

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT



For Year ending December 31, 2024

AUDITORS' REPORT

Pursuant to Section 1681/83, Title 24 V.S.A., we have verified the foregoing state cash balances, inspected bank statements, examined the accounts of Town Officers, and to the best of our knowledge the financial statements and report of receipts and disbursements present the financial condition of the town on December 31, 2024 and they are an accurate record of the funds in the year ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Lyman

Jenny Austin

Sylvan Groth

Thank you to the talented Stockbridge residents who entered the Town of Stockbridge 2024 Town Report Cover Contest. We were impressed by all the entries and excited to open the voting for this year's cover to all residents.

Winner (Cover Image): Full Moon by Lauren Scogin

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Warning – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

March 4, 2025

Legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to MEET **at the Union Meeting House** located on Stockbridge Common on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 9:00 am**, to transact the following matters:

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

1. Moderator for 1-year term.
2. Selectperson for 3-year term.
3. 2 Lister’s for 3-year term.
4. 2 Auditors for for 3-year term
5. Agent to Defend and Prosecute suits for a 1-year term.
6. Grand Juror for a 1-year term.
7. Trustee of Public Funds for a 3-year term.
8. 2 Cemetery Commissioner for a 3-year term.
9. Memorial Day Chair for a 1-year term.

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

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize payment of property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 15 and November 17, by delivery in hand to the town office or postmarked by the United States Postal Service on or before those dates?

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

Article 5: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended \$1,156,688.31

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

Article 7: Will the Town vote to roll the unspent portion of the 2024 Audit expense \$5500 into the 2025 Budget?

Article 8: Will the town authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$67,418 from undesignated fund balance for the Gaysville Bridge Project (this money is from the highway’s unspent FY23 budget)”

Article 9: Will the Town Vote to Contract with the Windsor Count Sheriff for a 1 year contract for 12 hours per week at \$46,800

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

STOCKBRIDGE SELECTBOARD

Michael Ketchum - Chair

Mark Begin

Carol Taylor-Burke

Who's Who in Local Government

Local Office Descriptions

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

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

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

Collector of Delinquent Taxes (elected) – Collects delinquent taxes along with penalties and fees. Responsibilities include sending monthly delinquent tax notices and placing liens on properties as needed. Bringing taxpayers who don't comply to small claims court and working with the town attorney on tax sales. Must be computer literate and willing to learn NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Program). Able to work independently and closely with the town clerk. Good communication skills are important and knowledge of available assistance programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trustee of Public Funds (elected) –Stockbridge is blessed with six endowments. The trusts were created to benefit residents in need, support our schools, provide educational opportunities for our students, and for library materials. Trustees are also responsible for administering the Cemetery Trust Fund. They have a dual responsibility to prudently manage these funds while proactively supporting each fund’s purpose. Candidates should be interested in both roles.

2024 Town Officials – Elected

Role	Name	Term Through
Moderator	Kent Butterfield	2025
Selectboard	Michael Ketchum Mark Begin Carol Taylor-Burke	2025 2026 2027
Listers	Beth Dawley Janet Whitaker Richard Furman	2025 2026 2027
Auditors	Pam Lyman Jenny Austin Sylvan Groth	2025 *** 2025 2026
Agent to Defend & Prosecute Suits	Joanne Green Mills	2025
Town Grand Juror	Louis Chap	2025
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Donna Bryan	2027
Trustees of Public Funds	Teresa Newton Kim Marsh Julie Groppe	2025 2026 2027
Cemetery Commissioners	Mette Rea Joanne Green Mills Suzanne Butterfield	2025 *** 2026 2027 ***
Rochester-Stockbridge Unified School Directors	Bill Edgerton/Vice Chair Robert Meagher Amy Wildt/Chair Patrick Hudson/Clerk Justine Calnan-Cavacas Cynthia McPhetres	2026-Stockbridge 2026-Rochester 2027-Rochester 2027-Stockbridge 2025-Stockbridge 2025-Rochester
Justices of the Peace	Suzanne Butterfield Kathie Burns Patrick Giordano Ryan Knox Kelly McDermott-Burns	2027 2027 2027 2027 2027
Memorial Day Chair	Suzanne Butterfield	2025

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2024 Town Officials – Appointed

Role	Name	Term Through
Town Clerk	Jill Gifford	2025
Town Treasurer	Jill Gifford	2025
Asst Town Clerk	Elizabeth Dietz	2025
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Lee Ann Isaacson	2025
Tree Warden	Zachary Cavacas	2025***
Inspector of Lumber	William Lynam	2025
Health Officer	Michael Ketchum	2025
Emergency Management Coordinator	Zachary Cavacas	2025***
Fire Chief	James Munyon	2025
Fire Warden	Dave Brown	2026
Animal Control Officer	Mark Begin	2026
Planning Commission	Jon Benson Kevin Travis/Chair Louis Chap Joanne Mills Vacant	2025 2026 2026 2027
Zoning Administrator	Lee Ann Isaacson	2025
Regional Planning Representative Alternate Representative	Kevin Travis Vacant	2025
Board of Adjustment	Jon Benson Zachary Cavacas Tom Weymouth Jim Burns Louis Chap	2025 2025 *** 2025 2025 2026
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk Justices of the Peace Selectboard	
Green Up Coordinator	Janet Whitaker	2025 ***
Ambulance Representative Representative to Tri Valley Transit EC Fiber Representative EC Fiber Alternative Representative	Beth Dawley Lou Chap Joshua Trudeau Zach Cavacas	2025 2025 2025 2025 ***

Town of Stockbridge

Volunteer Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. _____

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

Yes

No

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

Name: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Address (or P.O. Box): _____

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

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

Best time to contact you: _____

Relevant background/experience/education/interest areas: _____

Date: _____

Annual Town Meeting Minutes March 5th 2024

Meeting called to order at 9:05

Moderator introduced Kirk White, Stockbridge State representative. Kirk reported that the legislature is still working on ways to incentivize people to come to live and work in Vermont. The legislature is working hard with the Governor on housing and on increasing capacity for MTAP, Vermont Municipal Technical Assistance Program. Data Privacy is also important, Vermont would be the first state in the US to institute a bill to protect citizens. Kirk reference Vermont housing data which can be accessed at <https://www.housingdata.org/profile>. Kirk let the Town know about some free classes at Bethel University. On March 6, Why Vermont needs more people, and March 18, Insiders look at Vermont Government.

Lou Chap wanted to clarify “term through” on page 8 of the Town Report. Lous terms on Planning commission and board of adjustments are incorrect and should be through 2026.

Article 1

1. Moderator 1 year term-Mike Ketchum asked for nominations. Lou Chap nominated Kent Butterfield, Sylvan Groth moved to close nominations and was seconded from the floor. Nominations Closed and Kent Butterfield will remain moderator for 1 more year.
2. Selectperson for 3 year term-Lee Ann Isaacson nominated Bill Edgerton and was seconded form the floor. Donna Bryan nominated Carol Burke and was seconded from the floor. Bruce Griffith motioned to close nominations and was seconded from the floor. Lou Chap said he would like to hear from the nominees. Both nominees made a short presentation. A floor motion was made to end discussions and seconded. Sylvan Groth moved for a paper ballot and was seconded from the floor. A paper ballot was completed with 139 votes were cast, Carol Burke received 94 votes and Bill Edgerton received 45 votes.
3. Lister for 3 year term- Sylvan Groth nominated Rich Furman for another term and was seconded from the floor. Julie Groppe motioned to close nominations and was seconded from the floor. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Rich Furman.

4. Agent to Defend and Prosecute Sutes for a 1 year term-Lou Chap nominated Joanne Mills and was seconded from the floor. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Joanne Mills.
5. Grand Juror for 1 year term- Suzanne Butterfield nominated Lou Chap and was seconded from the floor. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Lou Chap.
6. Collector of Delinquent taxes for 3 year term- Kevin Travis moved to table to vote until Article 5 (to change the term to 3 years) was voted on. The motion was seconded from the floor. Article 1 # 6 was tabled.
7. Trustee of public funds 3 year term- Debra Aldrich nominated Julie Groppe and was seconded from the floor. Kathy Burns stated that Trustee and Auditor is on the incompatible office chart. Julie replied that she had resigned as an Auditor. Leslie Rogers moved to close discussion and was seconded from the floor. Moderator instructed clerk to cast one vote for Julie Groppe. Kim Marsh let the voters know that there is a second position available and nominated Teresa Newton, the nomination was seconded from the floor. Moderator instructed clerk to cast one vote for Teresa Newton.
8. Cemetery Commissioner for 3 year term-Joanne Mills nominated Suzanne Butterfield and was seconded from the floor. Moderator instructed clerk to cast one vote for Suzanne Butterfield.
9. Memorial day Chair for 1 year- Kathy Burns nominated Suzanne Butterfield and was seconded from the floor. Moderator instructed clerk to cast one vote for Suzanne Butterfield.

Article 2: To hear the auditor's report and take all necessary actions thereon. Julie Groppe nominated Jenny Austin to fulfill the now vacant Auditors position, Sylvan seconded. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Jenny Austin. Sylvan Groth read the auditor's report. The report was accepted as written.

Article 3: Will the Town vote to pay real estate taxes in two equal installments due on August 15 and November 15? Sylvan motioned to accept and was seconded from the floor. Approved

Article 4: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Taxes or to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? Sylvan moved for treasure to collect taxes. Approved

Article 5: Will the Town vote to change the Delinquent Tax collector from a 1 year term to a 3 year term? Bruce Griffith asked why change to 3 years? Susan Pelletier said as the collector for the past 8 years, having a 3 year term make sense. With all there is to learn and new ways to help people, it takes a while to get to know the systems. Suzanne

Butterfield nominated Donna Bryan, Craig Cota moved to close nominations and it was seconded from the floor. The moderator instructed the clerk to cast one vote for Donna Bryan.

Article 6: Will the town vote to accept the proposed Budget? Recommended \$1096651 Kathy Burns voted to accept article as written and was seconded. Lee Ann Issacson moved to raise the selectboard salary. It was suggested from the floor to raise to \$2000 per year per board member. Mark Pelletier moved to amend the budget to increase Selectboard salary to \$2000 per year, and was seconded from the floor. The floor moved to close the discussion. Julie Groppe moved to amend the budget to \$1098451 and a second came from the floor. Debra Goodwin motioned for the budget to be increased to accommodate increase. Approved

Article 7: Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? The floor moved to accept and was seconded. Approved.

Article 8: Will the Town vote to Contract with the Windsor County Sheriff for a 1 year contract for 12 hours per week at \$38,000? Ryan Palmer from the Sheffifs department addressed the Town briefly on what the Sheriff's department would provide for support. Jan Stratton moved to approve a 1 year contract and was seconded from the floor. Approved.

Article _: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual Town Meeting. Bruce Griffith asked for an update on Blackmer Boulevard. The board asked Kevin Bagley town road foreman to update the town. Kevin let everyone know that Geotechnical study's were just completed at two locations on Blackmer Boulevard and that the reports will be in soon. Deborah Goodwin asked about Stony Brook Road, we are also waiting on engineering study's for Stony, Laury and River Road. A question on the Gaysville bridge was brought forth, Will adding a sidewalk to the Gaysville bridge cost more? The construction of the bridge will be 100% federally funded. The Town will be required to pay 10% of the engineering and permitting.

Jim Munyon asked for Volunteers to join the fire department. Jim also recognized Dave Brown for serving 25 years as Fire Warden.

Cash Receipts 2024

Internal account number		Actual		
101-6-01 Tax Related			cash bal 12/31/23	\$ 975,401.46
101-6-01-001.00	Taxes Collected	\$ 2,690,257.28		
101-6-01-002.00	Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 67,542.00		
101-6-01-003.00	Educ. tax payment to Town	\$ 765.00		
101-6-01-004.00	Fish & Wildlife Land PILT	\$ 22,468.76		
101-6-01-005.00	Forest Service	\$ 2,983.00		
101-6-01-010.00	interest on delinquent taxes	\$ 13,178.90		
101-2-01-001.00	Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 150,000.00		
Total Tax Related		\$ 2,947,194.94		

101-6-02 Grant Income				
101-6-02-001.00	Highway Revenue	\$ 81,136.37		
101-6-02-002.00	FEMA July 23	\$ 1,059,520.19		
101-6-02-003.00	FEMA Dec 23	\$ 21,343.37		
101-6-02-004.00	Gaysville Bridge	\$ -		
101-6-02-005.00	VLCT SAFETY GRANT	\$ 1,500.00		
101-6-02-006.00	GA0427 RANNY GRANT	\$ 27,000.00		
Total Grant Income		\$ 1,190,499.93		

101-6-03 Fees				
101-6-03-001.00	Town Clerk fees	\$ 7,694.31		
101-6-03-002.00	Dog licenses	\$ 323.00		
101-6-03-003.00	Marriage license fees	\$ 40.00		
101-6-03-004.00	Liquor licenses	\$ 400.00		
101-6-03-005.00	Restoration Fees	\$ 2,975.00		
101-6-03-006.00	Building permit fees	\$ 2,812.00		
101-6-03-007.00	History book sales	\$ 124.00		
Total Fees		\$ 14,368.31		

101-6-09 Miscellaneous Fees				
101-6-09-001.00	Interest on Accounts	\$ 2,209.86		
101-6-09-002.00	New Boston Rd. Maint.	\$ 1,500.00		
101-6-09-003.00	Stanley Tool Revenue	\$ 2,000.00		
101-6-09-095.00	Transfer In	\$ 77,941.00		
101-6-09-099.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 4,121.52		
		\$ 87,772.38		

Other	Transfer in Flood Loans	\$ 2,785,690.84		

Total Cash Receipts 2024		\$ 7,025,526.40		
Less checks written		\$ 6,147,206.51		
Ending Cash Balance		\$ 878,319.89		

Comparative Balance Sheet

Town of Stockbridge

As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31,2024	Dec 31,2023	Change
Assets			
Mascoma Chkg *4527	\$ 1,045,535.37	\$ 704,564.91	\$ 340,970.46
Mascoma ARPA *4519	\$ 77.01	\$ 158,272.05	\$ (158,195.04)
Mascoma DB Crd *6193	\$ 814.71	\$ 1,069.99	\$ (255.28)
Mascoma Sav *4535	\$ 808.35	\$ 801.47	\$ 6.88
Mascoma FY24 budget adj	\$ 75,000.00	\$-	\$ 75,000.00
Mascoma Mitigation funds	\$ 227,693.45	\$-	\$ 227,693.45
Petty Cash	\$ 14.17	\$ 25.00	\$ (10.83)
Prepaid Expense	\$ 8,074.65	\$-	\$ 8,074.65
Due to/From Other Funds	\$ 4,065.51	\$-	\$ 4,065.51
Current Tax Rcvble	\$ 97,332.07	\$-	\$ 97,332.07
Delinquent Tax Rcvble	\$ 40,038.98	\$ 99,738.10	\$ (59,699.12)
Tax Interest Rcvble	\$ 15,048.74	\$ 10,929.94	\$ 4,118.80
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,514,503.01	\$ 975,401.46	\$ 539,101.55
Liability			
Federal Deposit Liability	\$ 4,435.33	\$-	\$ 4,435.33
State Tax Liability	\$ 591.80	\$-	\$ 591.80
VMERS Liability	\$ 1,159.13	\$-	\$ 1,159.13
Insurance Liability	\$ (760.62)	\$-	\$ (760.62)
Tax Overpayments	\$ 12,640.23	\$ 11,630.53	\$ 1,009.70
Due to DTC	\$ 16,232.47	\$ 15,229.27	\$ 1,003.20
Taxes Due to School	\$ (242,168.00)	\$ 201,705.19	\$ (40,462.81)
Deferred Tax Revenue	\$ 152,419.79	\$-	\$ 152,419.79
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$-
July 2023 Loan	\$ 1,611,394.22	\$ 1,203,900.00	\$ 407,494.22
july loan 241278 stony dr	\$ 638,344.01	\$-	\$ 638,344.01
DEC 23 loan #63042691	\$ 85,869.03	\$-	\$ 85,869.03
july loan 63042688 stnyda	\$ 203,124.98	\$-	\$ 203,124.98
july loan 63042687 box cu	\$ 246,958.60	\$-	\$ 246,958.60
St of VT - Marriage	\$ 120.00	\$-	\$ 120.00
St of VT - Dogs	\$ 85.00	\$-	\$ 85.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 2,880,445.97	\$ 1,582,464.99	\$ 1,701,391.36
Fund Balance	\$ (591,834.26)	\$ (591,834.26)	\$-
Prior Years Fund Balance	\$ (591,834.26)	\$ (591,834.26)	\$-
Fund Balance Current Year	\$ (774,108.70)	\$-	\$-
Total Fund Balance	\$ (1,365,942.96)	\$ (591,834.26)	\$ (774,108.70)

2024 Flood/Grant Expenses

101-9-90-110.00 July 2023 Flood Admin	\$11,957.19
101-9-90-610.00 VLCT Safety Grant	\$3,713.19
101-9-90-660.01 JULY 23 BLACKMER	\$96,876.83
101-9-90-660.02 JULY 23 COMMON RD	\$10,609.01
101-9-90-660.03 JULY 23 LAURY RD	\$15,672.51
101-9-90-660.04 JULY 23 STONY BROOK	\$506,767.17
101-9-90-660.06 JULY 23 MUSIC MTN RD	\$3,111.50
101-9-90-660.08 JULY 23 DAVIS HILL RD	\$468,065.05
101-9-90-660.11 JULY 23 RIVER RD	\$4,364.63
101-9-90-660.12 JULY 23 MISC FEES	\$1,550.58
101-9-90-660.17 JULY 23 WHITCOMB HILL	\$8,176.00
101-9-90-660.19 JULY 23 LYON HILL RD	\$3,321.50
101-9-90-660.20 JULY 23 FLETCHER BROOK RD	\$24,656.05
101-9-90-660.22 JULY 23 NEW BOSTON	\$2,299.50
101-9-90-660.23 JULY 23 Blackmer 3	\$33,349.52
101-9-90-660.24 July 23 Blackmer 2	\$16,818.50
101-9-90-660.25 July 23 Stony @ 107	\$12,265.45
101-9-90-660.26 July 23 Davis Above Bisho	\$13,106.17
101-9-90-660.27 July 23 Stony @ Driscoll	\$235,666.02
101-9-90-660.28 July 23 Taggart@Boutwell	\$128,985.40
101-9-90-660.29 July 23 Buck Fever	\$117,973.20
101-9-90-660.30 July 2023 South Hill	\$11,327.05
101-9-90-661.01 Dec. 23 Laury Rd	\$11,472.00
101-9-90-661.02 Dec. 23 Taggart	\$1,007.61
101-9-90-661.03 Dec. 23 Fletcher	\$241.12
101-9-90-661.04 Dec. 23 South Hill	\$2,980.24
101-9-90-661.05 Dec 23 South Hill Culvert	\$511.00
101-9-90-661.06 Dec. 23 New Boston	\$29,792.61
101-9-90-661.10 Dec 23 Stony & Fletcher	\$38,900.00
101-9-90-662.02 2023 Ranny Grant GA0247	\$10,907.33
101-9-90-663.01 Gaysville Bridge 2024	\$85,791.93
	\$1,912,235.86

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		Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024		2024 Budget		2025 proposed
101-7 General Budget						
101-7-10 Selectboard Office						
101-7-10-110.00	Selectboard Salary	\$ 6,000.00		6000	\$	6,000.00
101-7-10-110.01	Selectboard Administrative	\$ 10,159.91		12000	\$	12,000.00
101-7-10-310.00	Audit	\$ 5,500.00		10000	\$	10,000.00
101-7-10-330.00	Legal Fees	\$ 10,116.64		8000	\$	8,000.00
101-7-10-330.01	Legal Notices	\$ 102.51		1200	\$	1,200.00
101-7-10-810.00	Abated Taxes	\$ 38.87		0		

Total Selectboard Office		\$ 31,917.93	\$	37,200.00	\$	37,200.00
101-7-20 Town Clerk/Treas. Office						
101-7-20-110.00	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 27,958.17		23000	\$	23,000.00
101-7-20-110.01	Asst. Town Clerk	\$ 8,304.00		8300	\$	12,300.00
101-7-20-110.02	Treasurer Salary	\$ 20,611.34		23000	\$	23,000.00
101-7-20-210.00	Health Insurance	\$ 8,446.92		16900	\$	13,900.00
101-7-20-240.00	Retirement expense	\$ 4,383.34		3000	\$	4,500.00
101-7-20-320.00	Land Records	\$ 3,616.87		4650	\$	7,600.00
101-7-20-340.00	Town Website	\$ 1,220.00		750	\$	1,250.00
101-7-20-510.00	Town Clerk Training	\$ 1,327.85		5000	\$	2,000.00
101-7-20-520.00	Building Maintenance	\$ 2,815.89		8000	\$	5,000.00
101-7-20-520.01	Mowing	\$ 400.00		400	\$	400.00
101-7-20-520.02	Town Office rubbish remov	\$ 374.00		375	\$	375.00
101-7-20-610.00	Office Supplies	\$ 1,222.39		1430	\$	3,000.00
101-7-20-610.01	Accounting Supplies	\$ 4,696.00		5500	\$	5,000.00
101-7-20-610.02	Elections	\$ 638.80		1000	\$	300.00
101-7-20-621.00	LP Gas	\$ 1,077.14		2300	\$	2,000.00
101-7-20-622.00	Telephone Internet	\$ 901.80		600	\$	1,600.00
101-7-20-640.00	Electricity	\$ 1,885.24		1800	\$	2,000.00
101-7-20-650.00	Postage	\$ 1,595.03		2000	\$	2,000.00
101-7-20-710.00	Computer Expenses	\$ 8,542.67		6500	\$	9,000.00
101-7-20-990.00	Operations	\$ 1,563.64		1300	\$	-

Total Town Clerk/Treas. Office		\$ 101,581.09	\$	115,805.00	\$	118,225.00
101-7-30 Auditors Office						
101-7-30-110.00	Auditors Salaries	\$ -		540	\$	540.00
101-7-30-530.00	Town Report	\$ 3,275.52		4750	\$	3,500.00

Total Auditors Office		\$ 3,275.52	\$	5,290.00	\$	4,040.00
101-7-40 Listers Office						
101-7-40-110.00	Listers Salaries	\$ 5,832.00		7650	\$	7,650.00
101-7-40-350.00	Reappraisal Fund	\$ 5,000.00		5000	\$	5,000.00
101-7-40-610.00	Lister expenses	\$ 558.26		1800	\$	1,800.00

Total Listers Office		\$ 11,390.26	\$	14,450.00	\$	14,450.00
101-7-50 Zoning/Planning Office						
101-7-50-110.00	Zoning Administrator	\$ 1,440.00		1500	\$	1,500.00
101-7-50-110.01	Planning Commission - Cha	\$ -		500	\$	500.00
101-7-50-110.02	Planning Commission	\$ 81.41		1500	\$	1,500.00
101-7-50-110.03	Health Officer	\$ 500.00		500	\$	500.00
101-7-50-610.00	Zoning Expense	\$ 522.54		100	\$	500.00
101-7-50-660.00	Regional Planning Commiss	\$ 1,206.00		1170	\$	1,242.00

Total Zoning/Planning Office		\$ 3,749.95	\$	5,270.00	\$	5,742.00
101-7-60 Fire Dept./First Response						
101-7-60-110.00	Fire Dept. Salaries	\$ 9,320.00		12000	\$	9,500.00
101-7-60-622.00	Fire Dept. Telephone	\$ 319.71		450	\$	450.00
101-7-60-710.00	Equipment/Supplies	\$ 25,000.00		25000	\$	25,000.00

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101-7-60-720.00	Fire Dept. Equip Fund	\$	10,000.00	10000	\$	10,000.00	
101-7-60-720.01	Repairs	\$	1,077.97	4500	\$	4,500.00	
Total Fire Dept./First Response		\$	45,717.68	\$	51,950.00	\$	49,450.00
101-7-70 Rubbish Removal							
101-7-70-520.00	North Star Waste Contract	\$	7,440.00	7440	\$	7,440.00	
101-7-70-660.00	Annual Alliance Fee	\$	9,480.87	9480	\$	9,840.00	
Total Rubbish Removal		\$	16,920.87	\$	16,920.00	\$	17,280.00
101-7-80 Law Enforcement							
101-7-80-110.00	Constables	\$	-	500		1	
101-7-80-330.00	Windsor County Sheriff	\$	25,336.00	38000		0	
101-7-80-370.00	Animal Control	\$	-	100		100	
Total Law Enforcement		\$	25,336.00	\$	38,600.00	\$	101.00
101-7-90 General Operations							
101-7-90-220.00	FICA	\$	26,731.37	20640	\$	27,000.00	
101-7-90-260.00	Disability insurance	\$	1,215.88	1320	\$	1,320.00	
101-7-90-290.00	child care contr	\$	662.89	0	\$	1,000.00	
101-7-90-380.00	Ambulance	\$	56,721.96	56722	\$	62,466.00	
101-7-90-440.00	Liability Insurance	\$	18,369.75	15410	\$	19,000.00	
101-7-90-520.00	Cemetery	\$	17,003.99	17000	\$	17,000.00	
101-7-90-520.01	Mow Common	\$	400.00	400	\$	400.00	
101-7-90-623.00	Street Lights	\$	2,402.67	2500	\$	2,500.00	
101-7-90-660.00	County Tax	\$	7,901.88	8000	\$	8,000.00	
101-7-90-660.01	VLCT Dues	\$	2,106.00	2045	\$	2,200.00	
101-7-90-820.00	Construction Loan Interes	\$	44,888.04	50000	\$	83,800.00	
101-7-90-820.01	Tax Antic. Note Interest	\$	5,843.83	3000	\$	5,599.31	
101-7-90-910.00	Memorial Day	\$	753.50	775	\$	800.00	
101-7-90-990.00	Misc. Town Expense	\$	3,734.97	1500	\$	1,500.00	
		\$	-				
Total General Operations		\$	188,736.73	\$	179,312.00	\$	232,585.31
Total General Budget		\$	428,626.03	\$	464,797.00	\$	479,073.31
101-8 Highway Budget							
101-8-10 Highway - Personnel							
101-8-10-110.00	Highway Payroll	\$	155,135.00	159000	\$	179,920.00	
101-8-10-110.01	Highway Overtime	\$	34,687.51	22000	\$	22,000.00	
101-8-10-210.00	Health Insurance	\$	23,735.76	32200	\$	-	
101-8-10-230.00	Retirement Expense	\$	13,004.29	11500	\$	13,000.00	
101-8-10-250.00	Unemployment Insurance	\$	371.00	600	\$	600.00	
101-8-10-260.00	Workers Comp.	\$	14,251.25	13164	\$	14,500.00	
101-8-10-270.00	Mileage	\$	599.90	1500	\$	1,500.00	
101-8-10-290.00	Uniforms	\$	1,000.00	1500	\$	1,500.00	
Total Highway - Personnel		\$	242,784.71	\$	241,464.00	\$	233,020.00
101-8-20 Equip. Operations							
101-8-20-520.00	Roadside Mowing	\$	16,000.00	21500	\$	21,500.00	
101-8-20-624.00	Propane	\$	374.76	250	\$	375.00	
101-8-20-631.00	Diesel	\$	27,075.57	34000	\$	30,000.00	
101-8-20-632.00	Gasoline	\$	274.67	450	\$	450.00	
		\$	43,725.00		\$	52,325.00	
101-8-20-650 Repairs & Maintenance							
101-8-20-650.00	RM 2020 International	\$	6,900.69	\$	-		
101-8-20-650.01	Chloride Sprayer repair	\$	30.98	\$	-		
101-8-20-650.02	RM Leaf Blower	\$	-	\$	-		
101-8-20-650.03	Repairs & Maintenance - O	\$	415.56	\$	20,000.00	\$	30,000.00
101-8-20-650.04	RM 2016 Kenworth	\$	23,779.82	\$	-		
101-8-20-650.05	RM 2017 Ford	\$	1,410.35	\$	-		

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101-8-20-650.06	RM Grader	\$	435.73	\$	-	
101-8-20-650.07	RM Loader	\$	163.52	\$	-	
Total Repairs & Maintenance		\$	33,136.65			
101-8-20-651.00	Small Equipment Repairs	\$	799.80	500	\$	500.00
101-8-20-652.00	Tires and Chains	\$	7,381.40	6000	\$	9,200.00
101-8-20-653.00	Tools	\$	939.43	4000	\$	2,000.00
101-8-20-654.00	Equipment	\$	369.88	2000	\$	2,000.00
101-8-20-654.01	Cutting Edges	\$	3,957.94	3500	\$	4,500.00
101-8-20-950.00	Equipment Fund	\$	95,000.00	95000	\$	95,000.00
Total Equip. Operations		\$	185,310.10	\$	187,200.00	\$ 195,525.00
101-8-30 Highway Materials						
101-8-30-640.01	Erosion	\$	-	3000	\$	3,000.00
101-8-30-640.02	Hydroseed	\$	964.45	1200	\$	1,200.00
101-8-30-640.03	Bridges	\$	-	500	\$	500.00
101-8-30-640.04	Chloride	\$	11,210.00	10000	\$	11,300.00
101-8-30-640.05	Culverts	\$	8,424.71	12000	\$	12,000.00
101-8-30-640.06	Gravel	\$	29,999.75	55000	\$	50,000.00
101-8-30-640.07	Guard Rails	\$	-	5000	\$	5,000.00
101-8-30-640.08	Retreatment (Paving)	\$	25,000.00	25000	\$	25,000.00
101-8-30-640.09	Salt	\$	13,954.05	14100	\$	14,100.00
101-8-30-640.10	Sandpile	\$	47,757.63	45000	\$	50,000.00
101-8-30-640.11	Signs	\$	4,258.52	3000	\$	3,000.00
Total Highway Materials		\$	141,569.11	\$	173,800.00	\$ 175,100.00
101-8-40 Town Garage						
101-8-40-520.00	Garage Maintenance	\$	3,171.90	2000	\$	5,000.00
101-8-40-520.02	Rubbish Removal	\$	393.00	450	\$	450.00
101-8-40-620.00	Shop Supplies	\$	3,281.71	3500	\$	3,500.00
101-8-40-622.00	Town garage telephone Internet	\$	1,388.69	1300	\$	1,500.00
101-8-40-623.00	Town garage electricity	\$	2,625.20	2200	\$	2,700.00
101-8-40-623.01	Repeater Electricity	\$	-	0	\$	780.00
101-8-40-624.00	Oils	\$	1,894.21	2000	\$	2,000.00
101-8-40-624.01	D.E.F	\$	937.45	1000	\$	1,000.00
101-8-40-625.00	Heating Oil	\$	5,124.73	5200	\$	5,500.00
Total Town Garage		\$	18,816.89	\$	17,650.00	\$ 22,430.00
101-8-50 Construction						
101-8-50-330.00	Engineering Consulting	\$	-	8500	\$	8,500.00
101-8-50-660.00	VT DEC Annual Fee	\$	1,350.00	2040	\$	2,040.00
101-8-50-660.01	Construction - Other	\$	35,000.00	35000	\$	35,000.00
Total Construction		\$	36,350.00	\$	45,540.00	\$ 45,540.00
101-8-60-330.00	Purchased Labor	\$	2,957.56	\$	6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Total Highway Budget		\$	627,788.37	\$	671,654.00	\$ 677,615.00
Total Porposed 2025 budget		\$	1,056,414.40	\$	1,136,451.00	\$ 1,156,688.31

Stockbridge Property and Equipment Inventory 2024

<u>Value</u>		Stockbridge Equipment				
		Description	Year Make	Cost	Trade	Purchase Date
Garage/Fire Station						
Building Value w/ .57 acre	\$ 549,600.00	Fire Truck	1987 Ford	\$ 88,500.00	\$ -	9/18/1987
Contents	\$ 20,000.00	Chloride Spreader	2005 Titan	\$ 6,189.93	\$ -	3/31/2005
Salt Shed	\$ 7,974.00	Grader	2006 John Deere	\$ 216,500.00	\$ 30,000.00	7/28/2006
Town Office		Mini Pumper	2008 Ford	\$ 141,500.00	\$ -	7/23/2007
Building Value w/ 1 acre	\$ 207,000.00	Tandem	2016 Kenworth	\$ 179,904.00	\$ -	7/31/2015
Contents	\$ 20,000.00	Pumper/Tanker	2016 Kenworth	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	9/16/2015
Land		Truck /w plow	2017 Ford	\$ 103,926.00	\$ 39,000.00	11/3/2017
1.3 acres Stockbridge Com.	\$ 26,500.00	Hydro Seeder	2017 Epic	\$ 5,928.00	\$ -	11/27/2017
2.1 acres Route 107	\$ 30,000.00	Debris Blower	2019 Cyclone	\$ 7,600.00	\$ -	10/7/2019
1 acre Whitcomb Hill Road	\$ 23,800.00	Truck - Dump	2020 International	\$ 178,803.00	\$ 45,000.00	10/18/2019
Timberhawk Lots	\$ 6,697.00	Backhoe/Loader	2020 Caterpillare	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	9/30/2020
Chalet Village – 11 lots		Fire Truck	2024 Freightliner	\$ 346,127.00		2024
4.7 acres River Road		Truck Chasis Only	2024 Ford	\$ 77,941.00		5/3/2023
1.75 acres Route 100						
21 acres Bridge Street						
19.5 acres Fletcher Brook						
156 Tweed Lane						
118 Tweed Lane						
8.3 acres Route 107						
74 Acres Blackmer Blvd	\$ 52,200.00					

Materials & Equipment Usage

	2017 Ford	2016 Kenworth	2020 Inter.	Hydro Seeder	Grader	2020 Loader	Rock Rake	Chloride Spreader	Chainsaw	Leaf Blower	Back Patch Blower	Rented Excavator	
	307	268.5	248	-	63	157.7	-	-	34.5	-	-	-	2024 Q1
	246.5	141.5	206.5	16.5	161	224	20.5	15.5	34	-	-	104	2024 Q2
	128	270	22.5	10	61.5	149	2	17	25.5	-	-	-	2024 Q3
	297.5	188.5	91.5	2	86	85	-	10	12.5	43.5	-	-	2024 Q4
	979	868.5	568.5	28.5	371.5	615.7	22.5	42.5	106.5	43.5	-	104	2024 Total

	Sand yds	Salt yds	Gravel yds	Chloride gal	Ditch Stone yds	Rip Rap yds	Hydroseed loads	Ditch Stone yds	Cold Pack bags	
	1,309	108	689	1	-	-	-	-	5	2024 Q1
	88	13	1,575	2,558	14	92	6	-	14	2024 Q2
	-	-	1,165	4,467	-	14	11	-	5	2024 Q3
	867	60	350	2,125	-	-	1	6	-	2024 Q4
	2,264	181	3,779	9,151	14	106	18	6	24	2024 Total

Town of Stockbridge - Short-Term Debt as of 12/31/2024

	Date Loan Incurred	Original Amount Borrowed	Balance on 12/31/2024	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Balance on 12/31/2024	
July Flood Loan	2023	2,000,000.00	1,534,394.17	172,676.02	44,888.04	1,534,394.17	Multi Projects Completed & Ongoing
Box Culvert Loan	2024	350,000.00				246,958.60	1 Project Completed
Stony @ Driscoll Loan	2024	1,000,000.00				638,344.01	1 Project Completed
Stony @ Davis Bridge Loan	2024	750,000.00				280,124.98	1 Project Ongoing
December Storm Loan	2024	350,000.00				85,869.03	1 Project 3 projects Ongoing
Land Purchase	2024	300,000.00				300,000.00	
		<u>4,750,000.00</u>	<u>1,534,394.17</u>	<u>172,676.02</u>	<u>44,888.04</u>	<u>3,085,690.79</u>	

Town of Stockbridge - 2024 ARPA FUND USAGE

Project	Used
Repeater on tagart	\$53,922.93
Axis GIS and New Tax Maps	\$11,300.00
Monitors/Laptop Office/Selectboard	\$1,120.90
Generator Meeting House/Town Office	\$21,934.00
Fire Truck Outfitting	\$33,027.98
Accounting Modules	\$5,822.29
Septic Pump Station Office	\$8,717.00
International Repair	\$22,339.15
	\$158,184.25

Town of Stockbridge Highway Grant Income

Ranny Grant GA0427	\$27,000
VLC Safety Grant	\$1,500
December Storm (FEMA)	\$ 21,343.37
July Storm (FEMA)	\$ 1,059,520.19

Listing of Investment Accounts 12/31/2024

Citizens Bank				
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund			Fire Dept./First Response Savings Account	
Beginning Balance	\$ 175,047.66		Beginning Balance	\$ 34,024.28
Transfer to General Fund	\$ (203,091.87)		Donation:	
Transfer from Highway Equipment Fund	\$ 29,466.67		Bill and Marilyn Edgerton	\$ 100.00
Interest Earned	\$ 108.64		Vivian Pratt	\$ 530.00
Ending Balance	\$ 1,531.10		Richard & Julie Gelgauda	\$ 250.00
			In Memory of Becky Morse	\$ -
Highway Dept. Equip Fund			Herk White	\$ 25.00
Beginning Balance	\$ 203,843.37		Bob & Gail Ketchum	\$ 50.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ (107,407.67)		Central Vt Quad Runners	\$ 200.00
Transfer To Fire Dept Equipment Fund	\$ -		John Durkee	\$ 100.00
Interest Earned	\$ 148.15		Abbie & Donald Penfield	\$ 500.00
Ending Balance	\$ 96,583.85		Joann Wood	\$ 50.00
			Marjorie Turner	\$ 20.00
Construction/Paving Fund			Dave & Cathy Brown	\$ 25.00
Beginning Balance	\$ 40,273.83		Hattie Gifford	\$ 50.00
Transfer From General Fund	\$ -		Judith Feldman-Dinger	\$ 25.00
Transfer To General Fund	\$ 51,477.15		Interest Earned	\$ 33.63
Interest earned	\$ 81.50		Ending Balance	\$ 32,879.74
Ending balance	\$ 91,832.48			
			History Book Fund	
Reappraisal Fund			Beginning Balance	\$ 3,347.61
Beginning Balance	\$ 93,357.01		Interest Earned	\$ 3.31
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 7,628.50		Ending Balance	\$ 3,350.92
Interest Earned	\$ 98.21			
Ending Balance	\$ 101,083.72		Land Record Restoration Fund	
			Beginning Balance	\$ 2,685.44
Lister Training Account			Interest Earned	\$ 2.70
Beginning Balance	\$ 603.14		Ending Balance	\$ 2,688.14
Interest Earned	\$ 0.60			
Ending Balance	\$ 603.74		Bar Harbor Bank	
			Stanley Tool CD	
Tax Trust CD			Beginning Balance	\$ 1,541.34
Beginning Balance	\$ 30,253.53		Transfer to General Fund	\$ (2,000.00)
Interest Earned	\$ 30.24		Interest Earned	\$ 27.16
Ending Balance	\$ 30,283.77		Ending Balance	\$ 11,568.50
Planning Commission Savings			Mascoma Bank	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,882.88		Herbert Brown Cemetery Savings	
Interest Earned	\$ 2.87		Beginning Balance	\$ 3,258.16
Ending Balance	\$ 2,885.75		Transfer From Cemetery Checking	\$ -
			Transfer From Cemetery Checking	\$ 3.27
			Ending Balance	\$ 3,261.43

2024 Town Salaries

Selectmen	Mike Ketchum	\$ 2,000.00
	Mark Begin	\$ 2,000.00
	Carol Taylor-Burke	\$ 2,000.00
Town Clerk	Jill Gifford	\$ 27,958.17
Town Treasurer	Jill Gifford	\$ 20,611.34
Selectboard Admin	Jill Gifford	\$ 10,159.94
Highway Department	Kevin Bagley	\$ 88,593.75
	Luke Gibson	\$ 63,005.00
	Chris Bettis	\$ 25,530.50
	Jim Leno	\$ 7,411.51
Asst. Town Clerk	Elizabeth Deitz	\$ 8,361.00
Listers	Beth Dawley	\$ 3,069.50
	Rich Fuman	\$ 2,727.00
	Janet Whitaker	
Delinq. Tax Collector	Susan Pelletier	\$ 2,734.62
	Donna Bryan	\$ 15,229.27
Poll Workers	Beth Dawley	\$ 625.50
Zoning Administrator	Lee Ann Isaacson	\$ 1,440.00
Flood Admin	Lori Scott	\$ 7,576.97
	Jill Gifford	\$ 4,380.20
Health officer	Mike Ketchum	\$ 500.00
Fire Dept/First Response	Jim Munyon	\$ 3,040.00
	David Brown	\$ 1,000.00
	Eric Brown	\$ 340.00
	Caleb Hawley	\$ 20.00
	Coral Hawley	\$ 100.00
	Marty Hunt	\$ 80.00
	Matt Johnson	\$ 1,220.00
	Nathaniel Kennedy	\$ 1,000.00
	Corey Novotny	\$ 1,280.00
	Dan Novotny	\$ 1,240.00

Statement of 2024 Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Taxes
Non-Homestead Education	2.0501	692,291.00	1,419,265.77
Homestead Education	1.8578	476,666.00	885,550.08
Local Agreement	0.0020	1,168,957.00	2,337.93
Highway	0.4750	1,168,957.00	555,256.35
Town	0.3287	1,168,957.00	384,230.71
Late Filing Penalty - HS122			606.12
Total Taxes Raised			3,247,246.96

Taxes Accounted for as follows

2024 Taxes Collected	2,872,887.28
State Education Payments	258,572.82
Municipal Portion of Tax Credit	17,221.00
Corrections and Adjustments	-
Remaining Delinquent Tax 2024	98,565.86
	3,247,246.96

As of 9/1/24 2024 taxes turned to DTC	Payment 1	120,081.68
As of 11/16/2024 taxes turned to DTC	Payment 2	140,930.78

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – 2024

It is the duty of the collector of delinquent taxes to notify taxpayers when their taxes are overdue or to take formal collection actions when necessary. It is the obligation of the collector of delinquent taxes to keep records of all delinquent accounts, and to provide an accounting of these records to the locally elected auditors for inclusion in the annual report of the town. When necessary, the collector of delinquent taxes may lien properties, go to small claims court and conduct tax sales of property.

There were no tax sales in 2024 but do anticipate being able to move forward with tax sales or small claims court on several properties in 2025.

Vermont Housing Assistance Program (VHAP) may be available to help. <https://vermonthap.vhfa.org/> Please contact them or the delinquent tax collector for more information.

Donna Bryan
Delinquent Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 12/31/2024

YEAR	BALANCE 12/31/23	BALANCE 12/31/24
2012	\$ 43.16	\$ 43.16
2013	\$ 841.83	\$ 841.83
2014	\$ 867.00	\$ 867.40
2015	\$ 846.48	\$ 846.48
2016	-0-	-0-
2017	\$ 250.81	\$ 250.81
2018	\$ 534.32	\$ 534.32
2019	\$ 567.72	\$ 567.72
2020	\$ 1113.78	\$ 1113.78
2021	\$ 1137.43	\$ 1137.43
2022	\$ 7836.40	\$ 4008.81
2023	\$85698.77	\$14607.97
2024		\$98565.86
Balance due for 2012 – 2024 delinquent taxes		\$123,385.57

**This balance does not reflect the partial and full payments made after 12/31/24.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST 2024

ABSC Realty LLC	2017-2024	\$2068.18	
Andrews, Rodney	2012-2015	\$2598.87	
Archer, William A	2024	\$1822.97	
Baker Poole Matthe	2024	\$ 771.06	
Barrows, Elizabeth	2023-2024	\$1172.13	
Bertarelli, William	2024	\$ 839.60	
Bilodeau, Joshua	2023-2024	\$1079.89	
Bridgewater, Lisa	2024	\$1493.19	
Bronson, Ritchie	2023-2024	\$ 537.90	
Brown, Lorenzo	2024	\$1068.24	
Chap, Kevin	2022-2024	\$8642.95	
Cheney, Jo	2024	\$3366.98	
Commeford, W	2024	\$1794.36	
Contarino, Lauri	2024	\$ 494.06	
Contarino, Lauri	2024	\$ 399.80	
Contarino, Lauri	2024	\$ 362.68	
Contarino, Lauri	2024	\$ 374.10	
Desforges, Andrew	2024	\$2180.83	
Dubreuil, Dean	2024	\$6310.36	
Eigenbrod, Wilfred	2024	\$4881.99	
Eldredge, Paul	2024	\$ 836.32	**
Facciolo, Gugliemo	2020-2024	\$1952.73	
Fuster, Joseph A	2023-2024	\$4116.22	
Gage, James	2023-2024	\$2903.31	
Germon, Tait	2024	\$ 304.14	*
Hawk Resorts Int'l	2024	\$ 931.04	*
Hensley, Jacelyn	2024	\$3095.68	
Hurlburt, Elizabeth	2024	\$1667.78	
Jagoda, Gerald	2024	\$ 17.57	
Jesky, Aaron	2024	\$ 225.61	
Junkhan, George	2024	\$3843.90	
Kornberg, Oren	2019-2024	\$1631.01	
La Casita 2243 LLC	2024	\$4130.39	
Langlois, Allen	2024	\$ 881.01	
Lindahl, Peter	2024	\$3112.82	
Luf, Joshua	2024	\$ 788.20	
Mayhew, Peter	2024	\$ 9.23	
McCullough, Kirk	2024	\$1645.81	
Mount Hunger Cons.	2024	\$ 12.34	
Mueller, John	2018-2024	\$2078.24	
Pagliughi, Frank	2024	\$5505.44	
Paradis, Steven	2024	\$ 151.42	*
Penniman, Steven	2024	\$ 64.90	*

Puza, Michael	2024	\$2356.02	**
Rizzo, Charles	2024	\$ 392.67	*
Rizzo, Charles and Assoc	2024	\$1859.12	**
Sable Mtn Corp	2022-2024	\$2690.53	
Sable Mtn Corp	2022-2024	\$2754.42	
Sable Mtn Corp	2022-2024	\$8476.39	
Santos, Miguel	2024	\$4132.34	
Sargent, Sunshine	2024	\$ 87.44	
Scavelli, Frank	2024	\$ 77.11	*
Stockbridge Assoc	2024	\$ 94.44	*
Sullivan, Kimberly	2023-2024	\$7185.32	
Telheiro, George	2024	\$1370.78	
Thompson, John Jr	2023-2024	\$1734.36	
Travis, Kevin	2024	\$1720.62	
Triest, Patrick	2024	\$ 10.21	
Tweed River Realty	2023-2024	\$1433.70	
West Haven Family T	2024	\$ 696.81	
Winner, Matthew	2024	\$2621.14	
Wright, Chad	2024	\$ 580.82	
Yeffet, Dominic	2024	\$ 945.26	

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Total Amount Due: \$123,385.57

Paid in full by 1/15/25 *

Partial Payment received by 1/15/25 **

2024 Property Tax Transfer

Seller	Buyer	Description	Sales Price	Assessed Value
Stratton	Bryant	15ac	\$18,000	\$296,100
Flanagan	Paunovski	1.6ac	\$40,000	\$13,600
Rice	Steele	0.8ac & Dwelling	\$150,000	\$121,600
Rohr	Shubin	2ac & Dwelling	\$601,000	\$261,200
Dwyer	Hensley	.25 & Dwelling	\$274,000	\$39,900
Pierce	Ohayon	1.7ac	\$2,114	\$106,800
Pfanne	U.S. Bank	10.30ac & Dwelling	\$620,259	\$382,800
Zois	Zois	78ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$259,100
Zois	Gay Hollow Farm Trust	78ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$259,100
The Conservation Fund	Morse	2ac	\$20,000	\$454,700
Miller	Miller	3.13ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$183,900
Chamberlain	Chamberlain	89.40ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$211,100
Kealey	Ballou	3.70ac & Dwelling	\$100,000	\$91,600
Hudson	Levy	18.00ac	\$36,000	\$44,800
Michaud	Zayas	20.00ac & Dwelling	\$110,000	\$98,000
Levy	Levy	10.50ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$226,100
Chamberlain	Chamberlain	89.40ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$211,100
Parker	McKinstry	3.10ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$173,700
Goat	Tonachel-Read	206.1ac & Dwelling	\$655,000	\$518,700
Reddick	Redington	1ac & Dwelling	\$120,000	\$95,500
Van Horne	Van Horne	5ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$254,200
Martell	Martell	2.17ac & Mobile Home	N/A	\$112,900
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McKinstry	Harvey	3.10ac & Dwelling	\$352,000	\$173,700
Schelling	Schelling	1.03ac	N/A	\$48,400
Schelling	Schelling	14.40ac	N/A	\$68,000
Ridgley	Perkins	10.40ac & Dwelling	\$266,300	\$266,300
Ridgley	Perkins	397.10ac	\$67,075	\$268,300
US Bank NA	Bracken	10.30ac & Dwelling	\$405,000	\$382,800
Verge	DWV Revocable Trust	1.7ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$145,200

2024 Property Tax Transfer

Seller	Buyer	Description	Sales Price	Assessed Value
Gorton	Gorton	66.69ac & MH	N/A	\$121,500
Bry	Trail Head LLC	30.30ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$199,100
Bracken	Stacie M Bracken Trust	10.30ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$382,800
Gifford	Andrews	4.50ac & Dwelling	\$234,000	\$155,400
Greathouse	Kelley	92.00ac	N/A	\$100,000
Chamberlain	Chamberlain	74.40ac	N/A	\$52,200
Curiale Estate	Errico	1.60ac & Dwelling	\$186,950	\$373,900
Andrews	Gifford	4.50ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$155,400
Rudewick	Rudewick	15.10ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$274,200
Gifford	Gifford	1.80ac & Dwelling	N/A	\$159,300
Gifford	Gifford	5.70ac	N/A	\$7,100
Adams	Begin	1.10ac & MH	\$320,000	\$146,600
Chamberlain	Stockbridge	74.40ac	\$300,000	\$52,200
Ziff	Wasielewski	1ac & Dwelling	\$325,000	\$154,100

Town Clerk's Report

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- **E911 Addressing:** In 2024 there were several E911 address changes and additions. Also a couple of new roads (mostly private) named.
- **Primary and General Election:** We had a great turnout for both the Primary and General Elections. Thank you to the BSA and our Poll Workers. Remember, you can register to vote online or at the office. Visit our town web for voter information and see “other information” page.

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2024 Stockbridge Road Commissioners Report

Gaysville Bridge. As many know we had to close the bridge for a short period this past fall and do some emergency repairs that resulted in the bridge being reopened with a new reduced weight rating of 6 TONS. As of the last conversation I had with VTRANS they are planning on getting a temporary bridge installed this coming summer/fall of 2025 with plans for the new bridge being built in 2027.

Mount Hunger Road. We are still working on getting the intersection with VT 107 and MNT Hunger changed to make a huge safety improvement and give more site distance while entering and exiting the road. We have an engineered design, and it is working its way through VTRAN'S process for approval.

July 2023 Flood. We have been working on flood damage most of this this past summer (road crew and contractors) We still have more to do including 7 major projects (slope failures) that are waiting on engineering and for FEMA to commit to repairing. I want to thank Jill and Lori for working with me on the FEMA project paperwork. We also have some mitigation funding from FEMA to make some improvements to try to prevent future damage's as well to work on.

Regular Road Maintenance. Due to the flood repairs, we had some projects/grants that did not get done this past year. We also had a lot of regular work that had to be put off, culverts, ditching, brushing and graveling due to the flood work and issues with our trucks being down for repairs.

New road crew member. James Leno started in November.

Luke Gibson. I want to give a big thank you to Luke, we couldn't have got it all done without him.

Contractors. I want to say thank you to all the contractors that did work for us this past year.

Road Issues. Please call if you find something urgent, otherwise send a text or email if it's something more minor.

Kevin Bagley Stockbridge Road Commissioner and Road Foreman.

Cell 802-431-8446 email roads@stockbridgevt.gov

Fire Chief Report – Year Ending 2024

The Stockbridge Fire Department and First Response were dispatched to a total of 24 fire calls and 35 first response calls this past year. Fire department personnel participated in training with White River Valley Ambulance to ascertain Vermont First Responder & CPR Certifications.

We received the new Engine 1 fire truck in August 2024 and have been working to update equipment on the new truck, including forestry hoses, collapsible fire fighting rakes, and 5000w generator. In November 2024, we began advertising the old fire truck for sale and will continue to pursue this effort until sold.

I appreciate the small but dedicated crew that continue to support the Town of Stockbridge. Anyone interested in joining the fire department should contact Jim Munyon, 802-747-8828 or Dan Novotny, 802-746-8450. Fire meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the fire station. Requests for burning permits must be directed to the Fire Warden, Dave Brown at 802-353-9392.

Jim Munyon

Fire Chief

Lister Report – 2024

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Filing your Homestead Declaration can save you money on your education taxes. Likewise, NOT filing it can cost you money. There is a lot more information about this on-line and can be accessed by looking up Vermont Homestead Declaration. Filing date is April 15, 2025. Then a late filing penalty is assessed.

If you use any of the available tax filing software packages, they might not include this State of Vermont form. So, make sure to check.

As can be seen in the Property Transfer Report here in the town report, our sales have been very active this year. This is a statewide trend. Our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 75.98% our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is now 27.43% The ideal is 100% and 0% respectively. We are now in the “required to reappraise” zone. There are 165 towns statewide that fell into this category this year. We are not alone. As a result we have started the process of finding a reappraisal firm. Please remember that taxes are paid on the Grand List value of a property NOT the price it was purchased for.

We continue to visit properties to update property features in an effort to keep the Grand List current. This is done in the spring and change of appraisal notices are sent at that time, and grievances may be filed then.

It continues to be a challenging job. We appreciate the townspeople's support in our efforts to maintain the Grand List.

Beth Dawley Richard Furman Janet Whitaker

Belcher Memorial Library

2024 was a year of learning for the Trustees of the Belcher Library.

Limited visitors, an ageing collection and building, and limited community support all concerned the board of trustees. A survey was carried out that showed some support for the continued existence of the library but also limited likelihood of use.

The board has been in contact with the State Librarian and the Preservation Trust of Vermont, both of whom offer support, consulting and grants to help small libraries find new roles in the 21st Century.

During 2025, the board will be working with these groups and any interested local community members to re-invigorate its membership, repair the buildings, and repair the library finances by finding new tenants.

The current Board consists of Meg Hudson, Kim Marsh Moore, Scott Moore, Karen Pofcher, and Kevin Travis (President).

STOCKBRIDGE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The power of volunteering cannot be overemphasized

Inspired, and with the permission of SCC, the **Peter and Becky Klein family** of Rochester, VT volunteered to ‘spruce up’ South Hill Cemetery. During the summer, they worked, now and then, when the weather was ‘right’. They cut and hauled away the brush, straightened the fencing, righted some posts and miraculously, made the gate operational. This was no small project! The Klein’s dedication to our community is very much appreciated and we are most grateful.

In the fall of ’23 volunteers, under the leadership of **Tom Giffin of VOCA**, did extensive gravestone repairs at Maple Wood Cemetery. During the following winter, the Maple Trees, in front of the Cemetery, released branches that broke several of the repaired gravestones. Trees Inc. won the bid to do the necessary work, which has been postponed until next season.

Our State allows **Green Burials** and decision making information is emerging. In December the North Country Clerk and Treasures Association offered a Green Burial Presentation hosted by Michelle Hogle Acciavatti, founder of Vermont Forest Cemetery. Interested residents can learn about this eco friendly type of burial on their website. While we will not offer forested sites, we could offer this alternative at Maplewood Cemetery where a burial lot cost \$350. The Commission’s decision on the topic is forthcoming. If you are interested in this alternative burial please join the discussion during our meetings, in person or on Zoom.

1/1/2024 Beginning Balance....\$959.10			
Funding		Expenses	
Homer Perkins Fund	300.00	S&S Maintenance	21,696.00
Plastic flowers for specified graves	-74.20	Perpetual Care 2023	210.00
Cemetery Investment Account	6,232.00		
Town Funding	17,000.00		
Totals Funding	23,457.80	Total Expenses	21,906.00
12/21/2024 Ending Balance \$2,510.90			

A Fund was created by better than average performance over a three year of the Cemetery Trust Investment. This fund enables us to do much needed capital improvements.

We want to express our gratitude to the many individuals who have assisted in our efforts during the past year: our Town Clerk, the TPF, Mike Ketchum, the road crew, Duke Maxwell, and the Klein family. A special thank you to **Rich Lunna 2024** for his years serving our Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Mette Rea 2025, Joanne Mills 2026, Suzanne Butterfield 2027

Planning Commission Report - 2024

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

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

Meetings: Regularly scheduled monthly meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday via Zoom and at the town office. The public is invited to attend all meetings and hearings. Agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the town website: <http://stockbridgevt.org>

2024 Highlights: 2024 was a trying year for the Commission, with illness and other issues delaying completion of the plan. The commission took feedback from town residents at a public hearing in February, and amended the plan based on those comments. A further hearing was held by the Selectboard in the fall, and further edits were made. The plan has now been adopted.

2025 Plans: In 2025, the commission plans to run a Town Survey again, and work on residents' views of the future of the town. In addition, the commission will start work on edits and revisions to the Zoning By-laws. Not much change is anticipated, although there are several State requirements to review and incorporate.

Current Planning Commission members are Jon Benson, Lou Chap, Steve Farrington (Secretary), Patricia Hardyman, Joanne Green Mills, Kevin Travis (Chair).

Respectfully submitted,

Stockbridge Planning Commission
Kevin Travis, Chair

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds Report - 2024

Role: Stockbridge's benefactors, former residents who cared deeply about our community, established six endowments. The Trustees are responsible for prudently managing the endowments, ensuring their continuity for future generations and supporting each funds' stated purpose. The Trustees are also charged with administering the Cemetery Trust Fund.

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds take these responsibilities seriously, operating with the following Mission and Vision.

Mission:

Our mission is to support the Stockbridge community by facilitating access to resources made available through the philanthropy of past and present town residents.

Vision:

We envision an innovative, resilient, and mutually supportive Stockbridge community where caring for one another is a shared commitment.

Our Shared Values Power Our Work:

Stewardship – We honor our heritage through fiscal prudence and fidelity to the specified desires of our benefactors.

Integrity – We operate with honesty, transparency, and adherence to the highest ethical standards.

Service – We strive to respond to the enduring and changing needs of our community with empathy and innovation.

Engagement – We value and seek active community participation.

Gratitude – We are grateful for Stockbridge: the land, the people, and the generosity of our benefactors. We strive to honor each with dignity and respect.

Highlights for 2024:

Assistance Highlights: In 2024, assistance totaled \$122,941: \$19,000 in High School Graduate and Stockbridge Scholarship awards, and \$83,618 to support 20 nonprofit organizations and Stockbridge residents. Additionally, the Trustees designated \$14,000 for Stockbridge Central School programs and \$6,323 for Town Cemetery care and maintenance. The Trustees also continued support of the Stockbridge/Gaysville Historical society loan program with \$10,000 for restoration work.

Financial Highlights: The total portfolio annual rate of return for 2024 was +12.2%.

Investment Advisory Services: Mascoma Wealth Management LLC of Hanover, New Hampshire provided investment services with a management fee of \$19,830.

The Trustees of Public Funds are elected officials and serve all members of the Stockbridge community. If you, or someone you know, is in need or if you know of a worthy program which benefits Stockbridge residents that you don't see on the list on the following pages, please feel free to call any one of us.

For residents needing assistance, Capstone Community Action in Randolph can also help. Call 1-800-639-1053 and let them know you are a Stockbridge resident.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds

Julie Groppe

734-3111

Stockbridge Scholarship Lead

Teresa Newton

234-2121

Capstone Liaison

Kim Moore

746-8595

Chair

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds Trust Funds

Keyes Welfare/School Fund

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

Albert Whitcomb School Fund

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

Albert Whitcomb Welfare Fund

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

Edwina Paine Welfare Fund

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

Chamberlain Library Fund

Vernie Chamberlain left a sum to the town of Stockbridge in 1948 and directed the income to be used to buy books for the Stockbridge Library. Her will specified the books are to be of religious subjects or biographies of great Americans.

Hollister Fletcher Fund

Established in 2020 by a gift of \$2,114,404 from the Hollister J. Fletcher Trust “To help worthy citizens of the Town to overcome temporary, difficult, or needy situations. The idea is to reach and help out in certain areas not reached by organized charity or welfare.”

Cemetery Trust Fund

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

Trustees of Public Funds

2024 Financial Report

<u>A. Assets</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Equities	\$ 2,580,414	\$ 2,965,991	\$ 385,577
Fixed Income	\$ 1,163,038	\$ 1,155,999	\$ (7,039)
Cash	\$ 151,912	\$ 116,924	\$ (34,988)
Asset Totals:	<u>\$ 3,895,364</u>	<u>\$ 4,238,914</u>	<u>\$ 343,550</u>

Annual Returns:

<u>B. Assets by Fund</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Hollister Fletcher Fund	\$ 2,107,008	\$ 2,283,756	\$ 176,748
Whitcomb Welfare Fund	\$ 1,018,534	\$ 1,117,933	\$ 99,399
WWF Capstone 3)	\$ 4,591	\$ 4,591	\$ -
Whitcomb School Fund	\$ 353,467	\$ 381,672	\$ 28,205
Paine Welfare Fund	\$ 129,308	\$ 139,262	\$ 9,954
Keyes School/Poor Fund	\$ 12,763	\$ 13,935	\$ 1,172
Chamberlain Library Fund	\$ 9,392	\$ 10,262	\$ 870
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 264,892	\$ 292,093	\$ 27,201
Sources & Uses Totals:	<u>\$ 3,899,955</u>	<u>\$ 4,243,504</u>	<u>\$ 343,550</u>

<u>C. Comparative Uses</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Hollister Fletcher Fund	\$ 112,200	\$ 72,935
HS Graduate Awards	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500
Stockbridge Scholarship Awards	\$ 21,100	\$ 15,500
Non-Profit/Resident Support	\$ 87,100	\$ 53,935
Whitcomb Welfare Fund	\$ 13,391	\$ 24,683
Non-Profit Support	\$ 13,391	\$ 24,683
Whitcomb School Fund	\$ 9,000	\$ 14,000
WSF--One Planet/Other	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Paine Welfare	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Keyes School/Poor	\$ -	\$ -
Chamberlain Library	\$ -	\$ -
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,323
Support Totals:	<u>\$ 140,591</u>	<u>\$ 122,941</u>

<u>D. Trust Expenses</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Financial Mgmt. Fee 4)	\$ 18,645	\$ 19,830
Administrative Expenses	\$ 472	\$ -
Expense Totals:	<u>\$ 19,117</u>	<u>\$ 19,830</u>

Notes:

- 1) Gains net of Financial Management Fee.
 - 2) Fund transfers, donations and Cemetery perpetual care fees.
- Gains and Uses do not include Trust Expenses shown under Section D.
- 3.) Capstone provides direct support for Stockbridge residents including emergency fuel assistance, rent, utilities, and transportation, child care and senior services.
 - 4) Financial Management Services: Mascoma Wealth Management LLC, Hanover, N.H.

Trustees of Public Funds--Non-Profit Support Summary

	Organization	Requested					Approved	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024
1	American Red Cross	\$ 250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
2	Belcher Library	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,800	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
3	Bethel Area Food Shelf	\$ 3,000				\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
4	Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
5	Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,081	\$ 1,081	\$ 2,081	\$ 1,081	\$ 1,081	\$ 1,081	\$ 1,081
6	Cover Home repair						\$ 1,592	\$ 1,592
7	Great Dane Rescue of New England							\$ -
8	Green UP Vermont	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
9	One Planet Afterschool Program	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	NA	
10	Orange County Parent Child Center							
11	Ty View Farm						\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
12	Park House	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
13	Quin-Town Senior Center	\$ 5,668	\$ 6,668	\$ 6,668	\$ 6,668	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,668	\$ 3,500
14	Safeline, Inc.	\$ 500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
15	Stockbridge Community Meals to Go			\$ 25,400	\$ 52,000	\$ 48,100	\$ 39,000	\$ 19,350
16	Stockbridge Historical Society	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
17	Summer Music for Kids	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500
18	Tri-Valley Transit (formerly Stagecoach)	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
19	VT Adult Learning	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
20	VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230
21	VT Family Network			\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	NA	
22	Vt Council on Rural development						\$ 200	\$ 200
23	Vermont Rural Fire Protection TF	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	NA	
24	Visiting Nurses Alliance of VT/NH	\$ 2,930	\$ 3,930	\$ 3,930	\$ 3,930	\$ 2,930	\$ 2,930	\$ 2,930
25	White River Partnership	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
26	Windsor County Mentors	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 200
Total Contributions:		<u>\$ 27,209</u>	<u>\$ 29,209</u>	<u>\$ 56,859</u>	<u>\$ 95,759</u>	<u>\$ 103,491</u>	<u>\$ 99,051</u>	<u>\$ 73,433</u>

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds Trust Funds

Keyes Welfare/School Fund

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

Albert Whitcomb School Fund

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

Albert Whitcomb Welfare Fund

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

Edwina Paine Welfare Fund

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

Chamberlain Library Fund

Vernie Chamberlain left a sum to the town of Stockbridge in 1948 and directed the income to be used to buy books for the Stockbridge Library. Her will specified the books are to be of religious subjects or biographies of great Americans.

Hollister Fletcher Fund

Established in 2020 by a gift of \$2,114,404 from the Hollister J. Fletcher Trust “To help worthy citizens of the Town to overcome temporary, difficult, or needy situations. The idea is to reach and help out in certain areas not reached by organized charity or welfare.”

Cemetery Trust Fund

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

2024 Vital Records

Births:

Ambrose Alvin Fournier to Natalie Fournier and Timothy Fournier

Kaiser Michael Schumann to Brittany Persons & Brian Schumann

Celestine Sage Tonachel-Read to Lucia Tonachel-Read & Jeremy Tonachel-Read

Amira Eve Smith to Jessica Garcia & Andrew Smith

Willis Charles Whitaker IV to Kylie Ann Whitaker & Levi John Whitaker

Cohen Brooks Paradis to Emily Sky Messier

Marriages:

Alyson Paige Mack & Per Erik Kristoffer Edstrom

Gary Joseph Hayward & Kimberely Ann Stigger

Deaths:

Samuel Hoff Salls

Rebecca Lee Morse

Marilyn Gull Taggart

Rochelle Anita Mockus

Burials:

Samuel Hoff Salls

Beverley June Pratt

Chapin Archie Pratt

Malvern Earle Folsom

Rebecca Lee Morse

2024 Zoning Administrators Report

Town of Stockbridge

The 2024 Zoning activity has remained strong with a great deal of variety throughout the year.

This year there were 12 permits issued for New Construction, 3 Permits were issued for Accessory Structures, 2 issued for Additions to existing homes, 2 Simple Subdivision permits were granted, 5 Road permits, 1 for a hoop house, 3 permits for sheds, 1 conditional use permit, 1 fence line variance and 1 permit for outdoor recreation.

2 Certificates of Completion were issued. Let me remind those that require a Certificate of Compliance to reach out to me to request a walk-through following project completion.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Isaacson

Zoning Administrator

Zoning@stockbridgevt.gov



Service Delivery

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **45 disaster cases in Windsor County**, assisting **90 individuals**. The Red Cross provides safe shelter, food, relief supplies, financial assistance, and comfort to those in need after a disaster – whether it’s a home fire affecting a single family, or a storm or flood devastating an entire community. All Red Cross services are provided free of charge through the generosity of the American public and are available to everyone in need without discrimination.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Bethel	1	2
Bridgewater Corners	4	9
Chester	4	8
Hartland	1	2
Ludlow	18	28
Proctorsville	7	16

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Reading	1	3
Rochester	1	2
South Royalton	1	4
Springfield	4	7
Weston	3	9



Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Windsor County to educate residents on fire safety and preparedness. We made **3 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.



Windsor County is home to **24 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life who are trained and empowered to respond to disaster in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



We collected, **1,761 pints** of lifesaving blood at **66 drives** in Windsor County.



Last year, **752 Windsor County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.



We proudly assisted **23 of Windsor County’s Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

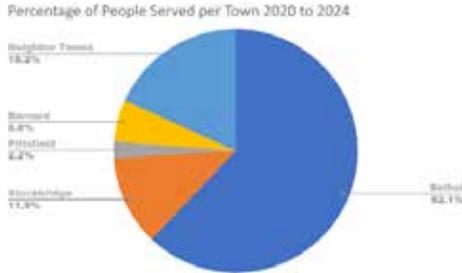
Thank you for your generous support, which makes our mission—alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies—possible.

Thank you!



Bethel Area Food Shelf 2025 Town Meeting Report

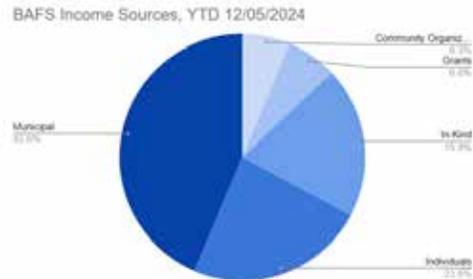
In the past year the Bethel Area Food Shelf (BAFS) faced overwhelming need and saw significant growth in the number of community members we served. In 2024, BAFS provided assistance to 270 unique families, totaling over 700 individuals in the region, which includes Bethel, Barnard, Pittsfield, and Stockbridge. BAFS also welcomed 122 new families.



Of those 270 families, 31 were from Stockbridge and had 76 individuals in their households. Sixteen of the new families reside in Stockbridge. From 2020 to 2024, BAFS has played a crucial role in alleviating food insecurity in our service area; 12% of those served live in Stockbridge.

BAFS is operated entirely by volunteers; they receive no monetary compensation for their work. As a Network Partner of the Vermont Foodbank, BAFS has access to free and reduced-price food monthly and can participate in various grant opportunities. Willing Hands, a regional gleaning nonprofit, supplies BAFS with fresh produce, bread, and dairy products on a weekly basis.

Additionally, we collaborate with local churches, schools, businesses, and organizations. In 2024, our new partnership with Shaw’s supermarket in Randolph accounted for approximately 20% of our monthly inventory, helping to mitigate inventory cuts we instituted in order to lower costs.



In the past year, BAFS has significantly improved its outreach and fundraising efforts to meet the increasing needs of the community. We are grateful for the generous grants and contributions from individuals, community organizations, and the four towns we serve. We are again seeking municipal support from each of the towns in our service area based on usage. This year, our request from the Town of Stockbridge continues to be \$20,000.

We remain open two days a week, on Mondays from 12 to 1 PM and Thursdays from 5 to 7 PM. Deliveries are available throughout our service area during these hours to ensure that we can reach those in need. If you need help supplementing your food budget, contact us: bethelvtfoodshelf@gmail.com, or 802-234-5513. We also now have an online shopping option on our website, bethelvtfoodshelf.org. Other up-to-date information is available at www.facebook.com/bethelvtfoodshelf.

If you’d like to volunteer at BAFS, please contact cindy@action-circles.com. If you’d like to donate to BAFS, send a check to Bethel Area Food Shelf, PO Box 211, Bethel, VT 05032 or donate via Venmo to Cindy Metcalf @bethelvtfoodshelf.

We look forward to continuing this important work, and we encourage our neighbors to continue to reach out and help their neighbors in need.

The BAFS Management Team, Mary Eastridge, Melissa Harwood, Tina Mullins, Alyssa Levy, Denise Guilmette, Lisa Warhol, and Cindy Metcalf



Supporting Central Vermonters to Age with Dignity and Choice
CVCOA Helpline: 1-802-477-1364

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) 2024 Report for Town of Stockbridge:

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice throughout the 54 towns in Central Vermont. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment, long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, nutrition education, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

CVCOA served 4,531 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, **21 residents of Stockbridge**. CVCOA mobilized 247 Central Vermont volunteers, who donated 18,000 hours of their time, valued at over \$600,000.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of **Stockbridge for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Stockbridge community.**



STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY MEALS 2024 Annual Report

The mainstream food economy is not working for everyone.
Two out of five Vermonters are now food insecure, up from one in four.

Stockbridge Community Meals is an experiment in creating a local food economy that works for our whole community.

Our goal is to make locally sourced, prepared food easily accessible for all of us, to become locally self-sustaining through broad community support, and to become a model for other rural communities.

Through the generous participation of this community, including individuals, businesses, local foundations, and public funds, we have made a great start. See details below.

This locally sourced prepared food is for everyone regardless of ability to pay, available for pick up from our freezer in the concession stand at Stockbridge Central School, weekdays from 2:45 – 7:00 PM, with the understanding that we will each contribute as we are able: more if we can, less if we cannot.

To sustain universal access, SCM needs broad ongoing community support.

To this end, we have invited community members who can afford to do so to commit to supporting this project on an ongoing basis by signing up for our flexible Prepared Food CSA.

The CSA shares are available in various sizes, beginning at less than the cost of the food.
As of the end of 2024, we have approximately 34 CSA subscribers, at rates ranging from \$7.50/week to \$100/week, for a total of approximately \$930/week in CSA income.

We are deeply grateful for our CSA subscribers. **THANK YOU!**

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY MEALS
2024 Annual Report (cont.)

We are also deeply grateful for support from the Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds, and for support from the local grants and business community, documented on the Community page of our website. **THANK YOU!**

We have now completed our third full calendar year of operation.

In 2024:

In a rural town with a population of 733 and no grocery store, we distributed 6,667 containers (13,334 servings) of wholesome (largely organic) prepared food. We launched a successful pilot elderly outreach with a delivery option, which we hope to expand. Almost all of the \$93,555 spent on food-related labor and materials went to local farms, a business, cooks, and independent markets: your money stayed in your community. Total costs (food, labor, containers, labels, fees, insurance, marketing...) were \$104,981 and Total community member support for the same period was: \$49,896. The Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds supported SCM at an average rate of \$450/week, diminishing from \$750/week in the first quarter to \$315/week in the third and fourth quarters.

We have already become a model for other rural communities.

Our project was featured in the 2023 Spring issue of Edible Vermont. (Google: Edible Vermont Spring 2023/Stockbridge Community Meals.)

If you are not yet a CSA subscriber, given that you almost certainly spend money on food somewhere, can you use \$20/week of your food budget to buy local?

If you can commit to \$20/week through our CSA, since we have a sliding scale for food, based on the honor system, you can decide how many containers of food to take out based on your circumstance. If \$20/week doesn't sound right for you, check out our CSA page to see the wide range of levels available.

By being part of our CSA, you will be purchasing delicious food for yourself (at a price determined by you,) strengthening our local food economy, and demonstrating your commitment to the proposition that as a community, we are in it together and we are making sure that all of us have access to wholesome, locally sourced food.

If you cannot sign up for our CSA

Please enjoy the food and contribute what you can afford. Every contribution helps! Contribute at the site or mail a check (SCM) to 621 River Road 05772 or VENMO @SFCMTG For more information, including pictures of the land and the people your money supports, and/or to sign up for our CSA, please visit our website: stockbridgecommunitymeals.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & GENEROSITY!

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Aldrich, Founder



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

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



Stockbridge Green Up Numbers: Volunteers 37+/-; Miles cleaned approx. 20-24; Trash disposed of 750#; Number of tires 17; Thank you to the Town Crew for helping by having the town truck at the Stockbridge School and then taking the load to the Royalton Transfer Station.

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

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

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

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

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

2025 Green Up Day is May 3rd.

Stockbridge Historical Society - 2024 Summary Report

In 2024 Members of the Historical Society-

1. Attended The Annual Conference of local Historical Societies held in White River Junction. The workshops were valuable, as they focused on inventory methodology and cataloguing techniques for smaller town historical society collections like ours;
2. Sponsored a public presentation on Vermont Samplers by Michele Pagan, a fabric specialist with the Vermont Sampler Project;
3. Participated at the annual Craft & Flea Market on Stockbridge Common in August;
4. Sponsored the Annual 'Constitution Day' celebration on the Green at Stockbridge Center;
5. Relocated the Society's Collection of artifacts and written materials from the Belcher Library to its new home in the Perkins House in Gaysville;
6. Attended the Vermont Sampler Identification Day in Essex Jct;
7. Continued the work of sorting and repairing at the Perkins House. The failing exterior chimney is now gone and new exterior siding has been installed where needed;
8. Our members assisted Stockbridge residents and organizations with research and information on various local historical events and persons.



The photo is of some of our members posing on the Gaysville Bridge. As we all know, this bridge is set to be replaced with a new version in the not-too-distant future. After almost a hundred years of service for the folks in Gaysville, its replacement is a bit of a bittersweet event. The reason this bridge exists at all, is because of the terrible flood of 1927. As such, this old bridge is a

rarity: an actual, physical link to those events of that year. Its original construction was a blessing for those residents who had only a precarious journey on a swaying rope bridge with which to cross the White River. (It wasn't until 1929 that this current bridge was completed.)

The Stockbridge Historical Society is the only local, non-profit organization dedicated to the collecting, research and preservation of the historical record of Stockbridge, Vermont- our town! We are made up entirely of volunteers. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings or join us. If you would like to be notified of our future events and activities, please get in touch: Forrestn@fastmail.fm . We will put you on our 'e'-mailer.

Respectfully submitted: Forrest Newton, President



2024

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Dear Friends,

Do you realize that Park House is an extremely unique and rare asset that not many other communities can claim to have? There are few options out there for older adults who might be struggling to “keep house” on their own but are not in need of nursing care yet. No other housing option offers a true HOME like we do. We are pretty proud of what we have going here, and we think our valley should be pretty proud of having Park House in the community too.

Our mission reads, “To provide and operate a congregate Home in our 5-town area for seniors and other qualifying adults where they can live with dignity in a safe, pleasant, and positive environment.” For the past 30 odd years, every Staff member who has ever worked at Park House, every Board Member who has ever served here, every Volunteer who has ever given their time has contributed towards that mission.

Each year, ALL of the expenses required to provide this HOME continue to increase. Each year, our older adults struggle with dwindling financial resources. While we are diligent about keeping our expenses in check and about maintaining our commitment to affordability, there are so many factors that are just beyond our control.

For the last several years, we have had an extensive waiting list for our rooms. The need for affordable housing is great and never ending, most especially for our older adults. One of our most fervent wishes is to be able to provide a HOME to even more deserving people.

Our non-profit organization is reliant on grants, fundraising, and on your generous donations and appropriations to help cover our expenses and to remain an Affordable HOME. Our dedicated service to this community and its elders simply would not be possible without each of our 5 towns’ support. We sincerely THANK EACH OF YOU for your past support and hope that you will vote to continue that support again this year.

Please do stop in for a visit with us sometime, we would love to have you here for a meal, a musical performance, or just a good old-fashioned porch sit to slow down and watch the day go by!

With best wishes,

Lolly Lindsey
Executive Director

Together with the Park House Board of Trustees and Staff

Rochester Community Care Home, Inc. (Park House) is recognized as a 501 (c) (3) corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. Our Federal ID number is 22-2672836

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens
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Hancock, VT 05748

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quintownsc@gmail.com

1/20/2025

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

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

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of our surrounding towns. Our request from Stockbridge is **\$5668.00** for the coming year. The donation is well spent. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center including our To-Go Meals Program and our Meals on Wheels Program. This past year we have served 3 Stockbridge residents, 7 days a week, totaling 1,092 meals.

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

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Clook, President Quin-Town Board of Directors

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~ Natalie Clook, Acting President/Assistant Cook ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer

~ Beverly Allen, Secretary ~

Members: Annette West

Nicole Lambert, Executive Director

Pamela Gendron, Cook ~

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

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, Safeline provided 2,532 services for 285 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse. 5 services were provided for a resident in Stockbridge. These statistics could be understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety. Safeline provided services for a woman who experienced domestic violence. We provided crises intervention, emotional support and information/referral. These services are available for all residents in Stockbridge.

Safeline provides free confidential services, including: crisis support, safety planning, medical advocacy, economic empowerment, financial education and legal advocacy for any victim of the Stockbridge community.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the Stockbridge community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence in our society. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence.

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

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



A Vermont Domestic Non-Profit Corporation
Email: summermusicforkids@gmail.com
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Trumpet
Percussion

The Summer Music For Kids camp celebrated its third year of providing access to instrumental music education to all students in the Valley communities regardless of financial constraints or other barriers. Thanks to the Trustees of Public Funds and our generous donors, Valley businesses and residents, we were able to hire top-notch area teachers. This year, due to demand, we hired an additional string teacher. We continue to grow!

The high school has provided a wonderful place for the young people of our area to gather each summer for music, sports, drama, and art lessons, lots of yummy food – and companionship with each other.

Our teen counselors, bring their musical expertise as well as various athletic and arts talents to camp. This year we added an improvisation program, where campers could gather and continue to play their instruments with the teen counselors and other campers and staff. We also enjoyed having a float in the July 4th parade helping to provide parade music. Our campers decorated the float with creativity and were delighted to be part of the celebration.

Our Board of Directors remains entirely volunteer, enabling us to hire our teachers, teen counselors, and enrichment personnel from various areas of the arts.

We are looking forward to even more students as we enjoy both a new crop of beginning students as well as our more advanced instrumentalists. Thank you for supporting Summer Music For Kids!

Summer Music for Kids appreciates the diversity of human beings and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, sex or gender identity.

TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT) REPORT TO STOCKBRIDGE October 2024

Thank you for supporting TVT's vital public transportation programs in Stockbridge!

TVT's Dial-a-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems **provided a total of 203,645 rides last year – a 13% increase over 2023!** TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Your ongoing support helped us provide a four year annual average of 128 free Dial-a-Ride trips for Stockbridge residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, and an additional 364 riders boarded bus stops in Stockbridge.

Dial-a-Ride Programs meet specific needs of specialized populations including older adults, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who can't access transportation on their own. These programs offer direct access from home to: medical treatments, nutrition programs, adult day services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, and critical medical needs like radiation, dialysis, and substance abuse treatment.

Public Bus Routes are open to everyone and have been operating without fares since 2020. These commuter and local routes promote economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. In Stockbridge, residents can access:

- 89'er Commuter Route with stops at the Stockbridge Park & Ride & Stockbridge school to access South Royalton, Sharon, and the Hanover/Lebanon/WRJ area.
- Randolph Shopper with weekly access to pharmacies, grocery stores, and other services in Randolph

State and Federal grants contribute 80% of our operating funds and require the remaining 20% to come from local sources. TVT strives to raise 5% of these local funds through municipal contributions based on each municipality's population and access to service using our "fair share" formula. Your continued support of these important programs is greatly appreciated and if you have any questions, would like to learn more about our services, or are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please visit www.trivalleytransit.org or contact us by email at info@trivalleytransit.org or by phone at 802-728-3773.





2024 Year End Report

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for a thriving regional economy that enhances the Region's outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2024.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

With more than 104 years of combined experience, our staff support your local officials in many areas. We provide advice on zoning, budgeting and capital planning, and reducing flood damage. We are engaged with state and federal initiatives, ensuring as a local government, you can take advantage of these. The Municipal Technical Assistance Program has supported eligible towns in identifying project opportunities and funding sources to undertake those projects. Additionally, TRORC staff have assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws, and studies.

Economic Development

TRORC is part of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District, working to provide resources and opportunities for individuals, businesses, and communities. TRORC supports workforce needs and business growth by providing trainings, financial assistance research, and support for promotion and expansion planning. TRORC works with partners to maintain a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that identifies and proposes strategies to address economic challenges in the area, allowing the partners to seek EDA funding. Additionally, we work on initiatives to increase availability and access to health care services and preventative practices for all populations. This year, we worked on food security efforts, and helped towns with health planning and policy development.

TRORC helped the Town of Stockbridge update their Local Emergency Management Plan and Town Plan. Staff also helped plan and budget for future capital purchases. We provided guidance for managing federal grant funds, helped with an energy audit and in securing funding to upgrade the energy efficiency of the town office and garage/fire station. TRORC staff assisted with the town with an audit project, updating some documentation for grant compliance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons III, Chairperson, Pomfret

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. We worked with communities in updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, which assist the reduction of future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they happen. When disasters occur, TRORC actively becomes part of the state and local long-term recovery process. Most recently, we aided communities in recovery efforts from the July 2023 and July 2024 floods.

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC worked with towns on Enhanced Energy Plans, aiming to save money and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC worked with member towns in assessing town buildings and identifying funding sources for energy conservation upgrades. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC worked with towns to identify needs and obtain funding for road improvement projects. We assist partners with managing transportation-related projects and ensuring compliance measures are maintained with the State. We also support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING #03-0271000
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
SUMMARY REPORT

Request Amount: \$230.00

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

In FY'24 (10/2023-9/2024) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **297** individuals to help increase their independent living skills. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **232** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **115** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **151** individuals with information on assistive technology; **43** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **507** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **40** people and provided **31** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

During FY'24, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- VT Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

White River Junction Local Health Office | 118 Prospect Street, Suite 300 WRJ, VT 05001
Phone 802 -295-8820 | AHS.VDHWhiteRiverJct@vermont.gov

Our twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connections with the Vermont Department of Health. The White River Junction Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to 22 towns in northern Windsor and southern Orange counties. Here are some of our highlights from the past year. For more information on our work, visit www.HealthVermont.gov/local/white-river-junction



Promoting Healthy Eating

In 2024, the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program celebrated its 50th Anniversary of helping pregnant people and families with children under age 5. Our WIC staff provide WIC program participants with healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to community resources. To reduce transportation barriers, our office provides the most WIC program access points in the state with clinics at eight sites across the region. Learn more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local/white-river-junction/wic-white-river-junction>



Protecting the Community from Environmental Harm

Lead poisoning is a serious health risk, especially to young children. Our local Healthy Homes representative reports that 29% of children in our region have some detectable level of lead in their blood. No amount of lead is safe. The Lead Prevention Network brings together community and state partners from both VT and NH who are committed to seeing that all kids are screened for lead exposure and protected from the dangers of lead. To learn more, visit: <https://uvpublichealth.org/lead-poisoning/>



Improving Access to Dental Care

Our community has identified the lack of dental services in the region as a major health concern. In February, we helped to bring together dental providers and other volunteers to host a free dental clinic at the Hartford State Office Building. Our Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist facilitates an Upper Valley Dental Health Workgroup that is working to find solutions for making dental care more affordable and accessible. To learn more, visit: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health>



Vermont League of Cities and Towns

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

Member Benefits – All 247 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 140 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, and fire districts. As members, municipal officials and staff can tap into specialized benefits, expertise, and services, such as:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to thousands of questions on how to comply with state and federal requirements. VLCT also creates and publishes guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs to simplify the day-to-day work of municipal officials and staff. In 2024, members used VLCT’s consultation, resources, and government-specific finance training to help them obtain federal infrastructure funding, respond to flooding, and manage grants. Staff even helped state leaders design and implement grant programs to be easier for municipalities to use.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to local officials.** VLCT provides training via webinars, classes at members’ locations, and its annual member conference. In the wake of the 2023 floods, VLCT became a crucial information hub for local officials, and in 2024 VLCT helped members understand the local effects of updates to the Open Meeting Law, Act 250, and other state laws. VLCT’s Equity Committee assists local officials in centering the work of justice, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in their municipalities’ decision making, policies, practices, and programs.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal concerns are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT’s recent legislative efforts have helped secure flood relief for municipalities, increase local transportation funding, expand remote meeting authority, improve emergency medical services, exempt downtowns from Act 250, and create local option tax authority. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont’s Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Not-for-profit insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also offers members group rates on desirable employee benefits. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit vlct.org. Recent audited financial statements are available at vlct.org/AuditReports.

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

Pursuant to: 20 VS.A. §3581 of the Vermont Statutes Title 20: Internal Security and Public Safety, Chapter 193: Domestic Pet or Wolf-hybrid Control. Sub-chapter 002: Licenses: A dog must be licensed (registered) by six months of age at your town office to be legal. Proof of a rabies vaccination within the last year is required. Dogs not licensed can be seized and euthanized per state statute.

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

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

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

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

THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIP”

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

TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

White River Partnership 2024 Annual Report to Stockbridge

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2024:

- WRP staff and 30 volunteers completed the 7th year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, **monitoring river access sites every month during the summer** to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We also started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 120 volunteers **removed 6,000 pounds of trash and 110 tires** from the river.
- WRP staff and 20 trained volunteers **completed the 24th year of our Swim Smart monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including Gaysville Bridge, Mouth of Tweed River-Stockbridge, and Peavine Observation Site-Stockbridge – every two weeks from late-May through early-September. We shared results via new signs at Water Trail sites, email, our website, and our Facebook/Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and a youth work crew to **plant 3,310 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** at 6 sites to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP worked with Trout Unlimited, the Green Mountain National Forest, and a local contractor to **restore 1 acre of active floodplain** along the White River in Stockbridge to improve fish and wildlife habitat and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 1,500 students and teachers from 24 schools – including Stockbridge Central School – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed health**, including Freshwater Snorkeling with the Green Mountain National Forest, Trout in the Classroom with the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, crayfish and waterbugs sampling & identification, and more!

For more information

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www.whiteriverpartnership.org and www.facebook.com/WhiteRiverPartnership

White River Solid Waste Alliance
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

The Transfer Station just recently renewed our 10 year recertification. We had to replace our leachate tank (collects the liquids from the tipping floor). We upgraded from a 500 gallon tank to a 1,000 gallon tank. The Transfer Station is newly certified until March of 2034. The Leachate Tank needed to be replaced in order to obtain a new certification.

From July 1st, 2023, through June 30th, 2024, a total of 3,312.33 tons of solid waste and 267.97 tons of recycling were collected. The solid waste was collected at the Transfer Station "Tipping Floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Recycling was directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for Household Hazardous Waste were held in April 2024 at the Royalton Transfer Station and in September 2024 at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. A total of 225 families participated in the two events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small Quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2025. One at the Royalton Transfer Station in April and one in Rochester in the Town Hall parking lot in September. This will allow access for towns not located near the Transfer Station.

New Public Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7-1 and Saturday 7-2

Facility Staff are onsite on Thursday's (closed to the public) from 7-1 for operations and maintenance.

Information may be obtained during those hours by calling 802-763-2232

Web Address: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

Submission by John Leighton, White River Alliance/Facility Manager

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. In 2024 we celebrated our 50th year in service. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and several part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2024, through November 15, 2024, White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,650 emergency calls and transfers. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between medical facilities.

Training in emergency medical response is also an important part of our mission. We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont. WRVA issued 442 AHA certifications so far in 2024. We also provide advanced practice training to emergency response professionals and volunteers throughout the state. WRVA held 4 Vermont First Responder (VFR) courses, certifying nearly 50 community members.

Funding for WRVA comes from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2025, the per capita amount will increase from \$79.00- \$87.00.

Looking back on 2024 and ahead to 2025, we are ever grateful for the numerous first responders and fire departments with whom we work with and who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough. **3190 Pleasant St., Bethel, VT 05032 802-234-6800** www.wvra.org

**Matthew Parrish,
Executive Director**

It has been a busy year at the Windsor County Building.

There has been a great deal of activity and changes here in Windsor County. We have been having difficulty with our aging heating system for several years. The Assistant Judges secured a grant for the county to replace an old boiler with a new efficient boiler system. The grant will pay for about 50% of the cost of the boiler replacement and installation. We are already seeing the effects of the new, more efficient system in both the comfort level of the building and in reduced energy costs.

This fall Assistant Judge David Singer retired from his position with the county. We thank him for his contribution to the county and wish him well.

Michael Ricci was re-appointed in November to fill the remaining 2 years of the assistant judge position. We welcome back Assistant Judge Ricci. He has once again embraced this position and its challenges.

Recently, the courthouse in White River Junction has closed for renovations. Criminal court and a number of staff members have moved to the Woodstock courthouse for approximately 18 months. There will be much more activity at the Woodstock courthouse than it has experience in the past years. Some minor renovations were made to the courthouse in Woodstock to accommodate this move. Though there have been several challenges, through the dedication of the court staff, all is going along very smoothly.

We thank the Rotary Club of Woodstock who cleaned the War Monument in front of the courthouse in Woodstock. The monument looks very bright and clean.

We are thankful to each of the towns in Windsor County for their trust and support of our work. We welcome your thoughts and questions on the management of the affairs of the County and our court.



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Town Narrative - Stockbridge For July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

For 50 years Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Strong evidence shows that mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

According to Mentor VT, youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates
- Enhanced self-esteem
- Enhanced self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

During the past year, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships for children from towns throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors have volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring on local families, with a clean sweep once again this year:

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

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

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

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

Matthew Garcia
Executive Director



Orange County Parent Child Center

Supporting families... Building Communities

The Orange County Parent Child Center is one of 15 Parent Child Centers in Vermont.

The MISSION of Orange County Parent Child Center is to help families and children thrive and build a sense of belonging within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy, and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

OCPCC's programs include Children's Integrated Services Family Support which provides, among other efforts: home visits, identification of any nursing needs, mental health referrals, and referral for other family assistance. We also provide Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Early Care & Education for children 6 weeks to 5 years, parent education, fresh fruit and vegetables offered at our food shelf, concrete supports and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-K partner under Act 166. Starting later in 2024 or early in 2025 we will be adding a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Special Investigation Unit (SIU) to serve child victims of abuse. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

In the first 11 months of 2024, with the continued support of your community, we were able to provide 94 services to residents of Stockbridge, 40 of which served children under the age of 6.

Lindsey Trombley

Executive Director



PIERCE HALL Community Center

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Committed to preserving, promoting, and enhancing the historic, cultural, social, and wellness vitality of the White River Valley for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

2024 TOWN REPORT

Twenty years ago we embarked on a journey to restore Pierce Hall—a gift to our White River Valley from Ellen and Julia Pierce. It was the vision and hope of the 9 founding board members (listed below), the 2 years of weekly negotiations under the watchful eyes of David Hunt and Dr. Val Levitan, and the willingness and collaboration of the Masons of Rural Lodge #29 F&AM that this all became possible. We honor and remember them this year.

It seems hard to believe that it's been 20 years since we started this process, but through the dedication of so many volunteer hours and efforts, we have arrived where we are today: an ADA accessible space where we can gather to celebrate and build community—through classes/meetings, music and theater, celebrations, blood drives, memorial receptions, library activities, PHCC events, and our ever-popular Fitness Center.

We are delighted to report that in 2024 the Rochester library is using the auditorium for tween activities monthly on Friday evenings, Green Mountain Suzuki camp held music classes and their contra dance, and that we could be the alternate performance space for the WRVP performing arts camp. Young people making use of our building makes us so happy. We also were the site for the Rochester Historical Society showing of Kate Youngdahl-Stauss's documentary film on Rochester farmer Riley Bostwick, a HS graduation party, a 90th birthday party (congrats to Marvin Harvey), the 45th anniversary of the White River Valley Players, Ridgeline Outdoor Collective's hosting of the Back Country forum, the Land Care Cooperative's 3-day conference plus two meetings led by Abe Collins, four Red Cross blood drives, and three funeral receptions. Busy, busy!

Pierce Hall's own hosted events once again included the summer Ice Cream Social and Historic Car Show; the 4th of July 5K walk/run (jointly with Ridgeline Outdoor Collective); the 4th of July Chicken BBQ; our community Halloween party; and sponsorship of the Rochester Farmer's Market and Exchange Winter Market. We also staged a very successful Memorial Day "yard sale" with many hall treasures finding new homes!

It's also been 5 years since we opened our Fitness Center's fully equipped gym and yoga/exercise/dance studio. The studio is currently offering 4 different yoga classes (Tues, Wed, Fri, and Sat) by Bernice Davis, Sara Martire, Charles Martley, and Caitlin Layne and aerobics on Mon and Thurs by Muffie Harvey. The studio also has a 70" smart TV where members are streaming other fitness options. Fitness Center members are choosing 1-month, 3-month, or 12-month memberships or our 10-day Daily Usage contract—all with key fob access 6 days a week. We give enormous thanks to our volunteer staff that keeps this popular center up and running and sparkling clean: Janet Brown, Denise Chapin, Becky Donnet, Bruce Flewelling, and Ross Parker.

Restoration work at the hall also continued. This year's focus has been finishing the windows of our auditorium and the balcony and important repair of our original slate roof.

We remain proud to provide a gathering space for the valley towns we serve—Rochester, Hancock, Granville, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield—where good health and fitness, creative arts and learning, good times and fellowship, and the joy of being in community can happen. We look forward to future times together in Pierce Hall in 2025!

2024 Board of Directors: President Jeanie Levitan; VPs: Bruce Flewelling, Frank Rea, and Ross Parker;
Treasurer/Rental Manger Becky Donnet; Directors: Janet Brown, Sandy Pierce, Hannah Rice, and Nancy Sanz.

2024 Support Team: Jeff Brown, Denise Chapin, Norm Christiansen, Bernice Davis, Mette Rea, and Lesley Straus.

PHCC Founding Board Members: Charles Biederman, Kenneth Landis, Dean Mendell, Ann Mills, Dick Robson, Nancy Esteban Sanz, Midge Scanlan, Kathryn Schenkman, and William Zucca

Jamie Kinnarney, Superintendent of Schools
Anda Adams, Chief Academic Officer of MTSS
Annette Rhoades, Director of Special Services
Tara Weatherell, Business Manager
Raymond Ballou, Director of Technology
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FY 24-25 Annual Report

To the Constituents of Stockbridge:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) to provide the constituents of Stockbridge with updates specific to the unified school district; while reminding everyone that we will also be providing an annual school district report later in the spring prior to the annual school district meeting/budget vote in May.

The RSUD Board has recently created a Community Engagement Task Force that is made up of representatives from many different stakeholder groups including but not limited to community members, parents/guardians, teachers/staff, administrators, and Board members. This group is charged with surveying the stakeholders of the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District. We (the Board and Administration) are very interested in learning more about how our communities feel about the work that has been occurring throughout our unified district merger and gathering additional important information and data to inform future strategic planning. The Task Force will begin meeting in the middle of January and they will be warned and open public meetings. We hope that you continue joining us for these important conversations as we work to gather meaningful data in order to inform future strategic planning for the school district.

We have once again built the RSUD Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) budget from the approach and philosophy of zero-based budgeting. It's important to note that we anticipate announced tuition from many of our secondary receiving schools to be up as much as 6-8% for the FY26 school year, while also navigating health insurance premiums that are also up 11.9%. Therefore, we are going to work on preparing a budget for RSUD that is fiscally responsible, while prioritizing the support needed to continue our progress towards increasing student outcomes. That isn't an easy task this budget season, but I encourage you to visit our website to review our budget process and to learn more about the current state of the FY26 RSUD budget.

I would be remiss if I didn't highlight the work that has occurred over the past three years by the High School Repurposing Committee to reach a very positive vote for the Town of Rochester to reacquire the Rochester High School Building. The school district Board is working on finalizing the purchase and sale agreement with the selectboard and we expect action on this to occur in either January or early February with an acquisition date of July 1, 2025. There has been an incredible amount of effort to secure federal grants and to create a sustainability plan for the building.

I would like to emphasize that we continue to make investments into our school buildings due to the support you've provided us in setting aside capital reserve funds. Those funds have been used over the past several months to allow for installation of some much needed exterior doors, interior and exterior painting, and we anticipate window replacements to begin in the early spring. It is critical that we continue our progress of addressing deferred maintenance issues.

Serving the Schools and Communities of
Bethel - Chelsea - Granville - Hancock - Rochester - Royalton - Sharon - Stockbridge - Strafford - Tunbridge

Finally, I want to also encourage any/all members of the Stockbridge community to reach out to the school directly to learn more about the opportunities we are offering to better connect with the greater community in order to share the wonderful learning that is occurring either in or outside the school walls.

With continued enthusiasm and optimism,

Jamie Kinnarney,
Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU

OTHER INFORMATION

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT: All Vermont Homeowners must file their Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment (HS-122) every year. ***Even if you are not required to file a Vermont income tax return or you are filing for an extension, you must file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment form by April 15, 2025, to avoid penalties.*** A late filed Property Tax Adjustment Claim form and Household Income Form may still qualify for an education tax refund but will be subject to a penalty.

THREE EASY WAYS TO GET YOUR VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS:

1. Download fillable PDF forms from the web. Download, complete and print forms at <https://tax.vermont.gov/forms-and-publications>
2. Order forms by mail request to: Forms Request, Vermont Department of Taxes, 133 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-1401
3. Order forms by phone. Call toll-free in the US at 855-297-5600.

DOG LICENSES:

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

HISTORY BOOKS:

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

REGISTER TO VOTE:

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

By using the My Voter Page, a voter can:

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

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

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

VOLUNTEER FORM:

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

TOWN ALMANAC

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

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

The Land - 28,300 acres

Its People - 718 - 2020 Census

Its Roads – Total 50.312 miles

- 5.12 Class 2
- 33.40 Class 3
- 11.792 State Highway

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

Checklist - The Town's current checklist has 580 registered voters.

Dog Licenses - Dog licenses are due April 1st. After April 1st an additional fee is charged. Fees to register dogs are: \$11.00 Spayed Females & Neutered Males and \$15.00 Unneutered/spayed dog.

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

Taxes Due - Property Taxes are due on August 15th with a second installment due November 15th. All taxes become delinquent on the day following the date they are due and are subject to interest and fees. Stockbridge does not accept postmarks. There is a drop box at the Town Office.

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

Garbage Disposal – Stockbridge residents can take their rubbish to the Royalton Solid Waste Facility located at 122 Waterman Road, Royalton, VT. (802) 763-2232. There is a fee for rubbish but no charge for recyclables. You can contract with North Star Rubbish (802-672-3372) for curbside pickup. Northstarrubbish@gmail.com. There is a Saturday drop-off held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Town Office from 12:00PM – 2:00 PM. for rubbish and recycling. There is a per bag fee for the rubbish.

Post Offices -

Stockbridge, 05772-Phone 746-8041 Window Hours are Monday - Friday 7:30am -1130am
Saturdays - 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Gaysville, 05746-Phone 234-5575 Window Hours are Monday - Friday 12:45pm – 4:45 p.m.
Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

To Report a Fire - Dial 911

To Call Police - Dial 911 or 234-9933

To Call Ambulance - 911

To Call Clara Martin Center - Dial Toll Free 1-800-639-6360 - 24-hour emergency phone.

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

Town Clerk's Office - The Town office is open to the public on Monday by appointment, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. and Friday from 7:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Telephone 802-746-8400. Email Townclerk@stockbridgevt.gov. Town website: stockbridgevt.gov

Selectmen - The Selectboard meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the Town office at 6:00 P.M.

Fire Department - The Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department meet regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Town garage at 7:00 P.M. Jim Munyon, Fire Chief (802) 747-8828

Planning Commission- The Stockbridge Planning Commission has its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town office at 6:30 P.M.

Zoning- Zoning regulations are in effect and a building permit is required for most projects. Please contact the Zoning Administrator if you have any questions regarding permit requirements.

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

Quin-Town Center - The Quin-Town Center in Hancock serves lunch to Senior Citizens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

Reminder

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Town of Stockbridge

Stockbridge, Vermont 05772

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