

2024 Annual Report

Town of Jamaica

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024



Prepared for March 4, 2025

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Report compiled by the Jamaica Town Clerk, with assistance from the Selectboard.

Elected Town Officers (* denotes Chair)

Moderator: Greg Joly – 1- year term to March 2025

Selectboard:

Jessica Pollack* - 3-year term to March 2027

Greg Meulemans- 1-year term to March 2025

Andy Coyne - 3-year term to March 2026

Kate Ullman - 3-year term to March 2025

Len Beman – 1- year term to March 2025

(Len resigned, position is vacant)

Listers:

Karen Ameden - 3-year term to March 2025

Patricia Meulemans - 3-year term to March 2026

Ed Dorta-Duque - 3-year term to March 2027

(Ed resigned, position is vacant)

First Constable: Robert Willis - 1 -year term to March 2025

Second Constable: Ben Williams – 1- year term to March 2025

Town Grand Juror: Robert Willis - 1 -year term to March 2025

Town Agent: Peter Andrus - 1 -year term to March 2025

Trustee of Public Funds: Rob Willis-1 year term to March 2025

Agent to Deed Land: Andy Coyne -1-year term to March 2025

Library Trustees:

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

Becky Antel - 5-year term to March 2028

Michael Connor (**resigned**)- 5-year term to March 2028

(Lexa Clark filled position)

Keighan Eaker (**resigned**) - 2-year term to March 2025

(Dana Capalupo filled position)

Greg Joly - 5-year term to March 2029

Clara Robinson - 5-year term to March 2025

Danielle Whitham- 3-year term to 2027

West River Modified Unified Union School Directors:

Dana West - 3-year term until March 2025

Drew Hazelton – 1 year of a 3-year term until March of 2027

Cemetery Commissioners:

Selectboard - one year term to March 2025

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

Fence Viewer: Greg Meulemans, Andy Coyne, Patrick McQuillan

Animal Control Officer: Robert Willis, 1st Constable

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber & Weigher of Coal: Tom Tolbert

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 Director: Greg Lakis

Rescue Inc. Rep: Stewart Barker

Energy Coordinator: vacant

Flood Zone Administrator: vacant

Windham Regional Commissioners: Andy Coyne

Planning Commissioners & Zoning Board of Adjustments:

* Brian Zieroff, Christopher Robbins, Patrick McQuillan, and John Van Hoesen

Recreation Committee: Kate Ullman, Pat Meulemans and Sara Wiswall

Village Beautification Committee: Karen Ameden, Kate Ullman, Barbara Ferguson, Mercedes Benzi Ross, Sarah Malaski, and Tara Reilly

Justice of the Peace (terms end 2026): Karen Ameden, Greg Joly, Clara Robinson (resigned), Robert Willis, and Tom Tolbert

Fire Warden: Stewart Barker

Assistant Fire Warden: Domenic Mangano

911 Address Coordinator: Karen Ameden

Senior Solutions Rep: vacant

WSWMD Rep: Kate Ullman **Alternate:** Jessica Pollack

WRC Transportation Committee Rep: Andy Coyne

Meeting Schedules

Selectboard: 802-874-4681

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

Planning Commission:

Meets 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. at the Town Office

West River Modified Unified Union School District:

Board meets 2nd Monday at 7 p.m. at LGUHS

Jamaica Library Trustees Meetings:

3rd Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Library

Town Offices 28 Town Office Road, PO Box 173

Town Clerk & Treasurer: 802-874-4681

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

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Sara Wiswall

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Meri Roberts

Town Administrator: vacant

Listers: 802-874-4908

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	\$11.00
Other (Female or Male)	\$15.00

After April 1st

\$13.00
\$19.00

Post Office Locations

Jamaica Post Office, 3912 VT Route 30.....	802-874-4242
Bondville Post Office, 43 VT Route 30.....	802-297-1671
South Londonderry Post Office, 67 Main St....	802-824-6800
West Townshend Post Office.....	802-874-7092

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: 802-874-4515

Assistant Fire Warden: 802-379-1826

Constable: 802-896-6391

2nd Constable: 802-874-4441

Windham County Sheriff: 802-365-4942

Town Services

Jamaica Memorial Library: 802-874-4901

Tuesday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

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

Librarian: Madeline Helser

Library Assistant: Lynnea Gordon & Ruby Hallenbeck

Waste Disposal Transfer Station: 802-874-7171

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

Thursday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Tuesday & Wednesday,

Attendant: Ernie Holder

Alternate : Al Lake

Jamaica Town Garage: 802-874-4265

Road Foreman: Keith Hazard

Road Crew: Bill Flood, Dennis Palmer and Tom Daigneault

Websites of Local Interest

Official website: jamaicavermont.org

Jamaica Historical Foundation: jamaicahf.info

Jamaica Library: jamaicavtlibrary.org

Jamaica Village School: jamaicavillageschool.org

Leland and Gray: lg.windhamcentral.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 Hall in said town of Jamaica, on the first Tuesday of March, March 4th, 2025, 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
- b. Selectperson for a term of one year
- c. Selectperson for a term of one year
- d. Lister for a term of three years
- e. Lister for two years of a three-year term
- f. 1st Constable for a term of one year
- g. 2nd Constable for a term of one year
- h. Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year
- i. Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year
- j. Library Trustee for three years of a five-year term
- k. Library Trustee for a term of five years
- l. Library Trustee for a term of two years
- m. WRED School Director for a term of three years
- n. WRED School Director for two years of a three-year term

Article 4: To see if the Voters will approve an increase of the total annual stipend, paid quarterly, for the Selectboard members as a whole to \$8,500, representing a total increase of the annual stipend by \$1,500.

Article 5: To see if the Voters will authorize the contribution of the General Revenue and Highway funds raised in excess of the amount approved by the voters for the 2023/2024 fiscal year totaling \$518,913.35 to the Town's Flood Recovery Fund.

Article 6: To see what sum of money the Voters will vote to pay the Town's running expenses, and how it will be collected.

Article 7: To see if the Voters will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 8: Shall the Voters authorize the Selectboard to spend "unanticipated funds such as grants, gifts and/or interest"?

Article 9: 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.?

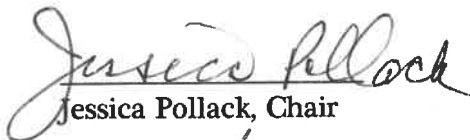
Article 10: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2024.⁶

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

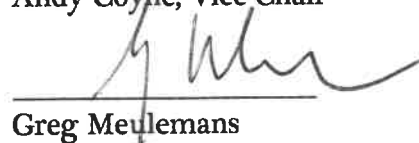
Article 12: To Adjourn.

Approved as the legal town warning for the town of Jamaica for March 4, 2025, on this 29th day of January 2025.

Selectboard, Town of Jamaica, Vermont

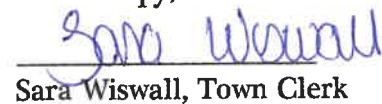

Jessica Pollack, Chair


Andy Coyne, Vice-Chair


Greg Meulemans

Kate Ullman

A true copy, Attest:


Sara Wiswall, Town Clerk

WARNING
Town of Jamaica

SPECIAL INFORMATION MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Jamaica, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Offices located at 28 Town Office Road, Jamaica, Vermont on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM for an information meeting on the following article warned for the Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025:

Article 5: To see if the Voters will authorize the contribution of the General Revenue and Highway funds raised in excess of the amount approved by the voters for the 2023/2024 fiscal year totaling \$518,913.35 to the Town's Flood Recovery Fund.

Dated at Jamaica, Vermont this 2nd day of February in the year 2025.

Town Meeting March 5, 2024

Greg Joly called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.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 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall in said town of Jamaica, on the first Tuesday of March, March 5th, 2024, to transact the following business and act upon the following articles:

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

Jessica made a motion to elect Greg Joly for moderator, seconded by Rob Willis.

Ed Dorta-Duque asked the clerk to cast one vote being no other nomination.

Greg turned the meeting over to our state representative Laura Sibia. Her mailing address is:
Laura Sibia
PO Box 2052
West Dover, VT 05356

Wendy Harrison, Vermont Senator, spoke next.

Mary Parlman asked about water coming off the mountain and turning land into swamp.
DEC- Department of Environmental Conservation may be able to help.

Article 2: To review the town report.

Dana West made a motion to review the town report, seconded by Ed Dorta-Duque.

Dana West made a motion that we do not accept the Town Report as presented. He said there are errors in the town report.

Greg Joly said we do not accept the Town Report since we have outside auditors. We can review the Town Report.

Jessica spoke of Terri passing and how things had always been done by Terri, and we are all just trying to fill in the gap.

There has always been a letter from the auditors. Ed Dorta-Duque would like the audit letter to be included in the Town Report, seconded by Jennifer Dorta-Duque.

Lexa said that the audit should be posted on the website or distributed to the residents.

A floor vote to close the question.

Vote on Ed's motion. Affirmative.

Jessica spoke about the outside audit. We are chipping away at all of them. Our role is to correct every single one of them. The deficiencies are being addressed.

The deficit of 1 million dollars, over \$700,000 is from Irene. We have budgeted \$75,000 this year in hopes of having it paid back in 10 years. We are still eligible for FEMA funds from the July 2021 Rainstorm.

Clara asked Mike Tuller, Town Administrator, how many grants he was able to obtain last year. Mike has done the MERP grant and another one. Mike has been working on flood damage and with FEMA since July.

Drew Hazelton asked about the \$501,719 deficit in the General Fund.

Bonnie West said that the amount that was passed at last year for \$1,336,558 when the budget is \$1,432,858 with a difference of \$96,300.

Ed Dorta-Duque asked about the grant for the wastewater. Chrissy Haskins said it is listed on page 29 under Wastewater Study Grant income.

Lexa Clark brought up the Selectboard stipend. They cannot raise their own stipend; it needs to be an article on the Warning. Jessica agreed and said it needed to be voted on. It will go on next year's Town Meeting warning.

Jennifer Dorta-Duque called the question, seconded by Dana West.

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

- a. *Select person for a term of three years (by ballot)* Ed Dorta-Duque nominated Jessica Pollack, seconded by Kate Ullman. The clerk cast one ballot for Jessica Pollack.
- b. *Select person for a term of one year (by ballot)* Tom Tolbert nominated Greg Meulemans, seconded by Patrick McQuillan. No other nominations. The clerk cast one ballot for Greg Meulemans.
- c. *Select person for a term of one year (by ballot)* Tom respectfully declined. Stewart Barker declined. Greg Meulemans nominated Len Beman, seconded by Ed Dorta-Duque. No other nominations, the clerk cast one ballot for Len Beman.

- d. *Lister for a term of three years (by ballot)* Jessica Pollack nominated Ed Dorta-Duque, seconded by Andy Coyne. The clerk cast one vote for Ed Dorta-Duque.
- e. *1st Constable for a term of one year-* Dana West nominated Rob Willis, seconded David Marx. The clerk cast one ballot for Rob Willis.
- f. *2nd Constable for a term of one year-* Greg Meulemans nominated Ben Williams, seconded by CJ King. The clerk cast one ballot for Ben Williams.
- g. *Trustee of Public Funds for a term of one year-* Jessica Pollack nominated Rob Willis, seconded by Dana West. The clerk cast one ballot for Rob Willis.
- h. *Agent to Deed Land for a term of one year-* Patrick McQuillan nominated Rob Willis, seconded by Dana West. Greg Meulemans nominated Andy Coyne, seconded by Kate Ullman.

Paper ballot results:

Andy-41

Rob-30

Andy Coyne was elected as Agent to Deed Land.

- i. *Library Trustee for a term of five years-* Keighan Eaker nominated Greg Joly, seconded by Michael Connor. Greg Joly was elected Library Trustee for five years.
- j. *Library Trustee for a term of one year-* This position was Janet Hamilton's. Keighan Eaker nominated Dana Capalupo, seconded by Michael Connor. Danielle Witham was nominated by Keighan Eaker. Danielle withdrew her nomination. Dana Capalupo was elected library trustee for a term of one year.

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.

Dana West moved the motion.

Jesica made a motion to raise \$1,432,858 for the tax year 2025, seconded by Tom Tolbert.

Bonnie West made a motion to raise \$1,443,210 with a total budget of \$1,830,697 including revenue. With the payment due the first business day in October, with an 8% penalty the next day and 1% interest added monthly starting December 1st. Seconded by Jessica.

Lexa Clark would like to take \$2500 from the budget for the increase of the Selectboard stipend. She suggested it go back to \$5500. Seconded by Joel Katz.

It was never voted on last year and Lexa would like it to go back to what it was in 2023.

Rebecca Antel made a motion to approve the \$8,000 for the Selectboard stipend.

We will have a Special Meeting for the school board member, and we can vote on the Selectboard stipend as well.

Drew Hazelton recommended we vote down both motions and vote on this at a Special Meeting.

Keighan Eaker called the question.

Voice by vote to approve \$8,000 for the Selectboard Stipend. Motion passed.

CJ King called the question, seconded by Ed.

The amount set for \$8,000 passed by vote voice.

Ed asked why Green up had two-line items? If one is for the town and one state, it should be listed that way.

Ed asked about the mud season expense.

Ed Dorta-Duque moved the question, seconded by CJ King.

Bonnie West made a motion to raise by taxation \$1,443,210 and that with other revenue of \$387,487 for a total of \$1,830,697 with taxes due on the 1st business day of October, with an 8% penalty the next day and 1% interest added monthly starting December 1st. Seconded by Jessica Pollack.

Motion passed by voice vote. 1 opposed.

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

Kate Harris made a motion to accept the article, seconded by Patrick McQuillan. Motion passed by voice.

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

Cj King made a motion to approve the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds, seconded by Dana West. Keighan Eaker called the question, seconded by CJ. Motion passed by voice.

Article 7: Shall the Voters exempt the Masonic Lodge Mt. Lebanon #46 land and building from taxation for a period of five years as provided in Title 32 Section 3840 V.S.A.?

CJ King made a motion to approve, seconded by Dana West.

Raymond Ballantine spoke about the Masonic Hall; they open it in emergencies and have a generator.

Tom Tolbert called the question, seconded by Ed Dorta-Duque. Passed by voice vote, 1 opposed.

Article 8: To set the time for the opening of the next Annual Town Meeting, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2025.

Tom made a motion to set the date for Town Meeting for 2025 on Tuesday, March 4th at 10 a.m. seconded by Ray Ballentine.

Kayla Anthony asked if we could have Town Meeting at night so more people could attend.

Keighan Eaker made a motion to set the time of town meeting on March 4, 2025 to 6 p.m. Seconded by Kayla Anthony.

Motion failed by voice vote.

Ben Williams made a motion to move Town Meeting to the 2nd Saturday of March, which would be March 8th. Seconded by CJ King. Ed called the question.

Motion failed by show of hands.

Jacki Brown made a motion to have Town Meeting at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Drew called the question. Voice vote passed the motion.

Town Meeting will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10 a.m.

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

Carlotta Woodruff asked who decides who goes on the front page of the Town Report.

Greg Lakis is doing update for Local Emergency Management. There is a program called CARE where they can check up on you. If you need help registering for the program, reach out to Greg for help.

Raymond Ballantine asked if there is a law about parking on the sidewalks? He would like to see this enforced.

Drew Hazelton and Dana West (school board members) The annual report has a lot of information including how the tax rate is set. The student enrollment has been significantly dropping. The projected enrollment for Jamaica School next year is 9 students.

Karen Ameden spoke about the school and the Pre-K license. It had not been renewed. They are trying to renew it. 60% of Jamaica students are going to different schools.

Jennifer Dorta-Duque said this year is the 100th year anniversary of our library. They are doing a dedication ceremony of the children's library to Janet Hamilton. We have a new librarian, Madeline.

Alice Abraham, with the Jamaica Historic Foundation, said that on page 44 of Town Report it has their website. They always welcome more people to join.

Jamaica was founded in 1780. They are looking for people to help at Jamaica Day.

Karen Ameden said that we lost both Janet Hamilton and Patti Dickson. They have both done a lot for the town.

Karen Ameden is doing a cemetery walk with the high schoolers.

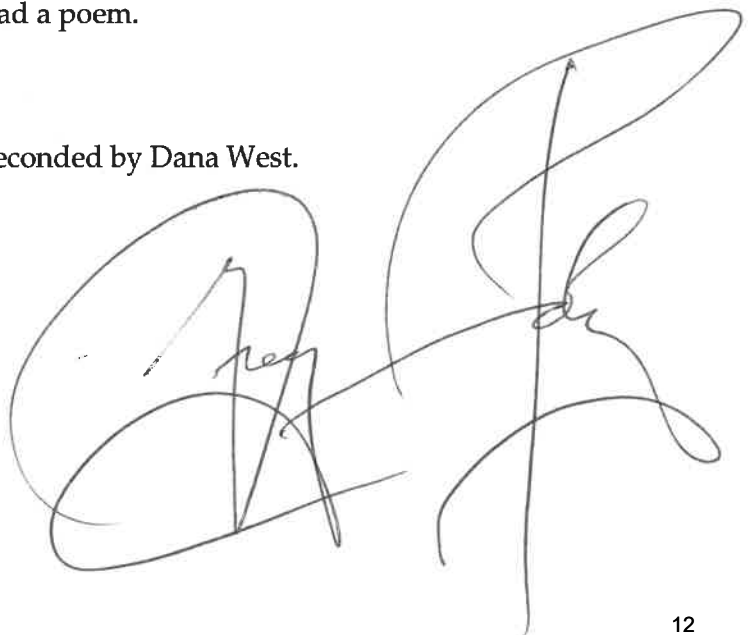
JAMBA- They have done incredible trails for mountain biking. They have put some in and others are in the process.

Erica Bowman, Jamaica's Poet Laurette read a poem.

Article 10: To Adjourn.

Tom Tolbert made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dana West.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Wiswall, Town Clerk

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Sara Wiswall, the Town Clerk. The signature is composed of several overlapping loops and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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, 2025

You must file a Homestead Declaration (form HS-122) annually by the April 15th deadline. If you file after April 15th, 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 tax 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 2024 grand list if:

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, 2025

There was an increase of \$2.00 for all dog licenses this year.

Please register all dogs by April 1st.

Spayed or neutered \$11.00

Other (Female or Male) \$15.00

After April 1st-

Spayed or neutered \$13.00

Other (Female or Male) \$19.00

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

		2023-2024				2024-2025	2025-2026
		Adopted				Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Budget
	~General Revenue~						
1	Current & Delinquent Tax Revenue(Gen)	307,848.00	655,014.21	(347,166.21)		517,650.00	631,007.97
2	Delinquent Tax Interest	5,000.00	4,500.87	499.13		5,000.00	5,000.00
3	Delinquent tax penalty	25,000.00	24,920.32	79.68		25,000.00	25,000.00
4	Local Option Tax- 1%	-	18,512.27	(18,512.27)		25,000.00	20,000.00
5	Current Use	35,000.00	37,926.00	(2,926.00)		38,000.00	38,000.00
6	Ed Billing Fee Retained	8,000.00	9,891.54	(1,891.54)		9,000.00	10,887.23
7	PILOT	16,000.00	17,032.83	(1,032.83)		16,000.00	16,000.00
8	Traffic Fines	3,500.00	4,629.19	(1,129.19)		3,500.00	3,500.00
9	Misc State Grants		4,000.00				
10	Town Clerk Fees	17,000.00	17,517.50	(517.50)		17,000.00	17,000.00
11	Sign Permit	200.00	50.00	150.00		200.00	200.00
12	911 Fees	200.00	350.00	(150.00)		200.00	200.00
13	Dog Licenses	750.00	344.00	406.00		750.00	450.00
14	Liquor License	500.00	185.00	315.00		500.00	350.00
15	Marriage license fees	150.00	440.00	(290.00)		150.00	250.00
16	Town Hall Rental	500.00	75.00	425.00		-	100.00
17	Transfer Station Revenue	20,000.00	17,189.38	2,810.62		20,000.00	18,000.00
18	PAYT Revenue	35,000.00	35,343.00	(343.00)		35,000.00	40,000.00
19	Insurance Refund	-	2,537.56	(2,537.56)		-	-
20	Earned Interest	3,000.00	17,962.73	(14,962.73)		3,000.00	9,000.00
21	Library Grant Revenue	-	936.48	(936.48)		-	-
22	Wastewater Study Grant	-	10,896.00	(10,896.00)		-	-
23	CT River Loss Revenue	2,272.00	2,272.00	-		2,272.00	2,272.00
24	Miscellaneous Revenue		1,446.18				
25	Transfer in from Reserve	200,000.00		200,000.00			25,000.00
26	Transfer in from ARPA funds	51,000.00	272,269.27	(221,269.27)		86,715.00	-
							231,209.23
27	Total General Fund Revenue	730,920.00	1,156,241.33	(419,875.15)		804,937.00	862,217.20
	~Highway Revenue~			-			
28	Taxes - Highway	1,028,710.00	1,126,910.00	(98,200.00)		925,560.00	879,822.00
29	Permit Fees	200.00	314.00	(114.00)		200.00	300.00
30	State Aid To Highways	98,000.00	99,656.57	(1,656.57)		100,000.00	100,000.00
31	Grant Revenue	-	175,000.00	(175,000.00)		-	
32	Transfer In	-	92,000.00	(92,000.00)		-	50,000.00
33	Other Revenue subtotal						150,300.00
34	Total Highway Revenue	1,126,910.00	1,493,880.57	(366,970.57)		1,025,760.00	1,030,122.00
				-			
	Expenses			-			
	~PAYROLL & BENEFITS~			-			
35	Bookkeeper	3,990.00	-	3,990.00		-	4,500.00
36	Lister Salary	20,000.00	18,332.90	1,667.10		25,000.00	25,000.00
37	Town Office Salary	86,250.00	69,061.07	17,188.93		90,563.00	95,000.00
38	Town Administrator	26,250.00	46,123.16	(19,873.16)		42,179.00	20,000.00
39	Emergency Management	500.00	-	500.00		500.00	500.00
40	Selectboard Salaries	7,000.00	5,499.65	1,500.35		7,000.00	8,500.00
41	Salaries, Clerk	1,365.00	1,869.00	(504.00)		1,500.00	2,200.00
42	Elections Expense	250.00	59.61	190.39		250.00	250.00
43	BCA	250.00	-	250.00		250.00	250.00
44	Flood Zoning Admin.	250.00	-	250.00		250.00	250.00
45	Health Insurance	20,000.00	20,300.54	(300.54)		21,600.00	21,600.00

		2023-2024				2024-2025	2025-2026
		Adopted				Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Budget
46	Employers FICA	16,000.00	18,246.01	(2,246.01)		16,000.00	16,640.00
47	Employers Retirement	8,100.00	8,808.05	(708.05)		9,000.00	9,360.00
48	Insurance Unemployment	1,000.00	677.00	323.00		1,000.00	1,040.00
49	Insurance Workman's Comp	4,000.00	1,746.45	2,253.55		4,600.00	4,800.00
50	Child Care Contribution	-	12.73	(12.73)			500.00
51	Misc Expense	-	1,076.76	(1,076.76)		525.00	525.00
52	Clerk Expense	-	764.96	(764.96)		250.00	250.00
53	Treasurer Expense	-	4,052.50	(4,052.50)		250.00	250.00
54	Training	500.00	2,507.80	(2,007.80)		2,500.00	2,500.00
55	Total Payroll & Benefits	195,705.00	199,138.19	(3,433.19)		223,217.00	213,915.00
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	~OFFICE OPERATIONS~			-			
56	Attorney	3,000.00	3,388.50	(388.50)		6,000.00	6,000.00
57	Computer Support/Software	10,000.00	11,174.04	(1,174.04)		10,000.00	10,000.00
58	Phone/Cable	4,000.00	6,647.18	(2,647.18)		8,400.00	8,400.00
59	Postage	2,600.00	1,898.40	701.60		2,600.00	2,600.00
60	Advertising	900.00	1,740.45	(840.45)		1,500.00	1,500.00
61	Listers Expense	2,200.00	1,168.20	1,031.80		2,200.00	2,200.00
62	Listers Support	1,650.00	325.00	1,325.00		1,650.00	3,200.00
63	Listers Contracted Services	4,900.00	3,050.00	1,850.00		4,900.00	6,425.00
64	Yearly outside Audit	18,300.00	21,140.00	(2,840.00)		19,000.00	22,000.00
65	Printing Town Report	2,000.00	2,235.33	(235.33)		2,000.00	2,200.00
66	Supplies	2,500.00	2,150.47	349.53		2,500.00	2,500.00
67	Office Equipment	1,500.00	-	1,500.00		3,000.00	2,000.00
68	Office Machines Maint.	500.00	-	500.00		500.00	500.00
69	Copier lease	2,056.00	2,056.20	(0.20)		-	2,056.00
70	Mileage	250.00	861.03	(611.03)		500.00	500.00
71	Total Office Operations	56,356.00	57,834.80	(1,478.80)		64,750.00	72,081.00
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	~TOWN BUILDINGS~			-			
72	Town Office Janitor	-		-		-	1,200.00
73	Town Office Repairs/Maint	1,500.00	3,149.60	(1,649.60)		1,500.00	1,500.00
74	Town Hall Repairs/Maint.	4,000.00	3,889.90	110.10		4,000.00	4,000.00
75	Bank Bldg.Repairs/Maint.	500.00	434.40	65.60		500.00	5,000.00
76	Rawsonville repairs/maint	200.00	-	200.00		200.00	200.00
77	Town Office Supplies	750.00	1,206.56	(456.56)		750.00	1,200.00
78	Town Hall Supplies	300.00	-	300.00		300.00	100.00
79	Town Office Electricity	1,700.00	2,237.97	(537.97)		1,700.00	2,400.00
80	Town Hall Electricity	1,000.00	949.83	50.17		1,000.00	1,000.00
81	Bank Bldg.Electricity	500.00	595.45	(95.45)		500.00	700.00
82	Rawsonville school house	250.00	269.45	(19.45)		250.00	300.00
83	Town Office Fuel	5,000.00	4,687.58	312.42		5,000.00	5,000.00
84	Town Hall Fuel	1,000.00	-	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
85	Total Town Buildings	16,700.00	17,420.74	(720.74)		16,700.00	23,600.00
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	~Public Safety &Emergency Services~			-			
86	Salaries,Constables	350.00	350.00	-		500.00	500.00
87	Salaries - Health Officer	350.00	175.00	175.00		500.00	500.00
88	Windham Co.Sheriff's Dept	60,000.00	58,799.25	1,200.75		63,000.00	63,000.00
89	Ambulance Service	31,000.00	29,949.00	1,051.00		31,000.00	31,310.00
90	Fire Department	99,750.00	99,750.00	-		109,725.00	109,725.00
91	Emergency Generator	500.00		500.00		500.00	500.00
92	Fire Dept Phone		389.09				400.00

		2023-2024				2024-2025	2025-2026
		Adopted				Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Budget
93	Total Public Safety & Emergency Services	191,950.00	189,412.34	2,537.66		205,225.00	205,935.00
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	~STREET LIGHTING~			-			
94	Village Street Lights	4,500.00	5,174.17	(674.17)		4,725.00	4,725.00
95	Rawsonville Street Lights	600.00	613.80	(13.80)		630.00	630.00
96	Total Street Lighting	5,100.00	5,787.97	(687.97)		5,355.00	5,355.00
	~MISCELLANEOUS EXP~			-			
97	Windham County Tax	24,000.00	31,549.00	(7,549.00)		37,000.00	37,000.00
98	VLCT Liab.&Property Ins.	25,000.00	23,806.50	1,193.50		19,200.00	19,200.00
99	Western Surety Bonding	145.00	143.00	2.00		145.00	145.00
100	VLCT Dues	2,400.00	2,500.00	(100.00)		2,500.00	2,500.00
101	WRC Dues	2,600.00	2,561.33	38.67		2,700.00	2,700.00
102	BCA Tax Appeals/abatement	100.00	-	100.00		100.00	100.00
103	Village Beautification	1,000.00	861.50	138.50		1,000.00	1,500.00
104	Village Flags	300.00	0.03	299.97		300.00	300.00
105	Tax Sale Expense	-		-		-	500.00
106	Tax mapping	4,900.00	4,500.00	400.00		4,900.00	2,500.00
107	WCHS Contract	385.00		385.00		385.00	385.00
108	Ballantine Field Maintenance	600.00		600.00		-	600.00
109	Total Miscellaneous Expense	61,430.00	65,921.36	(4,491.36)		68,230.00	67,430.00
	~WASTE DISPOSAL~			-			
110	Caretaker	34,000.00	34,408.55	(408.55)		35,700.00	40,000.00
111	Sub Caretaker	3,300.00	1,453.50	1,846.50		3,500.00	1,500.00
112	Water/Septic	1,080.00	3,193.00	(2,113.00)		1,700.00	1,800.00
113	PAYT Expense	50,000.00	102,302.93	(52,302.93)		52,500.00	80,000.00
114	Recycling Disp. Exp	20,000.00	25,900.56	(5,900.56)		20,000.00	15,000.00
115	Organics Disposal	5,600.00	1,687.50	3,912.50		5,600.00	6,000.00
116	Maintenance/Repairs	200.00	6,569.89	(6,369.89)		200.00	25,000.00
117	WSWMD Assessment	6,934.00	7,188.08	(254.08)		7,205.00	7,476.20
118	Supplies	350.00	-	350.00		-	500.00
119	Electricity	1,000.00	1,618.73	(618.73)		1,000.00	1,700.00
120	Total Wase Disposal	122,464.00	184,322.74	(61,858.74)		127,405.00	178,976.20
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	~CEMETERY MAINT~			-			
121	Stone Maintenance	-		-		500.00	500.00
122	Cemetery Maint.	5,000.00	7,385.66	(2,385.66)		6,000.00	8,000.00
123	Miscellaneous Flags	300.00	753.50	(453.50)		300.00	750.00
124	Total Cemetery Maintenance	5,300.00	8,139.16	(2,839.16)		6,800.00	9,250.00
	~LIBRARY~			-			
125	Librarian Salary	20,000.00	20,814.25	(814.25)		22,500.00	23,500.00
126	Library Repairs/Maint	4,500.00	3,160.71	1,339.29		8,000.00	4,500.00
127	Library Electric	700.00	1,738.29	(1,038.29)		1,200.00	1,500.00
128	Library Fuel	2,000.00	2,094.10	(94.10)		2,000.00	2,000.00
129	Library Programs/Books	5,000.00	9,029.63	(4,029.63)		5,000.00	5,000.00
130	Library Software/Digital Services	1,000.00	321.79	678.21		-	1,550.00
131	Library Supplies	-	-	-		1,000.00	1,000.00
132	Total Library Expense	33,200.00	37,158.77	(3,958.77)		39,700.00	39,050.00
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	~Appropriations~			-			REQUESTED
133	Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	-		500.00	500.00
134	Neighborhood Connections	1,500.00	1,500.00	-		1,500.00	2,500.00
135	VT Center for Independent Living	250.00	250.00	-		250.00	250.00
136	Women's Freedom Center	900.00	900.00	-		900.00	900.00

		2023-2024				2024-2025	2025-2026
		Adopted				Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Budget
137	Red Cross	500.00	500.00	-		500.00	500.00
138	Healthcare & Rehab Services	1,200.00	1,200.00	-		1,200.00	1,200.00
139	Valley Cares	1,604.00	1,604.00	-		1,604.00	1,604.00
140	Preservation Trust of VT	100.00	100.00	-		100.00	100.00
141	VT Art Council	100.00	100.00	-		100.00	100.00
142	Londonderry Rescue Squad	1,050.00	1,050.00	-		1,050.00	1,050.00
143	Visiting Nurse Service	3,236.00	3,236.00	-		3,236.00	3,236.00
144	Interaction (Youth Services)	395.00	395.00	-		395.00	395.00
145	L&G Educational Foundation	2,000.00	2,000.00	-		2,000.00	2,000.00
146	Senior Solutions	825.00	800.00	25.00		825.00	825.00
147	Mt. Valley Health Clinic	1,500.00	1,500.00	-		1,500.00	1,500.00
148	CT River Transit (MOOVER)	500.00	500.00	-		500.00	750.00
149	Windham County Historical Society	250.00	250.00	-		250.00	250.00
150	Community Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	-		500.00	500.00
151	SEVCA	950.00	950.00	-		950.00	950.00
152	Windham County Humane Society	500.00	500.00	-		500.00	500.00
153	Grace Cottage Foundation	2,500.00	2,500.00	-		2,500.00	2,500.00
154	So VT Watershed Alliance (Defunkt)	240.00	240.00	-		240.00	-
155	Jamaica Historical Foundation	750.00	750.00	-		750.00	750.00
156	Village Cemetery	900.00	900.00	-			
157	Recreation Club	500.00		500.00		500.00	-
158	Vermont Green Up	50.00	50.00	-		50.00	50.00
159	VT Rural Fire Protection	100.00	100.00	-		100.00	100.00
160	BCTV	1,000.00	1,000.00	-		1,000.00	1,300.00
161	SEVEDS	3,015.00	3,105.00	(90.00)		3,015.00	3,015.00
162	Jamaica Day (Old Home Day)						2,500.00
163	Total Appropriations	27,415.00	26,080.00	1,335.00		26,515.00	29,825.00
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	~CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS~			-			
164	Town Buildings Reserve Fu	2,500.00	2,500.00	-		4,000.00	4,000.00
165	Transfer Station Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	-		4,000.00	4,000.00
166	Office Equipment Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	-		2,000.00	2,000.00
167	Re-appraisal Reserve	6,800.00	6,800.00	-		6,800.00	6,800.00
168	Total Capital Reserve Funds	15,300.00	15,300.00	-		16,800.00	16,800.00
169	Total General Fund	730,920.00	806,516.07	(75,596.07)		800,697.00	862,217.20
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	Highway			-			
170	M & T Loan Flooding July 2023		850,000.00				
171	VT Bond Bank Loan Flooding July 2023		422,000.00				
172	Total Loans		1,272,000.00				
173	Garage Bond	55,000.00	49,540.63	5,459.37		55,000.00	55,000.00
	~PAYROLL & BENEFITS~			-			
174	Labor	240,000.00	217,915.79	22,084.21		252,000.00	262,080.00
175	Health Insurance	18,000.00	3,794.22	14,205.78		18,000.00	17,692.00
176	Employers FICA	18,000.00	13,111.15	4,888.85		19,278.00	20,050.00
177	Employers Retirement	16,000.00	13,010.21	2,989.79		17,010.00	17,690.00
178	Insurance Workmans Comp	15,000.00	10,642.80	4,357.20		15,000.00	15,600.00
179	Total Payroll & Benefits	307,000.00	258,474.17	48,525.83		321,288.00	333,112.00
	~ Town Garage Expense~			-			
180	Town Garage Repairs/Maint	500.00	3,149.37	(2,649.37)		3,000.00	1,500.00

		2023-2024				2024-2025	2025-2026
		Adopted				Voted	Proposed
		Budget	Actual	Variance		Budget	Budget
181	Town Garage Supplies	200.00	229.89	(29.89)		400.00	500.00
182	Town Garage Electricity	2,000.00	2,206.67	(206.67)		1,000.00	2,500.00
183	Town Garage Fuel	4,000.00	3,583.05	416.95		4,200.00	4,200.00
184	Garage Internet	1,100.00	1,006.61	93.39		900.00	1,100.00
185	Total Town Garage Expense	7,800.00	10,175.59	(2,375.59)		9,500.00	9,800.00
	~ HIGHWAYS GENERAL~			-			
186	Mileage	200.00	173.23	26.77		210.00	200.00
187	Mowing/Sweeping	25,000.00	9,337.89	15,662.11		30,000.00	30,000.00
188	Class 3 Paving	-		-		-	50,000.00
189	Contracted Town/Townshend	6,200.00	4,350.00	1,850.00		6,200.00	6,200.00
190	Contracted Town/Windham	5,200.00	6,792.33	(1,592.33)		5,200.00	5,200.00
191	Contracted Old Cheney Rd	5,000.00	5,000.00	-		5,000.00	5,200.00
192	Materials-Winter	100,000.00	156,302.91	(56,302.91)		110,000.00	110,000.00
193	Materials-Summer	75,000.00	32,259.47	42,740.53		75,000.00	65,000.00
194	Mud Season	-	11,916.50	(11,916.50)		22,750.00	15,000.00
195	Signs	1,500.00	-	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00
196	Radio Expense	2,160.00	2,080.00	80.00		2,160.00	2,160.00
197	New Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	5,550.00	4,450.00		10,000.00	5,500.00
198	Permit Fees	1,350.00					
199	Culvert 48 Pikes Falls Road	200,000.00	267,000.00	(67,000.00)		-	-
200	Bridge 32 Depot Street	51,000.00	10,987.13	40,012.87		-	-
201	Excavator Rental	-		-		-	
202	Misc. Expenses	-	8.56	(8.56)		-	
203	Total Highways General	482,610.00	511,758.02	(29,148.02)		268,020.00	295,960.00
204	Flood Damage 110-7-46-460.00		1,275,324.42				
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	~HIGHWAY EQUIP MAINT~			-			
205	Equipment Parts/Supplies	40,000.00	58,050.40	(18,050.40)		40,000.00	40,000.00
206	Equipment Repairs	15,000.00	66,541.17	(51,541.17)		15,000.00	30,000.00
207	Gas	4,500.00	7,318.35	(2,818.35)		4,500.00	5,000.00
208	Diesel	25,000.00	33,905.55	(8,905.55)		26,250.00	26,250.00
209	Total Highway Equipment Maintenance	84,500.00	165,815.47	(81,315.47)		85,750.00	101,250.00
	~HWY RESERVE FUNDS~			-			
210	Highway Reserve Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	-		95,000.00	95,000.00
211	Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	-		80,000.00	80,000.00
212	Sidewalk Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	-		10,000.00	10,000.00
213	Flood Damage Reserve Fund	-		-		75,000.00	25,000.00
214	FEMA Repayment	25,000.00	25,000.00	-		25,000.00	25,000.00
215	Total Highway Reserve Funds	190,000.00	190,000.00	-		285,000.00	235,000.00
216	Total Highway Budget	1,126,910.00	1,185,763.88	(58,853.88)		1,024,558.00	1,030,122.00
217	Total General & Highway	1,857,830.00	1,992,279.95	(134,449.95)		1,825,255.00	1,892,339.20

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January 28, 2025

Board of Selectmen
Town of Jamaica
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We are auditing the financial statements of the Town of Jamaica, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office when complete.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

Statement of Taxes Billed Accounted for July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

	Tax Rates	Grand List	Taxes to Raise
No Resident Ed	1.6930	1,979,802.56	\$ 3,351,806.26
Homestead Ed	2.0841	631,469.59	1,316,045.74
Municipal	0.715	2,614,072.00	\$ 1,869,061.48
Total taxes to be collected			\$ 6,536,913.48
Taxes accounted for:			
Municipal Taxes Collected			1,763,888.94
Payments from the State			341,748.19
Payment to WRMUED			2,679,619.00
Education Taxes Paid to State of Vermont			1,823,040.84
Delinquent/Uncollected			66,992.69
Final Taxes Accounted for 2023-2024			6,675,3289.66

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Delinquent Tax Report

Owner Name	Parcel ID	Year(s)
Brown, Edward	00R-27	2020-2023
Brox, Daniel	00S-65.7	2021-2023
Collins, Chuck	00S-20.1	2022-2023
Durkin, Roderick	000I-2	2021-2023
Gordon, Scott	00O-L18	2022-2023
Maturo, Melissa	00O-L12	2022-2023
Mercier, Timothy	00P-10.1	2022
Neschke, Sean	00O-57.1	2022-2023
Sage Hill Camp	000L-1	2021-2023
Rider, Molly	00L-26	2023
H. of Good News	00P-22-2.6	2023
Woodruff, Laura	00R-16	2023
Zira, Bruce	00R-L7-1	2022-2023
Brown, Rhonda	00S-15-3	2023
Baldus, John	00S-64	2023
Donna, Greg	0000MH-P-27.6	2023
Coburn, Gary	000J-9-1	2023
Finkelstein, Morton	000J-9-11	2023
Faulkner, Thomas	000R-5	2023
Smith, Romaine	000T-8	2023
Smith, Michael	000T-8-1	2023
Cieslak, Scott	00G-39-1	2023
Grant, Michael	00I-14-1	2023
Wilkins, Daniel	0000MH-P-27.8	2018-2023

Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total
2018	\$ 95.71	\$ 54.72	\$ 7.66	\$ 158.09
2019	\$ 126.02	\$ 56.70	\$ 10.08	\$ 192.80
2020	\$ 133.50	\$ 53.48	\$ 10.68	\$ 197.66
2021	\$ 3,869.87	\$1,122.36	\$ 309.60	\$ 5,301.83
2022	\$ 15,822.41	\$2,488.20	\$ 1,086.12	\$ 19,396.73
2023	\$ 66,992.69	\$6,695.58	\$ 5,409.51	\$ 79,097.78

Total Delinquent Tax	\$ 104,344.89
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Town of Jamaica Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 324)
Main District

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

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	552	119,181,100	33,787,619	85,393,481	119,181,100
Residential II R2	272	104,034,700	27,349,140	76,685,560	104,034,700
Mobile Homes-U MHU	35	790,600	204,400	586,200	790,600
Mobile Homes-L MHL	18	1,355,400	557,900	797,500	1,355,400
Seasonal I S1	30	1,973,800	73,500	1,900,300	1,973,800
Seasonal II S2	34	4,045,000	384,400	3,660,600	4,045,000
Commercial C	30	8,515,900	0	8,515,900	8,515,900
Commercial Apts CA	1	569,400	0	569,400	569,400
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	4	10,317,800	0	10,317,800	10,317,800
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	41	1,218,700	0	1,218,700	1,218,700
Miscellaneous M	164	12,735,600	0	12,735,600	12,735,600
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,236	271,018,800	62,807,159	208,211,641	271,018,800
P.P. Cable	1	97,815		97,815	97,815
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	97,815		97,815	97,815
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		271,116,615	62,807,159	208,309,456	271,116,615
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	8/8	80,000	80,000	0	80,000
Veterans >10K		240,000			
Total Veterans		320,000	80,000	0	80,000
P.P. Contracts	1	97,815			
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	3/2	613,015	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	63/63	8,445,400	1,358,300	7,087,100	8,445,400
Special Exemptions	1		0	377,800	377,800
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		9,378,415	1,438,300	7,807,000	9,245,300
Total Exemptions		9,378,415	1,438,300	7,807,000	9,245,300
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		2,617,382.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			613,688.59	2,005,024.56	2,618,713.15
NON-TAX 59 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411					

Last year was my first report as Selectboard Chair and it came at a time of enormous upheaval – the loss of Terri Garland, our beloved long time Treasurer, and the July and December 2023 floods. These events dramatically altered the town's operations and impacted so many citizens in personal and traumatic ways. As expected, we are still coping with the aftershocks of both. The Town has incurred well over \$1.5 million in flood damage, at a time when our Flood Recovery Fund was significantly underfunded. By early July, the town had offered employment as Treasurer to a candidate in Ludlow, she accepted and then declined after the flood. Sara Wiswall graciously agreed to serve as acting Treasurer, and we retained the services of the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), which provides the software platform for the town's financial management, to guide us through the close of the fiscal year and the setting of the tax rate for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Fast forward to 2024, and the work of our auditors in the review of the 2023/2024 fiscal year results, when an error in the setting of the tax rate was discovered. As will be covered in an information session set for February 28 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office, this error resulted in the town raising an excess \$518,913.35 in tax revenue. Not all of that amount has been realized as some tax bills remain delinquent, but we have warned an article to address the entire overage.

What do we recommend? You will see that the selectboard recommends the voters approve allocating the excess tax revenue to the Flood Recovery Fund. We are currently working with our FEMA representatives to finalize the documentation on several projects and awaiting reimbursement. There are three remaining projects related to these storms that we plan to complete this summer along with some mitigation work. However, it is most likely that FEMA will not cover all the money the town has spent (and will spend) in recovering from the June and December 2023 storms. The town continues to carry a debt of \$1,095,986.91 that was borrowed to pay these expenses. While all of this spend has been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement, only a portion has been approved and or paid. Our auditors agree the responsible action is to allocate the excess tax revenue to the fund, especially considering the Flood Recovery Fund was already in a deficit position since Hurricane Irene. I hope that any voters with questions will attend the information session.

Now we come to events in 2024/2025. Chief among these has been the request by the West River Modified Union Education District for the voters of the Town to allow for the closure of the Jamaica Village School. The Town voters declined to approve the closure, but the fate of the school most certainly does not include the revival of Kindergarten through Fifth Grade classes. The Town is in an unfortunate position – we remain responsible for a heavy education tax, but without an operating school, or school choice outside the district for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. And the choices for High School other than Leland & Gray is essentially not workable for Jamaica residents. Please come to selectboard and school board meetings and stay in touch on this topic. Make your opinions heard, and we will continue to strive to improve the education opportunities for Jamaica.

Finally, I end on a positive note. The Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue department, featured on our cover, is thriving. We have seen the elevation of Scott Gordon to Chief, and the many contributions of Dana West during his time as President, both uniquely strong leaders. Membership has grown, notably across age groups and with individuals who bring a varied set of skills and expertise. This is just one example of the spirit and grace of this wonderful town!

Jessica Pollack
Selectboard Chair

Jamaica Planning Commission Annual Report
Prepared for the 2022 Annual Report
TOWN MEETING – March 4, 2025

The Jamaica Planning Commission (JPC) was busy in 2024 with our main initiatives including management of the wastewater feasibility study, working with the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) to prepare the 2025 Town Plan Update, and continued progress by the Jamaica Communications Committee (JCC) under the Deer Valley Communication Union District (DVFiber) to provide fiber optic internet connections to every home in Jamaica.

The wastewater feasibility study work in 2024 included wrapping up the field work and preparation of a 90% design report. The report was submitted to the State to fulfill funding requirements and allow Jamaica to be eligible for additional funding options. The JPC's goal is to have funding options in place for construction, and then present the results of the investigation and build-out options to the public. Work for the Town Plan update included completing a community survey, conducting a Public Meeting, and the continued preparation of individual chapters of the Town Plan. The work by the JCC/DVFiber (a district of 24 towns, including Jamaica) continued with over 700 subscribers now online and adding 80 subscribers per month. Please see DVFiber's article in this year's town report for additional information and goals for Jamaica.

Please attend a JPC meeting if you have any questions and we'll be glad to tell you all we can about these efforts. The JPC Regular Meeting takes place on the third Monday of every month. You can also reach us at jpc@mamaicavermont.org. And if you would like to team up with me, Chris Robbins, John Van Hoesen, and Patrick McQuillen to serve the Town, we have an opening on the JPC and would love to fill the empty seat.

Bryan Zieroff
Chair, Jamaica Planning Commission

2025

Listers' Report

The next townwide reappraisal mandated by the state is anticipated to be complete in 2028. Until then the listers office will continue to use the 2018 town schedules from the last reappraisal so all properties are assessed using the same values. In 2024 the Grand List increased by over \$5 million in new construction. In 2025 we anticipate more new construction.

It is important for property owners to remember that in lieu of traditional town zoning there is a Land Use Registration form to fill out if you are doing more than \$500 of improvements to your property. The form is to be filled out whether the enhancement is a new building, addition, renovation or other improvement. The form is available from the Town Office and on the Town website; under documents then forms. Completed forms should be submitted to the Town Office. The state has more traditional zoning regulations that property owners are required to adhere to such as sewer, water and flood.

Yearly Chronology:

April 1st - values of properties are set based on their condition

May - change of appraisal notice mailed

June - opportunity for grievance of appraisals

July - grand list finalized

January - town budget established

March – town meeting – approve budget

July - tax rate calculated

August - tax bills sent

October - tax bills due which covers July 1st to June 30th

Throughout the year – listers conduct property inspections

Board of Listers

Karen Ameden, chair

Pat Meulemans

Vacant Seat

Lister Office Hours

Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Or by appointment

Phone: 802-874-4908

E-mail: lister@jamaicavermont.org

Address: PO Box 173

Jamaica, VT 05343-0173

WANTED

Lister to Fill Vacancy

Jamaica resident elected, or non-resident appointed by selectboard. Must be computer savvy, work well in a small office, work with deadlines and state mandated requirements. Helpful for real estate or building experience and ability to navigate Vermont terrain on foot. Interested persons should stop in the lister office to inquire. Commitment @ 5+hrs/week



2024 Annual Report



Our newly renovated children's room in memory of Janet Hamilton

Library Visits

1271



Books Borrowed

1912



Programs

57



Mission

To be an active community partner providing programs and services that bring people together, foster creativity, and encourage lifelong learning. We preserve our storied past, enrich present lives, and prepare for an ever-changing future.

Our Most Popular Events in 2024

Summer Monday Movies- 80 people
Halloween-282 people
Santa Comes to Jamaica-122 people
Jamaica Day-88 people
Preschool Storytime-99 people

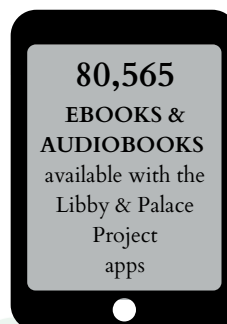
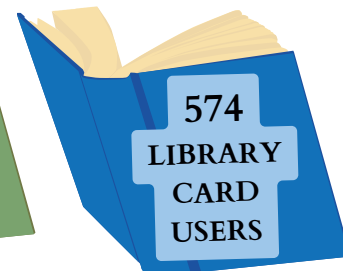
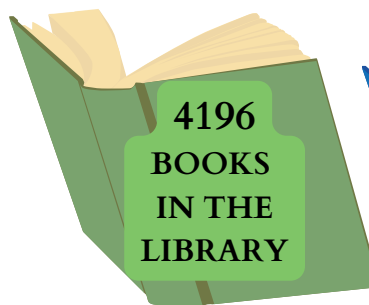
what can your library card do?

- place holds on books on our website to be picked up at the library
- check out books at South Londonderry Free Library
- check out ebooks and audio books on the Libby and The Palace Project apps
- request book deliveries to your house
- borrow book sets for classrooms or bookclubs
- use online databases for test preparation, job readiness, the Chilton automotive guides, ancestry.com, and more
- borrow snowshoes, games, puzzles, sewing machines, museum passes, park passes, backpack kits, and more!

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VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

Madeline Helser, MSLIS

Library Director

Tue. & Thu. 11am-7pm, Sat. 10am-1pm

www.jamaicavtlibrary.org

Jamaica Memorial Library

Town Report • 2024



Librarian: Madeline Helser, MSLIS
Saturday Library Assistant: Lynnea Gordon
Junior Library Assistant: Ruby Hallenbeck

2024 was a truly exciting year for the Jamaica Memorial Library. The children's room of the library was completely renovated and redesigned by our librarian, Madeline Helser and her partner, Vera Shoaff in honor of our past board member, Janet Hamilton. It opened fully to the public right before Halloween. The main circulation desk is now in the adult room, along with the public PC and printer. The adult room has also been given a facelift featuring new displays on the ends of the shelves and a fresh coat of paint.

Beyond our physical transformations, we added exciting new services. In April, our library entered an official partnership with the South Londonderry Free Library. Library patrons can now use their library cards interchangeably at both libraries, effectively giving our community a library to visit and use 6 days per week. This partnership also gained us access to more ebooks through the service Overdrive, or the Libby App. Now library card holders have access to over 80,000 ebooks and audiobooks with two apps, the Libby app and The Palace Project app.

The library also added items to the Library of Things, including a serger, a sewing machine, two hiking packs that include nature guides and binoculars, games and puzzles, and activity backpack kits for kids. The library also offers museum and event passes to the State Parks, American Precision Museum, Hildene, and more to borrow for free with your library card.

We look forward to you visiting the library as we work on a new strategic plan that will include expanding access to services in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
Board of Trustees

Jennifer Dorta-Duque, Board Chair
Clara Robinson, Co-chair
Dani Capolupo, Treasurer
Lexa Clark
Greg Joly
Danielle Witham

Rawsonville Schoolhouse Committee

This year has been productive, and we anticipate a productive year in 2025.

We formed a committee, have monthly meetings, and have a preliminary plan.

We have involved the Preservation Trust of Vermont who is working on an assessment of the building with grant monies. This will be done in the spring. This will give us a firmer plan to go forward.

Please get involved.

Jamaica Historical Foundation

2024 was a good year for Jamaica's Historical Foundation.

We have a great team of volunteers who help in many ways.

We had a very successful Jamaica Day in August. The highlight was celebrating the presentation of Jamaica's Elder Cane given to Jamaica's eldest resident. This year we presented the cane to a wonderful long-time couple from South Hill, Carl Mowrey who is 98 years old and his beautiful partner Cecile Harvey who turned 100 in 2024. Amazing!

This year we will reopen the Museum on Memorial Day Weekend through Indigenous People's weekend. We are looking forward to seeing you all visit us.

We have big plans for Jamaica Day this year on Saturday August 16th. We have a Civil War Reenactment Group coming for the weekend! We will have a wonderful Quilt Show, lots of displays, booths, vendors, activities, games, and so much more! Plus, we have a PARADE coming!!!

There are many more events coming, beginning with a showing of Theresa Maggio's "Bill's Mill Movie" on Saturday March 22nd in collaboration with the Jamaica Community Arts Council and the Jamaica Memorial Library.

Folks will be bringing in lots of old family photos and memorabilia this year. Many will come in, call or email for information on their families. This is why we are here.

Come visit us!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As was the case in the recent past, 2024 continued to be a very busy year for the Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (JVFR).

Each member of our 14-member volunteer squad is privileged to serve our community and we take pride in responding quickly and safely to those of you who need us. During 2024 we responded to 148 calls. Of those calls, approximately 60% were medical calls while fires, service calls, traffic accidents and mutual aid support to other towns accounted for the other 40%.

Our calls come at all hours of the day and night, in all weather conditions, and could be for any of a range of situations - medical emergencies, fires, motor vehicle accidents and much-needed wellness checks for vulnerable members of our community.

Our squad is constantly growing and learning. This past year we gained five new members. Two took 100-hour courses to become certified Emergency Medical Responders, and two more are currently taking the 200-hour Firefighter 1 course. Staying sharp is critical!

Members attend multiple training sessions and planning meetings monthly and participate in regular regional multi-department training programs. Over 3,000 volunteer hours were spent by JVFR members in 2024 responding to calls, training, planning and maintaining equipment. In addition to emergencies, we deliver Santa to the library from his landing spot at the fire station, participate in Jamaica Day and Halloween festivities as safety officers and as a stop on the trick or treat route. We bring our trucks to visit the pre-school class at Jamaica Village School and actively participate in other community activities. While our first job is your safety, JVFR members love to give back to neighbors like you, every year.

JVFR's modest operating budget of \$110,000 is financed largely by the town of Jamaica, of which \$23,700 funds regional dispatch membership, which links and coordinates neighboring communities in emergencies, \$20,000 operates the fire department building and \$17,000 maintains our existing equipment. Finally, \$10,000 covers insurance. After paying for other operating expenses, there is little funding left to update worn-out equipment. In 2024, we invested heavily to replace outdated gas-operated equipment. With the purchase of an interchangeable cordless battery system and related equipment including new spotlights, industrial ventilation fans and heaters, chainsaws, and other gear we improved our efficiency and effectiveness. We also replaced our antiquated bay furnaces to ensure the water in our firetrucks doesn't freeze in cold winter months. This new system is far more cost effective to operate.

Sadly, we lost three long time members of our department this past year. Bob O'Brien, Margo Boyd and Jeff Dixon provided many years of dedicated service to Jamaica and for that we are eternally grateful. They will be missed.

We greatly appreciate the support of our town and we look forward to continuing our service to Jamaica in 2025. Jamaica is a special place to live and work. Thank you for being a part of this community!

Chief Scott Gordon
January 2025

	2023-24 Budget	2023-24 Actual	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
REVENUE				
Tax Appropriations	\$99,750.00	\$99,750.00	\$0.00	\$109,725.00
Fire Donations	\$0.00	\$2,194.99	\$2,194.99	\$0.00
Rescue Donations	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
General Fundraising	\$0.00	\$6,842.39	\$6,842.39	\$0.00
Special Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
In Memory Of	\$0.00	\$1,631.44	\$1,631.44	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$1,311.68	\$1,311.68	\$0.00
Misc.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$99,750.00	\$113,930.60	\$14,180.60	\$ 109,725.00
EXPENDITURES				
ADMINISTRATION	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
Association Assessment/Dues	\$23,600.00	\$24,320.00	(\$720.00)	\$23,700.00
All Insurance	\$10,000.00	\$11,662.00	(\$1,662.00)	\$10,400.00
Postage/Box Rent	\$150.00	\$133.20	\$16.80	\$140.00
Clerical Supplies	\$200.00	\$138.72	\$61.28	\$160.00
Telephone/Internet/Computer	\$1,800.00	\$1,098.12	\$701.88	\$1,800.00
Food & Beverage / Misc.	\$400.00	\$657.07	(\$257.07)	\$400.00
Subscriptions	\$250.00	\$360.00	(\$110.00)	\$250.00
Bank Fees & Service Charges	\$100.00	\$129.14	(\$29.14)	\$100.00
Software and Apps	\$2,600.00	\$1,541.72	\$1,058.28	\$2,700.00
Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,969.38	(\$1,969.38)	\$1,400.00
Sub-Total	\$39,100.00	\$42,009.35	(\$2,909.35)	\$41,075.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
Electricity	\$1,400.00	\$1,625.09	(\$225.09)	\$1,400.00
Propane	\$5,900.00	\$5,842.92	\$57.08	\$6,000.00
Property Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$29.44	\$170.56	\$200.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$500.00	\$5,881.94	(\$5,381.94)	\$5,100.00
Landscaping/Plowing	\$6,500.00	\$5,590.00	\$910.00	\$6,500.00
Sub-Total	\$14,500.00	\$18,969.39	(\$4,469.39)	\$19,200.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
Air-Pak Loan	\$16,000.00	\$15,963.64	\$36.36	\$16,000.00
Sub-Total	\$16,000.00	\$15,963.64	\$36.36	\$16,000.00
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
Gas/Diesel	\$1,200.00	\$1,084.17	\$115.83	\$1,300.00
Parts/Repairs/Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,562.47	(\$562.47)	\$4,000.00
Vehicle Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total	\$15,200.00	\$5,646.64	(\$446.64)	\$15,300.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
New Equipment	\$9,600.00	\$18,184.01	(\$8,584.01)	\$10,000.00
Supplies/Parts/Repairs	\$1,250.00	\$5,391.17	(\$4,141.17)	\$4,200.00
Air Compressor Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Sub-Total	\$12,050.00	\$23,575.18	(\$11,525.18)	\$15,400.00
RESCUE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
New Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$500.00
Supplies/Parts/Repairs	\$500.00	\$161.70	\$338.30	\$1,200.00
Sub-Total	\$1,800.00	\$161.70	\$1,638.30	\$1,700.00
INCIDENT EXPENSES	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRAINING	Budget	Expended	Variance	2024-25 Voted Budget
Fire & Rescue	\$1,100.00	\$290.00	\$810.00	\$1,050.00
Fire Prevention	\$0.00	\$226.94	(\$226.94)	\$0.00
Sub-Total	\$1,100.00	\$516.94	\$583.06	\$1,050.00
	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	VARIANCE	2024-25 Voted Budget
TOTAL BUDGET	\$99,750.00	\$106,842.84	\$7,087.66	\$109,725.00
Unbudgeted Income	\$14,180.50			

2025-26 Proposed Budget	
Revenue	
Tax Appropriations	\$109,725
Fire Donations	\$0
Rescue Donations	\$0
General Fundraising	\$0
Special Fundraising	\$0
In Memory Of	\$0
Interest	\$0
Misc.	\$0
Total Revenue	\$109,725
<i>2025/26 Accounts Restructured for Federal Tax Purposes</i>	
Benefits paid for members	
Vermont State Firefighters Assoc.	\$270
Workers Comp/Liability Insurance	\$4,000
Professional fees and other payments	
Fire Mutual Aid Assessment	\$25,500
Occupancy/Utilities/Maintenance	
Building Maintenance	\$5,100
Landscaping/Plowing	\$6,000
Electricity	\$1,400
Telephone/Internet	\$1,200
Propane	\$4,200
Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000
Equipment Maintenance	\$2,400
Gas/Diesel	\$1,200
Building Insurance	\$4,000
Vehicle Insurance	\$4,000
Printing, Publications, Postage & Shipping	
Postage/Box Rent	\$140
Fundraising Expenses	\$1,165
Other Expenses	
Clerical Supplies	\$200
Food & Beverage/Misc	\$400
Bank Fees & Service Charges	\$100
Software and Apps	\$1,500
Legal Fees	\$0
Air-Pak Loan	\$16,000
New Fire Equipment/Supplies	\$14,000
New Rescue Equipment/Supplies	\$3,000
Fire & Rescue Training	\$750
Fire Prevention	\$200
Vehicle Reserve Fund	\$10,000
Total Proposed FY2025/26 Budget	\$109,725

The Jamaica Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the following people and organizations who have supported us with generous fund raising donations through the first half of our fiscal year. These donations will go a long way towards helping us to replace our aging equipment.

Thank you!!

Alexa Kokinos Pothier	Ilona Marsh	Mike Jelley
Andrea DiCastro	Ivan Cohen	Nancy Glover
Andrew McCaffrey	James & Marissa Vallillo	Nanette Roina
Ann marie Simone	Jane & Peter Howard	Nelson & Elizabeth Coleman
Bart Codd	Jane Hindes Miller	Nora Hallonquist & James Brooks
Brenda Myer	Jean Kiewel	Patricia & James Backman
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Bruce & Evangeline Barnard	Jennifer Dorta-Duque	Penelope Allen
Bruce T. Benson	Jennifer Galperin	Peter Szendro
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Frank LaBarbera	Margaret Miller	Tim Canonico
Frederic & Sally Wakeman	Martha O'Day	Tracy Dunne
Gail & Halbert Coleman	Mary Fraser Tarinelli	Vermont Chalet
Gatlan Turk	Mary P. Parlman	Vermont Country Store
Glenn Gibson	Mary Parker	William & Rebecca Antel
Greg & Pat Meulemans	Maryann & Robert Keller	William Foley
Harold Salmons	Maryann & Robert Keller	Zaf Basha
Henry Morris	Michael Spina	
Holly Hassinger	Mike & Diane Sawyer	



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empowering our connection to the future

DVFiber Annual Report of Activities Through September 30, 2024

BY THE NUMBERS

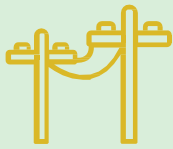


2,427

locations available
for service

600+

current customers
including voice



240

miles built

ten



crews working

Now servicing:

Readsboro, Stamford,
Whitingham & Halifax

Future planned service:

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

IN THEIR WORDS

"The competitors are never going to go up the dirt roads. But DVFiber is going everywhere... The alternatives have been so bad — and expensive — having DVFiber is like night and day."

- Jon H., Readsboro

"It's really fast and works really well."

- Stewart J., Stamford

"DVFiber has made my life so much easier. It's absolutely so fast! Before when pages would load I would sit and wait and wait and play Solitaire. Now the pages come up so quickly... no Solitaire!"

- Marylou P., Halifax

Year Five Budget

	FY 2024		FY 2025
	Budget	Actual (Projected)	Budget
Operating Revenue	\$503,697	\$465,442	\$857,678
Grant Revenue - Construction	\$9,158,716	\$10,182,741	\$5,249,114
Grant Revenue - Ops	\$794,608	\$1,133,121	\$989,566
Other Revenue	\$50,000	\$200,382	\$45,262
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*FY 2023 Financial Statements can be found in our FY 2023 Audit



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- Marylou P., Halifax

Year Four Budget:

	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2024 Actual (Projected)	FY 2025 Budget
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WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson
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Town of Jamaica Report

Call Type	Count
911 Hangup	5
Abandoned Vehicle	2
MV Crash	6
Alarm	5
Animal - Vicious	1
Assault - Simple	1
Assist - Agency	12
Assist - Citizen	11
Attempt to Serve	7
Citizen Dispute	1
Directed Patrol	12
Disturbance	1
Domestic	1
DUI	1
Lost & Found	1
Fraud	1
Larceny - from MV	1
Mental Health Issue	2
Missing Person	1
MV Complaint	4
Motor Vehicle Offense	1
Property Watch	1
RFA - Violation	1
Runaway	1
SMART Cart	1
Suspicious Event	9
Theft	2
Threats / Harassment	4
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stop	121
Trespass	2
Untimely Death	1
Vandalism	4
VIN Verification	2
Welfare Check	3
Grand Total	230

We continue our multi-year work on regionalized policing that can deliver services in an affordable way.

We continue to develop stakeholders to work toward a finalized plan.

As we enter our next phase of the project, we begin our public process where we will hold meetings around Windham County to ensure the broadest input possible. If this conversation interests you or your town, please look out for future advertising of these public meetings. Regionalizing services is not a new recommendation for Vermont. It is my intent that we continue to develop a proposal that provides improved policing services in a manner affordable to towns and taxpayers.

I'm pleased to share my office was recently awarded a \$1.1 million dollar lead reduction capacity building grant. Research has shown the impact of lead on crime and incarceration rates as well as other public health issues. This grant

will serve all of Windham County in building capacity of lead abatement professionals to reduce lead hazards in homes, which will present future opportunities for further grant funding, jobs, and improvements in Windham County housing.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office recently leased space in our building to the State of Vermont that adds bed capacity for the Department of Children and Families (DCF). While located in the same building as us, this program is operated entirely through DCF without any other affiliation to my office. The program establishes a safe location for children in DCF custody to stay, which is a statewide issue in dire need. In return, the revenue raised offsets the costs of operation of our building, reducing the county tax – a win for the taxpayer in a time of rising costs, youth in need of services, and public safety.

Our Regional Animal Control Officer (ACO) program, which Town of Jamaica is not a member of, continues to grow each year now representing ten towns. The initial work of the member towns has been a remarkable success, addressing animals that are vicious; at-large; neglected; unregistered; and in need of quarantine.

Our Regional Emergency Communications Center received upgrades this year as well, with improvements directed at our communications infrastructure and programmatic improvements providing opportunities to better align the public's access to emergency services with best practices. Our Center answers approximately 43,780 phone calls each year, which generates 12,008 responses the communities we serve.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Town 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

will serve all of Windham County in building capacity



Caring For Our Communities in Sickness and in Health

"I'm 'medical phobic' and avoided health care for years, until I no longer could. Grace Cottage is so homey, with kind and very competent staff. I've been telling everyone I know that Grace Cottage is the best!" ~ *Lisa Place, Wilmington, VT*

"I am a true fan of Grace Cottage. I went from doctors and hospitals in Boston to Grace Cottage, and I am finding the care far superior." ~ *Susan Holsapple, Londonderry, VT*

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for more than 75 years. In 2024, Grace Cottage was again named "Best Hospital," "Best Emergency Care," "Best Physical Therapy," "Best Pharmacy," "Best Doctors," "Best Pediatricians," 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. Grace Cottage is contracted with Dartmouth Health to offer TeleEmergency and TeleNeurology services. In 2023, Grace Cottage completed a 17' x 42' expansion of the Emergency Department in response to the substantial increase in the number of emergency visits in recent years.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for convenience and is accepting new patients. 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. Grace Cottage welcomes all members of the community and is one of three Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer in the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation's LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. Patient volume in the clinic has grown exponentially, and in response to this burgeoning community need, Grace Cottage has embarked on a project to construct a new clinic building with increased capacity, comfort, and convenience.

Grace Cottage's **Community Health Team** offers free services to area residents, including nutrition, lifestyle, and diabetes coaching; care coordination; and help with social services and financial assistance applications.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** offers exceptional care for both inpatients and outpatients. The 16 physical and occupational therapists also offer lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women's health, and pelvic health physical therapy. Because of the increase in demand for these services, the department has moved into the Heins Building, providing larger quarters for these important services.

Grace Cottage's Messenger Valley Pharmacy 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 medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

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.

Fiscal Year 2024, by the numbers:

29,982: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health

3,674: Patient days in hospital

4,195: Emergency Dept. visits

11,354: Outpatient Physical & Occupational Rehab visits

1,877: Diagnostic Imaging visits (CT Scan, X-ray, ultrasound, bone density)

1,630: Community Health Team visits

2,080: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

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

**Success on
Green Up Day
May 4, 2024**



Green Up Day, saw a 30% growth in volunteers over 2023, picked up over four tons of litter and 15,813 tires. In flood clean-up projects we took care of an additional 10,000 tires. We also attempted a Guinness World Records® title and succeeded! The record is: “The Most Pledges Received to Pick Up Trash in 24 Hours.” Vermont is the only State in the nation that can boast this achievement and the only State that offers a program like Green Up Day. As one of Vermont’s favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We received a special flood recovery donation from Subaru of New England and have been able to rally volunteers and pay for many flood clean-up projects across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2025.

Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play.

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at www.greenupvermont.org.

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.

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

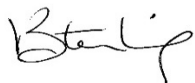
The Women's Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor County. We achieve this by educating the community about the root causes of violence, challenging the systems that perpetuate it, and providing comprehensive support and services. These include shelter, safe housing, and assistance for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and dating violence. Since our founding in 1974, we have supported survivors of these crimes and conducted educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help foster a community that does not tolerate violence.

We offer emergency support—including shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referrals—24/7, 365 days a year. Our services also include ongoing individual and group support, advocacy in legal, medical, housing, and social services, and collaboration with other agencies during the week. Given the rural nature of our service area and the isolation often experienced in abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting survivors wherever it is safe, whether that means helping them reach us or going to a secure location within their community.

During the fiscal year from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls, provided shelter to 153 individuals, and offered thousands of hours of individual and group support. We also provided advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation, and childcare to **986 people**, including 554 women, 6 non-binary individuals, 34 men, and 392 children, all of whom had experienced abuse. These figures encompass 6 survivors and their 3 children from Jamaica, of which 1 adult and their 2 children received temporary housing. Additionally, we conducted 67 community outreach activities, such as school presentations and workshops, reaching over 800 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

As a private, non-profit organization, the Freedom Center relies significantly on the generous support of our community to provide the free and confidential services that are essential to our mission. Your Town's contribution is crucial in helping us sustain and expand our programs, ensuring that survivors of violence receive the critical assistance they need and deserve. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment and support, which is vital to our ongoing efforts and to making a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”!

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002:

Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

Registering identifies your dog. It's proof of protection against rabies in case an animal or person is bitten. Immediate medical attention is needed. Animals not vaccinated and registered could be quarantined or possibly seized and euthanized, enabling the brain to be tested. Rabies is deadly. PLEASE LICENSE NOW!

Vermont Statutes Title 20 - Internal Security and Public Safety Chapter 193 - Domestic Pet or Wolf-Hybrid Control §3621. Issuance of warrant to impound; complaint.

(a)(1) The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers, constables, pound keepers, or appointed animal control officers, directing them to promptly impound all dogs or wolf-hybrids within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this subchapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers of the impounded dogs and wolf-hybrids.

A puppy (or kitten) can have their first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. Community Animal Aid hosts a Wellness Clinic, including rabies vaccinations, for those unhoused or those receiving state benefits usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month: East Barre Fire Station. Check for updates: AnimalAidVT@gmail.com or 802-734-0259. Tractor Supply Stores host a monthly rabies clinic, and some VT Humane Societies and veterinarians offer a rabies clinic in March.

THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”

VSNIP helps income eligible Vermonters have dogs and cats spayed/neutered and vaccinated at a very reduced cost to them. Veterinary offices are throughout the state and we invite other veterinarians to join this altruistic effort to help continue eliminating routine euthanasia of mostly, an over population of cats and kittens. For an application, call 802-672-5302. Push #2 for instructions, or visit: VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV Sue Skaskiw, Administrator

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

Brattleboro Local Health Office | 232 Main St. Suite 3, Brattleboro, VT
802.257.2882 | AHS.VDHBattleboro@Vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to people in Windham and Windsor counties. Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/Brattleboro



Improve Family and Child Health

Family and Child Health is an essential part of what we do

- We provided WIC food benefits, nutrition support, and breast/chestfeeding education to nearly 600 families in the past year
- Our team has prioritized meeting the needs of all of our clients. We are proud to offer both WIC appointments as well as nutrition education resources in multiple languages to meet the diverse needs of our community
- In partnership with several community partners, we have worked to get cribs, pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, as well as adult hygiene products to community members with the most need



Protect Community Health

Our team has been a leader in vaccinations for our community

- The Brattleboro team has continued to prioritize vaccinations for a diversity of community members from vaccination clinics in partnership with local refugee resettlement agencies to going out to local farms to vaccinate farm workers along with on-site vaccination for community members facing barriers
- We have established strong partnerships with local long-term care facilities and hospitals in the district to assist in managing illness outbreaks and help keep residents and staff safe
- Our team continues to be a resource for preventative needs in the community. From large-scale COVID test kit distributions to getting condoms out to community partners, we prioritize prevention



Create Resilient Communities

We prioritize making community-wide impacts

- In response to major barriers to accessing dental care, in October 2024 the Brattleboro office hosted a dental clinic in partnership with Windham County Dental Center that served 50 community members. We hope to host more clinics in the next year
- We also work extensively with local partners to improve access to physical activity, sunscreen, tick prevention, and emergency preparedness resources



**Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Annual Report for FY24 for the Town of Jamaica**

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY24, HCRS provided 330 hours of services to 23 residents of the Town of Jamaica. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Jamaica.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)

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 the 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, Financial Coaching (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a Community Solar program, and a Thrift Store Voucher Program.

SEVCA has served a total of 20 unduplicated households comprised of 38 people in Jamaica between Oct 2023 and the end of September 2024. Unduplicated means that some of these households may have received services from more than one of our program areas.

In Jamaica, SEVCA's impact in FY2024 included:

- No-cost weatherization services that reduce a household's energy costs and make homes healthier and safer valued at least \$66,610.
- Emergency heating system repairs and replacements to keep homes heated valued at least \$5,450.
- Fuel & utility assistance to keep people's homes heated and their power on valued at least \$8,452.
- Housing assistance to help people avoid eviction or get into safe and affordable housing valued at least \$1,100.
- 3 Households received assistance preparing their income taxes to take advantage of tax credits, refunds and rebates.
- **The combined value of services provided to residents in the Town of Jamaica exceeded \$81,612. The figures reported here are for direct client assistance only and do not include the cost of SEVCA providing these services through staffing and operating costs.**

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

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For inclusion in the Town Report:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

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

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

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

Now, after the past year's extensive renovations of the 1825 County Jail Building, including the original jail cells, we are in reach of being able to see a new History Museum open next season in this historic landmark. We are currently creating the actual museum exhibits in what is a greatly expanded space for the Society. The three-story Jail building allows us to effectively present our collection--much of which has been in storage for decades for lack of exhibit space in the old Museum. At the same time, the Society is reorganizing its extensive archival and genealogical resources in the old Museum for greater public access in what will become the Society's new Research Center.

For almost a century, generations of Windham County residents have entrusted the Historical Society of Windham County to safeguard their heritage. As the Historical Society approaches its second century in just a few years, we hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost. Admission to the History Museum and the West River Railroad Museum has always been free. The same is true for the special events and programs, as well as archival and genealogical research services provided by the Historical Society of Windham County. None of this comes free for us however, and clearly we couldn't do it without the support of our community. Your support will help us continue to protect and present Windham County's heritage for generations to come.

We thank you for your consideration.

Board of Directors

The County History Museum and the West River Railroad Museum are open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from Memorial Day weekend through Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, as well as by appointment. School group visits are encouraged. The West River Railroad Museum is open from Noon - 4:00. The County Museum is open from Noon - 5:00. Inquiries are fielded year-round (info@historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org).

Please visit our website for more information, and the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalocietyofwindhamcounty.org.



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 Andy Coyne and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area bylaw assistance; serving as a liaison between towns and the State Emergency Operations Center to report damage caused by a disaster; natural resource planning, including assisting towns with watershed restoration and water quality projects; energy resilience and planning; addressing transportation issues, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant applications 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, by assisting with projects in, 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.

Work highlights for 2024 include assisting towns with project development and applications to the state Hazard Mitigation and Flood Resilient Communities programs, piloting a multi-town housing planning charrette process, supporting several towns with their town plan and zoning updates, assisting with the management of wastewater engineering and implementation projects, continued collaboration with Green Mountain Power on engaging with towns around grid resiliency, and helping towns access the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program. The WRC has also worked to bring more faculty and student engagement into the region, and this year brought in the University of Vermont, UMass-Amherst, and Norwich University on wastewater system mapping, housing and community connectedness, and river flood modeling, respectively. We are also updating the regional plan.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$2,760.75. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2025 and 2024 Annual Report, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."



2024
ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
Bob Spencer, Executive Director

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 7 full-time and 4 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

Town Solid Waste Services: Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide drop-off sites for recyclables. Two towns, Brattleboro and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Six towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, Somerset, and Vernon do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services or purchase an annual access sticker at WSWMD for \$60 (a single day pass is \$15). There are several companies providing subscription collection of food scraps.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2024 with a budget surplus of \$103,530. Revenues of \$1,588,087 off-set total expenses of \$1,356,786 and \$127,771 of capital plan and facility reserves.

The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2024 was kept to a 4% increase.

Transfer Station: The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$60/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. Some items such as paint and electronics here is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY24 was \$63,801.

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 12th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. There are five distributors of “Brattlegrow Compost.” WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens

As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site have increased. To handle the increased quantity and meet Vermont solid waste management regulations, in 2024 the District constructed a new building with aerated windrows, odor control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity

facility. Funding for the new facility is from federal and state grants, as well as District funds. No long-term debt is anticipated.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2024 was the fourth year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

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

Household Hazardous Waste: Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to residents and small businesses at the WSWMD Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot in Brattleboro. The HHW Depot is open one day each week from May through October. This year 281 households and 6 small businesses were served by the program. The average disposal cost per user is approximately \$100, for a total program cost of \$56,242. A portion of the costs are offset by a Vermont DEC grant program and a nominal user fee of \$10 per visit. The Depot provides a convenient way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

Community Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2024, WSWMD worked on a grant from the US Department of Agriculture to assist real estate agencies in educating new homeowners, and short term rentals with providing recycling services. For the towns with transfer stations (Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, and Wilmington) the District has continued to provide signage and technical assistance. In 2024, the District assisted 44 businesses with their waste management needs.

Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance: The WSWMD special event bins were used at 20 events this year. The bins are used to separately collect recyclables, food scraps, and trash. They are available at no charge to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents with low and moderate incomes, provide supportive services, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and support homeowners with critical repairs to homes in Windham and southern Windsor County.

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

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. The **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted *17 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *95 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *19 new homeowners* in 2024 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 141 homes* currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There are 91 units under construction spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2025 with VHIP 2.0 funds.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. In 2022, *the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating 27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls. The *Central & Main 25-apartment development in downtown Windsor* will be opening spring of 2025, leasing information will be available through Stewart Property Management. *Alice Holway Drive in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes* within the village and is planned to break ground in 2025. We are also in the funding phase for the innovative redevelopment plan of the Chalet property, a multi-phase development that will cumulate in a new neighborhood of rental townhomes, multifamily apartments for general occupancy, single family shared equity homeownership properties, and the restoration of the iconic original Chalet building. Information and updates on all these can be found under the FAQ tab on our website. www.homemattershere.org

Property Management: WWHT owns 83 residential properties housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. For resident support, between Windsor's SASH program and Brattleboro-area's SASH For All, we had over *137 participants connected to health and wellness resources.*

Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000

TOWN OF JAMAICA

SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$250.00

For over 45 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'24 (10/2023-9/2024) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **293** individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **233** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **149** individuals with information on assistive technology; **43** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **320** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **38** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier (although we are working from home as our office (along with so many others) was devastated in the July flood and we have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During our FY'24, **1** resident of **Jamaica** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)
- Information, Referral and Assistance Program (I,R&A)

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Town of Jamaica
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Town Meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

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