

Wheelock

Vermont



ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town Clerk’s Office

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 Wheelock, VT 05851
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Mailing Address

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 Lyndonville, VT 05851
 802-626-9094

Office Hours*

Tuesday 9:00-5:30PM
 Wednesday 8:30-2:30 PM
 Thursday 8:30 – 2:30 PM
And by Appointment

* New office hours effective 12/1/2022.

Wheelock Selectboard

Ann Lawless, Chair
 Jim Blackbird
 Mike Richardson

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roadyrichardson@gmail.com

Regular Meetings*

1st Tuesday of the
 month

*Subject to change at the first organizational meeting after Town Meeting.

Listers Office

Carol Rossi
 Atti Seguin
 Tanya Brewer

Contact Information

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Office Hours

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 by appointment

Delinquent Tax Collector

Emily Purdy

Contact Information

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 Lyndonville, VT 05851

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**Sheffield/Wheelock
 Transfer Station**

Wheelock bags required
 Vehicle permit required

Hours of Operation

Wednesday 8:00-5:00 PM
 Saturday 8:00-5:00 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1, 2023	Informational Meeting re: Town Meeting Articles 18 and 19	Wheelock Town Hall 6:00 PM
March 7, 2023	Annual Town Meeting	Wheelock Town Hall 9:00 AM
	Polls Open for Australian Ballot Items	10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
April 1, 2023	Dog Licenses Due See Page 53 for more information	
November 3, 2023	PROPERTY TAXES DUE	

Cover Page Photo Credit: Spencer Crispe – an estimated 200 year old pristine stone box culvert nestled in South Wheelock near the Danville town line.

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WARNING
TOWN OF WHEELOCK ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2023

Informational Meeting on Australian Ballot Articles 18 and 19

The legal voters of the Town of Wheelock, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified of an *Informational Meeting on Articles 18 and 19 on March 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Wheelock Town Hall located at 1192 VT Route 122*. Voting for these Articles will take place by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2023. Polls will be open from 10 am to 7:00 pm.

Annual Town Meeting from the Floor

The legal voters of the Town of Wheelock, in the County of Caledonia, and State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the *Wheelock Town Hall located at 1192 VT Route 122, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.* to transact the following business from the floor:

- ARTICLE 1.** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2.** Shall the voters approve expenditures in the amount of \$139,438.82 for the General Fund to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year?
- ARTICLE 3.** Shall the voters approve expenditures in the amount of \$368,777.28 for the maintenance of its highways, including summer roads, winter roads and State Aid Resurfacing?
- ARTICLE 4.** To elect all Town Officers required by law.
- Town Clerk – 3 year term
 - Treasurer – 3 year term
 - Selectboard – 3 year term
 - Lister – 3 year term
 - Auditor – 3 year term
 - Auditor – 2 year term (to complete a 3 year term)
 - Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term
 - First Constable – 1 year term
 - Second Constable – 1 year term
- ARTICLE 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the \$33,473.77 already in the Reserve Fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard for bridge repair, replacement and/or major road repair?
- ARTICLE 6.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the \$135,665.25 (less \$110,000 voted by Selectboard for loader purchase, not yet disbursed) already in the Road Equipment Replacement Fund to be used for the purchase of new equipment?

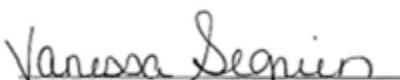
- ARTICLE 7.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock establish a reserve fund to be called Long-Term Facilities Maintenance and Repair in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Section 2804?
- ARTICLE 8.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance and Repair Fund?
- ARTICLE 9.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,895.23 for the operating expenses of Lyndon Rescue, Inc.?
- ARTICLE 10.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,390.56 for the operating expenses and equipment replacement fund of the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department?
- ARTICLE 11.** Shall the voters appropriate \$41,360.44 for the Town’s share of Transfer Station expenses?
- ARTICLE 12.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock authorize that payment of real estate taxes to the Treasurer on or before the first Friday of November, annually, with USPS postmarks accepted, and with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent (1%) per month, and with a seven percent (7%) penalty charged against them from the due date pursuant to 32 VSA Sec 5136?
- ARTICLE 13.** Shall the Delinquent Tax Collector allow a grace period from the established due date for current taxes to December 31, during which the Delinquent Tax Collector shall charge 1% penalty (instead of 7%) on payments made in full pursuant to 32 VSA Sec 1674 (3)(B)?
- ARTICLE 14.** Shall the Town raise \$4,907 to support the following organizations?
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| a. Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice | \$300 |
| b. Darling Inn Senior Meal Site | \$500 |
| c. HOPE | \$500 |
| d. Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. | \$1622 |
| e. Umbrella | \$600 |
| f. Rural Community Transportation | \$500 |
| g. Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging | \$300 |
| h. VT Center for Independent Living | \$85 |
| i. Community Restorative Justice Center | \$250 |
| j. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services | \$250 |
- ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$250.00 to the Kingdom Animal Shelter for operations of no-kill and adoption non-profit?


- ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$750 to Cobleigh Public Library for public library operations in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec 2691??
- ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town of Wheelock vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of Powers Park to provide services to the residents of the Town in accordance with 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2691?
- ARTICLE 18.** Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock adopt flood hazard regulations adequate for acceptance into the National Flood Insurance Program?*
- ARTICLE 19.** Shall bonds or notes of the Town of Wheelock in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$215,000.00), subject to reduction from funds in a reserve account, be issued for the purpose of purchasing a new ten-wheel dump truck to replace the '09 International?*
- ARTICLE 20.** To transact any other business that properly comes before this meeting.
- ARTICLE 21.** To adjourn.

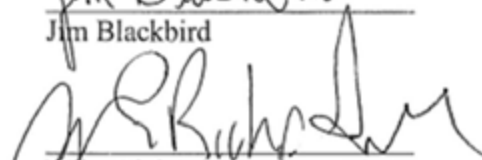
**** Articles 18 and 19 are to be voted by Australian Ballot.
The polls will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.**

Dated at Wheelock, Vermont, this 23rd day of January, 2023. Recorded before posting.
Selectboard:


Ann Lawless, Chair

Attest: 
Vanessa Seguin, Clerk/Treasurer


Jim Blackbird


Mike Richardson

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You can register by going to olvr.vermont.gov to register on-line, by going to the town clerk's office and filling out a paper registration form, or on election day at the polls.

HOW TO REQUEST AN EARLY BALLOT: You or a family member can request an early ballot by visiting mvp.vermont.gov and signing in to your voter page. You may also request a ballot by phone, in person or via email to Vanessa Seguin, Town Clerk at wheelocktown@gmail.com.

TOWN OFFICERS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>ELECTED OFFICIAL</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Moderator	Peter Miller	2023
Town Clerk	Vanessa Seguin	2023
Town Treasurer	Vanessa Seguin	2023
Selectboard	Ann Lawless	2025
	Kenneth J. Blackbird	2024
	Michael J. Richardson	2023
Listers		
	Atti Seguin	2025
	Carol Rossi	2024
	Tanya Brewer	2023
Auditors	Paul Tomasi (Resigned)	2025
	Kim Crady-Smith	2024
	Barbara Miller	2023
Delinquent Tax Collector	Emily Purdy	2023
First Constable	Charles Lacaillade	2023
Second Constable	Atti Seguin	2023
Grand Jury	Martin Holladay	2023
Town Agent to Convey Real Estate	Town Clerk	2023
Town Agent to Prosecute And Defend	Selectboard	2023

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK/TREASURER

Three years has flown by. I am up for re-election this year and I cannot thank the people of Wheelock enough for sticking through this tough transition time with me. This past year, I have especially enjoyed seeing more people come to meetings and participate in Town events in a post-covid world. I firmly believe the key to a strong community is the people who participate and form connections within.

I look forward to serving the people of Wheelock for another three years. During this time I hope to continue to be a positive face representing a part of this community and to continue serving the people the best way possible.

Vanessa Seguin, Clerk/Treasurer

SELECTBOARD REPORT

This year your selectboard continued to focus on improving our town's capacity so we are aware of and can access available opportunities - information, trainings, and funding to better serve our citizens. We are committed to high standards in the town's operations, doing our best to maintain a steady budget to keep taxes stable year to year, with long term planning to avoid crises.

Thanks are due to the many volunteers who help make our town a great place to live. Many people hold a public office, attend town meeting and selectboard meetings, and offer their time and expertise on an array of projects. These include serving on the Cemetery Task Force (see report), picking up litter on GreenUp day and year-round, and contributing to and volunteering at the Sheffield Food Pantry that also serves Wheelock residents.

ROADS In February our crew swapped roles, with Mark Buonanno now Highway Supervisor and Dean Davis Highway Worker. We are grateful for their collaborative work style and ability to build good relationships with neighboring towns as well as suppliers. Most important are their efforts to learn more and improve the management of our roads.

Road Grants In 2022 we sought and were awarded 3 road grants: **Better Roads** \$11,691 was awarded using local match (staff costs + rented equipment) to improve ditching on Vertical Mile and Peak Roads. Our crew installed driveway and road culverts to help proper water flow into Miller's Run Brook and reduce road erosion. **Grants-in-Aid** \$6,700 was awarded, for a project total of \$12,000 with local match of our crew's time. The project was to follow best practices to reduce erosion and improve ditching on steep sections on Sutton Road, including near Town Hall. We also received \$7,820 for work completed on Vertical Mile Rd. in 2021. **VTrans Class 2 Roadway** \$130,516 was awarded with a 20% local share required, to redo the road bed, improve ditching and replace guardrails along a 1-mile section of S. Wheelock Road from Ballfield Drive to Tim's Sled Shop. The project will be done in 2023. **PACIF**, our liability insurance provider, awarded \$697 for safety clothing for our crew.

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

New Loader and Shed The new loader delivered in January 2023 was purchased using a \$40,000 4 year loan and \$109,824 from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Using ARPA Funds our crew built a shed near the sand pile to store it out of the weather. We hope the voters will support our request to borrow funds to purchase a new truck to replace the 2009.

Town Garage Upgrade Seeing insufficient interest in moving the town garage out of the Special Flood Hazard Area, the selectboard decided to invest in the existing building to make it a better workspace. It has a new roof, new siding, and a permitted, pumpable septic tank and a new washroom, replacing the rented porta-potty.

Town Hall Accessibility Since May 2020 the Town has been in a Settlement Agreement with The U.S. Department of Justice to bring the Town Hall into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). After much effort on the town's part, in June 2022 the Department of Justice released the Town from the terms of the Settlement Agreement. **Nonetheless we are still required to make our building comply with the ADA.**

In April citizens provided a contractor quote to install a lift but the specifications did not have enough detail. In May the Selectboard sought architect bids but received none. Staff from the Preservation Trust of Vermont helped us find an architect. We engaged one, knowing he could only start in October. At that point he begged off because one of his projects went into the construction phase. He recommended several other architects, and following interviews and reference checks, in November we engaged Greg Paus, Silver Ridge Design, Hyde Park VT. His charge was to take site measurements, meet with Accessibility Systems regarding a lift between floors and meet with the Fire Marshall to determine the requirements for the number of ADA bathrooms, fire separations, and renovations to accommodate the vertical lift and address code violations in stairs and egress construction. Greg has provided preliminary drawings and as of this writing (**Jan 23, 2022**) the Fire Marshall will meet with us at the site in late January to go over details and provide approval. In September the selectboard voted to spend the majority of its ARPA funds on this project. Please refer to the ARPA Committee report.

Town Hall Grants In spring and summer we worked with Karen Geraghty a specialist with Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC). The initial plan was to prepare a Community Development Block Grant application (CDBG) for Public Facilities, and a hearing was held on March 22. Karen later advised we were too far along for that program to be beneficial, and that the state grant for Accessibility Modifications, April deadline, would be a better fit. Although the NCIC support is all used up, support is still available to us from the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), a program of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, that helps rural communities access the funding they need.

Town Hall Front Steps In September the selectboard entered an agreement with a local contractor, intending to have the steps in use by Election Day October 8. Neither the selectboard nor the contractor knew to apply for the Public Safety permit from the Fire Marshall, but the town did get the OK from the Division for Historic Preservation that the plan would have no adverse impact on our building's historic status. After the fact, the work completed was approved by the Fire Marshall's office, but approval is still needed for the platform between the lowest steps and ground level.

COVID-19 The pandemic continues to make our work and everyone else's difficult. Selectboard meetings are hybrid, accessible in person and via Zoom using video or phone. Information on how to participate is posted in every meeting agenda.

We volunteer our time as your selectboard to serve you, and we like to hear from our constituents. Visitors are always welcome at selectboard meetings. We post meeting agendas and minutes on the boards at town hall, fire station and transfer station and the website at <https://townofwheelockvt.org/>.

Thank you.

Jim Blackbird

Mike Richardson

Ann Lawless, Chair

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

December 31, 2022

2022 GRAND LIST*

MUNICIPAL	648,605.00
EDUCATION -RESIDENTIAL	376,865.00
EDUCATION – NONRESIDENTIAL	272,821.00

*Grant List is revised throughout the year by State Tax Department (due to late homestead filings) and by any Selectboard approved Error/Omission Report.

2022 TAXES TO BE RAISED

	<u>Grand List</u>		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
MUNICIPAL TAX				
General Fund	648,605	X	0.2862	\$185,630.83
Road Fund	648,605	X	0.4602	\$298,488.03
<u>Local Vet Exempt</u>	<u>648,605</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>0.0051</u>	<u>\$3,307.88</u>
Total Municipal			0.7515	\$487,426.74
STATE EDUCATION FUND TAX				
Residential	389,146.00	X	1.4149	\$550,602.67
<u>Non-residential</u>	<u>259,503.34</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>1.5316</u>	<u>\$397,455.33</u>
Total Education Fund Taxes				\$948,058.00

GRAND TOTAL BILLED PER 2022 GRAND LIST:	\$1,435,484.74
TOTAL PAID:	\$1,347,781.65
TOTAL DELINQUENT:	\$87,703.09

OTHER CURRENT TAX INCOME

Hold Harmless	\$57,479.00
PILOT (State Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	\$16,443.45

VT Tax Dept. revises bills and makes some adjustments to the town during the year.
The Final State Reconciliation of 2022 Education Tax occurs in April of 2023.

FIVE YEAR GRAND LIST / TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
GRAND LIST	614,993	615,451	625,691	636,413	648,605
Municipal - General Fund	.2662	.2225	.1661	.2207	.2862
Municipal - Road Fund	.4434	.4988	.4728	.4598	.4602
Municipal - Local	.0059	.0063	.0058	.0052	.0051
State - Residential Tax Rate	1.5537	1.4957	1.4345	1.4419	1.4149
State - Non-Residential	1.5524	1.5870	1.6363	1.6308	1.5316

2023 BUDGET SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND (Including Voted Articles)

Income:		
Tax Revenue		\$191,229.05*
PILOT		\$16,443.00
Town Office		\$7,440.00
Lister Income		\$5,550.00
Delinquent Tax Income		\$5,500.00
General Government Income		\$57,830.00
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TOTAL INCOME:		\$283,992.05
Expenses:		
Town Office Staff Expenses		\$41,459.00
Tow Office Expenses		\$12,520.00
Lister Expenses		\$14,050.00
Delinquent Tax Expense		\$3,500.00
General Government Staff Expenses		\$8,524.76
General Government Other Expenses		\$22,088.06
Building and Grounds Staff & Expenses		\$24,445.00
Cemetery Expenses		\$12,852.00
Lyndon Rescue		\$34,895.23
Article Appropriations		\$36,907.00
S/W Transfer Station		\$41,360.44
S/W Fire Department		\$31,390.56
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TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$283,992.05

HIGHWAY FUND (Including Voted Articles)

Income:		
Tax Revenue		\$342,822.28*
State Aid to Highways		\$65,500.00
Overload & Access Permits		\$255.00
Rented Equipment		\$200.00
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TOTAL INCOME:		\$408,777.28
Expenses:		
Road Staff/Contracted Expense		\$152,330.96
Equipment Expense		\$110,025.00
Infrastructure		\$1,000.00
Road Maintenance		\$86,027.00
Garage		\$7,820.00
Other		\$11,574.32
Voted Articles		\$40,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$408,777.28

*Taxes to be raised in 2023 shall be, at the decision of the selectboard, reduced by the current year fund balance, if any, *and* any unanticipated unbudgeted income.

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT - GENERAL FUND

	A	B	C	D
1	INCOME	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET
2	Tax Revenue			
3	Current Taxes	196,450.00	86,888.40	191,229.05
4	PILOT Pmt	16,234.00	16,443.45	16,443.00
5	TOTAL	212,684.00	103,331.85	207,672.05
6				
7	Town Office Income			
8	Dog License Fees (Town Share)	400.00	464.00	450.00
9	Liquor License (Town Share)	70.00	70.00	70.00
10	Marriage License Fee (Town Share)	20.00	40.00	20.00
11	NEMRC Land Records Portal			100.00
12	Office Fees	5,000.00	7,496.00	5,000.00
13	Educ Fund Payment	1,800.00	1,810.17	1,800.00
14	TOTAL	7,290.00	9,880.17	7,440.00
15				
16	Lister Income			
17	Reappraisal & Payment	5,550.00	5,586.00	5,550.00
18	TOTAL	5,550.00	5,586.00	5,550.00
19				
20	Delinquent Tax Income			
21	Delinquent Tax Collected	-	64,564.00	
22	Delinquent Tax Interest	2,000.00	2,106.52	2,000.00
23	Penalty Collected	3,500.00	1,706.50	3,500.00
24	TOTAL	5,500.00	68,377.02	5,500.00
25				
26	General Government Income			
27	Interest GF Ckg	150.00	85.07	150.00
28	Town Hall Rental Revenue	-		200.00
29	Other/Unbudgeted	-	76.21	-
30	CU Holdharmless Payment	55,869.00	57,479.00	57,479.00
31	Interest on Debit Card Ac	11.00	0.23	1.00
32	TOTAL	56,030.00	57,640.51	57,830.00
33				
34	INCOME GRAND TOTAL	287,054.00	244,815.55	283,992.05
35				
36	EXPENSES	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY 23 BUDGET
37	Town Office Staff Expenses			
38	Assistant Town Clerk	2,500.00	1,620.00	3,900.00
39	Clerk	12,854.00	12,853.88	13,239.00
40	Treasurer	18,136.00	18,135.78	18,680.00
41	Town Share FICA/MEDI	3,732.00	3,894.55	3,800.00
42	Town Share Retirement TC/T	1,627.00	1,510.86	1,640.00
43	Training TC/T	500.00	30.00	200.00
44	TOTAL	39,349.00	38,045.07	41,459.00
45				
46	Town Office Expenses			
47	Supplies	1,300.00	1,765.60	2,000.00
48	Postage	2,000.00	1,736.82	2,000.00
49	Printing Town Report	650.00	593.20	550.00
50	Computer Equipment Expense	100.00	-	100.00
51	Computer - Cloud & Support	4,700.00	4,710.45	4,720.00
52	Equipment Maintenance	500.00	-	500.00
53				

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT - GENERAL FUND

	A	B	C	D
54	EXPENSES	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY 23 BUDGET
55	Mileage - TC/T	500.00	565.32	500.00
56	Record Restoration	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
57	Dog Licensing Supplies	150.00	113.57	150.00
58	TOTAL	11,900.00	11,484.96	12,520.00
59				
60	Lister Expenses			
61	Assessor Staff Wages	3,120.00	4,153.25	5,000.00
62	Supplies	50.00	38.47	50.00
63	Computer Equipment & Maintenance	150.00	-	150.00
64	Computer - Cloud Services	3,171.00	2,686.14	3,500.00
65	Mileage	150.00	38.86	150.00
66	Property Maps Update	800.00	800.00	1,200.00
67	Transfer to Reappraisal Account	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
68	TOTAL	11,441.00	11,716.72	14,050.00
69				
70	Delinquent Tax Expense			
71	Penalty Paid to Collector	3,500.00	1,469.27	3,500.00
72	TOTAL	3,500.00	1,469.27	3,500.00
73				
74	General Gov Staff Expense			
75	Administrative Assistant to SB	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,400.00
76	Auditors (3)	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
77	BCA & Election Workers	1,800.00	967.50	1,200.00
78	Emergency Management Coordinator	260.00	-	260.00
79	911 Coordinator	260.00	-	260.00
80	Selectboard (3)	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
81	Workers Comprehensive	221.00	229.41	254.76
82	Continuing Education	250.00	60.00	150.00
83	Mileage - General Gov.	200.00	52.20	200.00
84	TOTAL	8,991.00	6,109.11	8,524.76
85	General Gov Other Expenses			
86	Gift Cards - Employees	200.00	200.00	200.00
87	Advertising	1,250.00	1,737.40	2,000.00
88	Town Website	515.00	515.00	515.00
89	Email & Email Archiving	243.00	433.44	243.00
90	Legal Expenses	1,000.00	654.00	1,000.00
91	Dues, Membership, License	2,700.00	2,729.50	2,700.00
92	Zoom	200.00	179.88	180.00
93	Insurance - Liability	4,957.00	4,983.11	5,063.96
94	Non-Arbitrage Interest Ex	2,500.00	1,029.75	2,500.00
95	County Tax	7,162.00	7,348.00	7,686.10
96	Professional Audit	16,000.00	-	-
97	Unbudgeted / Miscellaneous	-	34.00	-
98	TOTAL	36,727.00	19,844.08	22,088.06
99				
100	Building & Grounds Staff			
101	Janitor-Town Hall	1,950.00	2,028.60	1,950.00
102	Park Mowing	670.00	536.25	500.00
103	Unemployment Insurance	35.00	32.25	24.00
104	Building & Grounds Expense			
105	Town Hall Supplies	500.00	359.41	500.00
106				

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT - GENERAL FUND

	A	B	C	D
107	EXPENSES	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY 23 BUDGET
108	Town Hall Electricity	1,200.00	1,066.96	1,200.00
109	Street Lights	2,000.00	2,048.96	2,750.00
110	Telephone & Internet	2,300.00	2,221.30	2,300.00
111	Town Hall & Lot Water	900.00	900.00	900.00
112	Town Hall Heat	2,500.00	2,338.41	3,000.00
113	Town Hall Generator Service	400.00	724.00	400.00
114	Town Hall Repair & Maintenance	3,500.00	5,983.48	2,000.00
115	Park Maintenance	250.00	-	250.00
116	Land Purchase Debt Payment	5,971.00	5,970.95	5,971.00
117	ADA Porta-Potty Rental			2,700.00
118	Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	-	1,575.00	-
119	TOTAL	22,176.00	25,785.57	24,445.00
120				
121	Cemetery Expense			
122	Sexton Contract	1,500.00	1,500.00	8,652.00
123	W.Wheelock and Drown Mowing	-		1,000.00
124	Sulphur Spring Survey	-		2,450.00
125	Supplies (flags, cleaning)	-		250.00
126	Professional Stone Resetting	-		500.00
127	Mowing (Village, Sulphur, So Wheelock)	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
128	TOTAL	5,500.00	5,500.00	12,852.00
129				
130	GEN FUND BUDGET EXPENSES	139,584.00	119,954.78	139,438.82
131				
132	Lyndon Rescue Appropriation			
133	Lyndon Rescue Article App.	33,293.20	33,293.20	34,895.23
134	TOTAL	33,293.20	33,293.20	34,895.23
135				
136	Article Appropriations			
137	Social Service Articles (Combined)	4,857.00	4,857.00	6,907.00
138	TH Reserve Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
139	TH Long Term Maintenance & Repair Fund			30,000.00
140	TH Construction Docs Fund	16,500.00	16,500.00	-
141	TOTAL	51,357.00	51,357.00	36,907.00
142	Transfer Station - Wheelock			
143	Transfer Station Wages	15,000.00	15,163.02	15,000.00
144	Town Match FICA & MEDI	1,100.00	1,156.70	1,150.00
145	Workers Comp	1,767.68	1,835.32	2,038.24
146	Unemployment Insurance	189.00	179.75	152.00
147	Per Capita Assessment	762.00	637.56	640.00
148	Liability Insurance	225.28	226.51	230.20
149	Transfer Station Appropriation	12,400.00	12,400.00	22,150.00
150	TOTAL	31,443.96	31,598.86	41,360.44
151				
152	Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Dept.			
153	S/W Fire Depart. Utilities	3,000.00	2,193.89	3,000.00
154	S/W Fire Depart. Liability	675.84	679.52	690.56
155	SW Fire Dpt Appropriation	27,700.00	27,700.00	27,700.00
156	TOTAL	31,375.84	30,573.41	31,390.56
157	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES GRAND TOTAL	287,054.00	266,777.25	283,992.05
158	CURRENT YEAR FUND BALANCE		(21,961.66)	1.06% Budget Decease from '22

- The proposed 2023 budget is 1.06% lower than the 2022 budget.
- The General Fund ended 2022 in a current year fund balance deficit. The only evident contributing factor is the uncollected tax revenue that remained at year end. A total of \$87,703 went delinquent at the close of business on November 4, 2022. Between November 5 and December 31, 2022, the Delinquent Tax Collector collected \$45,046 of that – see Delinquent Tax Report on page 28 – with a balance of \$42,657 left to collect going into 2023.
- The Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted expenses, on page 14 – line 118, under Buildings & Grounds Expense represent monthly rental of an ADA porta potty (7 months @ 225.00). A new line in the 2023 budget has been added for this expense.
- The Selectboard awarded a Sexton and Mowing Contract to Perkins Property Management for \$8,300. The contract expense was split as follows: \$5,500 expensed out of the General Fund and the balance expensed out of the Cemetery Fund. See page 21.
- Wheelock’s proposed appropriation to Transfer Station operations (see line 149 on page 14) increased significantly for 2023. The reason for the increase is a large expense related to the bulk purchase of trash bags, both large and small sizes, for the upcoming year.

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT - HIGHWAY FUND

	A	B	C	D
1	INCOME	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET
2	Tax Revenue			
3	Current Taxes	305,364.96	305,364.96	342,822.28
4	State Aid to Highways	61,243.04	65,459.26	65,500.00
5	Grant Income	-	26,908.77	
6	Overload & Access Permits	300.00	265.00	255.00
7	Rented Equipment Fees	100.00	240.00	200.00
8	Road Fund Interest	25.00	73.16	
9	Unemployment Adjustment	500.00	-	
10	Other/Unbudgeted	-	-	
11	Transfer In	-	-	
12	INCOME GRAND TOTAL	367,533.00	398,311.15	408,777.28
13				
14	EXPENSES	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET
15	Road Staff/Contracted Exp			
16	Road Crew Wages	110,780.00	112,260.49	110,780.00
17	Road Temp Staff Wages	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
18	Town Match FICA & MEDI	7,500.00	8,464.02	8,400.00
19	Workers Comprehensive	9,100.00	9,406.01	10,445.96
20	Unemployment Insurance	352.00	439.00	400.00
21	Road Crew Health Insurance	8,500.00	8,557.68	9,550.00
22	Road Crew Retirement	5,815.00	5,602.94	6,000.00
23	Health Ins. Opt Out	2,750.00	2,724.00	3,555.00
24	Training	400.00	150.00	200.00
25	Rented Equip - Staff Mile	1,500.00	1,823.97	1,500.00
26	TOTAL	148,197.00	149,428.11	152,330.96
27				
28	Equipment Expenses			
29	09 International Repair	7,500.00	26,397.49	7,500.00
30	09 International Maintenance	750.00	845.00	750.00
31	09 Plow/Sander Equip & Repair		-	500.00
32	19 International Repair	5,000.00	6,777.61	5,000.00
33	19 International Maintenance	750.00	835.85	750.00
34	19 Plow/Sander Equip & Repair		-	500.00
35	Trailer	500.00	267.45	250.00
36	Grader Repair	5,000.00	674.12	9,500.00
37	Grader Maintenance	750.00	1,402.97	750.00
38	Loader Repair	5,000.00	4.00	1,000.00
39	Loader Maintenance	750.00	-	750.00
40	Tires	2,000.00	1,653.80	4,000.00
41	Tire Chains	2,000.00	1,222.25	2,000.00
42	Diesel	27,000.00	39,856.41	40,000.00
43	Gasoline	100.00	118.83	150.00
44	Def	700.00	-	700.00
45	Loader Payment			10,584.00

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT - HIGHWAY FUND

	A	B	C	D
46	EXPENSES	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET
47	Truck Loan Payment	25,341.00	25,340.47	25,341.00
48	TOTAL	83,141.00	105,396.25	110,025.00
49				
50	Infrastructure			
51	Culverts	3,000.00	2,847.06	1,000.00
52	Guardrails	5,000.00	6,230.00	
53	TOTAL	8,000.00	9,077.06	1,000.00
54				
55	Road Maintenance			
56	Grant Expense	-	15,454.70	
57	Chuck Hill - plowing	2,000.00	1,350.00	2,000.00
58	Greensboro - plowing	2,500.00	2,262.50	2,500.00
59	Mowing Roadsides	3,800.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
60	Rented Equip-Other Service	9,000.00	-	5,000.00
61	Chloride	20,000.00	18,428.03	20,000.00
62	Gravel	11,925.00	15,377.90	7,890.00
63	Repaving Material	-	-	100.00
64	Salt	3,000.00	4,578.60	5,000.00
65	Sand (Winter)	16,350.00	16,350.00	23,850.00
66	Staymat/Stone	8,200.00	8,171.06	15,687.00
67	Stone		2,036.20	-
68	TOTAL	76,775.00	88,008.99	86,027.00
69				
70	Garage			
71	Electricity	1,200.00	881.89	1,000.00
72	Telephone & Internet	1,500.00	1,755.64	1,700.00
73	Water	450.00	450.00	450.00
74	Heating Fuel	2,500.00	2,967.73	3,000.00
75	Portable Toilet Rental	1,320.00	1,050.00	-
76	Restroom Supp & Tank Pump	-	-	1,320.00
77	Repairs	1,000.00	203.00	350.00
78	TOTAL	7,970.00	7,308.26	7,820.00
79				
80	Other Expenses			
81	Advertising	500.00	480.00	400.00
82	Tire Disposal	-	-	1,000.00
83	Safety Equipment	300.00	200.00	300.00
84	Watershed Management Fee	1,750.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
85	Liability Insurance	5,500.00	5,436.12	5,524.32
86	Shop Supplies & Tools	3,000.00	3,706.53	3,000.00
87	Road & 911 Signs	300.00	-	-
88	Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	100.00	6,162.17	-
89	TOTAL	11,450.00	17,334.82	11,574.32
90				
91	HWY FUND BUDGET EXPENSES	335,533.00	376,553.49	368,777.28

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT - HIGHWAY FUND

	A	B	C	D
92	EXPENSES	FY22 BUDGET	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET
93	VOTED ARTICLES			
94	Article re: Road Equip Reserve	25,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00
95	Article re: Town Garage Reserve	-		-
96	Article re: Rd/Bridge Reserve	7,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
97	TOTAL	32,000.00	32,000.00	40,000.00
98				
99	HW EXPENSE GRAND TOTAL	367,533.00	408,553.49	408,777.28
100			(10,242.34)	11.22% Budget Increase from '22

Highway Fund Budget Notes

- The proposed 2023 budget is 11.23% higher than the 2022 budget.
- The Highway Fund ended 2022 in a current year fund balance deficit. Some contributing factors include: increased expenses related to diesel, gravel, and repairs to the '09 truck.
- The Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted expense in the amount of \$6,162.17, on page 17 line 87, under Other Expenses represents unanticipated towing costs paid in early January/February of 2022.
- In 2022 the Highway Fund received income in the amount of \$26,908 related to grant reimbursements. The income from the grants relate to one grant project completed in 2021 and reimbursed in 2022; and three projects completed in 2022 and reimbursed in 2022. The three 2022 grant projects booked expenses related thereto in the amount of \$15,454.70. See the Selectboard Report for a description of the projects completed.



Selectboard and Highway Crew welcome new John Deere Loader to Wheelock.
L to R: Jim Blackbird (Selectboard), Mark Buonanno and Dean Davis (Highway)

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
GENERAL FUND (10)
BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022
(Assets = Liabilities + Fund Balance)

ASSET

Checking Account (Bank Balance on 12/31/22 less outstanding PR & AP)	\$325,474.15
Debit Card Account (Bank Balance on 12/31/22)	\$304.40
Due To/From Other Funds	(\$304,356.21)

TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)	\$21,422.34
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LIABILITIES

PR Federal Deposit	\$3,328.12
State Tax Deposit	\$1,230.65
Employee Health Share	\$65.12
VMERS Payable	\$3,202.57
AFLAC Payable	\$121.87
Tax Credits	\$0.79

TOTAL LIABILITIES (4 th Quarter Payables & Tax Credits)	\$7,949.12
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Fund Balance (Prior Years)	\$35,434.88
Fund Balance Current Year (See Page 15)	(\$21,961.66)

FUND BALANCE TOTAL	\$13,473.22
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TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE	\$21,422.34
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TOWN OF WHEELOCK
HIGHWAY FUND (11)
BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022
(Assets = Liabilities + Fund Balance)

ASSET

Checking Account (Bank Balance on 12/31/22)	\$103.53
Due To/From Other Funds	\$47,231.08

TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)	\$47,334.61
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LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00
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Fund Balance (Prior Years)	\$57,576.95
Fund Balance Current Year (See Page 18)	(\$10,242.34)

FUND BALANCE TOTAL	\$47,334.61
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TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE	\$47,334.61
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TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
CEMETERY FUND (12)
BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022
(Assets = Fund Balance)

ASSET

Cemetery Ckg	Due from GF	\$7,238.91
Cemetery Savings	CNB Savings	\$872.18
Cemetery Endowment	CNB Savings	\$9,814.50

TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22) **\$17,925.59**

INCOME

Interest on Statements	\$32.39
Lot Sales	\$300.00
Burial Fees	\$300.00
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Total Income	\$632.39

EXPENSES

Legal	\$108.00
Flags	\$121.14
Advertising	\$144.00
Tree Removal	\$100.00
Balance of Sexton Contract	\$2,800.00
Grant Expenses*	\$1,156.14
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Total Expenses	\$4,429.28

Fund Balance (Prior Years)	\$21,722.48
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)	(\$3,796.89)

FUND BALANCE TOTAL **\$17,925.59**

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
RECORD RESTORATION FUND (13)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Record Restoration Fund	Due from GF	\$3,706.21
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$3,706.21
<u>INCOME</u>		
Fees Collected		\$1,940.00
Transfer In		\$1,232.57
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Total Income		\$3,172.57
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Restoration – Book 34		\$2,102.58
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Total Expenses		\$2,102.58
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$2,636.22
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$1,069.99
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FUND BALANCE TOTAL		\$3,706.21

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
TOWN HALL RESERVE FUND (20)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Town Hall Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$73,839.21
Town Hall Construction Docs	Due from GF	\$16,500.00
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$90,339.21
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest on Account		\$23.90
Grant Income		\$11,190.00
Transfer In		\$46,500.00
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Total Income		\$57,713.90
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Grant Expenses		\$3,668.92
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Total Expenses		\$3,668.92
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$36,294.23
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$54,044.98
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FUND BALANCE TOTAL		\$90,339.21

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
TOWN GARAGE RESERVE FUND (21)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Town Garage Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$32,641.52
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$32,641.52
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest on Account		\$30.09
Total Income		\$30.09
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
2022 Garage Renovations		\$53,891.14
Total Expenses		\$53,891.14
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$86,322.57
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		(\$53,861.05)
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$32,461.52

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND (22)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Road Equipment Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$135,665.28
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$135,665.28
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest on Account		\$56.41
Transfer In		\$25,000.00
Total Income		
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Transfer Out		\$0
Total Expenses		\$0
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$110,608.87
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$25,056.41
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$135,665.28

**Selectboard authorized spending of \$110,000 from this reserve account for Loader purchase.*

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
ROAD AND BRIDGE RESERVE FUND (23)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Road and Bridge Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$33,473.77
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$33,473.77
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest on Account		\$73.44
Transfer In		\$7,000.00
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Total Income		\$7,073.44
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Total Expenses		\$0.00
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$24,400.33
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$7,073.44
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$33,473.77

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
ROAD SIGN RESERVE FUND (24)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Road Sign Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$1,890.56
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$1,890.56
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest on Account		\$0.94
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Total Income		\$0.94
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Road Sign Invoice		\$709.76
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Total Expenses		\$709.76
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$2,599.38*
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		(\$708.82)
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$1,890.56

****2021 Town Report error. Reported Asset: \$2982.72; Actual Asset \$2,599.38***

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
ROAD SIGN RESERVE FUND (25)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

Reappraisal Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$60,945.49
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$60,945.49
<u>INCOME</u>		
Interest on Account		\$30.22
Transfer In		\$5,663.50
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Total Income		\$5,93.72
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Transfer Out – Lister Wages to GF		\$863.50
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Total Expenses		\$863.50
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$56,115.27
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$4,830.22
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$60,945.49

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
VCDP GRANT RESERVE FUND (26)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

VCDP Reserve Fund	CNB Savings	\$200.00
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$200.00
<u>INCOME</u>		
Transfer In		\$0
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Total Income		\$0
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Transfer Out		\$0
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Total Expenses		\$0
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$200.00
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$0.00
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$200.00

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
WHEELOCK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND (30)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

WCI Fund	Due from GF	\$819.48
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$819.48
<u>INCOME</u>		
Revenue		\$179.90
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Total Income		\$179.90
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Expenses		\$182.00
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Total Expenses		\$182.00
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$821.58
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		(\$2.10)
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$819.48

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
ARPA FUND (13)
 BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/2022

ASSET

ARPA FUND	Due from GF	\$228,860.53
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TOTAL ASSET (General Fund Assets as of 12/31/22)		\$228,860.53
<u>INCOME</u>		
Final 50% Distribution		\$123,514.67
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Total Income		\$123,514.67
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Project A – Technology Equipment		\$649.00
Project B – Loader Shed		\$5,726.59
Project E – Garage Doors		\$10,736.00
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Total Expenses		\$17,111.59
Fund Balance (Prior Years)		\$122,457.45
Fund Balance Current Year (Income – Expenses)		\$106,403.08
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<u>FUND BALANCE TOTAL</u>		\$228,860.53

See Page 40 for an APRA Report of approved, spent and obligated expenditures.

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
DUE TO/ DUE FROM SUMMARY REPORT
AS OF 12/31/2022

General Fund	-\$304,356.21
Highway Fund	\$47,231.08
Cemetery Fund	\$7,237.91
Record Restoration	\$3,706.21
Town Hall Reserve Fund – Construction Documents	\$16,500.00
Wheelock Community Initiative	\$819.48
ARPA Fund	\$228,860.53
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TOTAL:	\$0.00

OUTSTANDING LOANS

Vermont State Statute Title 24 Chapter 53 sets forth the requirements related to borrowing for municipal purposes. Any borrowing that will not be paid off within five years requires rigorous attention to required actions that include but are not limited to adopting a resolution, warning a special meeting, holding at least one public information hearing, publications in the newspaper, posting of notices in five public places, statement of bond attorney on compliance with all statutory requirements. All borrowing not to be paid off within five years requires an Australian ballot vote of the people.

2019 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

Passumpsic Savings Bank, interest rate 2.41% - Final Payment in July 1, 2023

Borrowed	\$118,200
Balance Due	\$25,340.48
Annual Payment	\$25,340.48

LOADER

John Deere 524 P Wheel Loader
Passumpsic Savings Bank, interest rate 2.9% - Final Payment June 1, 2026

Borrowed	\$40,000.00 (not disbursed as of 12/31/22)
Balance Due	\$40,000.00
Annual Payment:	\$10,634.35

LAND

One acre lot on Route 122 next to Town Hall
Community National Bank, interest rate 3.25% - Final Payment June 28, 2027

Borrowed	\$70,000.00
Balance Due	\$27,129.44
Annual Payment	\$5,970.95

TOWN OF WHEELLOCK
OFFICE OF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES
12/31/2022

<u>TAX YEAR</u>	<u>TURNED OVER COLLECTION</u>	<u>ABATED BY BCA</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS IN 2022</u>	<u>BALANCE TO COLLECT</u>
2016	207.56	0	0	207.56
2017	510.14	0	87.34	422.80
2018	1,852.96	0	0	1,852.96
2019	2,580.49	0	849.46	1,731.03
2020	6,971.26	0	1,980.18	4,991.08
2021	26,766.15	0	16,599.53	10,166.62
2022	87,703.09	0	45,046.86	42,656.23
TOTAL	126,081.51		64,563.37	62,028.28

TOTAL TAX COLLECTED	\$64,563.37
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$2,106.52
TAX COLLECTOR'S FEE	\$1,706.50
REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$68,376.39
OVERPAYMENTS	\$ 0.63

AUDITOR'S REPORT

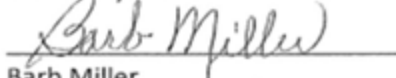
In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined all accounts of the Town of Wheelock, and to the best of our knowledge the statements and reports, for the year ending December 31, 2022, contained herein are correct. We believe the reports represented here represent the financial position of the Town of Wheelock and give an accurate account of the Town's financial position and activities.

Town of Wheelock

Auditors



Kim Crady-Smith



Barb Miller



Paul Tomasi

Combined Transfer Station Budget 2023

	<u>2022 Actual Jan - Dec</u>	<u>2022 Approved Budget</u>	<u>2023 Proposed Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Town Appropriations-Operations			
Sheffield Appropriation	12,400.00	12,400.00	22,150.00
Wheelock Appropriation	12,400.00	12,400.00	22,150.00
Total Town Appropriations-Operations	<u>24,800.00</u>	<u>24,800.00</u>	<u>44,300.00</u>
Interest Income	7.77	5.00	5.00
Trash Bag Sales	36,774.00	35,000.00	37,000.00
Income from Recycled Metals	2,289.10	1,000.00	2,000.00
Total Income	<u>63,870.87</u>	<u>60,805.00</u>	<u>83,305.00</u>
Expense			
Hauling Fees			
Trash (Compactor) Hauling	7,368.00	6,800.00	7,800.00
Open-Top (Demolition) Hauling	4,488.00	4,700.00	5,000.00
Recycling Pickup Fees	2,597.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Bulky Hauling	2,607.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Total Hauling Fees	<u>17,060.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>19,300.00</u>
Disposal (Tipping) Fees			
Trash (Compactor) Disposal	23,221.64	21,000.00	24,000.00
Open Top (Demolition) Disposal	7,422.85	8,500.00	8,500.00
Compost Recycling Tote Fees	1,161.50	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bulky Disposal	1,076.72	1,000.00	1,200.00
Total Disposal (Tipping) Fees	<u>32,882.71</u>	<u>32,000.00</u>	<u>35,200.00</u>
NEKWMD Surcharges	7,471.65	8,000.00	8,500.00
Operations			
Electric	679.78	900.00	900.00
Heating Fuel	2,623.00	1,100.00	2,850.00
Porta Toilet	0.00	55.00	55.00
Repairs and Maintenance	777.68	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Operations	<u>4,080.46</u>	<u>3,055.00</u>	<u>4,805.00</u>
Purchase of Imprinted Trash Bags			15,500.00
Total Expense	<u>61,494.82</u>	<u>60,055.00</u>	<u>83,305.00</u>
Net Income	<u>2,376.05</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Expense			
Transfer Station Addition	222.42	0.00	0.00



Sheffield – Wheelock Fire Department

P.O. Box 161 -Sheffield, VT. 05866

SheffieldWheelockFire@Gmail.com

(802)626-8862

To our Supporters,

In 2022 the Sheffield Wheelock Fire Department responded to a total of 64 emergency and non-emergency calls. Calls included 15 motor vehicle accidents, 11 various types of fires, 13 medical assists, 4 search and rescues, 7 calls for mutual aid by other departments, and 14 other types of calls including alarms, service calls, roadway incidents and Hazmat incidents. It is notable that this is a 23% increase in call volume over the previous year. We are happy to report that all calls were answered and responded to appropriately by the department.

2022 was a hard year on equipment for the department. Most of our fleet underwent some much needed service and routine maintenance which due to the current cost of everything, added up quickly. In addition to that our previous Engine 24, a '93 international Rescue Pumper, had to be replaced. This truck was purchased in 2018 as a temporary replacement for failed and no repairable unit and was intended to allow us time to seek out a proper replacement, as well and financially prepare ourselves to make a significant upgrade when we found such a unit. We are happy to report that this goal came to fruition this year as we were able to purchase a newer Rescue Pumper to serve as Sheffield Wheelock Engine 24. This unit has many favorable features and capabilities and is able to fully serve its dual purpose as a first-due engine to all calls as well as a fully equipped Rescue unit to all motor vehicle and traffic related incidents.

We were also fortunate enough to make a significant upgrade in some of our personal protective equipment by utilizing some town ARPA funds. With matching contributions from each town, we were able to replace 24 of our SCBA composite air bottles. These bottles have a 15 year service life and must be discarded and replaced thereafter. By replacing all our bottles in one year we not only get bulk pricing when ordering them, we also benefit because their tracking, maintaining and testing is greatly simplified with all dates and intervals being in sync. Starting in 2023 and recurring every year thereafter, the cost of two replacement bottles per year will be placed into a separate fund to be used at the next replacement interval.

Finally, as with previous years, I ask all who are able to consider volunteering in some way. I understand that firefighting is not for everyone, but everyone needs them at some point in their lives. The biggest issue faced by many departments today is staffing and we are no exception. We are lucky to have a very reliable core group that responds to and handles almost every call and for them I am extremely grateful. But that means that almost the entire burden of these responsibilities is falling on very few shoulders. We have plenty of opportunities for people willing to help out and all it takes is a call to find out if it's right for you.

Sincerely,

Shane C. Lanpher
Chief / President

SHEFFIELD-WHEELOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

2022 BUDGET COMPARISON

(budget tools are for both towns combined)

Description	2022 Budget vs. Actual	2023 Proposed
Workers Comp.	1,600 0*	1,600
Dispatch	4,250 4,768	4,250
Insurance	5,250 4,917	5,250
Veh. Maint. & Repairs	5,900 12,200	5,900
Equipment Repairs	2,250 2,718	2,250
Radio / Pager	2,250 0	2,250
Training	1,500 850	1,500
Personal Equipment	6,250 0	6,250
New Equipment	3,500 2,840	2,300
General	3,250 1,643	3,250
SCBA Bottle Fund (New for 2023)	N/A	1,200
Capital Equipment Purchases / Other	0 6,000**	
Total	35,936	
Grants, Donations, Fundraising	182	
Budget	36,000	36,000

*Invoice for 2022 not received as of 12/31

** Deposit for new E-24, to be recaptured from truck replacement fund.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$18,000 from each town for budgeted costs.

We are again requesting \$9,700.00 from both towns for our truck replacement fund.



January 10, 2023

Town of Wheelock,

In 2022 we had 1,524 incidents which was lower than 2021 which had 1,598 incidents. 2021 was our busiest year on record and the amount of incidents last year was still above our average number of incidents.

In addition to responding to 911 calls, we continued to provide EMS coverage for events such as sports games and had an ambulance staged at the Enduro Bike Series at Burke Mountain for three days in August. We offer child car seat inspections by appointment at our station with our two nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Our American Heart Association CPR Instructors taught CPR and First Aid courses out in the community to daycares, businesses and healthcare providers. Anyone interested in becoming CPR or First Aid certified can contact us for more information on course options. The Lyndon Rescue Board of Directors has developed a building committee which is working on a plan for our future building needs with the goal of having all 3 ambulances at the same location. We appreciate the town of Lyndon continuing to allow us to rent space at the Lyndonville Public Safety Building to keep our third ambulance so all 3 are inside and ready to respond when needed.

When we were putting together our 2023 budget, it was clear to everyone that we needed to increase wages to a more competitive amount so that we are able to retain our current staffing and hire new employees as needed. The starting EMT rate was previously updated in 2017 to be \$13.39 per hour and it was decided to increase that starting rate to \$16 per hour. The estimate of additional expenses in the budget based on the average number of hours our employees work each year was \$88,000. Other areas of the expenses in the budget that had increases were small in comparison to the wages.

We have been working towards paying off our ambulance and equipment loans and currently we only have a loan for our 2016 ambulance to pay off. Our plan is to pay that loan off at the end of 2023. For the past few years we have included \$40,000 in the budget to save for future ambulance purchases and will continue to do so. The estimated time frame for the new ambulance to arrive to replace the ambulance that was in the collision last May is spring 2023. That new ambulance will be paid for with money we have been saving and will not require a loan.

To offset some of the increase in expenses due to wages, the Board of Directors approved an increase in our billing rates. This is usually done every few years and the last time the billing rates had been increased was in 2016. We estimated that we could add \$50,000 to our income with the newly approved billing rates that started January 1st.

The amount requested from all nine of the towns that we provide ambulance services to increased by 4.8% for 2023. The amount in 2022 from Wheelock was \$33,293.20 and the amount in 2023 is \$34,895.23.

Your representative on our Board of Directors is: Shane Lanpher
Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jillian McLaughlin, NRP
Lyndon Rescue Director of Operations

A Non-Profit Ambulance Company serving the communities of: Burke, East Haven, Granby, Kirby, Lyndon,
Newark, Sheffield, Sutton and Wheelock

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2022 by processing less recycling compared to 2021 – 2,579 tons in 2022 compared to 2,952 tons in 2021. While most commodities showed decreases of about 40 tons, compostable material lead the decline in commodities with a drop of 182 tons compared to 2021. Scrap metal and battery tonnages were nearly identical in 2021 and 2022. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2022, but took a dramatic drop in the last quarter.

The District ended 2022 with a surplus of \$5,604.53. Revenues in 2022 were 6.63% above projections, while expenses were 5.98% above projections. The District continued to benefit from the after affects of the pandemic through elevated commodity prices. Surcharge revenue was the primary driver for strong revenues in 2022. Some fees used to generate revenues will increase headed into 2023. The reintroduction of employer sponsored health insurance and an inflation rate of over 7% are the drivers of these increases in 2023. The per capita assessment will increase from \$0.84/person to \$1.06/person, and the surcharge will increase a dollar from \$24.99/ton to \$25.99/ton. Hauling fees and fees for tire management will remain unchanged in 2023.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2022. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only the Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2022 with a proposed budget of \$846,615.50 – an increase of 4.6% compared to 2021.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2022. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

2023 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2022	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$1,100.00	\$180.00	\$300.00
Audit -- Financial	\$6,845.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,845.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Surplus	\$7,198.00	\$7,198.00	\$0.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,920.00
Copier	\$1,500.00	\$1,309.50	\$1,500.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$6,500.00	\$5,541.74	\$5,500.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,175.59	\$1,300.00
Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$14,000.00	\$19,235.99	\$15,000.00
Legal Fees	\$4,000.00	\$636.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$2,500.00	\$2,120.67	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$5,309.15	\$4,000.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,300.00	\$3,431.85	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$462.40	\$500.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$1,051.34	\$1,200.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$56,363.00	\$56,452.23	\$55,565.00
Gross Wages	\$417,500.00	\$394,706.39	\$445,164.00
OT Wages--Warehouse	\$3,000.00	\$9,720.45	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$25,900.00	\$25,074.48	\$27,942.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$6,100.00	\$5,864.15	\$6,534.00
Unemployment/HCP Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$5,122.64	\$6,000.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$23,500.00	\$24,089.41	\$25,725.00
Health Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$53,000.00	\$35,957.01	\$27,500.00
Mileage - Employee	\$3,000.00	\$3,882.47	\$4,000.00
Life & Disability	\$5,605.38	\$6,307.10	\$5,700.00
Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$180.97	\$500.00
Training	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Travel	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$543,655.38	\$510,905.07	\$614,565.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Baler Loan Payment	\$39,056.17	\$37,306.97	\$0.00
Baler Repairs	\$2,000.00	\$145.74	\$2,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$6,538.50	\$6,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,862.93	\$3,000.00
Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$9,993.77	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$500.00	\$798.99	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$9,062.38	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$2,350.61	\$2,500.00
Mack Truck Loan Payment	\$13,694.33	\$13,694.33	\$0.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$17,000.00	\$33,869.70	\$27,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$15,000.00	\$32,506.77	\$15,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$102,750.50	\$149,130.69	\$63,000.00

2023 NEKWMD PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET ITEM	2022 BUDGET	2022 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2022	2023 PROPOSED BUDGET
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Electricity	\$5,000.00	\$5,343.58	\$5,400.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$4,020.52	\$2,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,500.00	\$4,326.89	\$3,600.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$10,000.00	\$13,690.99	\$11,000.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Composting	\$29,000.00	\$23,501.00	\$26,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Organics VT Grant	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$7,000.00	\$7,927.04	\$7,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$35,000.00	\$41,046.61	\$35,500.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$8,880.92	\$5,500.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$25,000.00	\$28,562.41	\$24,000.00
Special Collections	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Supplies	\$400.00	\$1,259.09	\$400.00
Tire Disposal	\$18,000.00	\$17,660.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$122,650.00	\$148,837.07	\$117,150.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$835,418.88	\$879,016.05	\$861,280.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$24,000.00	\$31,800.00	\$24,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$24,000.00	\$31,800.00	\$24,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$859,418.88	\$910,816.05	\$885,280.00
Grants--St of VT	\$92,000.00	\$79,385.42	\$80,000.00
Grants--Organics	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Surplus Funds	\$12,803.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$54,000.00	\$61,018.68	\$59,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$5,000.00	\$7,891.88	\$5,000.00
Interest Income	\$20.00	\$41.07	\$30.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,500.00	\$2,787.00	\$1,500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$2,000.00	\$998.00	\$2,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$121,888.50	\$122,197.74	\$122,000.00
Compost Income	\$29,000.00	\$24,002.80	\$26,000.00
Electronics Income	\$18,000.00	\$18,408.39	\$14,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$17,500.00	\$20,713.61	\$18,000.00
Battery Income	\$4,000.00	\$5,672.25	\$5,000.00
Tire Income	\$18,000.00	\$14,850.20	\$15,000.00
Per Capita Assessment	\$39,057.00	\$39,435.48	\$50,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$444,500.00	\$498,893.06	\$487,600.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$859,418.88	\$916,420.58	\$885,280.00

SW-KD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Keniston and Dane Educational Fund was established in 1964 by Marion K. Dane and Harry A. Keniston to benefit qualified college students as well as qualified endeavors at Miller's Run School. In 2021, the Fund was transferred to the Towns of Sheffield and Wheelock and named the SW-KD Educational Trust. The Trust will maintain and continue the endeavors of the Fund.

Annual Report Year 2022

	Basis	Market Value
Invested assets as of December 31, 2022	\$1,107,862.78	\$1,185,604.34
Distributions to beneficiaries in 2022		\$64,612.00

The following **college students** received distributions from the Fund during 2022.

From Sheffield: Samuel L. Blodgett, Brandon W. Brunell, Alexis DeGreenia, Abigail J. Ham, Tobias J. P. Ham, Olivia Hudson and Mason C. Sylvester. **From Wheelock:** Leonid A. Baryshev, Alexis M. Duranleau, Madison R. Duranleau, Rossen B. Goodwin, Nicolas J. Lasseigne, Felicity F. Norko, Asa T. Rexford and Julian D. Stahler.

The eighth grade at **Miller's Run School** received matching funds during 2022.



Miller's Run School
Patrick Ham, Principal



2022 was a year of change. The Friends of Miller's Run PTO, has hosted a mums and holiday plant sale and are currently selling High Mowing Seeds. The group supports students with presentations and snacks for our winter activities and they sponsor staff celebrations. Parents and community members should feel free to join, meetings are the 2nd Monday, each month.

We enjoyed our in person 8th grade graduation, concerts, and assemblies. We recognize every student for their contributions, individual strengths, passions, and talents. We relaunched our student-led Student Council, students elect officers, efficiently run a meeting, and plan school activities. As an alternative to our in person French teacher, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have been learning Chinese through an online class, taught by native Chinese speakers. This has been an exciting linguistic and cultural experience.

Soccer, cross country running, basketball and Nordic skiing are all part of Miller's Run! Thank you David McGinn for connects with a vendor to supply skiing equipment.

Our music program has students on: cello, learning guitar, and many on violin and band instruments. Every student in grades 3-8 plays an instrument. The concerts are amazing!

Students reports about Miller's Run adults: "They are kind." I have observed every classroom, and teachers support students individually, helping them make at least one year's academic growth. We are strengthening our Educational Support Team through targeted interventions in behavior, math, and literacy. We've implemented surveys for students and families addressing student choice, connections, and competence to enhance our intervention programs. Our literacy teachers are piloting Literacy Footprints, as a classroom level intervention in reading, to help students of all achievement levels continue to make progress.

Two staff members were recognized, Soph Hall as Vermont School Nurse of the Year. Mary Jardine, our middle school science teacher, was recognized as an Outstanding Educator by UVM and the Vermont

AOE. Mrs. Jardine has launched the Trout in the Classroom program in our middle school, successfully raising trout fry to be released into local rivers. She teaches students about alternative energy using VEEP materials and worked with our library/media specialist, to build a water wheel for the energy unit, using our 3-d printer.



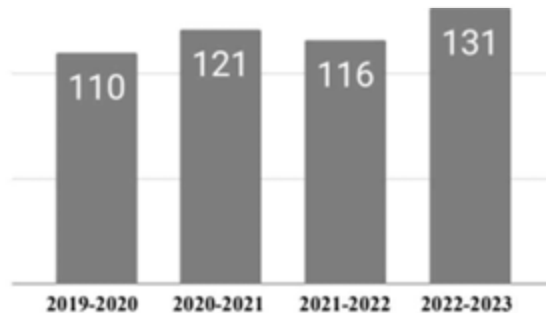
Our 5th graders joined the national Stock Market Game and placed first and second for their grade level, and learned about investing. Next, a unit on money and banking.

Afterschool programs have more students signing up each session. The staff are committed and adding new opportunities including Spanish, Dungeons and Dragons, cooking, arts and crafts, jewelry making and sculpting, Matchbox car challenges, card games, Nature art, instrument and music expos, VINS. We're looking forward to gymnastics and outdoor club.

We burn sustainable wood pellets in our furnace! The driveway underwent improvements with added graded gravel. Other building needs include updated windows in the elementary wing, and sidewalk and parking lot improvements.

Grades: PreK-8
Classroom Teachers : 10.8
Special Educators: 3
Support Staff: 11.5
Students PreK-8: 116

Enrollment Trends (As of 10/1/22)



Kingdom East School Board Report

Kingdom East School District Community,

While transitioning from the COVID pandemic to normalized schooling, the Kingdom East School District continues to focus on providing rigorous educational and co-curricular opportunities, while embracing high-quality teaching and learning. As part of a caring community, teachers, support staff, administration, parents, and the community consistently support our students and each other. The Kingdom East School District Board is thankful for the enormous efforts on everyone's part to operate our schools.

• Enrichment Opportunities

- Approximately 440 students participated in a 5-week summer program for recovery that involved 30+ community partners, field trips, and presenters; Experiential learning
- 386 students participated in fall sports, including 12 soccer teams. 68 students in cross country or in the PreK-4 running club
- Through the support of the Tarrant Foundation, embedded learning and personalized learning plans
- 42% of students attended afterschool programming
- Art, music, technology, and advanced French, online Chinese language program

• Improving Learning through Technology

- 2,210 new devices deployed through ESSER funds
- Wiring improvements; 17 switch replacements & 99 new access points
- 82 Promethean 75" touchscreen panels installed in classrooms across the district
- Equitable access to technology across the district

• Financially Prudent Decision Making

- Data-driven decisions; Redeployment of faculty and staff (COVID impacted personnel)
- \$30,000 cyber security grant, \$79,000 school nursing grant
- COVID relief funds used to improve social and emotional health.

This report highlights our programs, schools, and the opportunities therein including a description of Board committees and summary narratives of the budget. The KESD Annual Report also reviews the details of the Board's proposed FY24 budget of \$41,069,545 an 8.12% increase from the FY23 budget. The budget increased and the education tax rate for the district has decreased, by leveraging funds from the State of Vermont Education Fund.

Every policy, decision, and strategy considers our students, employees, and community following the KESD mission statement that guides our efforts.

"In partnership with the community, staff, and students, the Kingdom East School District is committed to providing a collaborative and equitable environment of educational excellence through rigorous learning experiences that develop individual and diverse talents and abilities of all our students to prepare them for successful lives as contributing, responsible citizens."

On behalf of our entire team of board members, we thank you for your commitment to the Kingdom East School District, and we look forward to serving the needs of our students and community now and into the future.



Cynthia Stuart
School Board Chair



Jennifer Botzjorns
Superintendent of Schools

WHEELOCK LISTERS REPORT

2022 MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	648,605
2022 EDUCATION GRAND LIST	651,949
2022 TAXABLE PARCEL COUNT	578
2022 COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL (CLA)	85.37%
2022 COEFFICIENT OF DISPERSION (COD)	22.72%

TOWN-WIDE ACREAGE VERIFICATION AND CORRECTION PROJECT

In 2022, listers completed this town-wide project to increase the fairness and equity of the grand list by using survey or parcel map data for grand list acreage. The listers would like to thank the community members who shared unrecorded surveys, maps and information. There were about 60 grievances filed by property owners which also helped with the gathering of the best information available.

In 2023, the town parcel maps will be updated to reflect corrections and changes. A new company has been contracted with to update the format of the maps to include additional information specific to each parcel.

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL ORDER

In 2022, sale prices of properties in Wheelock continued to average significantly higher than listed value. Woodland sales averaged 29.14% above listed value. Camps on 6 acres or more sold 24.70% above listed value. The sales of homes on 6 acres or less averaged 23.72% above listed value. Disparities at this level trigger an order to reappraise from the state.

In 2023, listers will be working to find a firm to conduct the town-wide reappraisal. Firms are reporting that they are booked solid for the next 2-3 years. The estimated cost is \$70,000. The Reappraisal Reserve Account will cover most but probably not all of the expense.

VTPIE – NEW GRAND LIST SOFTWARE

In 2022, the listers were introduced to the new software platform but only for use on the equalization study. This program is required by the state for use by every town for the production of the grand list.

In 2023, the listers will be required to learn to perform most tasks using the new grand list software program. The new software will also be used to produce tax bills in 2023. Listers and the clerk/treasurer will be attending multiple trainings to help with the transition to this new software platform.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ROLE

1. FILE HOMESTEAD DECLARATION (HS-122) WITH TAX DEPT ANNUALLY
2. NOTIFY TOWN CLERK OF ANY CHANGE IN MAILING ADDRESS
3. FOR CURRENT USE APPLICATIONS AND CHANGES – USE THE ECUSE WEBSITE - secure.vermont.gov/TAX/ecuse
4. NOTIFY LISTERS IN WRITING IF YOU REMOVE OR CHANGE A STRUCTURE

Wheelock Listers: Carol Rossi, Atti Seguin, Tanya Brewer

ARPA COMMITTEE REPORT

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion stimulus package signed into law on March 11, 2021. The purpose of the stimulus package is to provide support for health and economic impacts directly related to the COVID 19 pandemic. The direct payments were distributed through the U.S Department of Treasury and are subject to the requirements specified in the Final Rule issued by Treasury.

Wheelock’s award of ARPA funds totaled \$246,971.91 and are in hand. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024; and expended by December 31, 2026. Any funds not spent must be returned to Treasury. Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) recommends a thoughtful strategy: prioritize good governance with community input, leverage our ARPA aid, and invest in long-term strategies for recovery.

In April of 2022 the Wheelock Selectboard appointed an ARPA Committee to recruit Wheelock citizens, collect opinions, research eligible uses and prioritize projects. The committee met three times, and with the help of NVDA, VLCT and a UVM intern, came up with a “wishlist” of projects. The ideas came from residents- both written, via email and through in person discussions. Ideas also came from committee members and by a review and assessment of needs taken from the 2019 Town Plan. Ideas included broadband, ADA violations at town hall, energy efficiency needs for town hall, replacing road equipment, recreation trails in Mathewson State Forest, a playground, class four road improvements and various town office improvements.

The Committee consulted with NVDA on ideas to prepare a community survey for additional input and ideas. During this time, the Wheelock Selectboard was working hard to move toward ADA accessibility for the Town Hall; and since the Wheelock Selectboard is the ultimate arbiter of ARPA Funds according to the Rule, the APRA Committee felt that it could not successfully move forward until it had a clear understanding of the Selectboard’s intentions with ARPA funding and future Town Hall Accessibility projects.

At the May 3, 2022 meeting of the Wheelock Selectboard, the Board voted to use “a majority of ARPA funds for the town hall accessibility project, with the excess funds to be used for other projects recommended by the ARPA Committee, with the approval of the Selectboard.”

Since this decision in May of 2022, the Wheelock Selectboard has approved various small ARPA expenditures. Below is a brief summary of approved, obligated and spent ARPA funds to date.

Project	SB Approval Date	Obligated	Expended	ARPA Balance
A – Technology Equip.	10/5/21 & 4/5/22		\$1,648.00	\$245,264.91
B – Loader Shed	7/5/22& 8/2/22		\$5,726.59	\$239,538.32
C – SWFD Air Tanks	8/2/22	\$6,600.00		
D – Town Hall Accessibility	5/3/22	Unknown		
E – Garage Door Install	8/2/22		\$10,736.00	\$228,860.53
F – Broadband	9/6/22 – w/ conting. clause to review what funds remain after TH Project	Requested: \$41,000. Approved: Unknown at this time.		

**On January 23, 2023 the Selectboard approved a \$7,520 one-time mapping contract expenditure with CIA for parcel map conversion and updating.*

The Committee looks forward to getting back together and prioritizing needs once it has an idea of the final costs associated with Town Hall Accessibility.

Vanessa Seguin, Chair
APRA Committee

Wheelock Community Initiative 2022

Wheelock Community Initiative (WCI) formed in 2018 to build community, encourage neighbors to get to know and trust one another, and create economic and social opportunities for all residents including elders, families, working people, and non-residents to develop a vibrant town. We are grateful to the Town of Wheelock for being our fiscal agent and for maintaining our funds in a reserve account. Our website is <https://wheelockcmtv.org/>.

2022 Activities The pandemic again upended event plans as did lack of accessibility to Town Hall. In June we held an outdoor **community yard sale** there. In June and the fall we supported the **Sheffield Food Pantry's** food drives, advertising drop-offs at Wheelock Town Hall, thanks to our town clerk for making the space available. We delivered 18 boxes of non-perishable food and books, and 4 boxes of toys to the Pantry, which serves Wheelock residents and others within a 20 mile radius of Sheffield Town Hall. We also solicited financial donations and the Pantry very much appreciated receiving over \$1,875. Thanks to all who participated! Additionally, we delivered 6 **welcome baskets** to new residents. Thank you Green Mountain Books, Lyndonville House of Pizza and Two Tamales for gift certificates.

News You Can Use We renamed our newsletter *The Miller's Run*, and it is now called **Wheelock News**, to reduce confusion with the school's efforts. This free, two-page monthly print newsletter with community and selectboard news is available the second or third Saturday each month in waterproof boxes outside Town Hall, the Transfer Station and Wheelock Store. Special thanks to editor Eileen Boland. **Don't miss out on a single edition!** Share your email address by writing to wheelockcty@gmail.com and we will send it directly to you! We NEVER share our list. Using our email list and Front Porch Forum, we sent out timely and useful **public service updates** and promoted **Sheffield's clothing swap**.

WindowDressers <https://windowdressers.org/> This Maine-based program is growing throughout VT, NH and ME. Community volunteers of all economic and social situations come together to produce low-cost, custom, interior mounted storm windows, improving the warmth and comfort of interior spaces, lowering heating costs, and reducing carbon dioxide pollution. No special skills are required. WCI actively promoted the fall **2022 community build in Sutton**. 4 Wheelock residents volunteered and 17 households got inserts including 2 in Wheelock. A total of 178 inserts were made for homes in Sutton, Lyndon and Wheelock. Let us know if you would like to join the effort in 2023.

WCI is all volunteer and we welcome new participants! Join the steering committee, or your role could be as simple as one small task for one event. For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please reach us at wheelockcty@gmail.com or 802-626-3109. Or contact a member of the steering committee.

Eileen Boland
Bradley Brewer
Enid Ellis
Ann Lawless

Hélène Millas
Carolyn Nolan
Linda Rhodes

REPORT OF THE WHEELOCK CEMETERY TASK FORCE

The Wheelock Cemetery Task Force has made good progress in 2022 toward restoring all of the town's cemeteries to well-maintained condition, which is the goal stated in the 2019 Town Plan. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association to support this work. The Task Force is working on updated Rules and Regulations as well as policies. A draft has been submitted to the Select Board. The Town has a new sexton who mowed three cemeteries (Sulphur Springs, Village and South Wheelock) and did burials at Sulphur Springs this past year. His work received good reviews. He will add the Drown and West Wheelock cemeteries to his mowing contract in 2023.

The Drown Cemetery was the first focus of the Task Force volunteer efforts in 2022. Paul Tomasi and CJ Scott organized a brush cutting day in May and successfully cleared all of the very overgrown large brush and small trees. The Task Force cut the brush again later in the summer.

The West Wheelock Cemetery had a volunteer work day in October. Neighboring property owners Joan and Cedric Alexander as well as local resident Matt Jerome joined the Task Force to fill in sunken graves and low areas using dirt that was purchased and delivered by Atti Seguin with grant funds. The cemetery brush was cut by the Task Force throughout the summer. Stone work will be done at both cemeteries at a later date.

The Old Village Cemetery and South Wheelock Cemetery are in need of stone straightening, cleaning and repair and this is the main focus for 2023. Gravel has been purchased using grant money and work will begin in the spring. A modest amount has been budgeted for stone cleaning solution and supplies, small flags to protect the ground level stones from mowing damage and grass seed for the areas around straightened stones. There will be volunteer work days as well as paid repairs of larger stones by the sexton. Fencing repairs are planned as well for all of the cemeteries over the next few years. There are also plans for flower boxes for the Village Cemetery.

Thank you for your support of the Wheelock Town cemeteries.



TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

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

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

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

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

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

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

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

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



NEK Broadband had a successful and busy year. Construction continued throughout 2022, and customers in Concord, Waterford, and Lunenburg were connected to our fiber-optic internet network! We prepared multiple grant applications, received significant funding from a multitude of sources, and were able to procure and purchase a majority of the materials needed to continue construction throughout our district.

PREPARING FOR CONSTRUCTION

- We purchased over 700 miles of fiber optic cable.
- More than \$2 million in hardware and equipment was ordered.
- We submitted the necessary applications to eight electric and communication utility companies, giving us access to more than 12,000 utility poles spread over 500 miles of roadways in 24 towns. We are now able to prepare these poles for installation.

BUDGET SUMMARY

2022 Budget to Actual (Projected)			2023 Proposed Budget	
NEK BROADBAND	BUDGET	ACTUAL (Projected)		
Administrative Grant Revenue	\$494,750	\$762,985	Projected Surplus from 2022	\$145,015
Operations Revenue	\$203,000	\$49,138	Administrative Grant Revenue	\$2,252,716
Capital Grant Revenue	\$26,006,250	\$5,595,444	Operations Revenue	\$747,767
Total Cash In	\$26,703,000	\$6,377,567	Capital Grant Revenue	\$28,785,288
Administrative Cost	\$494,750	\$617,969	Total Cash In	\$31,930,789
Operational Cost	\$215,900	\$97,353	Administrative Cost	\$1,847,193
Construction Cost	\$25,705,000	\$5,595,444	Operational Cost	\$596,601
Total Cash Out	\$26,415,650	\$6,290,766	Construction Cost	\$28,785,288
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$403,134	\$96,801	Total Cash Out	\$31,219,081
Increase in Capital Assets	\$26,706,000	\$5,595,444	Annual Net Cash Flow	\$711,707
			Increase in Capital Assets	\$28,785,288



GRANTS & FINANCING


- This year, the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) approved \$8,023,915 in Pre-Construction Grants and \$20,865,889 in Construction Grants.
- We secured American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funds from 13 towns, totaling \$941,750 plus an added \$941,750 in matching funds from the VCBB.
- We secured and completed a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to build seven miles, serving 90 premises.

BUILDING CAPACITY

- We hired three full-time employees in 2022, and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Contracts have been finalized with all major construction and operations companies.
- We secured warehouses in both Saint Johnsbury and Brighton.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICE PROJECTED GROWTH BY YEAR



432 

SERVICE AVAILABILITY

OUR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO 432 ADDRESSES IN CONCORD, WATERFORD, AND LUNENBURG.

36 

MILES BUILT

IN 2022, WE BUILT 36 MILES OF OUR NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE NEK BROADBAND DISTRICT.

ABOUT NEK BROADBAND

We are a Communications Union District (CUD), a municipal entity representing our 51 member communities in Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans counties, plus Wolcott in Lamoille County. Our district is building high-speed broadband internet infrastructure for underserved communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES

To order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter, fill out the form at get.nekbroadband.org.

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ANNUAL REPORT

For 2022

We completed another audit for our office in 2022 and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, 3 new cars were purchased, replacing cars that have served us well. We have 9 marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 8 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year, with hopes to send a couple new hires to the academy in the spring. Our goal is to have 20 to 25 deputies to cover all details. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$62,000, down to \$30,000. In 8 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints. James Hemond was sworn in on Feb 1st as your new sheriff. After 25 years with the department, it's time for me to step away. It was an honor to serve you and thank you for the support. Please continue that support with the new sheriff. Please check out our facebook page. Thank You and stay safe.

**Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean
Shatney**

SUMMARY OF AGENCIES REQUESTING APPROPRIATIONS

Official letters and requests are available at the Town Clerk's Office for anyone interested in reading the full text.

COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER (CRJC)

"The CRJC believes in preventing and resolving conflict in the community using victim and community needs as guiding information in repairing harm and restoring right relations. We work with schools, neighborhoods, and the criminal justice system to respond to community needs as it relates to justice being served and attending to the needs of victims an community. In this process, we use community members to work with their neighbors to resolve conflict and repair harm."

COBLEIGH LIBRARY

"We offer all of our services for free to the public, with the exception of printing and copying which are available for a nominal requested donation... including: Loan of books, movies, magazines, and many other items for adults and children, Public computers and WiFi, even when we're closed, One-on-one technology help by appointment and weekly computer classes, Downloadable ebooks and digital audiobooks on the Libby app, Free streaming movies on Kanopy, Library of Things: Chromebooks, snowshoes, fishing poles, and other non-traditional items for loan, Interlibrary loan service, Entertaining and educational programming for all ages, Story hours for children and parents, and Summer reading programs and events."

CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

"Caledonia Home Health Care provides special care for people who are terminally ill. This involves a team-oriented approach that addresses the medical, physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of the patient. Hospice also provides support to the patient's family or caregiver."

DARLING INN SENIOR MEAL SITE

Mission: Provide meals to senior citizens and homebound individuals at little or no cost to the individual

Programs: Meals are prepared for seniors to eat at the meal site and meals are also delivered to their homes if they cannot come to the meal site. These expenses are basic program expenses kept at the absolute minimum.

HOPE

"H.O.P.E. is a private, non-profit agency, whose mission is to provide basic services to people in our community in a respectful and compassionate manner. We do this by helping families and individuals with life's basic needs..." In 2022 HOPE provided approximately 6 Wheelock residents with food shelf items and adult and children clothing vouchers.

NEK COUNCIL ON AGING

"The NEK Council on Aging serves as a central guide for older Vermonters to gain services and assistance in their communities. In FY2022, the Council aided over 4,350 residents of Northeast Kingdom...and delivered 224,343 meals. We also offer a helpline, medicare counseling, exercise and mobility programs, long range planning and family and caregiver support programs, as well as case management."

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (NKHS)

"Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc., a not for profit 501©(3), supports community members who cannot otherwise afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. 19 individuals from Wheelock accessed supportive care from NEKHS in 2022.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM YOUTH SERVICES NEKYS mission is to create opportunities for youth, adults and families to strengthen life skills and resiliency in the face of adversity. NEKYS Family and Youth Programs staff is available 24hours/7 days a week to support youth and their families at times of crisis, including addressing family conflict as well as supporting youth as they transition into adulthood. Historically NEKYS has severed at least 4 Wheelock residents per year.

POWERS PARK

Powers Park now encompasses an in-ground swimming pool, bathrooms, playground, basketball court, tennis courts, nature trails, and picnic area. In partnership with Kingdom Trails, we also added a bike pump track and the Rotary Club has continued its sponsorship of Powers Park with annual clean up and maintenance of the Pavilion. We annually serve approximately 400 children from Lyndon and its surrounding towns as well as employ local youth as lifeguards, recreational instructors and aides. As a community area, we have had many groups and businesses use the pool and surrounding area for events such as birthday celebrations, graduations, and family reunions.

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION (RCT)

“Rural Community Transportation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501©(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In Fiscal Year 2023, RTC provided 845 rides to 4 residents of Wheelock, traveling 16,723 miles at a total cost of \$10,336.47. RCT continued to provide safety focused demand based rides during COVID19 without an interruption in service.”

UMBRELLA

“Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include: Social Change – a variety of initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, substance misuse and tobacco use...; Advocacy Program – serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation...; Family-Based Services – focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships; Economic Empowerment – supports women with significant barriers to employment to work on their challenges...”

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING (VCIL)

“The Vermont Center for Independent Living is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.... Direct services are available to residents of Wheelock in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth.”

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER “Kingdom Animal Shelter is a limited access, all volunteer non-profit certified 501(c)(3), animal rescue organization. Our mission is to facilitate the placement of rescued, abandoned, abused or neglected animals in safe, life-long homes...”

TOWN OF WHEELOCK
March 1, 2022
Town Meeting - Australian Ballot
Official Return of Votes

Number of Registered Voters on Checklist:	<u>625</u>
Number of Absentee Votes Cast:	<u>47</u>
TOTAL VOTES CAST (including Absentee):	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - MODERATOR - 1 YEAR TERM

Peter G. Miller	<u>147</u>
Write In	<u> </u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>8</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - SELECTBOARD - 3 YEAR TERM

Ann Lawless	<u>79</u>
Write In	<u>71</u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>5</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - SELECTBOARD - 1 YEAR TERM

Mike Richardson	<u>123</u>
Write In	<u>13</u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>19</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - LISTER - 3 YEAR TERM

Atti Seguin	<u>129</u>
Write In	<u> </u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>26</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - LISTER - 1 YEAR TERM

Write In <i>Total</i>	<u>18</u>	<i>- Vacant</i>
Blank/Overvote	<u>137</u>	
Total:	<u>155</u>	

ARTICLE 1 - AUDITOR - 3 YEAR TERM

Paul Tomasi	<u>138</u>
Write In	<u> </u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>17</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - DELINQUET TAX COLLECTOR - 1 YEAR TERM

Emily Purdy	<u>141</u>
Write In	<u> </u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>14</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 1 - FIRST CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR TERM

Write In	<u>27</u>	Charlie Lacillade
Blank/Overvote	<u>128</u>	
Total:	<u>155</u>	

ARTICLE 1 - SECOND CONSTABLE - 1 YEAR TERM

Atti Seguin	<u>135</u>
Write In	<u>1</u>
Blank/Overvote	<u>19</u>
Total:	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters approve expenditures in the amount of \$139,584 for the General Fund to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town for the ensuing year?

Yes	<u>136</u>
No	<u>17</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters approve expenditures in the amount of \$335,533 for the maintenance of its highways, including summer roads, winter roads and State Aid Resurfacing?

Yes	<u>137</u>
No	<u>15</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock authorize payment of real estate taxes to the Treasurer on or before the first Friday in November, annually, with USPS postmarks accepted and with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one

percent (1%) per month and with a seven percent (7%) penalty charged against them from the due date to 32 VSA Sec 5136?

Yes	<u>126</u>
No	<u>28</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town allow a grace period of 30 days after the established date for current tax payment during which the collector of delinquent taxes shall charge a 1% penalty (instead of 7%) on payments made in full pursuant to 32 VSA Sec 1674 (3)(B)?

Yes	<u>140</u>
No	<u>14</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be added to the \$26,400 already in the Reserve Fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard for bridge repair, replacement and/or major road repair?

Yes	<u>133</u>
No	<u>20</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the \$110,608 already in the Road Equipment Replacement Fund to be used for the purchase of new equipment?

Yes	<u>126</u>
No	<u>24</u>
Spoiled	<u>1</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to the \$46,030 already in the Town Hall Project Reserve Fund to be used for major repair and rehabilitation work on the Wheelock Town Hall?

Yes	<u>109</u>
No	<u>41</u>
Spoiled	<u>1</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate up to \$16,500 towards the cost of professional services related to the development of construction documents in connection with fulfilling its obligation to the U.S. Department of Justice with respect to the Town Hall accessibility issue as outlined in the Settlement Agreement?

Yes	<u>85</u>
No	<u>62</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>8</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 10. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$33,293.20 for the operating expenses of Lyndon Rescue, Inc.?

Yes	<u>128</u>
No	<u>22</u>
Spoiled	<u>1</u>
Blank	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 11. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate the sum of \$31,375.84 for the operating expenses and equipment replacement fund of the Sheffield/Wheelock Fire Department?

Yes	<u>140</u>
No	<u>11</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 12. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate \$31,443.96 for the Town's share of Transfer Station expenses?

Yes	<u>128</u>
No	<u>20</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>7</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 13. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate \$4,607 to support the following organizations?

Yes	<u>107</u>
No	<u>43</u>
Spoiled	<u> </u>
Blank	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 14. Shall the voters of the Town of Wheelock appropriate \$250 to Kingdom Animal Shelter for no kill animal shelter services?

Yes	<u>121</u>
No	<u>29</u>
Spoiled	
Blank	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Wheelock hold a vote by Australian ballot on or before November 8, 2022 to adopt flood hazard regulations adequate to meet the qualifications for acceptance into the National Flood Insurance Program, with a public hearing on the subject held not less than 30 days prior to the date of the vote?

Yes	<u>116</u>
No	<u>33</u>
Spoiled	
Blank	<u>6</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

The following articles are non-binding, advisory only, to meet the requirements of the Settlement Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice. Their purpose is for the voters to express their preference for one of the two proposed design options.

ARTICLE 16. Given that the Town of Wheelock MUST address accessibility and code-compliance issues for the Town Hall, does the town prefer the Board move forward with Design Option 1? It is a 2-story 20 x 30 square foot addition, 1200 square feet total, to the rear of the Town Hall; accessible restrooms on the lower level; non-commercial kitchen on the upper level; lift to meet accessibility requirements; walkways to meet accessible entry requirements, replacement of front steps; electrical upgrade. Estimated total cost \$980,090.

Yes	<u>56</u>
No	<u>86</u>
Spoiled	
Blank	<u>13</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

ARTICLE 17. Given that the Town of Wheelock MUST address accessibility and code-compliance issues for the Town Hall, does the town prefer the Board move forward with Design Option 2? It is a 1-story 37 x 43 square foot side addition, 1591 square feet, to accommodate all building functions on a single level except for mechanicals (no lift needed); accessible restrooms; non-commercial kitchen; combination walkway and ramp to meet accessible entry requirements; heating and electrical system improvements. Estimated total cost \$1,515,400.

Yes	<u>56</u>
No	<u>88</u>
Spoiled	
Blank	<u>11</u>
Total	<u>155</u>

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Assistant Clerk	Carol Rossi	Appointed by Town Clerk
	Mickaela Wright	
Assistant Treasurer	Carol Rossi	Appointed by Town Treasurer
	Mickaela Wright	
Minute Clerk to SB	Vanessa Seguin	Appointed by Selectboard
Animal Care Officer	Cindy Cady	Appointed by Selectboard
Emergency Management	Marc Brown	Appointed by the Selectboard
Fence Viewer	Selectboard	Appointed by the Selectboard
Fire Warden	Charles Rice	Appointed by the State of VT
Health Officer	Peter Miller	Appointed by the VT Dept of Health
Inspector of Coal & Lumber	Selectboard	Appointed by the Selectboard
Lyndon Rescue Rep.	Shane Lanphere	Appointed by the Selectboard
NVDA Reps	Steve Amos	Appointed by the Selectboard
	Paul Tomasi	
NEKWMD	Preston Smith	Appointed by the Selectboard
Tree Warden	Selectboard	Appointed by the Selectboard
Town Service Officer	Vacant	Appointed by the Selectboard
911 Coordinator	Robert Smith	Appointed by the Selectboard
Planning Commission	Paul Tomasi	Appointed by the Selectboard
	Enid Ellis	
	Scott Lang	
	4 Vacancies Remain	

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Steve Amos	Sharon Fialco
Eileen Boland	Carol Rossi
Kim Crady-Smith	

2022 VITAL STATISTICS

Births – We welcomed five new children into our community.

Deaths – We laid to rest five community members.

Marriages – We shared in the joy of five couples whom we issued marriage licenses for.

DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

The Clerk’s Office registered 91 dogs in 2022. Thank you!

To register your dog by mail: Send an updated rabies certificate AND the associated fee(s) to Town of Wheelock, PO Box 1328, Lyndonville, VT 05851. Once the registration is processed the Town Clerk’s Office will return your tag and registration certificate by mail. You may also register your dog at the Town Clerk’s Office during normal office hours.

Fee Schedule: Neutered/Spayed - \$9.00; Not Neutered/Spayed \$13.00. \$2 late fee applicable after April 1.