hours) to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent nursing home placement. A case manager works with an elder at home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the individual's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes if not for the services of Senior Solutions. We also investigate reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges of abuse, neglect, or exploitation using a community collaboration approach.

Nutrition services and programs: 10 residents received 931 Meals on Wheels provided by The Dam Diner. We financially support these home-delivered meals, as well as the community meals at Jamaica Community Church.

Senior Solutions administers federal and state funds that we provide to local organizations to help them operate senior meals programs and provide food safety, quality monitoring and oversight. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use town funding to support the senior meals program, nor do we benefit from any funds that the town gives to local meal sites. Senior Solutions provides the services of a registered dietician to older adults and meal sites. Assistance is also provided with applications for the 3SquaresVT (food stamp) program.

Volunteer Visitors: Senior Solutions provides volunteers who serve isolated older Vermonters through home visits, telephone reassurance, and help with shopping and other errands. Our Vet-to-Vet program matches Veteran volunteers with Veteran recipients. Our volunteers provided 1 hours of service to 1 resident.

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

Transportation: Senior Solutions provides financial support and collaborates with local and regional transit providers to support transportation services for older Vermonters, that may include a van, a taxi, or a volunteer driver. Special arrangements can be made for individuals without Medicaid who require medical transportation.

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

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

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people from the Town of Jamaica.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis resolution, fuel, utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar program.

In the community of Jamaica we have provided the following services during FY2021:

Weatherization: 5 households (5 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$29,125.

Emergency Heating Replacement: 1 household (1 person) had an emergency replacement of their home heating system, valued at \$1,858.

MicroBusiness Development: 2 households (7 people) received counseling, technical assistance & support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$3,373.

Tax Preparation Services: 1 household (1 person) received services valued at \$322.

Family Services: 9 households (11 people) received 23 services valued at \$504 (crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education; forms assistance, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 5 households (7 people) received 8 assists valued at \$ 8,624

Housing Assistance: 2 households (4 people) received 2 assists valued at \$340

Solar Energy Program: 1 household (1 person) received \$345 in solar energy credits on their electric bill to reduce their energy burden

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Jamaica for their ongoing support.

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SeVEDS Impact Statement for Jamaica Town Report March 2022

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

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

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

Background & Request

SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Jamaica to appropriate \$3,105 (based on a population of 1,035) to support SeVEDS.**

2020 Pandemic Response

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

- BDCC conducted extensive outreach, as we do in any disaster, to collect information about how businesses and employers were impacted, share the information with policymakers, and enact a local response.
- 684 regional businesses and non-profits received support and technical assistance from BDCC staff to apply for federal & state relief, or develop a “pivot” strategy. One Jamaica business worked directly with a **BDCC liaison**.
- 1,549 loans went to businesses and non-profits in the Region through the federal **Paycheck Protection Program** (PPP) and EIDL, totaling \$130,059,813. 19 Loans totaling \$891,810 were made to Jamaica organizations.
- 143 Windham Region business received **Restart Vermont Technical Assistance** (ReVTA) through BDCC. 54 of these local businesses received grants (up to \$4000). They employ 1,125 people.
- We launched a new round of ReVTA grants to help businesses pivot toward the future (winter 2021-22).
- BDCC provided technical assistance and grants (up to \$10,000) to 133 sole proprietors through **CDBG-CV**. **One Jamaica organization received a \$10,000 grant.**
- We provided dozens of webinars like a COVID-19 Business Resiliency series, municipal trainings on short and long term impacts of COVID-19, **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to deliver technical assistance around ever-changing conditions and relief programs, and **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** to ensure local legislators and state and federal officials consistently heard from local people about recovery needs.

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

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

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

Programs and Services – Recent Updates:

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



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ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

December 2021

Bob Spencer, Executive Director

John Fay, Programs & Operations Manager

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Windham Regional Commission

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

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

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

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

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

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$2,422 and is based upon 2020 Census data. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2022, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

2021 Local Health Annual Report

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

COVID-19

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

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

Public Health Programs

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

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

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

Town of Jamaica Permit Requirements*

Although there is no “Zoning” in the Town of Jamaica, there are Federal, State and Other Local regulations that might affect any development or construction* on your property. Check with the Town Clerks Office to see if you need a permit. You will/may need a permit if:

- Your property is in a Flood Zone (TOWN AND STATE REQUIREMENT) for info see: Town Clerk and Town Flood Zone Administrator
- Your property is in a Flood Easement (FEDERAL, STATE AND TOWN) for info see: Town Clerk, Town Flood Zone Administrator and/or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:
<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/FloodRiskManagement/Vermont/BallMtn.aspx>
- You are putting in or replacing a Septic System and/or Well (STATE) for info see: <http://dec.vermont.gov/water/ww-systems>
- You are putting in a driveway (STATE OR TOWN) for info see: Town Clerk
- You are constructing a building or addition (TOWN) for info see: Town Clerk
- You want to burn Brush (TOWN AND STATE) for info see: Town Clerk or Jamaica Fire Department
- You want to put up a Fence (TOWN AND STATE) for info see: Town Clerk and/or Vermont Agency of Transportation
- You want to put up a sign (TOWN) for info see: Town Clerk
- You buy in a development that has “Covenants and/or Restrictions” (this information should be in your deed)
- There is an “Easement and/or Right of Way on your property (this information should be in your deed)
- There are State rules about many other items, the following website has more information: <http://dec.vermont.gov/permits>

And don't forget, if you are a Resident and you have a dog, you need to License it at the Town Office every year by April 1st!

*Definition of development is any human-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to: houses, buildings or other structures, filling, grading, paving, excavation, mining, dredging, drilling operations and storage of equipment and/or materials.

Deaths

Name	Sex	Age	Place of Death	Residence	Date
George G. Tarbell	M	72	Vernon, VT	Jamaica, VT	November 16, 2021
Christopher L. Keefe	M	76	Jamaica, VT	Jamaica, VT	December 12, 2021

Births

Name	Sex	Date	Place of Birth	Mother's Name	Father's Name
Weston Eli Shubert	M	January 29, 2021	Brattleboro	Brittany Fitch	Michael Shubert
Michael Stanley Simonetti	M	January 29, 2021	Brattleboro	Kirshna Mercier	Xavier Simonetti
Taliesin David Clayton	M	February 5, 2021	Brattleboro	Jessica Green	Chad Clayton
Nora Betty Jean Ladd	F	July 23, 2021	Bennington	Jennifer Ladd	Trevor Ladd
Forrest Elmer Knapp	M	August 12, 2021	Brattleboro	Tianna Slicer	Evan Knapp
Neptune Ardyce Wraga	M	August 20, 2021	Brattleboro	Teresa Hall	Tolkien Wraga
Gabriel Moses Thompson	M	Nov. 21, 2021	Brattleboro	Betty Tinkhan	Cody Thompson
Story Jo Caroline Schaeffer	F	December 30, 2021	Brattleboro	Sarah Schaeffer	Eric Schaeffer

Marriages

Bride	Residence	Groom	Residence	Date	Place
Adrienne Kina	Jamaica, VT	Daniel Wolfgang	Jamaica, VT	April 26, 2021	Jamaica
Brynn Casamassa	Jamaica, VT	Aaron Walker	Jamaica, VT	June 26, 2021	Londonderry
Elke Sorenson	New York	Patrick McCarthy	New York	July 11, 2021	Stratton
Maria Antonina	Maryland	Alec Forbes	Maryland	September 3, 2021	Jamaica
Megan Silvey	Boston, MA	Bryan Sun	Boston, MA	October 1, 2021	Stratton

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Town Meeting is Saturday, April 2, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Garage.

Please bring this report with you.