A watercolor illustration of a winter landscape. The top half shows dense evergreen trees in shades of green. Below them is a layer of white snow. In the foreground, a yellow stone wall with dark outlines of the stones runs across the scene. The background behind the wall is a light blue wash, suggesting a sky or a body of water. The entire illustration is framed by a blue border.

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2021

AUDITORS ' REPORT

Pursuant to Section 1681/83, Title 24 V.S.A., we have verified the foregoing state cash balances, inspected bank statements; examined the accounts of Town Officers, and to the best of our knowledge the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial condition of the town on December 31, 2021 and they are an accurate record of the funds in the year ended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathie Burns
Anthony Caparis
Pamela Lyman



ON THE COVER

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Warning – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

March 22, 2022

Legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, in accordance with Act S.172 are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to meet for an Informational Meeting by ZOOM Meeting on **Thursday March 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm** to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot for the Town Meeting Articles.

Legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, in accordance with Act S.172 are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to VOTE on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at the Stockbridge Town Office** located at 1722 VT RTE 100, Stockbridge Vermont. Polls shall be open beginning at 9:00 AM (when the polls will open) and ending at 7:00 PM (when the polls will close) to transact voting by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT on the following matters:

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

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

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

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

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

Article 5: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended \$931,393

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 2021 Audit expense and the 2020 Land Record expense in the amount of \$9,750 into the 2022 Budget?

Article 8: Will the town vote to replace the 1987 Fire Truck?

Article 9: Will the town authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863? "Cannabis retailer" means a person licensed by the state Cannabis Control Board to sell cannabis and cannabis products to adults 21 years of age and older for off-site consumption.

Article 10: Will the town authorize integrated licensees in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863? “Integrated licensee” means a person licensed by the state Cannabis Control Board to engage in the activities of a cultivator, wholesaler, product manufacturer, retailer, and testing laboratory in accordance with state law.

Article 11: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting.

STOCKBRIDGE SELECTBOARD

Lee Ann Isaacson

Jim Shands

Zachary Cavacas

VOTER INFORMATION

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office, Stockbridge Post Office and Gaysville Post Office by February 20, 2022. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to <https://mvp.vermont.gov>

ON ELECTION DAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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

WAYS OF VOTING EARLY: Not available for school meeting. Ballots will be mailed

to all registered voters for the 3/22/2022 Australian Ballot

WARNING POSTED ON: February 20, 2022 (No later than 30 days before election.)

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 townofstockbridgev@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: _____

Who's Who in Local Government

Local Office Descriptions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Elections. Justice of the peace are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve as election officials at town elections by Australian ballot and statewide elections. Justices also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to voters at election time.
- Tax Abatement and Appeals. Justices of the peace sit as members of the town board for abatement of taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's tax obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. Justices of the peace also serve an important role in the town's tax appeal process. As a member of the board of civil authority justices sit and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.
- Marriages. Justices of the Peace may also solemnize marriages.
- Oaths and Notary – Justices of the peace may also administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice of the peace is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgment powers of a notary public. However, the justice of the peace must file with the county clerk in order to act as a notary public.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trustee of Public Funds (elected) –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.

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

Town Officials – Elected

Role	Name	Term Through
Moderator	Kent Butterfield	2022
Town Clerk	Lori Scott	2023
Town Treasurer	Lori Scott	2023
Selectboard	Jim Shands Lee Ann Isaacson/Chair Zachary Cavacas	2022 2023 2024
Listers	Beth Dawley Richard Furman Janet Whitaker	2022 2022 *appointed 2022 *appointed
Auditors	Pam Lyman Kathie Burns Tony Caparis	2022 2023 2024
Agent to Defend & Prosecute Suits	Jack Green	2022
Town Grand Juror	Louis Chap	2022
First Constable	Vacant	2022
Second Constable	Nathaniel Kennedy	2022
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Susan Pelletier	2022
Trustees of Public Funds	Mary Ellen Dorman Bill Edgerton Deborah Aldrich	2022 2023 2024
Cemetery Commissioners	Mette Rea Brenda Hillier Richard Lunna	2022 *appointed 2023 2024
Rochester-Stockbridge Unified School Directors	Justine Calnan-Cavacas Ethan Bowen/Chair Bill Edgerton Robert Meagher Amy Wildt/Vice Chair Patrick Hudson/Clerk	2022-Stockbridge 2022-Rochester 2023-Stockbridge 2023-Rochester 2024-Rochester 2024-Stockbridge
Justices of the Peace	Suzanne Butterfield Kathie Burns Tony Caparis Ryan Knox Patrick Giordano	2023 2023 2023 2023 2023
Memorial Day Chair	Suzanne Butterfield	2022

Town Officials – Appointed

Role	Name	Term Through
Assistant Town Clerk	Kelly McDermott-Burns	2024
Road Commissioner	Dave Brown	2022
Fence Viewers	Richard Lunna Dave Brown Vacant	2022 2022 2022
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Lee Ann Isaacson	2022
Tree Warden	Zachary Cavacas	2022
Inspector of Lumber	William Lynam	2022
Health Officer	Dan Levy	2023
Emergency Management Coordinator	Jim Shands	2022
Fire Chief	Dave Brown	2022
Fire Warden	Dave Brown	2022
Planning Commission	Suzanne Butterfield Regina Toolin Bill Johnson Kevin Travis/Chair Jon Benson Louis Chap Todd Trzaskos	2022 2023 2023 2023 2024 2024 2024
Zoning Administrator	Lee Ann Isaacson	2024
Regional Planning Representative Alternate Representative	Bill Edgerton Kevin Travis	2022 2022
Board of Adjustment	Tom Weymouth Jim Burns Louis Chap Jon Benson Zachary Cavacas	2022 2023 2023 2024 2024
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk Justices of the Peace Selectboard	
Green Up Coordinator	Janet Whitaker	2022
Ambulance Representative Representative to Tri Valley Transit ECFiber Representative ECFiber Alternative Representative	Beth Dawley Vacant Joshua Trudeau Vacant	2022 2022 2022 2022

Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Year Ending 12/31/2021

Cash Balance 1/1/2021		\$ 358,470.69
Receipts:		
Taxes	Current Taxes	2,046,230.35
	Delinquent taxes	245,155.93
	2022 Prepaid Taxes	2,613.43
State Payments		
	Highway Aid	79,054.02
	Current Use	46,517.00
	Reappraisal	7,581.00
	Highway Grants	492,681.57
	State Education Payment	4,606.00
Licenses & Permits		
	Building Permit fees	2,550.00
	Dog Licenses	564.00
	Marriage Licenses	500.00
Fees	Town Clerk Fees	14,895.21
	Restoration Fees	6,095.00
	New Boston Road Maint.	1,500.00
	Delinquent Tax Collector fees	18,914.19
Interest	Interest on checking	322.00
	Interest on delinq. Taxes	7,553.47
Other	History Book Sales	88.00
	Transfer from Stanley Tool Acc	2,000.00
	Trustees of Public Funds	77,607.00
	Tax Anticipation Note	200,000.00
	Forest Service	2,555.00
	NSF Check	(1,547.10)
	Misc.	3,057.13
		3,261,093.20
Total Cash Available:		3,619,563.89
Less Checks Written		3,040,509.76
Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2021		\$ 579,054.13

**Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2022 Budget**

	<u>Jan 1 - Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Proposed Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Use of Fund Balance	0.00	17,330.00 *	9,750.00
Restoration Fees	5,790.00	0.00	4,500.00
Building permit fees	2,550.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Current taxes	623,523.95	623,739.00	744,793.00
Current Use Reimbursement	46,517.00	45,000.00	46,000.00
Dog licenses	104.00	400.00	400.00
Educ. tax payment to Town	3,808.76	3,500.00	3,500.00
Fish & Wildlife Land PILT	22,182.60	22,200.00	22,200.00
Grant Income			
LHMP Planning Grant	6,175.74	0.00	0.00
ARPA Grant	3,371.98	0.00	0.00
Highway Supplemental - 2021	5,054.02	0.00	0.00
Class 2 Road Grant 2020	19,345.47	0.00	0.00
Grants-In-Aid Stonybrook	17,240.00	0.00	0.00
Gaysville Bridge Grant	68,525.56	0.00	0.00
Class 2 Road Grant	11,200.00	0.00	0.00
Flood damage grants	246,548.06	0.00	0.00
VLCT Safety Grant	623.72	0.00	0.00
Total Grant Income	<u>378,084.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Highway Revenue	74,000.00	74,000.00	74,000.00
History book sales	88.00	0.00	0.00
Interest on checking	337.20	1,000.00	350.00
interest on delinquent taxes	7,553.47	9,000.00	8,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,013.61	500.00	500.00
New Boston Rd. Maint.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Stanley Tool Revenue	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Clerk fees	15,155.21	10,000.00	10,000.00
VSA Forest Service	2,555.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Total Income	<u>1,186,763.35</u>	<u>814,069.00</u>	<u>931,393.00</u>
Gross Profit	1,186,763.35	814,069.00	931,393.00
Expense			
General Budget			
Selectboard Office			
Audit	9,250.00	15,000.00 *	4,000.00
Legal Fees	3,056.05	2,800.00	3,000.00
Legal Notices	675.84	500.00	600.00
Selectboard Salary	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
Total Selectboard Office	<u>17,181.89</u>	<u>22,500.00</u>	<u>11,800.00</u>
Town Clerk/Treas. Office			
Health Insurance	16,231.47	14,350.00	13,500.00
Computer Expenses	5,168.21	4,800.00	6,100.00
Town Website	563.76	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk Training	670.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Accounting Expense	739.57	595.00	2,600.00
Asst. Town Clerk	8,096.00	8,300.00	8,300.00
Bond Payment	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Building Maintenance	9,151.16	9,500.00 *	9,500.00
Elections	1,851.97	640.00	1,000.00

**Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2022 Budget**

	<u>Jan 1 - Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Proposed Budget</u>
Electricity	1,142.77	1,000.00	1,100.00
Interest on Bond payment	1,388.00	2,273.00	2,273.00
Land Records	3,361.67	7,430.00 *	4,625.00
LP Gas	1,105.70	1,000.00	1,100.00
Mowing	400.00	400.00	400.00
Office Supplies	1,314.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
Postage	1,313.35	1,500.00	1,500.00
Retirement expense	2,413.43	2,400.00	2,583.00
Telephone	546.31	700.00	600.00
Town Clerk Salary	19,902.07	19,136.00	19,136.00
Town Office rubbish removal	318.00	350.00	350.00
Treasurer Salary	19,925.31	19,136.00	19,136.00
Total Town Clerk/Treas. Office	<u>105,604.05</u>	<u>106,510.00</u>	<u>106,803.00</u>
Auditors Office			
Auditors Salaries	378.75	425.00	425.00
Town Report	4,185.99	4,200.00	4,500.00
Total Auditors Office	<u>4,564.74</u>	<u>4,625.00</u>	<u>4,925.00</u>
Listers Office			
Lister expenses	1,720.57	1,400.00	2,200.00
Listers Salaries	3,806.25	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Listers Office	<u>5,526.82</u>	<u>6,400.00</u>	<u>7,200.00</u>
Zoning/Planning Office			
Health Officer	500.00	500.00	500.00
Planning Commission	185.26	200.00	6,250.00
Regional Planning Commission	1,126.00	1,200.00	1,150.00
Zoning Administrator	1,080.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Zoning Expense	41.60	100.00	100.00
Total Zoning/Planning Office	<u>2,932.86</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>9,500.00</u>
Fire Dept./First Response			
Equipment/Supplies	24,720.73	25,000.00	25,000.00
Fire Dept. Equip Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
Fire Dept. Salaries	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Fire Dept. Telephone	465.02	400.00	450.00
Fire Truck Payment	5,471.07	7,500.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Workers Comp			1,219.00
Repairs	2,698.93	5,600.00	4,500.00
Total Fire Dept./First Response	<u>58,355.75</u>	<u>63,500.00</u>	<u>71,169.00</u>
Rubbish Removal			
A.B.L.E. Waste Contract	6,840.00	6,930.00	7,000.00
Annual Alliance Fee	8,667.09	8,670.00	9,480.00
Total Rubbish Removal	<u>15,507.09</u>	<u>15,600.00</u>	<u>16,480.00</u>
Law Enforcement			
Animal Control	13.46	150.00	150.00
Constables	82.50	550.00	550.00
Windsor County Sheriff	0.00	7,500.00	3,500.00
Total Law Enforcement	<u>95.96</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>
General Operations			
Historical Soc - Perkins House	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
Ambulance	44,896.00	44,896.00	46,670.00

**Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2022 Budget**

	<u>Jan 1 - Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Proposed Budget</u>
Cemetery	15,000.00	15,000.00	17,000.00
County Tax	7,575.00	8,200.00	8,000.00
Disability insurance	1,045.51	1,050.00	1,320.00
FICA	15,302.63	14,750.00	18,100.00
Liability Insurance	10,045.00	10,349.00	11,536.00
Memorial Day	582.01	550.00	600.00
Misc. Town Expense	1,036.10	2,000.00	2,000.00
Mow Common	400.00	400.00	400.00
Street Lights	2,542.19	3,300.00	2,500.00
Tax Antic. Note Interest	5,195.31	8,500.00	5,000.00
VLCT Dues	1,980.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total General Operations	<u>109,799.75</u>	<u>115,195.00</u>	<u>115,126.00</u>
Total General Budget	<u>319,568.91</u>	<u>346,030.00</u>	<u>347,203.00</u>
Highway Budget			
Mileage	405.11	1,000.00	1,000.00
Highway - Personnel			
Health Insurance	18,961.02	14,350.00	32,100.00
Highway Payroll	110,516.78	113,000.00	168,000.00
Retirement Expense	6,305.31	7,180.00	11,340.00
Unemployment Insurance	583.00	415.00	600.00
Uniforms	800.00	800.00	1,200.00
Workers Comp.	9,226.00	9,094.00	7,896.00
Total Highway - Personnel	<u>146,392.11</u>	<u>144,839.00</u>	<u>221,136.00</u>
Equip. Operations			
Cutting Edges	6,128.75	3,500.00	3,500.00
Diesel	13,520.68	15,000.00	18,000.00
Equipment Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Roadside Mowing	22,680.00	20,000.00	23,000.00
Gasoline	265.01	250.00	250.00
Propane		0.00	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance			
RM 2020 International	1,072.71	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Other	1,279.04	8,500.00	8,500.00
RM 2016 Kenworth	2,000.40	0.00	0.00
RM 2017 Ford	690.30	0.00	0.00
RM Grader	1,080.04	0.00	0.00
RM Loader	761.89	0.00	0.00
Total Repairs & Maintenance	<u>6,884.38</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>
Small Equipment Repairs	552.97	500.00	500.00
Tires and Chains	3,684.54	3,500.00	3,500.00
Tools	952.90	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Equip. Operations	<u>129,669.23</u>	<u>127,250.00</u>	<u>133,250.00</u>
Highway Materials			
Bridges	500.00	500.00	500.00
Chloride	4,350.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Culverts	3,408.49	5,500.00	15,000.00
Gravel	52,845.75	55,000.00	55,000.00
Guard Rails	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Retreatment	5,000.00	5,000.00	33,304.00
Salt	14,342.66	12,000.00	12,000.00

**Town of Stockbridge
Proposed 2022 Budget**

	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 21	2021 Budget	2022 Proposed Budget
Sandpile	42,864.93	44,500.00	45,250.00
Signs	575.55	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Highway Materials	123,887.38	136,000.00	174,554.00
Town Garage			
Garage Maintenance	11,898.06	11,000.00	2,000.00
Heating Oil	3,319.58	5,000.00	4,000.00
Rubbish Removal	333.00	450.00	450.00
Shop Supplies	2,710.42	2,500.00	2,500.00
Town garage electricity	1,913.97	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town garage telephone	1,301.12	1,000.00	1,300.00
Total Town Garage	21,476.15	21,950.00	12,250.00
Construction	25,837.74	25,000.00	30,000.00
Purchased Labor	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total Highway Budget	459,667.72	468,039.00	584,190.00
Grants			
Class 2 Road Grant 2020	19,345.47	0.00	0.00
ARPA Grant	3,371.98	0.00	0.00
LHMP Update Project	6,175.74	0.00	0.00
Class 2 Road Grant	16,254.02	0.00	0.00
Gaysville Bridge Grant	68,525.56	0.00	0.00
Grant - Stony Brook Road	17,240.00	0.00	0.00
VLCT Equipment Grant	623.71	0.00	0.00
Total Grants	131,536.48	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	910,773.11	814,069.00	931,393.00
Net Ordinary Income	275,990.24	0.00	0.00
Net Income	275,990.24	0.00	0.00

Audit Adjustment made for 2021 Budget

Audit Expense	8,000.00
Building MNT	5,000.00
Restoration Fee/Land Records	4,330.00
Total	<u>17,330.00</u>

Note Revenue to offset to Use of Funds

General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet
Town of Stockbridge
As of December 31,2021

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Mascoma Savings Checking	579,054.13	358,470.69	220,583.44	61.54%
Petty Cash	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Checking/Savings	<u>579,079.13</u>	<u>358,495.69</u>	<u>220,583.44</u>	<u>61.53%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts Receivable - Grants	74,701.30	64,809.00	9,892.30	15.26%
Delinquent A/R	110,023.87	92,745.47	17,278.40	18.63%
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>184,725.17</u>	<u>157,554.47</u>	<u>27,170.70</u>	<u>17.25%</u>
Other Current Assets				
Prepaid Expenses	8,904.12	0.00	8,904.12	100.0%
Tax Sale Properties		6,697.05	-6,697.05	-100.0%
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8,904.12</u>	<u>6,697.05</u>	<u>2,207.07</u>	<u>32.96%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>772,708.42</u>	<u>522,747.21</u>	<u>249,961.21</u>	<u>47.82%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>772,708.42</u>	<u>522,747.21</u>	<u>249,961.21</u>	<u>47.82%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	374,317.74	453,083.81	-78,766.07	-17.38%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>374,317.74</u>	<u>453,083.81</u>	<u>-78,766.07</u>	<u>-17.38%</u>
Other Current Liabilities				
Accrued Expenses		17,330.00		
Deferred ARPA Revenue	102,298.37	0.00	102,298.37	100.0%
Deferred Property Tax Revenue	66,518.72	0.00	66,518.72	100.0%
Property Tax Prepaid	2,613.43	0.00	2,613.43	100.0%
Accrued Expenses	7,479.83	0.00	7,479.83	100.0%
Penalties Collected	126.59	2,256.79	-2,130.20	-94.39%
2019 Flood Repair Loan	0.00	59,400.00	-59,400.00	-100.0%
Payroll Liabilities	11,277.06	6,738.36	4,538.70	67.36%
Trustees of Public Funds				
Hollister Fletcher Fund	1,370.52	0.00	1,370.52	100.0%
Whitcomb School Fund	3,113.00	0.00	3,113.00	100.0%
Trustees of Public Funds - Other	0.00	4,506.78	-4,506.78	-100.0%
Total Trustees of Public Funds	<u>4,483.52</u>	<u>4,506.78</u>	<u>-23.26</u>	<u>-0.52%</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>194,797.52</u>	<u>90,231.93</u>	<u>104,565.59</u>	<u>115.89%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>569,115.26</u>	<u>543,315.74</u>	<u>25,799.52</u>	<u>4.75%</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>569,115.26</u>	<u>543,315.74</u>	<u>25,799.52</u>	<u>4.75%</u>
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	-20,568.53	-62,597.86	42,029.33	67.14%
2020 Audit Adjustments	-51,828.55		-51,828.55	-100.0%
Net Income	275,990.24	42,029.33	233,960.91	556.66%
Total Equity	<u>203,593.16</u>	<u>-20,568.53</u>	<u>224,161.69</u>	<u>1,089.83%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>772,708.42</u>	<u>522,747.21</u>	<u>249,961.21</u>	<u>47.82%</u>

Listing of Investment Accounts

Citizens Bank 12/31/2021

Fire Dept. Equipment Fund

Beginning Balance	91,369.51
Transfer from General Fund	15,000.00
Transfer to First Responder Fund	(2,850.00)
Interest Earned	9.48
Ending Balance	<u>103,528.99</u>

Highway Dept. Equip Fund

Beginning Balance	135,674.18
Transfer From General Fund	75,000.00
Transfer To General Fund	-
Interest Earned	13.57
Ending Balance	<u>210,687.75</u>

Construction/Paving Fund

Beginning Balance	73,782.10
Transfer From General Fund	4,400.00
Transfer To General Fund	(37,961.83)
Interest earned	5.90
Ending balance	<u>40,226.17</u>

Reappraisal Fund

Beginning Balance	78,086.47
Transfer From General Fund	7,581.00
Interest Earned	8.17
Ending Balance	<u>85,675.64</u>

Lister Training Account

Beginning Balance	602.35
Interest Earned	0.07
Ending Balance	<u>602.42</u>

Tax Trust CD

Beginning Balance	30,214.64
Interest Earned	3.05
Ending Balance	<u>30,217.69</u>

Planning Commission Savings

Beginning Balance	2,879.30
Interest Earned	0.24
Ending Balance	<u>2,879.54</u>

Listing of Investment Accounts

Citizens Bank 12/31/2021

Fire Dept./First Response Savings Account

Beginning Balance	23,928.80
Transfer From Fire Dept Fund	2,850.00
Donation:	-
Harrington/Van Nostrand	1,000.00
Eldredge	100.00
Pratt	25.00
Burns - Burns	100.00
Burns - Brown	50.00
Burns - Austin	50.00
White	25.00
Sticht	250.00
Gaysville Comm Church	100.00
Interest Earned	2.80
Ending Balance	<u>28,481.60</u>

History Book Fund

Beginning Balance	3,343.30
Interest Earned	0.36
Ending Balance	<u>3,343.66</u>

Land Record Restoration Fund

Beginning Balance	2,682.03
Interest Earned	0.24
Ending Balance	<u>2,682.27</u>

Bar Harbor Bank

Stanley Tool CD

Beginning Balance	19,426.45
Transfer to General Fund	(2,000.00)
Interest Earned	48.72
Ending Balance	<u>17,475.17</u>

Mascoma Bank

Herbert Brown Cemetery Savings

Beginning Balance	1,294.19
Transfer to Cemetery Checking SC	980.00
Interest Earned	0.12
Ending Balance	<u>2,274.31</u>

Stockbridge Town Informational Meeting

February 25, 2021, 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Info

+1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 847 4098 8469 Passcode: 866045

Present: Mark Pelletier, Lee Ann Isaacson, Jim Shands, Lori Scott, and Kelly McDermott-Burns

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:00 and read the Informational Meeting Guidelines.

Lori Scott read the Warning.

Mark read Article 1—Running for moderator for one year is Kenneth Butterfield. Running for Selectboard for a three-year term is Zach Cavacas. Bill Johnson has dropped out. Lister for a three-year term. No one is on the ballot. Mark asked anyone who is interested to come forward or notify the town office. Running for Collector of Delinquent Taxes, one-year term, is Susan Pelletier, currently in that position. Jack Green is on the ballot for Agent to Defend and Prosecute Suits for one year. No one on the ballot for Grand Juror for a one-year term. Lou Chap said he would run for that position again.

Kathie Burns stated that Tony Caparis would be running for Auditor for a three-year term.

Mark acknowledged that and moved on to Zach Cavacas who is running again for First Constable for one year. No one is on the ballot for Second Constable for a one-year term. Mark asked Zach or anyone interested to speak. No response. Mark moved on to Trustee of Public funds, three-year term. Deborah Aldrich is on the ballot for this position.

Beth Dawley asked if it was Craig Cota's position that was being filled or if he has chosen not to run? Mark replied that if someone is not on the ballot, and they were in the position, they have chosen not to run.

Kathie Burns wanted to know who Deb Aldrich is. Mark asked if anyone wanted to speak. Trustee Bill Edgerton said Deborah Aldridge lives in Gaysville and is an active community member. Bill feels that she is a good choice leadership to fill the Trustee position. He recommends her election to the position.

Mark continued to Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term. There is no one on the ballot. Kelly said there are two positions open. She shared that the time commitment was minimal. Richard Lunna said he was interested in the Cemetery Commissioner's position. He will be a write-in on the ballot.

Kent Butterfield was called on and he said he has held the Moderator position for 30 years and would be happy to continue.

Mark then moved to Memorial Day Chair for one year, currently held by Suzanne Butterfield. Suzanne said she would run again. She will be a write-in on the ballot.

Mark read the following Articles:

Article 2--To hear the auditor's report and take all necessary actions thereon. Kathie Burns read the Auditor's Report. There were no questions.

Article 3--Will the Town vote to pay real estate taxes in two equal installments due on August 15 and November 15? No questions.

Article 4--Will the Town vote to elect a collector of taxes or to authorize the town Treasurer to collect card taxes? Christina Gallagher asked if the town had considered using the second day of the month versus the 15th to avoid

weekend dates? Mark said it has never been brought up. Beth Dawley asked if it was due on Sunday wouldn't it be due on Monday, the next business day? Lori said yes. No additional questions.

Article 5--Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended \$792,539. Beth Dawley asked about the increase in the Sheriff's amount. Jim Shands cited complaints through the summer/fall regarding parking on Bridge St. in Gaysville and excessive speed on back roads. The town contracted with the sheriff to slow traffic around the ATV trail on Stony Brook. The Selectboard thought the need would continue next summer and fall.

Bill Edgerton praised the decision and asked if there are any opportunities/needs/requirements that this budget isn't meeting because of fiscal austerity? Jim responded that there would be a need for a third person on the road crew, but that is not in the current budget. Jim also mentioned the need for a new location for the town garage as the previous plan had not worked out.

Beth Dawley stated that at the 2020 Town Meeting, putting extra money in the budget for a third person was discussed. Why didn't it get into the budget? Mark replied Covid. Jim said it wasn't budgeted and agreed with Mark's statement. They agreed a third person is necessary. Lee Ann added that the Selectboard has people available as emergency backup and there are fallback positions arranged. A third person is on the docket for discussion.

Jim recognized Lori for her hard work during all the changes this year.

Christina Gallagher asked about the increase in Town Clerk salary and the cost of health insurance. Jim replied that the Selectboard came together to increase the clerk's rate in order to recognize Lori's outstanding work. They are also working to fine tune the personnel policy that will define health care benefits. Jim has no objection to the increase. Christina then asked whether this salary increase was for a change in hours worked or to recognize the work that Lori's been doing? Mark responded that Lori has been working an unbelievable number of hours through COVID. There are constant meetings through it all. Lori's always been available, and she does all the prep and research to make things run smoothly. Mark said the board feels she earned the increase. Lee Ann said she couldn't do her zoning job without Lori's help and that the town has had more activity during Covid than the two years prior. Lee Ann listed all the progress Lori has made during a time of heavy restrictions. Christina asked about the cost of health insurance and pointed out that the same amount for Lori was the same as Dave and Luke together. Jim said they are aware of that and are working on it. Beth Dawley stated that Lori has saved the town quite a large sum in IT work by doing it herself.

Mark moved on to Article 6--Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? No questions.

Article 7—Will the Town vote to withdraw from the Rochester Stockbridge Unified School District? Mark stated the article was on the ballot because the Selectboard was petitioned by residents of Stockbridge to have a vote on whether to get out or stay in. There was an informational meeting Tuesday night and if anybody had any questions, they could go to the town website and listen to the recording.

Article 8--Will the Town vote to roll the unspent portion of 2020 Audit expense and the 2020 Building Maintenance expense in the amount of \$13,000 under the 2021 budget? No questions.

Article 9--Will the Town vote \$4,200 to help defray the cost to use Margaret Perkin's former residence on Laury Road as the Town's new home of the Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society? Donna Bryan asked if the building had already been given to the town? Does the town own the building at this point? Or do the townspeople need to vote on acceptance of that gift? Forrest Newton answered that the building was not given to the town. The building was given to the Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society if they were to use it for a museum for the benefit of the public. Donna then asked when does what we pay for this building stop? Forrest

said this is one part of the equation. The Historical Society will evaluate whether they can or cannot afford to accept this gift. They have to have a reasonable amount of affordable expenses to expect each year. There has to be a home inspection to decide whether or not the house is in usable condition.

Mark asked how the Historical Society arrived at \$4200. Forrest replied the Society looked at first year expenses and preparing it for public access. To minimize expenses, it will be closed for the winter. Ongoing expenses are electricity, heating and insurance. It will have to be handicap accessible. There will be modifications. The \$4200 should cover the first year. Mark clarified that if the deal falls through then the \$4200 would come back to the Town of Stockbridge. Forrest said the monies would not be used until they know they have the house.

Donna Bryan asked why the vote is this year and not in a future year when you know for sure if you will or will not have the house? Mark replied that it was because they wanted to get started and this would give them the money to move forward after the house inspection. Also, if the house inspection came in, and it wasn't affordable to fix, and they couldn't get grants and raise the money, then it probably wouldn't move forward. With town meeting coming they wanted to put it on the agenda so people could look at it, decide and discuss the issue. Forrest said the house is held in a trust and the Historical Society was given a month to decide. Donna asked if because of the potential cost, shouldn't that be a town decision? Mark said it is a Town decision when they vote on Article 9. Forrest said if the Town didn't support it, they wouldn't do it.

Lee Ann asked Forrest to explain the legal ownership of the house. Forrest said the house was owned by Margaret Perkins and she put everything in trust, and this house will be owned by the Historical Society, as long as it is maintained as a public access museum.

Beth Dawley asked what other funding the Historical Society was looking at. Forrest said the Historical Society had some funds and grants would be available. Nothing is being done until they have Town approval.

Lou Chap suggested that with interest in the Gaysville area and the park there may be ways to create revenue. He sees potential.

Planning Commissioner Kevin Travis said the project could bring value to the area and that it would be a good way to memorialize the history of the town and would be valuable for visitors and school children to learn local history. He thought that the time restraints were unfortunate but supports it because of the assurances that the Town would be kept safe from large and unexpected expenses. Mark said he believes there are grants available for historical projects.

Mark read Article 10--To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting. Christina asked why this article isn't on the ballot. Lori explained that we wouldn't vote on this. Mark said this was for the Town to discuss anything that wasn't warned.

Richard Lunna said from what he has read that the Perkins house would only be for the use of the Historical Society. Would they own it or not? Forrest said that they originally thought it was just use but the Society would own it. Linda Lunna asked what would happen if it didn't work out and was no longer a museum? Forrest said that was a question for the attorneys.

Metta Rea asked what kind of deed would be conveyed. Forrest said it would be a fee simple interest. Mark said that means they would own it.

Mark stated that all the questions had been answered and asked if anyone else wanted to speak. Lori had a request from Sharon Pavlik for a list of the names for write-in along with the correct spelling. Lori will post the names on Town website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

2021 Town Salaries

Selectmen

Jim Shands	\$ 1,400.00
Zachary Cavacas	\$ 1,400.00
Lee Ann Isaacson	\$ 1,400.00

Town Clerk

Lori Scott	\$ 19,913.69
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Treasurer

Lori Scott	\$ 19,913.69
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Highway Dept

Luke Gibson	\$ 44,198.10
Kevin Bagley	\$ 4,914.00
David Brown	\$ 60,922.44

Health Officer

Dan Levy	\$ 500.00
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Asst. Town Clerk

Kelly McDermott-Burns	\$ 8,272.00
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Listers

Beth Dawley	\$ 2,917.50
Richard Furman	\$ 915.00
Janet Whitaker	\$ 123.75

Delinq. Tax Collector

Susan Pelletier	\$ 21,044.39
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Auditors

Kathie Burns	\$ 225.00
Pamela Lyman	\$ 153.75

Poll Workers

Marc Scott	\$ 176.25
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Fire Dept/First Response

David Brown	\$ 1,200.00
Dan Novotny	\$ 1,598.00
Jim Munyon	\$ 1,380.00
Corey Novotny	\$ 1,160.00
Brian Merrill	\$ 160.00
Martin Hunt	\$ 520.00
Eric Brown	\$ 540.00
Matthew Johnson	\$ 900.00
Josh Kennedy	\$ 940.00
Coral Hawley	\$ 100.00
Taylor Lyman	\$ 120.00
Zachary Cavacas	\$ 480.00
Nathaniel Kennedy	\$ 1,100.00

Constable

Zachary Cavacas	\$ 82.50
Nathaniel Kennedy	\$ -

Zoning Administrator

Lee Ann Isaacson	\$ 1,080.00
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Statement of 2021 Taxes Raised

	Tax Rate	Grand List	Taxes
Non-Homestead Education	1.5904	717,452.76	1,141,036.89
Homestead Education	1.6140	440,869.00	711,562.54
Local Agreement	0.0021	1,158,321.76	2,432.53
Highway	0.3163	1,158,321.76	366,377.18
Town	0.2222	1,158,321.76	257,379.20
Late Filing Penalty - HS122			553.54
Total Taxes Raised			2,479,341.88

Taxes Accounted for as follows

Current Taxes Collected	2,046,230.35
State Education Payments	158,359.47
Municipal Portion of Tax Credit	3,894.00
Corrections and Abatements	6,835.11
Turned over to Delinquent Tax Collector	264,022.95
	2,479,341.88

Summary of Delinquent Taxes at 12/31/2021

Year	Balance 12/31/2020	Balance 12/31/2021	Collected
2012	43.16	43.16	
2013	841.83	841.83	
2014	909.92	909.92	
2015	887.97	887.97	
2016	42.25	42.25	
2017	290.94	290.94	
2018	1,638.78	842.58	796.20
2019	3,538.55	1,540.78	1,997.77
2020	86,738.05	12,327.35	74,410.70
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Subtotal	94,931.45	17,726.78	77,204.67
2021	264,022.95	96,071.69	167,951.26
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Balance Due for 2012-2021 Delinquent Taxes		113,798.47	245,155.93
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			Total Collected
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*Paid in full by 1/19/2022		3,230.22	
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Total delinquent balance due		110,568.25	
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Year	DELINQUENT TAX LIST 2021		Year	
ABSC REALTY LLC	2017-21	1,229.10	2021	1,200.11
ALEO ANDRES	2021	246.12	2021	11,539.36
ANDREWS, RODNEY	2012-15	2,598.87	2019-21	584.09
ARCHER, WILLIAM	2021	2,717.03	2021	1,550.30 *
BARNETT, MICHELLE	2021	46.70	2021	414.48
BARTOLONE, BEN	2018-21	1,041.84	2021	1,058.44
BERTARELLI WILLIAM	2021	626.52	2021	1,882.46
BILODEAU JOSHUA	2019-21	1,489.86	2021	294.08
BRADY, TERI	2014-21	709.04	2020-21	2,026.52
BRONSON, RITCHIE	2021	279.16	2020-21	1,342.67
BARKAN MARK	2021	38.64	2021	4,099.47
CHAP KEVIN	2021	3,368.16	2018-21	1,100.60
CHENEY JOE	2021	2,512.45	2021	2,139.52
COLTON RONALD	2021	221.60	2021	116.13
COMMEFORD, W	2021	793.10	2021	663.80
DESFORGES ANDREW	2021	1,631.03	2021	1,303.53
DRISCOLL CHARLES	2021	1,225.33	2021	1,680.29
FACCIOLI GUGLIEMO	2020-21	690.27	2020-21	1,040.96
FUSTER JOSEPH A	2021	2,283.88	2021	1,093.21
GAGE, JAMES	2020-21	6,833.15	2020-21	5,427.90
GAUL, JOHN	2021	34.88	2021	96.94
GORTON JOHN	2021	2,589.17	2020-21	10,139.48
GAYSVILLE STORE	2021	1,163.53	2021	1,095.34
GERMON TATE	2021	229.01	2020-21	4,583.60
HAWK RESORTS INTL	2020-21	1,434.62	2021	3,908.48
HULBURT ELIZABETH	2021	1,244.50	2021	3,332.89
JAGODA, LINDA	2020-21	595.27	2021	515.70
JENSEN MICHELLE	2021	1,166.32	2021	1,110.25
KEEFE THOMAS	2021	283.41	2021	8,971.51
KENNEDY KIMBERLY	2021	149.79		
KERR CAROLYN	2021	14.01 *		
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		Total Amount Due		113,798.47
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			*Total paid by 1/19/22	3,230.22



Bill Edgerton, Deborah Aldrich, and Mary Ellen Dorman. Front row--Blaze Edgerton

Trustees of Public Funds Report--2021

Role: Stockbridge is blessed with six endowments. The trusts were created to benefit residents in need, support our school, 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. See page 2 for fund descriptions.

Assistance Highlights: Assistance provided totaled \$77,728, including \$56,859 to support 18 non-profit organizations helping Stockbridge residents. See page 3. Before 2015 the Town's taxpayers provided this support. Trust fund contributions through 2021 for non-profit organizations now total \$216,703. Page 4 lists the organizations and support provided. Trust funds also supported Stockbridge Central School programs, students, and town cemetery care and maintenance.

Trustees created two new programs in 2021: the Stockbridge High School Graduate Award and the Stockbridge Scholarship. They also provided start-up funding for the Stockbridge Free Community Meals to Go and a line of credit for the Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society's new home, the former residence of Margaret Perkins.

Financial Highlights: The total portfolio annual rate of return for 2021 was 12.6%, as shown on page 3.

Investment Advisory Services: Mascoma Wealth Management LLC of Hanover, New Hampshire, provided investment advisory services. The management fee for the year was \$20,168.

Thanks: Thank you, Craig Cota, former TPF Chair, for your commitment and compassion!

If anyone is aware of individuals, families, or programs that could benefit from trust funds managed by the Trustees, please call Deborah Aldrich at 234-5140, Mary Ellen Dorman at 234-9281, or Bill Edgerton at 234-5106. Residents needing assistance should contact Capstone Community Action at 12 Prince Street in Randolph, telephone 1-800-846-9506 or 1-802-728-9506. Tax-deductible donations c/o the Trustees of Public Funds are gratefully accepted.

Respectfully submitted:

Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds: Bill Edgerton, Chair

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Trustees of Public Funds

Trust Funds

Keyes Poor/School Fund

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

Albert Whitcomb School Fund

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

Albert Whitcomb Welfare Fund

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

Edwina Paine Welfare Fund

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

Chamberlain Library Fund

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

Hollister Fletcher Fund

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

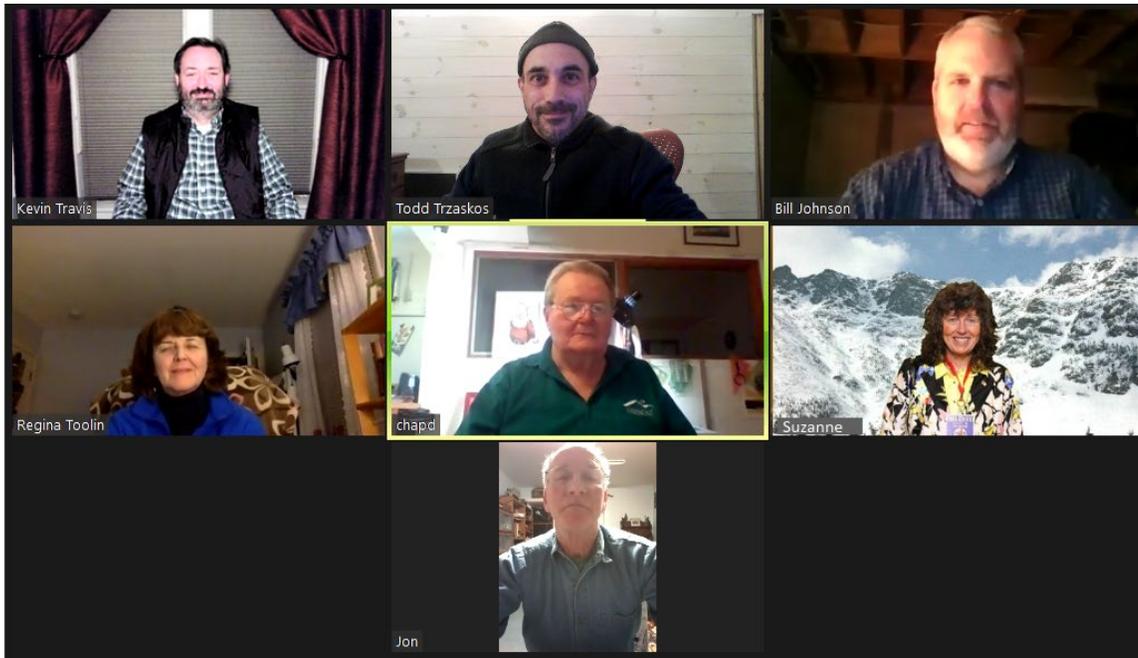
Cemetery Trust Fund

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

**Trustees of Public Funds
Non-Profit Organizational Support**

	Organization	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$1,250	\$1,250
2	Belcher Library	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
	Bethel Food Shelf	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,000		
	Capstone (formerly CVCAC)	\$300	\$300			
3	Central VT Council on Aging	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
4	Clara Martin Center	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$1,081	\$2,081
5	Green UP Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
6	One Planet (formerly Ex.C.E.L.)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
7	Park House	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
8	Quin-Town Senior Center	\$5,398	\$5,398	\$5,668	\$6,668	\$6,668
9	Safeline, Inc.	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,500
10	Stagecoach Transportation Services	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$2,250	\$2,250
11	Stockbridge Free Community Meals to Go					\$25,400
12	VT Adult Learning	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
13	VT Center for Independent Living	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230
14	VT Family Network					\$250
15	VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
16	Visiting Nurses Alliance	\$2,630	\$2,630	\$2,930	\$3,930	\$3,930
17	White River Partnership	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
18	Windsor County Partners	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
	Totals:	<u>\$26,939</u>	<u>\$29,939</u>	<u>\$27,209</u>	<u>\$29,209</u>	<u>\$56,859</u>
	Contributions by Town Appropriation >					
	Contributions by Trustee Funds >	\$26,939	\$29,939	\$27,209	\$29,209	\$56,859
	Total Trustee Funds contributions since 2015 >					\$219,703
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Planning Commission Report – 2021



Role: The Planning Commission is principally responsible for drafting the Town Plan and the Town’s zoning and subdivision bylaws. It also serves in a regulatory capacity, reviewing site plans, subdivisions and Clustered Housing Developments, and may prepare and present building, housing and safety codes, and capital budgets. Commissioners are appointed by the Selectboard and normally serve three-year terms.

Meetings: Regularly scheduled monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday via Zoom and have resumed at the Town office since mid-2021. The public is invited to attend all meetings and hearings. Agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the town website: <http://stockbridgevt.org>

2021 Highlights: 2021 was a fairly quiet year for the planning commission, with most of the efforts going into adapting to the new hybrid meeting structure and preparing to start the plan update process in 2022. The composition of the commission remained unchanged since 2020, with the exception that Todd Trzaskos was elected Vice-chair to ensure continuity of business.

As in 2020, the main issues in front of the commission were continuing discussions on preparing to review and revise the town plan, which will be due in August 2023. This document, last updated in 2015, requires updating every 8 years. The Commission has been working with TRORC (Two Rivers- Ottauquechee Regional Commission) to prepare to launch the planning process, and the first information meetings about the process will be planned in 2 Q 2022.

In 2022, the commission will begin the planning process, starting with plan reviews and updates based on regulatory requirements that have changed since 2015. The Commission will also be working to get input and feedback from the community early in the process and will work with the TRORC to continue to update and improve the existing plan to keep pace with all the changes facing the town, including broadband expansion, housing, and the natural and rural environment.

Current Planning Commission members are: Jon Benson, Suzanne Butterfield, Lou Chap, Bill Johnson (Secretary), Regina Toolin, Kevin Travis (Chair) and Todd Trzaskos (Vice-Chair) .

Respectfully submitted,

Stockbridge Planning Commission,
Kevin Travis, Chair

Lister Report – 2021

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 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.

We have a new Lister this year. Rich Furman answered the call to fill a vacant slot in the Lister Office. His career and knowledge of construction is proving invaluable in the addition of houses etc to the Grand List.

The COVID challenges continued this year. We continued to work remotely and were unable to access the interiors of some new construction for their addition to the Grand List. The folks at Current Use were also backed up with the increase in volume of transfers. This led to longer than normal waits for updated information.

If you sent us information of a change on your property, we will be processing those changes in the spring and will be sending Change of Appraisal notices at that time.

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 90.1% our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is now 17.94%. The ideal is 100% and 0% respectively.

From the Vermont tax Department:

“We at PVR are aware that many towns are concerned about the change in the market due to the affects of Covid-19 over the past year. Sales have increased generally in price and some towns have seen this more than others. This is a typical real estate reaction which is seen when conditions in the world change such as economy, politics etc.

As a result there are more towns experiencing large drops in their CLA. This is expected in a market shift. As you have seen recently on the news, education base rates are expected to decrease which will minimize the effect of changing CLA’s on the tax rates in towns with large shifts.”

Do not forget to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15, 2022, or the late filing penalty will be added to your tax bill. If you use any of the available tax filing software packages, they might not include this State of Vermont form.

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

Beth Dawley

Richard Furman

Janet Whitaker

2021 Zoning Administrators Report

Town of Stockbridge

The 2021 Zoning activity has remained strong throughout the year.

This year there were 4 permits issued for New Construction, 1 Sign Permit, 5 Permits were issued for Accessory Structures, 2 issued for Additions to existing homes, 3 Simple Subdivision permits were granted, 9 Road permits, 1 for Home Industry, 1 for change of use and 1 permit for a barn/garage.

2 Certificates of Compliance 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

Road Commissioner Report

This year we received a grant to work on another section of Stony Brook Road. This was the last section of Class 3 road that went from the Poisson's house to the Merusi Camp. On this section of road we installed one new culvert, broke up some ledge and created some nice new ditches to control the flow of water. This upgrade improves the turnaround area and makes this section of road easier to plow.

Stony Brook also received some badly needed ditching starting at Buck Fever Camp going all the way to the Ranney Road bridge. We also did another section starting at Jagoda's and going all the way to Driscoll Road. A couple of new culverts were also replaced to improve the drainage.

We received a grant to improve a section of Fletcher Brook Road starting at Taggart Hill and Fletcher Brook intersection and going all the way to Spiegel Road. This section of road had been moved during the Irene repairs so much that if we put in new ditches we would have been out of our right of way. We put this project on hold while our surveyor marked out a new right of way with precise measurements showing the amount of land the town would need to acquire to do the project. I believe our next step is to determine the fair market value of the land the town would require. I believe that it is only a matter of time before this section of road will need to be maintained year round. The project must be completed by the end of June to avoid losing the grant money.

We installed 2 new culverts on Ranney Road that were completely rusted out. The old culverts allowed water to leach into the road which caused the road to become muddy especially during the spring thaw. We also did quite a lot of ditching on this road and now have the water flowing into the culverts and away from the edge of the road.

We did some major ditching on Abbott Road in hopes of reducing mud during the spring thaw. We replaced a 24" culvert at the end of the road that was too short for the road and not carrying the water over the bank far enough. This required building up the outlet end to support a longer culvert. We also needed to build the outlet end up with rock so that the water flowing through the culvert did not wash out the bank. We hydro-seeded the whole area when we were done.

The Bridge Street bridge continues to require some sort of repair every year. We were able to obtain a grant to do the necessary repairs this year. The support beams on the upstream side of the bridge were deteriorated and were allowing the bridge to move up and down causing concerns for the bridge inspection engineers. New support beams were installed to increase the strength of these areas and to prevent the bridge from flexing as vehicles passed over the ends. The posted weight limit for the road is 24,000 pounds and the bridge will be posted for the same weight. Fuel delivery trucks are allowed to use the bridge if they weigh less than 36,000 pounds. Green Mountain Power will also be allowed to use the bridge for emergency repair work. We continue to monitor the progress made towards the replacement or complete rehab of the bridge.

We completed work on the class 4 section of Fletcher Brook Road doing some ditching to prevent the road from continually washing away and to direct the water into the culverts. This area needed 3 culverts replaced as the old ones were either sticking out of the road or were flattened down and were not working. This section of road is located out past the cemetery at the top of South Hill Road. The Town's Road and Bridge Standards require us to maintain the culverts in working order.

The Town garage received a fresh coat of stain and the old furnace was replaced. The old furnace required water to be added during the winter as it was leaking internally. The new furnace is more

efficient and only runs when calling for heat. This means that it does not maintain boiler temperature when it is not needed.

This year we were able to complete 2 roadside mowing's, one in the Spring and a second in the fall.

There are several areas in town where the trees are growing out and over the road causing limbs and branches to compromise plowing during heavy wet snow. I would like to include some money in the budget to hire a tree crew to come in and work on cutting these low hanging limbs and branches back. This will not only prevent them from hitting the trucks but will also allow for more sunlight to hit the road.

Blackmer Boulevard received some drainage improvements to control the flow of water down towards Cobb Bridge. This included the installation of approximately 400 feet of underdrain being placed on the upper side of the road to prevent the water from flowing into the side of the road. The culverts crossing the road along with the dropped inlets were taken out stopping all water from running across the road and saturating the lower bank. We then put in a 400 foot stone lined ditch that was wide enough to control the increased flow of water and directed it into a much larger culvert. By doing this we can now put the water over the bank in a much more suitable location with a stoned outlet where the bank will not get soggy. The underdrain was also daylighted beside the end of the culvert. The underdrain and stone lined ditch were paid for by a \$19,000 plus pot of money we received last year in lieu of grants we submitted. This money was to be used on a class 2 roadway project that we selected. I did a grant to replace the culvert from a 15" to a 30" squashed pipe.

On December 31st I stepped down as the Road Foreman after 13 years in that role. Kevin Bagley has been selected as my replacement. Kevin lives in Granville and has worked for the Town of Warren Highway Department for the last 7 years. I plan to stay on for a while as a badly needed 3rd person as well as the Road Commissioner responsible for overseeing grants and paperwork. It has been apparent that a 3rd person is needed over the past few years. This will shorten the required time to complete our routes during storms. Currently one driver must salt all the blacktop roads and plow and salt the Town Office and School yard before returning to the garage to change things over and load with sand to begin on the first set of dirt roads. The 3rd worker now heads right over Music Mountain, Whitcomb Hill and on to River Road with enough material to plow and sand before returning to the garage to reload and head for Stony Brook. This allows Luke to complete the Gaysville roads with one visit. He then heads to the Stony Brook area an hour or so sooner than previously done. I believe this will greatly improve our response time and reduce the stress level on town employees. I totally support the addition of a third employee, not only will it help during snow storms but will enable projects to be completed during summer months when someone is on vacation.

I would like to thank Luke and the contractors we work with, as well as the Regional Planning Commission for all of their assistance over the years. In addition, I would like to thank the townspeople for their continued support of the projects we are completing. These projects help us to meet the State mandates requiring control of road erosion that could compromise the quality of the rivers and streams.

Dave Brown, Road Commissioner

Fire Chief Report

The Stockbridge Fire Department and First Response were dispatched to 70 calls this past year. Most of these calls were medical emergencies within the town.

This year we replaced 2 of our rescue tools that are used in the event there is entrapment at a vehicle accident. The new tools are battery operated and do not require gasoline to operate them. We need to make one more purchase next year to complete the change- over of this equipment. We also need to replace 4 air bottles which have been removed from the truck due to the expiration of a 15-year life. We are looking at replacing 4 hose nozzles and add a couple of new ones to the 2016 tanker. We also need to update a couple of sets of fire gear for current firefighters. Radios and pagers always need to be repaired or replaced as they age, even if you take good care of them. We are also looking at updating the smoke ejector to a battery operated one.

I have investigated the cost of replacing our 35-year-old Engine 1. The cost to replace the aging engine 1 is now 4 times what it was to purchase in 1987, coming in at \$348,000.00. This truck build is nothing fancy and will contain necessities to operate at an emergency scene. I hope that the citizens of the Town of Stockbridge will support our efforts to replace the truck.

I would like to thank my fire crew for being dedicated to the fire department over the course of this past year, taking time out of their own busy schedules to respond to our emergencies. Anyone interested in helping on the fire department should contact Dave at 802-353-9392.

Dave Brown

Fire Chief

Stockbridge Property and Equipment Inventory 2021

	Value
Garage/Fire Station	
Building Value w/ .57 acres	549,600
Contents	20,000
Salt Shed	7,974
Town Office	
Building Value w/ 1 acre	207,000
Contents	20,000
Land	
1.3 acres Stockbridge Com.	26,500
2.1 acres Route 107	30,000
1 acre Whitcomb Hill Road	23,800
Timberhawk Lots	6,697
Chalet Village – 11 lots	
4.7 acres River Road	
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	

Stockbridge Equipment

Description	Year Make	Cost	Trade	Purchase Date
Fire Truck	1987 Ford	88,500.00	-	9/18/1987
Cloride Spreader	2005 Titan	6,189.93	-	3/31/2005
Grader	2006 John Deere	216,500.00	30,000.00	7/28/2006
Mini Pumper	2008 Ford	141,500.00	-	7/23/2007
Tandem	2016 Kenworth	179,904.00	-	7/31/2015
Pumper/Tanker	2016 Kenworth	200,000.00	-	9/16/2015
Truck /w plow	2017 Ford	103,926.00	39,000.00	11/3/2017
Hydro Seeder	2017 Epic	5,928.00	-	11/27/2017
Debris Blower	2019 Cyclone	7,600.00	-	10/7/2019
Truck - Dump	2020 International	178,803.00	45,000.00	10/18/2019
Backhoe/Loader	2020 Caterpillar	140,000.00	50,000.00	9/30/2020

2021 Grants

Paid from 2021

Grant	Total Cost	Budget	Grant Received	Grant Receivable
VLCT Equipment	1,247.43	623.72	623.71	
Stony Brook	20,514.99	3,274.99	17,240.00	
Gaysville Bridge Repair	76,139.51	7,613.95		68,525.56
Blackmer Blvd Culvert	19,958.18	3,704.16	16,254.02	
Blackmer Blvd Ditching	22,708.50	3,363.03	19,345.47	
ARPA Funding	3,371.98	-	3,371.98	
LHMP Update	6,196.96	21.22		6,175.74
Total	150,137.55	18,601.07	56,835.18	74,701.30

Equipment Hourly Usage

	2017 Ford	2016 Kenworth	2020 Inter.	Hydro Seeder	Grader	2020 Loader	Rock Rake	Chloride Spreader	Chainsaw	Leaf Blower
2021 Q1	227.50	11.00	256.25	-	30.50	88.00	-	-	-	-
2021 Q2	135.50	190.00	10.50	6.50	134.00	127.50	3.00	3.25	4.25	-
2021 Q3	68.50	201.00	63.00	8.50	48.50	165.50	-	4.00	1.25	-
2021 Q4	177.00	127.00	119.50	-	57.50	146.20	18.00	-	5.00	6.00
2021 Total	608.50	529.00	449.25	15.00	270.50	527.20	21.00	7.25	10.50	6.00

Stockbridge Select Board Report - 2021

Wow – what a year it’s been. Year 2 of the pandemic has been a busy one in Stockbridge. The issues in town have been driving a large increase in meetings and collaboration with many different people. This collaboration was largely remote due to COVID, but we did have a brief opportunity mid-summer, to meet in person. This unfortunately changed with the uptick in infections later in summer and we are now meeting remote through Zoom. All information regarding meetings and meeting credentials, to access the meetings through Zoom, are published on the new website. Lori has moved the Town’s site to a .gov platform for increased security and resilience. The new site is located here: <https://stockbridgevt.gov/> . This new site has a lot more to offer than the previous one did. All meeting notes, agendas and other resources are available here.

The Gaysville Park has made great strides forward. With the assistance of the White River Partnership and their successful grant application, the Partnership along with a dedicated group of volunteers have completed a great first step to creating this public space. There is now parking for a few cars and paths down to the river. We would also like to recognize the great work being done by our Cemetery Commissioners. They have made great strides in restructuring our cemeteries; both physically and financially. Please read their report for additional details. Our Trustees of Public Funds have also rolled out their 2 scholarship programs from the bequest of Hollister Fletcher. These programs give our Stockbridge scholars funds for additional schooling and is an impressive program for such a small town. If you have kids in Stockbridge Elementary School, or recent graduate, please check out the details on the Town’s web site. The Listers have also done a stroke of business this past year. With the recent reappraisal, they have made great strides to keep our records correct and accurate. The uptick in real estate sales have also challenged the team.

The RSUD merger was a significant issue at the start of 2020. Article 7 was on the Town Meeting agenda and the vote was to sever the merger with Rochester. This would have been only the first step towards this decoupling, as next steps would have been to have Rochester vote to end the merger and then the question would go to Vt Board of Education. The Select Board received a valid petition from more than 5% of the Town’s voters to revisit the question and there were additional informational meetings and a vote in May. This vote overturned the original vote and Stockbridge will continue our relationship with Rochester in the unified district. Through this process, it was apparent that there was a significant lack of trust felt between some Stockbridge residents and the School Board. With the recent make-up of the School Board, as well as leadership changes on the supervisory union level, there is a much better relationship. The Select Board was vocal in our support for the school for several reasons. We continue to support Stockbridge Elementary School and are heartened to see the positive improvements at the school. The installation of a back-up generator system for the school will allow Stockbridge to have a functional emergency shelter in the event of another disaster. This was paid for by the Supervisory Union and the Town has committed to show support for this Town asset by covering the annual maintenance costs for this generator.

As you can read in Dave’s Road Commissioner report, the town highway crew has been busy this year as well. We want to welcome Kevin Bagley to the team. With Dave stepping down from full time work, we were lucky to find such a strong candidate as Kevin. He started working with us at the start of December and Dave will stay on for the winter in a mostly full-time capacity. This will allow Dave to train Kevin and ensure that our roads continue to be some of the best maintained roads around. Given the nasty mix of precipitation we have received this late fall & winter, it is good timing to have a 3rd person working as this greatly improves the crew’s route frequency and is also a significant safety improvement for the

crew. Regarding the Gaysville Bridge (#35), we have been in the process to identify the Town's needs regarding this structure with the State. Vt DOT organized a Local Concerns Meeting in early June (please see the excellent meeting notes on the Town's website/Select Board meeting notes/6/3/21). The Town was quite clear about concerns regarding the option to rehabilitate the existing structure as it will not give us the height, width or load rating that the Town deems necessary in the future. Despite these concerns, the leading proposal from Vt DOT involves rehabilitating the existing truss structure. There's a lot at stake here for the town. There is a strong push from the state to restore this historic bridge, but from our perspective, the truss bridge will not provide what we need. The funding structure further pushes this initiative as the funding is heavily weighted to encourage this initiative by cutting the town portion of the project considerably. At the time of this writing, there is another meeting scheduled for Vt DOT to explain this proposal in February 2022. We will have more information regarding this at town meeting.

The Select Board continues to work on town policies. We have recently finished the Town personnel policy which also includes the Drug & Alcohol policy required by Federal rule regarding safety sensitive jobs (CDL licensed drivers). This was a large undertaking for us and luckily, we did get a lot of guidance from VLCT. We had an audit done by a 3rd party auditing firm of our town finances. They were impressed and made only 2 minor recommendations for ways to do things in a more transparent and prudent way. Kudos to Lori for this work and her swift implementation of the 2 recommendations. Due to the 2020 census, redistricting is in progress on the state level. The original proposal placed Stockbridge in a new Representative district that combined a piece of Mendon, Killington, Pittsfield and Stockbridge. The Select Board has reached out the State regarding this proposal and have requested reconsideration due to our long time and solid connections with Rochester & Bethel. There is a movement to create single Representative districts, and this is skewing the process. Currently, we are unaware of the final timeline for this, but please be aware of this significant potential change to our state representation. Regarding the budget, here are some highlights:

- The addition of a 3rd person in the Highway Department is most of the expense increase. With Dave's expected pending retirement and discussions with the Town in 2020 & 2019 town meetings, we felt it prudent to bring Kevin on given his credentials and experience. We would also like to point out that this additional position does not put us as an outlier with other towns and their road mileage.
- The Planning Commission needs to update the Town Plan and unfortunately, we did not receive a state planning grant for this purpose. We have added \$6k to this line in order to facilitate this process.
- There's a small savings on the Sheriff line as we did not need to hire them this year. The local ATV club picked this cost up. We have left some money in there in case we need additional support in 2022.
- The highway supply budget has a couple large increases. Retreatment has been budgeted to finish the repairs to Blackmer Boulevard where the crew repaired the chronic drainage issues just above the Cobb Bridge. Culvert prices have doubled over the past year and there are several culverts on various roads that need replacement

Looking forward, the Select Board will continue to work towards replacing our non-compliant sand pile. This project has stalled for multiple reasons, but we need to come up with a solution that will allow for safe loading of the sand and preventing the sand from infiltrating the river. We will also be revising various ordinances that need review and updating. ARPA fund use will also be a hot topic in the coming weeks. We meet 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month and there will continue to be a Zoom link for all our public meetings on the town web site. Please chime in if you have any concerns.

Report Of The STOCKBRIDGE CEMETERY COMMISSION

This year we had two new appointments to the Commission. Richard Lunna was elected to fill the expired position of Kelly McDermott-Burns and Mette Rea was appointed to fill the remaining term of Sara Poisson. Brenda Hillier is the third member whose term expires in 2023. We were pleased to have a joint meeting with the Rochester Cemetery Commission where we discussed the development of cemetery policies in each town.

One of the primary goals of the Commission has been the creation of a written Cemetery Policy. We have examined policies from other towns to see what might be appropriate for Stockbridge. There are lots of things to consider but we expect to have it completed in 2022

Along with everything else, the cost of cemetery maintenance has risen. We have therefore increased the cost of a lot to \$350. Of that amount, \$140 is for the purchase of a lot. The remaining \$210 is invested by the Administrators of Public Funds to be used later for Perpetual Care. One lot measures 4' x 10' and can hold four Urns or one Casket.

In 1971 a new section was surveyed in Maplewood called the *Maplewood Cemetery Extension*. It consists of 5 rows or *Blocks* that are approximately 260 feet wide. Each Block is comprised of 15 to 16 *Units* measuring 10' x 16' and each Unit contains four *Lots*. A new cemetery map has been made and the names from the existing hand sketches were transferred to their proper location on that map. A site visit disclosed the lots in Block 3 were being laid out just nine feet long and with no 2-foot path between the adjoining lots in Block 2. That resulted in the headstones of Block 3 being directly against the footstones of Block 2. Currently all new lots being conveyed are according to the original plan. Markers have been set at each corner of the Units within Block 3 so the future lots will be property aligned. Lots are currently being sold sequentially in Block 3.

Tom Adams photographed all the gravestones at several of our cemeteries between 2006 and 2008 and he graciously provided us with all his files. His incredible work is of great value, and we wish to thank Mr. Adams for his generosity.

It has been a busy year with a steep learning curve. We want to thank Kelly McDermott-Burns, Lori Scott, Marilyn Hunt, Steve Twitchell, Michael Ketchum, Susan Butterfield, Tom Adams, our attorney Jim Carroll, and the Administrators of Public Funds among others for their generous assistance and guidance.

Commissioners - Brenda Hillier, Richard Lunna. Mette Rea

For Year Ending 12/31/2021

01-01-2021 Beginning Balance		\$372.72
Homer Perkins Fund	300.00	
Town Appropriation	15,000.00	
Public Funds	6,000.00	
Sales of Lots	2,450.00	
Total Revenue		23,750.00
Mowing Services	17,250.00	
Spring & Fall Clean up	4,000.00	
Transfer to Savings	980.00	
Transfer to Investment	1,470.00	
Total Expenses		23,700.00
12/31/2021 Ending Balance		\$422.72

2021 Property Tax Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Description	Sales Price	Assessed Value
Bear Creek	Lawn	1.10 ac & dwelling	\$505,000	\$525,200
Mollomo Trust	Pimentel	16.20 ac & dwelling	\$365,000	\$304,800
Barcomb	Fournier	2.9 ac & dwelling	\$230,000	\$191,600
Race	Melancon/Jeskey	2.2 ac	\$17,500	\$15,800
Poisson	Gadoury, et al	1.11 ac & dwelling	\$315,000	\$126,800
Perkins	Perkins	12.3 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$298,100
Whalen	Perez	83 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$290,300
Baten Family Trust	Pestretto/Zhydkevich	99 ac & dwelling	\$475,000	\$324,700
Morse	Guimaraes	10.20 ac	\$30,000	\$27,600
Brennan Family Trust	Brennan	36.6 ac & camp	N/A	\$59,600
Brennan	Brennan	36.6 ac & camp	\$50,000	\$59,600
Plaziak	Plaziak	.94 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$62,300
Cercena	Rabiner	1.2 ac & dwelling	\$275,000	\$154,800
Hall	Greenberg/Draime	1.3 ac & dwelling	\$298,000	\$203,300
Damm	Blake	3.9 ac & dwelling	\$362,000	\$296,500
Reddick	Contarino	1.4 ac	\$1,000	\$12,700
Reddick	Contarino	1.5 ac	\$1,000	\$13,100
Reddick	Contarino	1.7 ac	\$1,000	\$14,000
Reddick	Contarino	3.8 ac	\$2,000	\$17,300
Reddick	Contarino	1.0 ac	\$1,000	\$95,500
Richardson	Richardson Trust	49 ac	N/A	\$48,400
Hunt	Hunt	9.6 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$217,700
Newman	Newman	1.09 ac & dwelling	\$62,361	\$148,500
Wacksman	Civetta	.28 ac	N/A	\$600
Goddard	Benson	1.95 ac & dwelling	\$190,000	\$132,200
Wayne Jaffe Trust	Mount Gay LLC	369.2 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$639,400
Wayne	Mount Gay LLC	369.c ac & dwelling	N/A	\$639,400
DelVecchia	Novotny	1.71 ac	\$22,000	\$16,100
Kelley	Kelley	92.8 ac	\$1	\$100,000

2021 Property Tax Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Description	Sales Price	Assessed Value
Morse	Morse	29.69 ac & mobile home	N/A	\$157,600
Abrams	Scalera	1.78 ac	\$24,000	\$21,000
Herman	Germon	2.2 ac	\$27,500	\$21,300
Wyrembak	Gallub	1.43 ac & dwelling	\$330,000	\$146,800
Newell	Newell	2.26 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$88,600
Labadie	Pierce	1.72 ac	\$10,000	N/A
Brown	Wyrembak	8.5 ac & dwelling	\$325,000	\$253,100
Homa	Stokes/Dickenson	.63 ac & dwelling	\$255,000	\$150,000
Brown	Brown	8.5 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$222,100
Clark	Hutchinson	7.3 ac & dwelling	\$65,000	\$103,600
Hutchinson	Hutchinson	7.3 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$103,600
Gouchberg	Gouchberg	1.2 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$218,800
Wells Fargo Bank	Nardini	.85 ac & dwelling	\$61,000	\$100,400
Carolan/Thurston	Yara	38.3 ac	\$65,000	\$52,100
Benson	Pfaff	11.7 ac & dwelling	\$620,000	\$267,400
Grev Trust	Stieve	10.02 ac & dwelling	\$231,500	\$104,400
Bryan	Banerjee	29.7 ac & dwelling	\$260,000	\$130,300
Klein	Klein	176 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$274,000
Alexander Trust	Curtis	86.6 ac &	N/A	\$278,100
Murphy	Moran	1.0 ac & dwelling	\$189,000	\$130,600
Hoyt	Kirsch/Becker	1.3 ac & dwelling	\$280,000	\$151,600
Holt	Holt Trust	20.2 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$300,300
Davis	Metcalf	47 ac	\$58,000	\$33,800
Bridgewater	Moore	8.48 ac	N/A	\$60,300
Scolaro	Rivers	1.1 ac & dwelling	\$222,500	\$218,800
Hoes	Hoes Trust	54.2 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$132,000
Rautenberg	Hillmer/Childers	1.0 ac & dwelling	\$277,000	\$172,500
Tonachel/Read	Bachman	1.79 ac & dwelling	\$155,000	\$213,000
Perkins Estate	Perkins Revocable Trust	3.07 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$187,600

2021 Property Tax Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Description	Sales Price	Assessed Value
Perkins Revocable Trust	Stockbridge Historical Soc	3.07 ac & dwelling	\$187,600	\$187,600
Hunt	Schuman	8.1 ac	N/A	\$23,700
Hunt	Dooley	8.1 ac	N/A	\$23,700
Hudson	Hudson/Desforges	10.2 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$126,000
Becker	Blanchard	1.38 ac & dwelling	\$450,000	\$223,600
Freund/Finn	Albrecht/McCutcheon	15.0 ac & dwelling	\$400,000	\$166,700
Abdallah Estate	Abdallah	.25 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$8,700
Abdallah	Dwyer	.25 ac & dwelling	\$28,000	\$8,700
Dougan	Dougan	.81 ac & dwelling	N/A	\$113,300
Hunt	Whitaker	2.40 ac	\$33,000	\$22,700
Wacksman	Barrile	0.93 ac	N/A	N/A

Town of Stockbridge - Long-Term Debt as of 12/31/2021

	Date Loan Incurred	Original Amount Borrowed	Balance on 12/31/2020	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Balance on 12/31/2021
Town Office	2003	210,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	1,388.00	20,000.00
Fire Truck	2015	140,000.00	5,403.48	5,403.48	67.59	-
		350,000.00	35,403.48	15,403.48	1,455.59	20,000.00



BELCHER LIBRARY –

VT-107

Gaysville, VT 05746

Belcher Library Report for 2021

The Belcher Library has, again, been working hard to keep the building and grounds in great shape for the visitors. We try to interest all with the flower beds in our gardens and a neatly kept building.

This is done by the ladies who work hard on the weeding and grooming.

We are thankful to Mr. Craig Pratt for his diligent attention to mowing and cutting in the summer and snow removal, shoveling and sanding in the winter. Mr. Doug Keffer, our leader, again spent the summer on repairs and other needed projects at the building! We have done projects with the children and are now planning for the 2022 Valentine's decorating party and will do more during the year.

Don't forget we are open:

- Saturdays 9-12:00
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 – 6
- Wednesdays 3- 6:00.

Our volunteers are Sage Campisi our High School volunteer, and Dawn Campisi, Kim Taylor, Karen Pofcher, Sandra Steele, Acting Librarian and Assistant to Mr. Keffer, Mary Ellen Dorman.

We have also chosen Mr. Zach Cavacas to be on the board.

Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society Report

The Stockbridge-Gaysville Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to “discover, collect, preserve, and exhibit materials, records and artifacts that relate to the civil and natural history of Stockbridge, Vermont”.

2021 was an especially significant year for the Historical Society. While we dealt with the consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we were still able to take some big steps forward towards fulfilling our mission statement. Of primary note, the Society was able to complete its due diligence on the Perkins House in Gaysville that had been offered to the Historical Society by the estate of the late Margaret Perkins. We closed on the property on November 1st of this year. Our Stockbridge Historical Society will now finally have a ‘home’ and a place to present the town’s history. Earlier in the year, voters of the town overwhelmingly supported this effort with a vote to financially support basic upkeep and utilities for the property. Our focus for the coming year will be to put the house in good order for its future use as a place to store Stockbridge’s Historic items entrusted to the Society as well as to offer exhibits of items to the public. We will also be applying for the house to be listed with the State of Vermont’s Department of Historic Preservation.



Some of our members at the Perkins House.

In the Fall, several of our board members attended a conference in Montpelier that was put on by the Vermont Historical Society. Presentations were oriented towards local historical societies in Vermont and dealt with issues relevant to creating and maintaining successful organizations. Our board members were also able to network with members from other Vermont historical societies who shared ideas and resources.

At the Annual Members Meeting in October, the following were elected to positions for 2022: Forrest Newton: President, Sherry Ackerman: Vice President, Marilyn Hunt: Secretary, Vivian Pratt: Treasurer. Bill Edgerton, Richard Lunna, Mike Pfeil: Board Members.

2021 saw a large increase in the Historical Society’s Membership. We are always happy to welcome others who are curious about Stockbridge’s history! If you are interested in knowing more about our town’s history and how it’s past continues to affect our present and future, please get in touch. (802-234-2121)

Respectfully submitted: Forrest Newton, President.



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

Windsor County Service Delivery

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **9 disaster cases** in **Windsor County**, providing assistance to **29 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Hartland	2	6
Royalton	3	8
South Royalton	1	5
Springfield	1	1
Weathersfield	1	4
White River Junction	1	2
Wilder	1	3

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Windsor County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **12 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **13 of Windsor County’s Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **2206 pints** of lifesaving blood at **71 drives** in **Windsor County**.

Training Services

Last year, **360 Windsor County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Windsor County is home to **29 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.





A World Where Aging is Honored

CVCOA Helpline 1-800-642-5119

Organization Report:

As a private nonprofit organization, the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA Services are available to those age 60 and up, or 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, including nutrition and wellness programs, transportation, mental health counseling, family caregiver support, volunteer services, healthy aging resources and opportunities, information and assistance, legal services, health insurance (Medicare) counseling, and case management services. Most of our clients are living at or below the poverty level. Our services are designed to help people live independently at home for as long as possible. Not only is this the preference of older adults, but has also been shown to offer significant physical, emotional and financial benefits to elders, their families, and our communities.

At CVCOA, we are the leading experts and advocates in healthy aging for central Vermonters. We respect the wishes of aging persons to age at home, remain healthy, stay active, and connected to the communities they know and love. CVCOA has many partners from healthcare, social services, and governmental organizations. However, as the area agency on aging for Central Vermont we are the only community-based provider delivering care coordination, case management, information and assistance, and innovative caregiver supports directly to older Vermonters in their homes, at our office, or by phone.

CVCOA also provides contracted services for transportation, legal, and mental health services. CVHHH and SASH also provide some case management supports in Central Vermont. CVCOA provides funding and technical assistance for 12 Meals on Wheels sites under contracts for quality assurance but does not directly produce and deliver meals.

Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the services listed below to 11 residents of Stockbridge. Central Vermont Council on Aging Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman was designated to work directly with the seniors in Stockbridge.

- CVCOA Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from older Vermonters, their families, and caregivers.

Phone: 802-479-0531

59 N. Main Street, Suite 200

Email: info@cvcoa.org

Fax: 802-479-4235

Barre, VT 05641-4121

Web: www.cvcoa.org



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- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered and Community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Program promotes the well-being of the family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including administration of the Dementia Respite Grant, which provides much needed financial assistance for respite, training, and Memorable Times Café/Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.
- Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults.

In FY21, CVCOA mobilized 450 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support mealsites, provide wellness classes, assist with medicare information, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. These volunteers served 32,870 hours in Central Vermont communities.

CVCOA served 3,070 unduplicated clients in FY21, plus 6,585 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support. CVCOA services are free of charge. We do charge a modest stipend to private employers who request our Medicare & You workshop for their employees.

All of us at the Central Vermont Council on Aging 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 and throughout Central Vermont.

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GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 7, 2022

Stockbridge Green Up Day Statistics

- Volunteers: 35+/-
- Miles Cleaned: 10-12 approx.
- Lbs. of trash disposed: 954 lbs & 1 Cubic yard of metal
- Tires: 9
- Strangest item collected: Nothing unusual
- Any large areas (special projects) that need attention?
 - Car on Back River Road in Gaysville;
 - Car on South Hill over bank;
 - Old campground in Gaysville has a very large amount of trash in an approx. 20'-25' area.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

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

An exciting change for the GMNF is the construction of our new Forest Supervisor's Office in Mendon. The former Rutland-based headquarters (231 North Main Street) for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests has transitioned to a full-time virtual work schedule which will continue until our new office is completed on U.S. Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont. While our main phone number (formally for the Rutland Office) will remain the same (802) 747-6700, our mailing address has changed to: USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests, PO Box 220, Rutland, VT 05702. Please use this new mailing address and also visit our website for a current listing of Forest Service employees who can assist you throughout this temporary transition:

The following is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

Forest Vegetation Management

Below is a list of accomplishments for calendar year 2021

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

Environmental Planning

In calendar year 2021, Forest staff completed 14 site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision and analysis documents for multiple resource projects designed to implement the Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). Although not a completed decision, a major highlight to note includes the completion of the Landscape Assessment for the Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project located in the towns of Chittenden, Mendon, Killington, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Goshen, Brandon, and Pittsford.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement & Monitoring

Wildlife habitat was improved and maintained through maintenance of openings on the Forest, both permanent and temporary. Approximately 100 acres of upland openings were maintained by mowing, or mastication in the towns of East Dorset, Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Hartford, Lincoln, Manchester, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Pittsfield, Pomfret, Ripton, Rochester, Warren, Stockbridge, Salisbury, Readsboro, Weston, Stratton, Woodford, and Winhall.

This summer was the initial pre-treatment survey season in Dover, Jamaica, Mount Tabor, Searsburg, Stamford, Sunderland, Weston, Wilmington, and Woodford. Peregrine falcon nest sites on the GMNF in Rochester, Salisbury, Stockbridge, and Wallingford continue to be monitored, and closures to protect sensitive nesting habitat continue seasonally from March 15th to August 1st each year at all sites except Wallingford.



One Planet Afterschool Program

Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge,
Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge

Dear Town of Stockbridge,

December 2, 2021

We want to thank you for your support of \$5,000 for the 2021-22 fiscal year. We utilized this funding to support our summer camp. Please see our report below.

REPORT:

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

This summer Rockbridge One Planet Summer Camp engaged 40 children in grades K-8th with exciting theme-based projects for 5 weeks. Activities included creating useful inventions during "Rube Goldberg" week, participating in a variety of sports during "All Ball" week, preparing locally-sourced meals during "Farm to Table" and competing in student-designed events for "Summer Olympics". In addition, all students participated in a literacy and math block infused with hands-on learning. We were also able to return to off-site field trips, so participants enjoyed swimming at local lakes and pools, hiking, visiting Motio Rec, VINS, Killington Adventure Center and more. We also returned to our Counselors-in-Training program, which provided local middle school students with leadership and decision-making skills. We were so pleased to come together safely and return to many pre-Covid summer camp elements.

Due to the instability of the economy, One Planet felt it was important to rethink our approach to summer fees. Thanks to the support of the Town of Stockbridge, we were able to offer families reduced summer pricing. Parents were truly grateful to see their kids smiling, connecting and having a "normal" summer.

We want to thank the town of Stockbridge for supporting our program with a contribution of \$5,000. We would like to request \$3,000 for 2022-23 fiscal year. Please let me know if you need any more information or have questions.

Sincerely,

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director
CMcDonnell@wrvsu.org, 802-763-3812



Hi Stockbridge Neighbors!

It's hard to believe another year has flown by. 2021 started off as crazy as you could imagine. After almost a year of working together to keep everyone safe here at Park House and having our vaccinations scheduled, we ended up with Covid in the house. We are so lucky that the symptoms were mild, even though residents were quarantined to their rooms for a while. Meals were transported by our fabulous little cart and volunteer help. We contracted with Quintown for Meals on Wheels which was a huge help! By spring, when the virus had eased, we decided to try and schedule some fun events again. As we all know, then came the variant strain and we had to put a halt to that. We're still hoping that we can start up again and will make sure it's posted in case you'd like to join us. With grants from Mascoma Bank and Housing Ministries of New England, we were able to do some repairs and paint our beautiful porch-it looks fabulous!

As always, Park House is grateful for your support, and we ask that you consider contributing \$2000 again in 2022-2023.

Sincerely,

Joanne McDonnell

Executive Director

16 Park Row, #4 (802) 767-3416 director@parkhousevt.org

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens
PO Box 113
1097 Route 100
Hancock, VT 05748

802-767-3763
quintownsc@gmail.com

Oct. 20, 2021

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 COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our senior center. To keep our clients safe, we have had to temporarily change our onsite dining, currently serving onsite meals on Wednesdays. However, we continue to provide nutritionally balanced meals to help meet the dietary requirements of our seniors by offering our new To-Go Meals Program and continue delivering Meals on Wheels each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our Meals on Wheels Program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors.

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 new To-Go Meals Program and our Meals on Wheels Program.

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

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

Sincerely,

Quin-Town Board of Directors

Board of Directors

~ Natalie Clook, Acting President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer ~ Beverly Allen, Secretary ~

**Members: Annette West
Staff**

~ Jody Jesso, Executive Director ~ Margaret Brown, Cook ~ Garvi Jesso-White, Assistant Cook ~

SAFELINE, INC.
P.O. Box 368, Chelsea, VT 05038
safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
(802) 685-7900 office
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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.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic Safeline continued to be available 24/7 for victims and their families. Calls to Safeline started to increase as survivors had more flexibility to reach out and as children went back to school where mandated reporters could contact authorities about potential abuse. Safeline provided 3,883 services for 315 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, 6 services were provided for 1 victim who identified themselves as residents of Stockbridge. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

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.

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

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



STOCKBRIDGE FREE COMMUNITY MEALS TO GO
2021 Annual Report

Stockbridge Free Community Meals To Go is a Community Project Inspired by a Dream:

WE DREAM
OF A LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY
SO STRONG THAT
FARMERS & CHEFS ARE EQUITABLY COMPENSATED AND EVERYONE
REGARDLESS OF ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCE
HAS ACCESS TO
WHOLESOME LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD

Is this project primarily for people of limited financial means? No!

SFCMTG is about making delicious, wholesome, locally sourced food easily accessible for all of us, and as a community, generating the necessary funds by enjoying the food on a regular basis and donating as generously as we can afford.

SFCMTG provides locally sourced, community supported, farm to table meals for everyone, available for pick up from our freezer in the concession stand at Stockbridge Central School, weekdays from 2:45 – 7:00 PM.

Free will donations support local farmers, chefs, independent markets and local access to wholesome food.

Launched in September of 2021 with start-up funds from the Stockbridge Trustees of Public Funds, the project distributed a total of 1088 containers of food in the last three months of the year. Many thanks for the generous donations which currently are covering almost half of the labor & material costs to provide those containers of food! Our goal is to develop a regular customer base broad enough to generate the necessary funds to become self-sufficient.

Please enjoy the food and donate what you can afford. Donation Guidelines are at the site. Donate at the site or mail check (SFCM) to 621 River Road 05772 or VENMO @SFCMTG Pls label "SFCM VENMO DONATION." Pls call 234-5140 for further information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION & GENEROSITY!



SUMMER MUSIC FOR KIDS

Summer Music for Kids, a newly incorporated Vermont Domestic Non-profit corporation formed by local musicians in the Rochester/Stockbridge area, is happy to announce that beginning with the summer of 2022 we will be offering music lessons, at no cost to students, for all students who will be entering 5th grade in the Rochester, Stockbridge, Hancock, Granville area in the fall of 2022. Home-schooled students are definitely included.

Lessons will take place at the Rochester Elementary School on Wednesday mornings, June 22 and 29, July 6, 20 and 27, and August 3rd. Each student will receive an individual lesson, followed by a group Enrichment session, and then an attempt for the students to play together. Instruments will be provided, as necessary, to students, at no cost to the student.

All the students will be given nutritious snacks on arrival, after the individual lesson, and just before leaving for home at around noon.

Our expert instrumental music teachers are: Scott Paulson (percussion, trumpet, trombone), Barbara Smith (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone), and Emily Sunderman (violin and cello).

Our Enrichment teachers include Holly Mugford Bermingham and Ethan Bowen.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for young students to learn to play a musical instrument -- at no cost to the student or the student's family.

For more information, send an email to summermusicforkids@gmail.com, or talk to Susan Bushnell, (Rochester), or Bill Edgerton, (Stockbridge).

**REPORT TO STOCKBRIDGE ON
TRI-VALLEY TRANSIT (TVT), FORMERLY STAGECOACH, SERVICES
October 2021**

Thank you for the Town of Stockbridge generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped TVT provide an annual average of 141 free trips for Stockbridge residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Tri-Valley Transit’s Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 123,974 rides for the year. All our transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential service to many of the most vulnerable members and essential workers of our communities. TVT has revamped its service to protect riders, the general public and staff, focusing on riders with no other means of transportation but whose trips are essential: healthcare staff getting to work and patients accessing dialysis, cancer, and opioid addiction treatment. We also added free food delivery service for at-risk members of the community. Unfortunately the pandemic lingers on with new variants of the virus that are more than 2x as contagious as previous strains and can be passed to unvaccinated people by those who are vaccinated but may not be experiencing symptoms. We remain vigilant to protect riders, staff and volunteers from COVID.

To protect everyone, we have worked hard to:

- install protective shields between seats,
- implement pre-ride screening techniques to ensure drivers and riders are not COVID risks,
- ensure all vehicles are frequently sanitized and hand sanitizer is available,
- require face masks to be worn in our vehicles and facilities, and supply them as needed.

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

*Please include this in your town report as space allows.
Thank you!*



TRORC 2021 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of 30 municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our members, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2021.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, capital budgets, bylaws and studies. TRORC has applied for funding to assist seven communities review and revise their zoning to enable more housing construction.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve on the State Emergency Response Committee, providing state officials with key local information to assist emergency planning. TRORC continues to assist local emergency management directors to meet the needs of our first responders. Again, this past year, TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. Having FEMA approved plans is a condition for many FEMA programs.

Energy

TRORC assisted seven towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. In addition, TRORC sought and received general energy plan implementation funds to assist town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education.

Transportation

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

Specifically in Stockbridge this past year, TRORC staff prepared a municipal planning grant application and prepared the FEMA-required Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard



**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$230.00

For the last 42 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'21 (10/2020-9/2021) 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 **186** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **4** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **148** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **65** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **80** individuals with information on assistive technology; **42** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **484** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **24** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served 415 people in its first year. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

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

During FY'21, 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)
- 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**.

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT answered more than 4,000 legal questions, publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs explaining how municipalities can comply with the state's most recent COVID-19 requirements and guidance. To support Vermont's towns and cities in recovering from the pandemic, VLCT created a new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coordination and Assistance Program to help members comply with requirements for spending and tracking Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information about how to access Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding as well as a range of municipal topics.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to insurance programs**. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. 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.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government.

For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memberguide. **To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.**

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Stockbridge, VT

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

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

Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 188 homecare visits to 17 Stockbridge residents. This included approximately \$12,156 in unreimbursed care to Stockbridge residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 163 home visits to 16 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 25 home visits to 1 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

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

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. Stockbridge's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

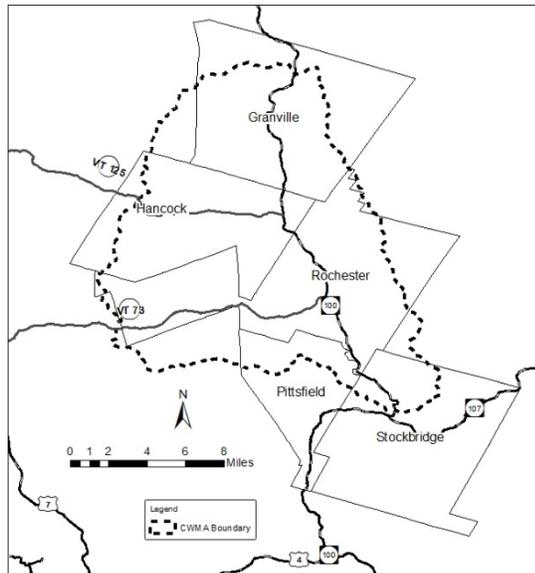


Hilary Davis, Vice President, Strategy Management

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Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association 2021 Report to the Town of Stockbridge

2021 was the ninth year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map showing the project area boundary, below.



CWMA partners include the **Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership.**

The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

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

2021 Summary:

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

Monitoring and Control:

No monitoring or control activities were undertaken in Stockbridge.

Education & outreach:

In April, the CWMA coordinator provided a webinar on ecological landscaping for residents in all the Upper White River CWMA towns (Hancock, Granville, Pittsfield, Rochester, and Stockbridge). In June, Green Mountain National Forest staff offered wild chervil management direction to residents and businesses via Front Porch Forum.

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



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Town Narrative - Stockbridge For July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Since 1974, 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.

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.

Strong social science research has shown that youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates and higher educational aspirations
- Enhanced self-esteem and 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

In FY 2021, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

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

Finally, a recent study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found that the chance that benefits will outweigh the costs of mentoring services is as high as 94%! Looked at another way, for every dollar spent on mentoring, communities received as much as \$29.32 in benefit to children.

Think about that. Almost 30 dollars in benefit to children returned to the community for every dollar spent!

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

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

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

Matthew Garcia
Executive Director

Windsor County News

Date: January 5, 2022

A Preliminary County Budget meeting was held at the Windsor County Building on December 15, 2021, and the Final Budget meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2022. The 2022/23 budget includes an amount of \$468,504 to be raised by countywide property taxes. The tax rate for 2022/23 is set at 0.00482786 per \$100 of valuation.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2022 requiring tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2022.

Construction Bond Repayment

The Windsor County Courthouse rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are currently in the 8th year of repayment of this 10 year bond. A rate of 0.002046 is assessed to collect the total 2022 bond repayment of \$214,302. As with the county tax, towns may submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2022.

The courthouse renovation has proven to be both timely and invaluable to the 24 Towns in Windsor County. Our courthouse is one of only two in the State that has an approved HVAC system for air quality control, making it a safe for environment for Jury Trials to be held in our Historic Building.

Notable Activities in the Past Year

Windsor County has seen several changes this year, the most notable of which is that there is a new Windsor County Assistant Judge. Michael Ricci of Woodstock was appointed by Governor Scott to fill the vacancy left when Assistant Judge Jack Anderson retired earlier this fall. Assistant Judge Ricci, a valued community member for nearly 40 years is enthusiastic about his appointment and looking forward to serving the people of Windsor County along side of Judge Ellen Terie. We thank Judge Anderson who had served the County for ten years, and was instrumental in the renovation of the Woodstock Courthouse.

Currently the Courthouse is closed to the public because of Covid restrictions, however it is hoped that it will soon be open again. We are grateful to the County Staff for keeping the building in tip-top shape during these uncertain times. The fact that the building has been closed has not slowed down the Judiciary; Court hearings are being held remotely via WebEx.

The County Building, located on Pleasant Street, which houses the Sheriff's Office, and the office of the Windsor County Clerk, has a new roof too. This building is open to the public, albeit on limited hours. We are all looking forward to being fully open again soon. If anyone needs to contact the Clerk to file a will, or for any other County business, Pepper Tepperman can be reached at: 1-802 457-5222.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, professional emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge, an area of over 500 square miles. We are designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensed skill level that the state recognizes. With our 14 full-time staff and a number of part-time staff we maintain two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year. From January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 1,600 emergency calls and transfers, up from 1,342 in 2021. This includes Advanced Life Support transfer between hospitals.

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

Funding for WRVA comes primarily from billed insurance and budget allocations from the towns we serve. Every town pays the same amount per capita. In 2022, the per capita amount will increase from \$61.00 to \$65.00, or 6.6%.

Looking back on 2021 and ahead to 2022, 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**

White River Valley Ambulance, Inc.

2022 Budget DRAFT 4.0

MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY TOWN FOR JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
Assessments	64,480.00	126,230.00	78,455.00	42,835.00	19,565.00	23,335.00	32,760.00	310,310.00	71,435.00	46,670.00	816,075.00
January	4,892.83	10,488.33	6,437.67	3,539.17	1,539.67	1,668.83	2,730.00	24,686.33	5,884.83	3,889.17	65,756.83
February	4,892.83	10,488.33	6,437.67	3,539.17	1,539.67	1,668.83	2,730.00	24,686.33	5,884.83	3,889.17	65,756.83
March	4,892.83	10,488.33	6,437.67	3,539.17	1,539.67	1,668.83	2,730.00	24,686.33	5,884.83	3,889.17	65,756.83
April	4,892.83	10,488.33	6,437.67	3,539.17	1,539.67	1,668.83	2,730.00	24,686.33	5,884.83	3,889.17	65,756.83
May	4,892.83	10,488.33	6,437.67	3,539.17	1,539.67	1,668.83	2,730.00	24,686.33	5,884.83	3,889.17	65,756.83
June	4,892.85	10,488.35	6,437.65	3,539.15	1,539.65	1,668.85	2,730.00	24,686.35	5,884.85	3,889.17	65,756.87
July	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	70,255.67
August	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	70,255.67
September	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	70,255.67
October	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	70,255.67
November	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	70,255.67
December	5,853.85	10,550.00	6,638.15	3,600.00	1,721.15	2,220.35	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.13	70,255.63
Total	64,480.00	126,230.00	78,455.00	42,835.00	19,565.00	23,335.00	32,760.00	310,310.00	71,435.00	46,670.00	816,075.00

Months	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
Jan - June	29,357.00	62,930.00	38,626.00	21,235.00	9,238.00	10,013.00	16,380.00	148,118.00	35,309.00	23,335.02	394,541.02
July - Dec	35,123.00	63,300.00	39,829.00	21,600.00	10,327.00	13,322.00	16,380.00	162,192.00	36,126.00	23,334.98	421,533.98
Total	64,480.00	126,230.00	78,455.00	42,835.00	19,565.00	23,335.00	32,760.00	310,310.00	71,435.00	46,670.00	816,075.00
2022 Budget	64,480.00	126,230.00	78,455.00	42,835.00	19,565.00	23,335.00	32,760.00	310,310.00	71,435.00	46,670.00	816,075.00
Difference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

OPTIONAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS BY TOWN FOR THE SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31, 2022 (No increase at least until July 1, 2023)

Month	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
January 2023	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	63,636.50
February 2023	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	63,636.50
March 2023	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	63,636.50
April 2023	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	63,636.50
May 2023	5,853.83	10,550.00	6,638.17	3,600.00	1,721.17	2,220.33	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	63,636.50
June 2023	5,853.85	10,550.00	6,638.15	3,600.00	1,721.15	2,220.35	2,730.00	27,032.00	6,021.00	3,889.17	63,636.50
Total	35,123.00	63,300.00	39,829.00	21,600.00	10,327.00	13,322.00	16,380.00	162,192.00	36,126.00	23,334.98	381,819.00

AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR TOWNS' BUDGETS FOR FY 2022-2023:

Months	Barnard	Bethel	Braintree	Brookfield	Granville	Hancock	Pittsfield	Randolph	Rochester	Stockbridge	Totals
July - Dec 2022	35,123.00	63,300.00	39,829.00	21,600.00	10,327.00	13,322.00	16,380.00	162,192.00	36,126.00	23,334.98	381,819.00
Jan - June 2023	35,123.00	63,300.00	39,829.00	21,600.00	10,327.00	13,322.00	16,380.00	162,192.00	36,126.00	23,334.98	381,819.00
Total	70,246.00	126,600.00	79,658.00	43,200.00	20,654.00	26,644.00	32,760.00	324,384.00	72,252.00	46,670.00	763,638.00

White River Partnership 2021 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 2021:

- The WRP engaged 390 teachers and students from 9 watershed schools – including Stockbridge Central School – in the Trout in the Classroom program, **raising native brook trout to learn about their cold-water habitat needs** in partnership with the Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
- WRP staff and 25 volunteers completed the 4th 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 started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 100 volunteers **removed 10,500 pounds of man-made trash** from the river in Bethel, Hartford, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, and Tunbridge.
- WRP staff and 25 trained volunteers **completed the 21st year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including Gaysville Bridge, Mouth of Tweed River-Stockbridge, and Peavine Park-Stockbridge – every two weeks from June through September. We shared results via email, our website, and our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with the town of Stockbridge and a local contractor to **improve public access to the White River in Gaysville** by improving parking, resurfacing walking trails, and building stone steps to the river at the former Gaysville Campground property.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and two work crews to **plant 7,950 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** in 9 locations to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 700 students and teachers from 19 schools – including Stockbridge Central School – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed issues**, including crayfish sampling & identification, stream-crossing culvert assessments, waterbugs sampling & identification, wildlife track & sign monitoring along the river, and more!

For more information

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



AGENCY NAME: Vermont Adult Learning – Windsor
 ADDRESS: 100 River Street, Suite 102
 Springfield, VT 05156
 CONTACT PERSON: Ashley Dailey, Regional Director
 CONTACT INFORMATION: adailey@vtadultlearning.org
 802-281-4312

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: We provide adults with basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math, GED prep and testing, a high school diploma program, and classes for English Language Learners.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for

SOURCES OF INCOME/EXPENSES (Fiscal Year 2021: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021):

Sources of Income	577,174		Major Expenses	564,953	
Rec'd from federal taxes:	6,878	1.19	Salaries and benefits	467,984	82.84
Rec'd from state taxes:	557,380	96.57	Office expenses	2,541	.45
Rec'd from municipal tax:	1,100	0.19	Facilities	86,631	15.33
Rec'd from donations:	3,928	0.68	Programs	7,470	1.32
Rec'd from United Way			Other	327	.06
Rec'd from grants & other:	7,888	1.37	Net gain	12,221	
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%

English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

We are grateful to the townspeople of Stockbridge for supporting the services we provide.



September 20, 2021

Town of Stockbridge
PO Box 39
Stockbridge, VT 05772

Dear Select Board,

The mission of Vermont Family Network (VFN) is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P), merged, VFN has collectively served the families across Vermont for more than 30 years. Vermont children, youth, and families are provided with a “one-stop-shop” to help them reach their full potential. VFN gives a strong start, lifts family voices, and advances inclusive communities.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Stockbridge and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Stockbridge where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we can do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1,400 families yearly with expert information, referral, and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference and more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team that teaches children and parents about important issues like anxiety awareness, bullying, child abuse, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership, and communication. Each year over 10,000 school children and adults benefit from these educational programs and workshops.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much-needed services to Vermont families. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtn.org, or my cell phone at 301-509-2435 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claire Giroux-Williams".

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development and Communications Manager
Vermont Family Network

Vermont Spay and Neuter Incentive Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please visit our website: www.VWSAHS.org

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

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

Sue Skaskiw, VWSA Humane Society Executive Director/VSNIP Administrator

BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The towns of Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now-closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual agreement, other member towns also use the waste management program, these towns being Barnard, Stockbridge, Rochester, Hancock and Granville.

Administration of the program has historically been managed by staff of the town of Bethel, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. In August 2013, a new Inter-local Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Select Boards. This new agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts management accountability and oversight from Bethel to the White River Alliance Board and the Alliance Manager.

In December 2020, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The SWIP is updated every five years.

Our facility operates under a license (or "Certification") which is renewed every 10 years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel/Royalton landfill is also operated under a certification that is valid until changes are made to the original certification specifications. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from the landfill use.

From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 a total of 5,497.99 tons of solid waste was collected at the transfer station "tipping floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in state lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled 746.64 tons and organics totaled 52.02 tons. These materials were 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 Wastes** were held in July 2020 and April 2021 at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station and August 2020 at the Rochester Town Hall Parking lot. A total of 329 families participated in the three 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 material. 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 two events in 2022. One at the Bethel Royalton Transfer Station on April 16, 2022 and one at the Rochester Town Hall on September 17, 2022. This will allow access for those towns not located near the transfer station to attend.

The Transfer Station participates in a variety of manufacturer-sponsored recycling programs including battery, electronics, paint, mercury light bulbs and mercury thermostats. These programs are free to the public. Please grab a brochure at the cashier's office or speak to an attendant regarding daily limits and covered products.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well trained to provide advice or assistance.

The facility is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7am to 1pm. It is closed on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Please visit our website for more information: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

Bethel-Royalton Solid Waste Facility
122 Waterman Road
Royalton, VT 05068
802-763-2232
whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

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

Pricing Effective January 1, 2021

Bulk Waste \$170.00/ton. \$20.00 minimum
Per Bag \$8.00/45 gallon \$5.00/30 gallon \$3.00/15 gallon

Recycling \$3.00 per visit
Food Scraps \$2.00/gallon 1 gallon minimum

Yard Waste (small branches, grass, leaves) **\$50.00 cubic yard**
1/2 yard minimum. 1.5" maximum on branches. NO stumps
Christmas Trees **\$20.00** must be free of tinsel and all decorations.

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

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

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

Vehicle batteries \$1.00 each

Waste Oil \$1.25/quart

Antifreeze \$1.25/quart

Grill Size Propane Tanks \$8.00

Small Camping Size \$1.00

DO NOT PUT PRESSURIZED TANKS IN THE SCRAP METAL !!

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

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

Tires

18" and under no rim \$6.00 with rim \$8.00

Over 18" with no rim \$20.00 with rim \$30.00

Loader, tractor, heavy equipment no rim \$75.00 with rim \$125.00

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

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

2021 Vital Record

Births:

Ezra Shadow Smith to Jessica Garcia and Andrew Evans Smith

Benjamin James Robert Warshavsky to Kristin and James Warshavsky

Oaklynn Rain Paradis to Emily Messier and Hunter Paradis

Izabela Rose Rusch to Beata and Eric Rusch

Marriages:

Jesse Bessett and Lindsay Rae Silvia

Trevor Searles and Alliyah Whitcomb

Daniel Coughlin and Devon Braia

Dominic Smith and Erica Nanoo

Haywood Giraud and Veronica Peters

Michael Bardis and Claire Davey-Karlson

Jeremy Read and Lucia Tonachel

Thomas Boyle and Rebecca Pavlik

Rodney Messier and Megan LaPerle

Gregory Curtis and Rosemary Weinberger

Deaths:

Arthur Marc Begin 84

Blake Allen Manning 30

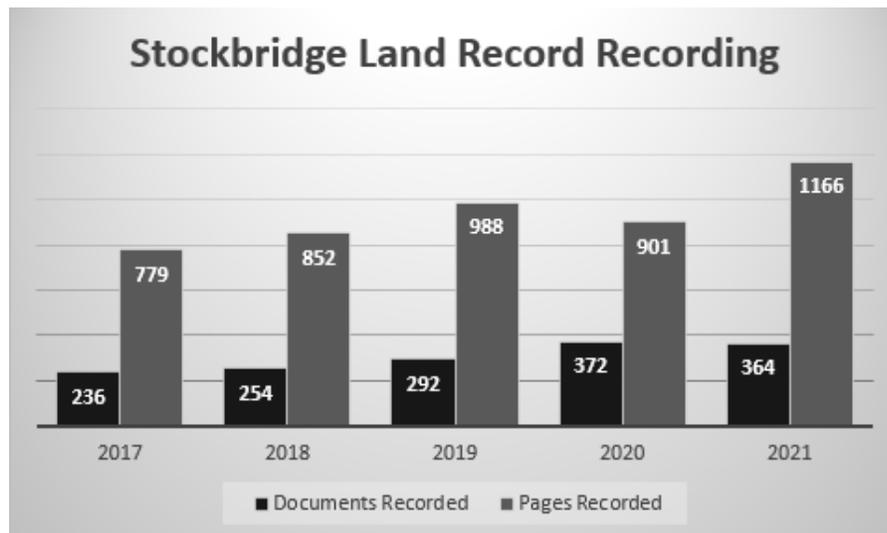
Edwin Dale Burns 65

Frances Caparis 97

Town Clerk's Report

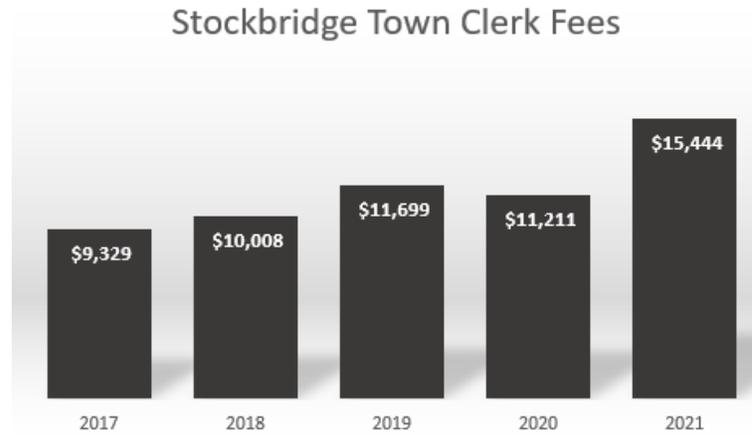
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021

- **Town Website:** During 2021, not only did we move to a more secure .GOV domain, but we also converted to a new website host. This host is specific to municipalities. They provide better service and support for maintaining the site at a lower annual cost. The new site allows people to sign up for alerts and be automatically notified (via email or text) about meeting agendas and notices when they are posted. So far over 25 residents and property owners have signed up for notifications. Additionally, you may contact the town office directly from a link on the website. Please look at <https://stockbridgevt.gov>.
- **Land Records:** Two major initiatives with Land Records were accomplished in 2021. Both efforts move the town forward with better record access and overall record safety and redundancy of storage.
 - Beginning 1/1/2021, all land records received for recording were processed and stored electronically. The records were also indexed, copied, and bound for vault storage.
 - During the last quarter of 2021, forty past years (1980-2020) of recorded land records have been digitized and indexed. The scanned records will be hosted by New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC). The records are now in the testing phase and will soon be available for online research.
- **Audit:** During 2021, the year ended December 31, 2020, for the Town of Stockbridge, was audited by RHR Smith and Company. The town received an unmodified opinion which means that the audit found that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Town of Stockbridge as of December 31, 2020. An unmodified opinion is the best that a town can achieve. The Auditors made only two recommendations regarding best practice cash recording and reconciliation. Both recommendations were implemented in October.
- **Recording Volume and Revenue**



The data in the chart above represents a 49% increase in the number of pages recorded and a 54% increase in the number of documents recorded from 2017 to 2021.

Much of this increase can be attributed to the increase in real estate transactions and mortgage refinancing due to the pandemic impacts. The hope is that this volume increase will stabilize soon.



Town Clerk revenue categories consist of document recording, researcher copies and vault time, licenses and certified copy fees.

You will note that the revenue tracks in line with the recording volumes graph.

PLANNED WORK IN 2022

- Expansion of the types of town records available online
- Cyber-Security implementation and training for town staff and volunteers
- Continued improvements of the town website to enhance communications
- Continued expansion of a town contact list and better way to push information out to our property owners and residents. (Email, regular mail, newsletter, website, newspaper)
- Work with the Selectboard and RHR Smith and Company to create a Stockbridge Capital Plan
- Work with State Archivists to review the current vault storage and recommend future improvements.
- Work with the e-911 board to review addressing

GENERAL UPDATES

Kelly's Retirement: The Town of Stockbridge's Assistant Town Clerk Kelly McDermott-Burns has moved into retirement as of 12/31/2021. I cannot thank her enough for all her support, kindness, work effort and most importantly her sense of humor. I will miss her being in the office each week very much.

Assistant Town Clerk Open Position: If you are interested in a flexible 12 hours per week plus coverage of vacation time, please call the town office for more details or visit the town website. <https://stockbridgevt.gov>

My Plans: It is a privilege to work and serve this wonderful community of Stockbridge Vermont. I have learned so much about my town and neighbors and just how town government and the State and Federal levels all work together. I look forward to the rest of 2022. It is my intention to leave the role after that and not to run for the for the position of Town Clerk/Treasurer when my term expires in March of 2023. Please reach out if you are interested or have questions about the role.

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, 2022, to avoid penalties.* A late filed Property Tax Adjustment Claim form and Household Income Form may still qualify for an education tax refund but may be subject to a penalty.

THREE EASY WAYS TO GET YOUR VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS:

1. Download fillable PDF forms from the web. Download, complete and print forms at <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:

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

REGISTER TO VOTE:

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

By using the My Voter Page, a voter can:

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

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 576 registered voters.

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

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

Taxes Due - Property Taxes are due on August 15th with a second installment due November 15th. All taxes become delinquent on the day following the date they are due and are subject to interest and fees. 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 Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility located at 122 Waterman Road, Royalton, VT. (802) 763-2232. There is a fee for rubbish but no charge for recyclables. You can also contract with A.B.L.E. Waste Management (802-672-3569) for curbside pickup. There is also a Saturday drop-off held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the Town Office from 12:00PM – 2:00 PM. for rubbish and recycles. There is a per bag fee for the rubbish.

Post Offices -

Stockbridge, 05772-Phone 746-8041 Window Hours are Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturdays - 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Gaysville, 05746-Phone 234-5575 Window Hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 & 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Saturdays - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

To Report a Fire - Dial 911

To Call Police - Dial 911 or 234-9933

To Call Ambulance - 911

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

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

Town Clerk's Office - The Town office is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. and Friday from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Telephone/Fax 802-746-8400. Email TownofStockbridgeVT@Gmail.com. Town website: stockbridgevt.gov

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

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

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

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

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

Reminder

**All dogs 6 months of age and older must be
Licensed on or before April 1st of each year.**

A current rabies certificate is required.

**Please contact the Town Clerk if you have any
questions.**

Jamie Kinnarney, Superintendent of Schools
Anda Adams, Chief Academic Officer of MTSS
Annette Rhoades, Director of Special Services
Tara Weatherell, Business Manager
Raymond Ballou, Director of Technology
and Communications



wrvsu.org

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

December 30, 2021

To the Residents of Stockbridge:

I am writing this letter to remind the Stockbridge Community that the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD) will be holding their annual meeting and 2022-23 budget vote in early May. To this end, we will be publishing a separate informational mailer on the annual budget and school district meeting. You should expect that publication to arrive in the mail and be available on the Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District website in late March or early April.

The Rochester/Stockbridge Unified District Board of School Directors has been working in collaboration with the administration to create a 2022-23 school district budget that is fiscally responsible, but also ensures that we uphold our commitment to high quality educational programming for our students. At this point in time, I'm confident that we will have a budget prepared to present to the residents of both Rochester and Stockbridge that delivers on many of the promises of the district's merger. There is much to celebrate in regards to the improvement of educational outcomes, but we also acknowledge that there is still plenty of work ahead of us.

We have made significant investment over the past school year and also in our upcoming budget proposal to strengthen our literacy and math instruction. Additionally, we have expanded our outdoor/experiential learning that also provides multiple opportunities for pathways/personalized learning, and have also provided explicit instruction in foreign language. These enhancements of our educational programming are significant, but we've also seen an investment in additional social/emotional support through the use of federal dollars. I mention all of this in order to ensure that the residents of Stockbridge know that we are taking the feedback provided in order to make certain that we deliver on the promise of having schools that ensure all students have access to high quality instruction and supports in order to reach their greatest potential.

I encourage all of you to stay involved with the Stockbridge Central School, and to participate in our upcoming RSUD board meetings. Your input and feedback is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jamie Kinnarney,
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