

# **TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT**



## **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE TOWN YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2024  
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

## **Office Hours and Board Meetings**

**Town Clerk's Office                      Phone 827-3261 ext 1**

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 10am - 5pm   Friday 8am -12pm

### **Select Board Meetings**

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm held at the Municipal Building

### **Library Trustee Meetings**

3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm held at the Library

### **Fairfield Fire Department Meetings**

1st Monday of the month at 7:30 pm held at the Firehouse

### **Zoning Board Meetings**

1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm held at the Municipal Building

### **Recreation Committee Meetings**

TBA

**Check our website at [fairfieldvermont.com](http://fairfieldvermont.com) for news and minutes of the meetings**

## **Phone Listings**

Town Clerk's Office .....	827-3261 ext 1
Town Administrator.....	827-3261 ext 4
Town Garage.....	827-3290
Building Permits/Zoning Administrator.....	827-3261 ext 3
School.....	827-6639
Bent-Northrop Memorial Library.....	827-3945
Community Center.....	827-3130
Fairfield Post Office.....	827-0517
East Fairfield Post Office.....	827-3819
State Police/Game Warden.....	524-5993
Northwestern Medical Center.....	524-5911
Emergency and Fire Department.....	911

# ANNUAL REPORT

*Town and School of*  
**FAIRFIELD**  
**VERMONT**

For The Year Ended  
December 31, 2024

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## **NOTICE**

Please bring this report to  
Town Meeting on Tuesday March 4, 2025  
@10:00 A.M.  
Held at the Fairfield Center Elementary School

Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
To vote on Maple Run Union School District Ballot

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.**

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## Elected Town Officers

<b>Moderator</b>	Bridget Howrigan Rivet (1 year term)	2025
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Linda Hodet (3 year term)	2026
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Amanda Forbes (3 year term)	2026
<b>Select Board</b>	Thomas Howrigan (3 year term)	2025
	Brian Dubie (2 year term)	2025
	Gavin Ryan (3 year term)	2026
	David Persons (2 year term)	2026
	Ronald Bocash (3 year term)	2027
<b>Auditors</b>	Diane Tracy (3 year term)	2025
	Jeanne Persons (3 year term)	2026
	Mary Schreindorfer (3 year term)	2027
<b>MRUSD Board</b>	Joanna Jerosse (3 year term)	2025
	Marianne Dubie (3 year term)	2027
<b>MRUSD Treasurer</b>	Amanda Forbes (1 year term)	2025
<b>Library Trustees</b> *Resigned	Samantha Thomas (3 year term)	
	*Appointed Larry Edelson (remainder 3 year term)	2025
	Susan Magnan (2 year term)	2025
	Sorel Chaput (2 year term)	2026
	Peter Burns (3 year term)	2026
	Michele Feiner (3 year term)	2027
<b>First Constable</b>	James Consentino (1 year term)	2025

**Justices of the Peace**      Paula Boomhower   Jonathan Branon   James Consentino  
Marianne Dubie   Martin Hornick   Bridget Howrigan Rivet   Julie Wolcott

## **Appointed Town Officers**

<b>Planning/Zoning Board</b>	Melissa Manson (3 year term)	2025
	Aaron Forbes (2 year term)	2025
	Don Wells (2 year term)	2025
	Demetrius Bolduc (3 year term)	2026
	Vanessa Kittell (3 year term)	2026
	Julia Callan (2 year term)	2026
	Dan Pipes (3 year term)	2027
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	Robert Karmin	
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	Damien Boomhower	
	Michelle Desrosiers	
	Chad LaCroix	
<b>Grant Writer</b>	Vacant	
<b>Town Service Officer</b>	Julie Wolcott	
<b>Health Officer</b>	Melissa Manson	
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Tom Howrigan	
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	Cathy Ainsworth	
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	Linda Hodet	
<b>E911 Coordinator</b>	Robert Karmin	
<b>Assessor</b>	Linda Hodet	
	NEMRC	

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont**

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfield met at Veteran's Hall, Fairfield Center School, on March 5, 2024. Bridget Howrigan Rivet, Moderator, went over The Robert's Rules of Order. The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A moment of silence was held. A correction was made to the 2023 minutes. Article 4e should have been Jeanne Persons was nominated by Mary Schreindorfer. The 2024 warning was read. A correction was made to Article 11. The previous year's donation should have been \$600.

1. MODERATOR: Bridget Howrigan Rivet was nominated by Gavin Ryan and seconded by Dan Pipes. Nominations ceased. The Clerk was asked to cast one ballot for Bridget Howrigan Rivet.
2. TO RECEIVE THE VARIOUS REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE TOWN AS CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT TOWN REPORT: No discussion.
3. TO ELECT FROM THE LEGAL VOTERS OF SAID TOWN THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:
  - a. ONE SELECTPERSON 3 YEARS: Ron Bocash was nominated by Brian Dubie and seconded Gavin Ryan. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Ron Bocash.
  - b. ONE SELECTPERSON FOR 2 YEARS: David Persons was nominated by Damien Boomhower and seconded by John Baxter. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for David Persons.
  - c. ONE AUDITOR FOR 3 YEARS: Mary Schreindorfer was nominated by Jeanne Persons and seconded by Diane Tracy. Nominations ceased, moved to one ballot for Mary Schreindorfer.
  - g. ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS: Michele Feiner was nominated by Julie Wolcott and seconded by Jeanne Hopkins. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Michele Feiner.
  - J. ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 2 YEARS: Sorel Chaput was nominated by Mary Alice Elbaum and seconded by Lynda Ulrich. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Sorel Chaput.
  - k. A FIRST CONSTABLE FOR 1 YEAR: James Consentino was nominated by Damien Boomhower and seconded by David Persons. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for James Consentino.
4. SHALL PROPERTY TAXES BE DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Motion moved by John Gorton and seconded by Gerald Jewett. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE THE 2024 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES OF \$1,828,000 OF WHICH \$1,179,044 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXES AND \$648,956 BY NON-TAX REVENUES: Motion moved by Julie Wolcott and seconded by Damien Boomhower. Gavin Ryan spoke about the major projects that were completed in 2023, including the North Road culvert, Chester Arthur Road paving and Pumpkin Village Road ditching. Town buildings are paid for except for the library. The Towns' infrastructure is strong. The \$16,000 budgeted in zoning for miscellaneous was questioned. It's for Northwest Regional Planning. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE THE 2024 EXPENDITURES OF \$176,589 FOR THE BENT NORTHROP MEMORIAL LIBRARY, \$136,159 OF WHICH SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXES AND \$40,430 BY NON-TAX REVENUES: Motion moved by Shana Ratner and seconded by Jeanne Hopkins. Roberts Rules were suspended to allow Sarah Allerton to speak. The utilization of the library is up across the board, visits, programs etc. The minimal budget increase was mainly driven by increased insurance costs and getting salaries to where they should be. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE \$117,225 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, SAID APPROPRIATION ONLY TO BE PAID BY THE TOWN UPON CONDITION THAT THE FAIRFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SUBMIT TO THE TOWN, BY NOVEMBER 1, 2024, A COPY OF ITS MOST RECENT BALANCE SHEET AND BANK STATEMENT FOR REVIEW BY THE TOWN AUDITORS: Motion moved by John Schreindorfer and seconded by Charles Verderber. Motion passed by voice vote.
8. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE \$18,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION: Motion moved by Susan Magnan and seconded by Michele Feiner. Julie Wolcott spoke on behalf of the community center. Meals are available every Tuesday for a minimal fee. A licensed after school program, preschool and food shelf are also located at the community center. Michele Bessett thanked the Selectboard for allowing the creation of the community center 40 years ago and the Fairfield residents for their continued support. Motion passed by voice vote.
9. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$3,971 FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOME HEALTH AGENCY: Motion moved by Linda Hodet and seconded by Rebecca Moyer. Charon True questioned this article as Franklin County Home Health is being taken over by another entity. It was answered that it's a name change only the service will remain the same. Motion passed by voice vote.
10. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$3,000 FOR THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: Motion moved by Jessica Gaudette and seconded by John Baxter. James Consentino asked if \$3,000 was enough to cover all the programs. Jaime Tibbits explained that there is a lot of community and school support for the program, so the amount is good. Motion passed by voice vote.
11. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$600 FOR CAT CRUSADERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY INC: Motion moved by John Gorton and seconded by Cathy Branon. Mary Alice Elbaum asked what the Cat Crusaders do. John Gorton and Jane Berry spoke about the services they provide. They trap feral cats and get them spayed and neutered and rehome abandoned cats. Amended motion passed by voice vote.
12. SHALL THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD DISCUSS THAT THERE IS AN INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD'S LAND USE REGULATIONS AND THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD'S TOWN PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE PROTECTION AND ONGOING USE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS: Motion moved by Melissa Manson and seconded by Lynda Ulrich. Melissa Manson spoke about the need to update the zoning regulations to ensure they are in line with the town plan. Steven True has been appointed as zoning administrator. The zoning board has been increased from five to seven members. Vanessa Kittell asked what the process to update the zoning regulations would look like. Melissa Manson responded that at this point there is no plan in place. Last time there were

several working meetings that were publicly warned. Discussion ensued regarding town plan versus town zoning regulations. It was explained that the town plan is visionary, and the zoning regulations are the rules. Emily Biron shared data about agricultural use of land in Fairfield. The classification of farmland was also discussed. It was asked if there should be a moratorium on issuing any new permits until the zoning regulations were updated. The town would have to seek legal guidance for that question.

13. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER NON-BINDING BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING: Motion moved by John Gorton and seconded by Paula Boomhower. Julie Wolcott presented the common school committee's findings and visions for the future preservation of the building. Mary Schreindorfer spoke about the building as a focal point of the village, being the oldest public building, a landmark, and worthy of preservation. Greta Brunswick and Jeanne Hopkins spoke about funding opportunities. The goal is to raise funds to lessen the impact on taxpayers. Julie Wolcott asked does the public support the common school resolution. The response was yes. Charles Verderber asked about the Route 36 bridge closing. Gavin Ryan explained the state estimates the bridge will be closed for 28 days. Discussion ensued with the concerns about extra traffic on Chester Arthur Road. Will there be more signage, possibly stop lights at the bridge as it is narrow. Will there be more law enforcement coverage to curtail the speeders. Torrey Crossman spoke about the historical society. He is always looking for more members and volunteers. Cathy Branon asked that the zoning meetings be available to zoom. Questions ensued again regarding the permitting process, farmland and possible discrepancies between the town plan and the zoning regulations. Steven True explained there is a statutory process to update the zoning regulations and legal restrictions on halting permits.

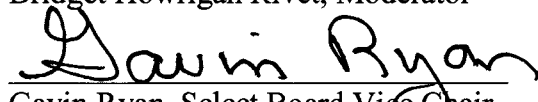
14. TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Dubie and seconded by John Baxter at 11:42 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Hodet, Clerk

To the best of my recollection, I attest that these minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the events of Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2024.

  
Bridget Howrigan Rivet, Moderator

  
Gavin Ryan, Select Board Vice Chair

WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont, who are legally qualified voters in the Town of Fairfield are hereby warned and notified to meet at Veterans' Hall in the Village of Fairfield Center, on Tuesday, the 4th day of March 2025 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator for a one year term.
2. To receive the various reports of the officers of the Town as contained in the current Town Report.
3. To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following Officers:
  - a. One Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot.
  - b. One Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot.
  - c. One Auditor for a term of three years by ballot.
  - d. One Library Trustee for a term of three years.
  - e. One Library Trustee for a term of two years.
  - f. A First Constable for a term of one year.
4. Shall property taxes be due and payable on the first Friday in the month of November?
5. Shall the voters approve the 2025 total general fund expenditures of \$1,919,685 of which \$1,214,445 shall be raised by taxes and \$705,240 by non-tax revenues? (Previous year total expenditures were \$1,828,000 of which \$1,179,044 were raised by taxes and \$648,956 by non-tax revenues).
6. Shall the voters approve 2025 expenditures of \$193,037 for the Bent Northrop Memorial Library, \$136,159 of which shall be raised by taxes and \$56,878 by non-tax revenues? (Previous year total expenditures were \$176,589 for the Bent Northrop Memorial Library, \$136,159 of which were raised by taxes and \$40,430 by non-tax revenues).
7. Shall the voters approve \$120,000 for the support of the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, said appropriation only to be paid by the town upon condition that the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department submit to the town, by November 1, 2025, a copy of its most recent balance sheet and bank statement for review by the town auditors? (Previous year-\$117,225).
8. Shall the voters approve \$18,000 in support of the Fairfield Community Center Association? (Previous year- \$18,000)
9. Shall the Town exempt from taxation real estate owned by the Fairfield Community Center and commonly known as the "Meeting House on the Green" for a period of 5 years in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 3840?
10. Shall the voters approve a donation of \$3,971 for the VNA & Hospice of the Southern Region? (Formerly Franklin County Home Health Agency) (Previous year-\$3,971)

11. Shall the voters approve a donation of \$600 for Cat Crusaders of Franklin County Inc?  
(Previous year-\$600)

12. To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before this meeting.

13. To Adjourn.

Dated at Fairfield, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

Town of Fairfield Selectboard,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Howrigan, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gavin Ryan

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Persons

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald Bocash

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Dubie

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Hodet, Clerk

January 16, 2025

To the Selectboard & Town Administrator  
Town of Fairfield  
Fairfield, Vermont

A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP is in the process of auditing the Town of Fairfield for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Town of Fairfield, Vermont is a participant in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS). In order to complete the pension component of the audit for GASB 68 requirements, A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP requires the finalized GASB 68 reports from the State of Vermont. These reports are not available until July.

When the audit report is finalized, it will be made available for public inspection at the Town office and website. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Very truly yours,

**A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP.**

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## **2024 Report of the Town Auditors**

### **Town of Fairfield**

**During fiscal year 2024 we reviewed accounts and records of the Town of Fairfield.**

**Our work included a limited examination of the following:**

**Checking and saving account reconciliations**

**Warrants: verifying accuracy and ensuring that backup is present**

**Reviewing financial statements of the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department**

**Our reviews are a supplement only to the annual independent audit conducted by A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jeanne Persons, Mary Schreindorfer and Diane Tracy**

**January 13, 2025**

## 2024 GRAND LIST AND TAX ANALYSIS

	2024 Local Agreement	2024 Municipal	2024 Resident Education	2024 Non-Resident Education	2024 Total Education
<b>GRAND LIST</b>					
Real/Lease	\$383,665,500	\$383,665,500	\$240,860,000	\$142,805,500	\$383,665,500
Personal	\$743,817	\$743,817	\$0	\$429,825	\$429,825
Subtotal	\$384,409,317	\$384,409,317	\$240,860,000	\$143,235,325	\$384,095,325
Less Exemptions	\$67,469,100	\$67,469,100	\$20,416,700	\$47,747,286	\$68,163,986
(Veterans Exemptions, Current Use, Contracts)					
Total Grand List	\$316,940,217	\$316,940,217	\$220,433,300	\$95,488,039	\$315,921,339
<b>TAXES</b>					
Taxes to be Raised	\$6,972	\$1,458,241	\$2,852,627	\$1,216,326	\$4,068,953
Grand List	\$316,940,217	\$316,940,217	\$220,433,300	\$95,488,039	\$315,921,339
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$0.0022</b>	<b>\$0.4601</b>	<b>\$1.2941</b>	<b>\$1.2738</b>	
Tax Rate Divided as Follows:					
Local Agreement	<b>\$0.0022</b>		\$0.0022	\$0.0022	
Total Municipal Tax Rate		<b>\$0.4601</b>	\$0.4601	\$0.4591	
Homestead Ed. Tax Rate			<b><u>\$1.2941</u></b>		
Non-Res. Ed Tax Rate				<b><u>\$1.2738</u></b>	
Total Tax Rate			<b>\$1.7564</b>	<b>\$1.7351</b>	
Gross Property Taxes Due 11/01/2024			\$5,535,568.86		
Changes/Lister Errors/Omissions		-\$12,188.88			
Taxes Collected 11/01/2024		\$5,281,057.38			
Delinquent 11/02/2024		<u>\$266,700.36</u>			
Total as of 11/02/2024			\$5,535,568.86		

Note: Taxes are assessed as follows:

The State sets the tax rate for schools on June 30th.

All Resident Owners pay the Municipal Rate (\$.4601) plus the Local Agreement Rate (.0022) plus Resident Education Rate (\$1.2941) for a total rate of \$1.7564)

All Non-Resident Owners pay the Municipal Rate (\$.4601) plus the Local Agreement Rate (.0022) and the Non-Resident Education Rate(\$1.2738) for a total rate of (\$1.7361)

Taxable Parcels	1,044
Homesteads	604
Acres	41,290

### Delinquent Property Taxes

Name	2024	2023	2022-2020	Totals
Draper,Dorothy et al	\$4,496.50	\$3,998.45		\$8,494.95
Draper, Roger	\$41.67	\$37.05		\$78.72
Gratton, Joseph	\$5,716.97	\$5,083.73		\$10,800.70
Hensel, Devin	\$953.73	\$650.84		\$1,604.57
McDonald, Stephen	\$3,019.08	\$2,496.32	\$5,542.36	\$11,057.76
Rheaume, Alex	\$7,417.27	\$3,725.55		\$11,142.82
West, Nancy	\$2,076.37	\$510.67		\$2,587.04
Totals	\$23,721.59	\$16,502.61	\$5,542.36	\$45,766.56
2024 Names Omitted 12/31/2024	\$104,648.88			
Total Delinquent 12/31/2024	\$128,370.47	\$16,502.61	\$5,542.36	\$150,415.44
2024 Delinquent Total 11/1/2024	\$266,700.36			
2024 Abated	\$2,791.16			

The names of the current year taxpayers who have a delinquent balance for the current year only were omitted from the Town Report as voted at the 2012 Town Meeting admendment to Article 7 of the Warning

## PROPOSED 2025 TOWN BUDGET

Account		Budget CY 2024	Actual CY 2024*	Budget CY 2025
<b>10-5 REVENUES</b>				
<b>10-5-00-10 TAX REVENUE</b>				
10-5-00-10.00	Current Property Taxes	\$1,457,999.00	\$1,213,939.71	TBD
10-5-00-10.03	Prepaid Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.05	Del Tax Revenue	\$0.00	\$117,223.55	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.10	Del Tax Interest	\$3,000.00	\$2,977.82	\$3,000.00
10-5-00-10.15	Del Tax Penalty	\$10,000.00	\$18,398.16	\$10,000.00
10-5-00-10.20	Pilot	\$3,600.00	\$3,762.65	\$3,600.00
10-5-00-10.25	Current Use	\$230,000.00	\$299,530.00	\$275,000.00
10-5-00-10.26	Current Use Change Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.30	Municipal Tax Adj.	\$0.00	\$46,739.19	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.35	School Overpayment Credit	\$0.00	\$43,966.32	\$0.00
<b>Total TAX REVENUE</b>		<b>\$1,704,599.00</b>	<b>\$1,746,537.40</b>	<b>\$291,600.00</b>
<b>10-5-00-15 STATE AID</b>				
10-5-00-15.00	State Aid to Highway	\$232,706.00	\$225,690.44	\$225,690.00
10-5-00-15.05	Special Bridge/Highway	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total STATE AID</b>		<b>\$232,706.00</b>	<b>\$225,690.44</b>	<b>\$225,690.00</b>
<b>10-5-00-25 MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
10-5-00-25.05	Interest Checking	\$1,000.00	\$1,724.65	\$1,500.00
10-5-00-25.07	Short Term CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.20	Dog License	\$300.00	\$245.00	\$300.00
10-5-00-25.22	Fish & Wildlife Fees	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.23	DMV Registration Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.25	Copier Fees	\$50.00	\$32.95	\$50.00
10-5-00-25.30	Liquor License	\$150.00	\$280.00	\$150.00
10-5-00-25.35	Listers Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.40	Bicen Books/Maps	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.45	Vehicle Permits	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$500.00
10-5-00-25.46	Civil Fines	\$150.00	\$187.50	\$150.00
10-5-00-25.50	Homeland Security Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.51	FEMA Grant	\$34,000.00	\$43,291.58	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.52	FEMA Grant-State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.55	Town Hwy Class 2 Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.60	Grant	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.62	Grant Revenue-State funds	\$0.00	\$33,798.96	\$10,000.00
10-5-00-25.64	Vault Copies	\$1,000.00	\$1,642.00	\$1,000.00
10-5-00-25.65	Clerk Fees	\$20,000.00	\$18,789.00	\$20,000.00
10-5-00-25.66	Vault Fees	\$200.00	\$794.00	\$200.00
10-5-00-25.67	Zoning Fees	\$12,000.00	\$10,488.15	\$12,000.00

\*All 2024 actuals are preliminary due to ongoing Audit.

The audit report will be available upon completion, with full accounting of the Town's financial position.

## PROPOSED 2025 TOWN BUDGET

Account		Budget CY 2024	Actual CY 2024*	Budget CY 2025
10-5-00-25.70	Rent	\$4,800.00	\$7,300.00	\$9,600.00
10-5-00-25.71	Forest Lease	\$13,000.00	\$12,900.00	\$13,000.00
10-5-00-25.80	Logging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.90	Transfer In	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.91	Surplus Funds	\$58,000.00	\$0.00	\$110,000.00
10-5-00-25.92	Proceeds from Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.93	Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.95	Tax Sale Redemption	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.96	Cemetery Lot Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.97	Fuel Excise Tax Refund	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
10-5-00-25.99	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000.00	\$3,395.95	\$5,000.00
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>\$169,650.00</b>	<b>\$135,633.74</b>	<b>\$187,950.00</b>
<b>Total REVENUES</b> (2024 also includes appropriations tax request)		<b>\$2,106,955.00</b>	<b>\$2,107,861.58</b>	<b>\$705,240.00</b>
<b>10-6 GENERAL</b>				
<b>10-6-10 SELECTBOARD</b>				
10-6-10-10.00	Stipends	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
10-6-10-10.05	Salary Secretary	\$1,200.00	\$873.30	\$1,240.00
10-6-10-10.06	Salary Animal Control	n/a	n/a	\$1,880.00
10-6-10-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$680.00	\$988.47	\$810.00
10-6-10-15.01	CCC expense	\$0.00	\$859.20	\$1,490.00
10-6-10-15.05	Mileage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
10-6-10-20.00	Dues/Subscriptions	\$5,300.00	\$4,722.18	\$5,300.00
10-6-10-21.00	Advertising/Publishing	\$1,000.00	\$453.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-10-22.00	Legal	\$7,000.00	\$8,477.50	\$8,000.00
10-6-10-23.00	Interest Expense	\$2,000.00	\$3,130.90	\$2,000.00
10-6-10-24.00	Insurance - General	\$70,000.00	\$52,865.00	\$53,000.00
10-6-10-24.05	Insurance - Unemployment	\$4,600.00	\$4,933.55	\$4,600.00
10-6-10-25.00	Supplies	\$600.00	\$632.30	\$600.00
10-6-10-26.00	Flags	\$1,000.00	\$1,739.78	\$1,800.00
10-6-10-33.00	Animal Expense	\$200.00	\$84.37	\$200.00
10-6-10-35.00	Audit	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
10-6-10-36.00	Ambulance	\$42,000.00	\$40,897.98	\$42,100.00
10-6-10-37.00	Dispatch	\$25,363.00	\$25,362.00	\$27,900.00
10-6-10-43.00	Professional Services	\$5,000.00	\$2,584.64	\$3,000.00
10-6-10-44.00	Equipment	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
10-6-10-45.00	Library Security	\$920.00	\$999.09	\$1,000.00
10-6-10-46.00	Landfill	\$2,600.00	\$2,757.20	\$2,700.00
10-6-10-48.00	County Tax	\$20,500.00	\$21,780.52	\$22,000.00
10-6-10-51.00	Discount on Taxes	\$20,500.00	\$21,780.52	\$22,000.00
10-6-10-60.00	Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-75.00	Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-81.00	Abatements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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10-6-10-90.00	Debt Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-90.01	Deficit Reduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-90.02	Debt Retirement Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-91.05	Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-92.00	MRGP	\$2,000.00	\$1,510.00	\$2,000.00
10-6-10-96.00	Tax Sale Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-10-97.00	Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$1,000.00	\$1,235.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-10-98.00	Capital Improvements Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
10-6-10-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$672.60	\$600.00
<b>Total SELECTBOARD</b>		<b>\$247,963.00</b>	<b>\$231,558.58</b>	<b>\$238,720.00</b>
<b>10-6-15 TOWN OFFICE</b>				
10-6-15-09.00	Salary-Town Administrator	\$60,168.00	\$60,643.27	\$61,970.00
10-6-15-10.00	Salary-Clerk	\$47,782.00	\$47,320.14	\$49,220.00
10-6-15-10.20	Salary-Assistant/Clerk	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-15-10.25	File Clerk	\$15,098.00	\$12,159.39	\$15,550.00
10-6-15-10.30	Treasurer	\$6,011.00	\$6,233.09	\$6,190.00
10-6-15-13.00	Holiday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-15-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$9,900.00	\$9,784.46	\$10,170.00
10-6-15-16.00	Health Insurance	\$31,200.00	\$29,077.06	\$36,100.00
10-6-15-17.00	Life Insurance/AD&D	\$300.00	\$252.00	\$300.00
10-6-15-18.00	Disability Insurance	\$700.00	\$792.30	\$700.00
10-6-15-19.00	Retirement	\$7,900.00	\$8,198.62	\$8,840.00
10-6-15-25.00	Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,137.43	\$1,500.00
10-6-15-26.00	Restoration	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-15-27.00	Vitals/Land Records	\$500.00	\$168.00	\$500.00
10-6-15-28.00	Telephone/Internet	\$4,500.00	\$5,165.85	\$5,000.00
10-6-15-29.00	Banking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-15-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$4,000.00	\$2,556.41	\$4,000.00
10-6-15-31.00	Computer Expense	\$15,000.00	\$13,561.16	\$15,000.00
10-6-15-32.00	Election Expense	\$1,000.00	\$262.50	\$500.00
10-6-15-37.00	Mileage	\$200.00	\$93.67	\$200.00
10-6-15-38.00	Education/Training	\$1,000.00	\$35.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-15-44.00	Equipment	\$2,300.00	\$2,177.86	\$2,300.00
10-6-15-50.00	Tax Bill Expense	\$250.00	\$346.58	\$250.00
10-6-15-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$251.51	\$250.00
<b>Total TOWN OFFICE</b>		<b>\$210,559.00</b>	<b>\$200,216.30</b>	<b>\$219,540.00</b>
<b>10-6-20 AUDITORS</b>				
10-6-20-10.00	Stipends	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
10-6-20-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$60.00	\$38.26	\$60.00

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10-6-20-21.00	Publication	\$2,250.00	\$1,910.00	\$2,250.00
10-6-20-25.00	Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-20-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
10-6-20-38.00	Education/Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-20-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total AUDITORS</b>		<b>\$3,260.00</b>	<b>\$2,698.26</b>	<b>\$3,260.00</b>
<b>10-6-25 ASSESSORS (Prev. Listers)</b>				
10-6-25-10.00	Salary- Local Assessor	\$6,945.00	\$7,203.93	\$7,160.00
10-6-25-12.00	Assessor Contracted Service	\$18,645.00	\$10,599.65	\$18,640.00
10-6-25-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$520.00	\$550.98	\$565.00
10-6-25-25.00	Supplies	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-25-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$500.00	\$86.44	\$500.00
10-6-25-31.00	Computer Expense	\$1,000.00	\$537.38	\$500.00
10-6-25-37.00	Mileage	\$250.00	\$142.50	\$250.00
10-6-25-38.00	Education/Training	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
10-6-25-44.00	Equipment	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
10-6-25-82.00	Reappraisal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-25-85.00	Parcel Mapping	\$5,000.00	\$5,675.00	\$5,000.00
10-6-25-98.00	Transfer out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-25-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total LISTERS</b>		<b>\$33,310.00</b>	<b>\$24,795.88</b>	<b>\$32,815.00</b>
<b>10-6-30 ZONING</b>				
10-6-30-10.00	Salary Zoning Administrator	\$13,000.00	\$10,565.00	\$27,300.00
10-6-30-11.00	Stipends	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
10-6-30-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$1,200.00	\$726.75	\$2,280.00
10-6-30-20.00	Legal	\$2,000.00	\$1,327.50	\$2,000.00
10-6-30-21.00	Advertising/Publishing	\$250.00	\$1,297.00	\$750.00
10-6-30-25.00	Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
10-6-30-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$500.00	\$42.34	\$500.00
10-6-30-37.00	Mileage	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
10-6-30-38.00	Training/Education	\$200.00	\$48.00	\$200.00
10-6-30-44.00	Equipment	\$300.00	\$1,032.18	\$500.00
10-6-30-60.00	Grant Expenditures	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-30-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$16,224.00	\$9,277.72	\$5,000.00
<b>Total ZONING</b>		<b>\$38,474.00</b>	<b>\$27,316.49</b>	<b>\$42,330.00</b>
<b>10-6-5 TOWN PROPERTY</b>				
<b>10-6-51 MUNICIPAL BLDG</b>				
10-6-51-10.00	Cleaning	\$1,500.00	\$1,319.30	\$1,500.00
10-6-51-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-51-23.00	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-51-25.00	Supplies	\$500.00	\$323.90	\$500.00

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10-6-51-39.00	Electricity (TC)	\$2,800.00	\$3,433.01	\$3,500.00
10-6-51-40.00	Heat	\$4,000.00	\$2,488.57	\$3,500.00
10-6-51-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$4,000.00	\$5,394.13	\$5,000.00
10-6-51-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
10-6-51-43.00	Professional Services	\$500.00	\$1,059.45	\$500.00
10-6-51-44.00	Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
10-6-51-45.00	Security	\$970.00	\$833.16	\$970.00
10-6-51-60.00	Grant Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-51-80.00	Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-51-98.00	Capital Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$3,692.80	\$10,000.00
10-6-51-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total MUNICIPAL BLDG</b>		<b><u>\$25,470.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,744.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$26,670.00</u></b>
<b>10-6-52 CHESTER'S BAKERY</b>				
10-6-52-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$1,000.00	\$749.14	\$1,000.00
10-6-52-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total CHESTER'S BAKERY</b>		<b><u>\$1,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$749.14</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,000.00</u></b>
<b>10-6-53 CEMETERIES</b>				
10-6-53-25.00	Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
10-6-53-46.00	Contracted Services	\$7,700.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,700.00
10-6-53-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total CEMETERIES</b>		<b><u>\$7,900.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,680.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,900.00</u></b>
<b>10-6-54 PARKS/BEACH</b>				
10-6-54-39.00	Electricity (Parks)	\$600.00	\$643.07	\$600.00
10-6-54-46.00	Contracted Services	\$1,250.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,700.00
10-6-54-47.00	Trash Removal	\$0.00	\$47.42	\$0.00
10-6-54-48.00	Portolet Rental	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
10-6-54-49.00	Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-54-50.00	Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-54-60.00	Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-54-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$1,447.56	\$1,000.00
<b>Total PARKS/BEACH</b>		<b><u>\$3,650.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,438.05</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,200.00</u></b>
<b>10-6-55 COMMON SCHOOL</b>				
10-6-55-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
10-6-55-42.00	Com.School Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$846.31	\$1,000.00
10-6-55-43.00	Heat	\$10,000.00	\$7,543.04	\$7,500.00
10-6-55-44.00	Water	\$200.00	\$329.34	\$200.00
10-6-55-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00
<b>Total COMMON SCHOOL</b>		<b><u>\$13,700.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,138.69</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,200.00</u></b>

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<b>10-6-56 COMMUNITY CENTER BLDG</b>				
10-6-56-24.00	Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-56-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
<b>Total COMMUNITY CENTER BLDG</b>		<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>10-6-57 STREET LIGHTS</b>				
10-6-57-39.00	Electricity (Street Lt)	\$5,600.00	\$5,751.16	\$5,800.00
10-6-57-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total STREET LIGHTS</b>		<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,751.16</b>	<b>\$5,800.00</b>
<b>10-6-58 75 NORTH RD</b>				
10-6-58-39.00	Electricity (Old TC)	\$0.00	\$127.52	\$0.00
10-6-58-40.00	Heat	\$0.00	\$889.02	\$0.00
10-6-58-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$2,000.00	\$2,276.71	\$2,000.00
10-6-58-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
10-6-58-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total 75 NORTH RD</b>		<b>\$2,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,493.25</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>
<b>10-6-59 FIRE DEPT</b>				
10-6-59-39.00	Electricity- Firestations	\$2,400.00	\$2,262.51	\$2,400.00
10-6-59-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-59-45.00	Security	\$850.00	\$838.16	\$850.00
10-6-59-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total FIRE DEPT</b>		<b>\$3,475.00</b>	<b>\$3,100.67</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
<b>Total TOWN PROPERTY</b>		<b>\$66,495.00</b>	<b>\$58,595.28</b>	<b>\$65,720.00</b>
<b>10-6-60 APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
10-6-60-98.01	Grant Writer Appropriatio	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-60-98.03	Recreation Appropriation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
10-6-60-98.05	Library Appropriation	\$136,159.00	\$136,159.00	tbd
10-6-60-98.10	Warning Appropriations	\$25,571.00	\$25,571.00	tbd
10-6-60-98.15	Fire Dept Appropriation	\$117,225.00	\$117,225.00	tbd
10-6-60-98.25	Common School Appropriation	\$0.00	\$0.00	tbd
<b>Total APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>\$288,955.00</b>	<b>\$288,955.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
10-6-90-90.00	Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENSES</b> (2024 also includes appropriations' expenses)		<b>\$889,016.00</b>	<b>\$834,135.79</b>	<b>\$612,385.00</b>
<b>10-7 HIGHWAY</b>				
<b>10-7-05 BENEFITS HIGHWAY</b>				
10-7-05-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$21,400.00	\$18,748.66	\$22,230.00
10-7-05-16.00	Health Insurance	\$38,600.00	\$42,532.25	\$58,300.00

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10-7-05-17.00	Life Insurance/AD&D	\$500.00	\$504.00	\$500.00
10-7-05-18.00	Retirement	\$19,220.00	\$17,494.65	\$19,980.00
10-7-05-19.00	Disability Insurance	\$1,500.00	\$1,273.71	\$1,500.00
10-7-05-20.00	Vacation	\$11,400.00	\$12,956.81	\$14,710.00
10-7-05-21.00	Sick Leave	\$4,800.00	\$3,245.14	\$4,580.00
10-7-05-22.00	Holiday	\$7,800.00	\$7,964.40	\$7,320.00
10-7-05-23.00	Personal Leave	\$2,900.00	\$2,367.28	\$3,660.00
10-7-05-24.00	Training	\$1,000.00	\$735.01	\$1,000.00
10-7-05-25.00	Bereavement Leave	\$635.00	\$2,066.24	\$4,570.00
10-7-05-26.00	Clothing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Total BENEFITS HIGHWAY</b>		<b><u>\$109,755.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$109,888.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$138,850.00</u></b>
<b>10-7-10 WINTER MAINT TOWN RDS</b>				
10-7-10-10.00	Labor	\$104,232.00	\$79,675.07	\$116,450.00
10-7-10-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-10-46.00	Contracted Services	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
10-7-10-47.00	Salt	\$60,000.00	\$59,078.88	\$60,000.00
10-7-10-48.00	Winter Sand	\$60,000.00	\$24,037.50	\$60,000.00
10-7-10-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$15,000.00	\$2,539.09	\$15,000.00
<b>Total WINTER MAINT TOWN RDS</b>		<b><u>\$244,232.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$165,330.54</u></b>	<b><u>\$256,450.00</u></b>
<b>10-7-20 SUMMER MAINT TOWN RDS</b>				
10-7-20-10.00	Labor	\$57,945.00	\$46,398.76	\$60,000.00
10-7-20-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
10-7-20-46.00	Contracted Services	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
10-7-20-47.00	Materials	\$74,000.00	\$58,290.14	\$74,000.00
10-7-20-48.00	Chloride	\$55,000.00	\$49,669.74	\$55,000.00
10-7-20-98.00	Road Signs	\$5,000.00	\$4,488.54	\$5,000.00
10-7-20-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$161.70	\$500.00
<b>Total SUMMER MAINT TOWN RDS</b>		<b><u>\$194,945.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$159,008.88</u></b>	<b><u>\$198,000.00</u></b>
<b>10-7-30 CONSTRUCTION ROADS</b>				
10-7-30-10.00	Labor	\$40,456.00	\$41,530.73	\$36,750.00
10-7-30-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
10-7-30-46.00	Contracted Services	\$10,000.00	\$4,257.00	\$10,000.00
10-7-30-46.01	Guard Rails	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
10-7-30-46.02	Blasting	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
10-7-30-47.00	Materials	\$40,000.00	\$55,012.14	\$50,000.00
10-7-30-48.00	Gravel	\$30,000.00	\$33,560.00	\$35,000.00
10-7-30-60.00	Grant Matching Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total CONSTRUCTION ROADS</b>		<b><u>\$130,456.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$134,359.87</u></b>	<b><u>\$142,750.00</u></b>

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## PROPOSED 2025 TOWN BUDGET

Account		Budget CY 2024	Actual CY 2024*	Budget CY 2025
<b>10-7-31 PAVING PROJECT</b>				
10-7-31-10.00	Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-31-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-31-46.00	Contracted Services	\$155,000.00	\$136,393.07	\$155,000.00
10-7-31-47.00	Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total PAVING PROJECT</b>		<b>\$155,000.00</b>	<b>\$136,393.07</b>	<b>\$155,000.00</b>
<b>10-7-50 EQUIPMENT</b>				
10-7-50-10.00	Labor	\$32,785.00	\$24,602.79	\$24,530.00
10-7-50-25.00	Supplies	\$40,000.00	\$67,309.31	\$55,000.00
10-7-50-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$15,000.00	\$8,679.05	\$15,000.00
10-7-50-43.00	Surplus Transfer to Equip	\$58,000.00	\$58,000.00	\$75,000.00
10-7-50-44.00	Equipment Fund	\$55,776.00	\$55,776.00	\$60,000.00
10-7-50-47.00	Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-50-49.00	Fuel/Oil	\$75,000.00	\$66,517.63	\$75,000.00
10-7-50-90.00	Debt Retirement	\$68,430.00	\$65,801.50	\$68,420.00
10-7-50-91.00	Debt Retirement-Interest	\$0.00	\$2,231.40	\$0.00
<b>Total EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>\$344,991.00</b>	<b>\$348,917.68</b>	<b>\$372,950.00</b>
<b>10-7-60 TOWN GARAGE</b>				
10-7-60-10.00	Labor	\$16,410.00	\$27,237.65	\$18,050.00
10-7-60-25.00	Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$5,675.56	\$5,000.00
10-7-60-28.00	Telephone	\$300.00	\$268.12	\$300.00
10-7-60-35.00	Tools	\$2,000.00	\$2,464.65	\$2,500.00
10-7-60-39.00	Electricity (TG)	\$2,800.00	\$2,799.29	\$2,800.00
10-7-60-40.00	Heat	\$2,000.00	\$1,450.71	\$2,600.00
10-7-60-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$7,500.00	\$7,351.87	\$7,500.00
10-7-60-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
10-7-60-43.00	Computer	\$200.00	\$230.00	\$200.00
10-7-60-44.00	Equipment	\$1,800.00	\$2,414.75	\$1,800.00
10-7-60-45.00	Security	\$850.00	\$833.28	\$850.00
10-7-60-46.00	Contracted Services	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
10-7-60-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$999.80	\$500.00
<b>Total TOWN GARAGE</b>		<b>\$38,560.00</b>	<b>\$51,925.68</b>	<b>\$43,300.00</b>
10-7-90-90.00	Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total HIGHWAY</b>		<b>\$1,217,939.00</b>	<b>\$1,105,823.87</b>	<b>\$1,307,300.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$2,106,955.00</b>	<b>\$1,939,959.66</b>	<b>\$1,919,685.00</b>

2025 Budget General Fund Expenditures	\$1,919,685.00
2025 Budgeted Revenue	\$705,240.00
<b>*2025 Amount to be Raised in Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,214,445.00</b>

2024 (prev. year) approved General Fund tax request: \$1,179,044)

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# PROPOSED 2025 LIBRARY BUDGET

Account		Budget CY 2024	Actual CY 2024*	Budget CY 2025
<b>30-5-00 LIBRARY REVENUE</b>				
30-5-00-10.00	Taxes	\$136,159.00	\$136,159.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.05	Wallis CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,430.00
30-5-00-25.10	Donations	\$0.00	\$1,795.00	\$500.00
30-5-00-25.11	Copier Fees	\$40.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
30-5-00-25.12	Friends Gift	\$0.00	\$37,770.13	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.14	Book Replacement Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.15	E-Rate Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.20	Wanzer CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.00
30-5-00-25.60	Grants	\$1,500.00	\$2,922.23	\$1,500.00
30-5-00-25.90	Transfer In	\$0.00	\$1,733.50	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.92	2021 Surplus Operating Funds	\$6,690.00	\$0.00	\$9,900.00
30-5-00-25.94	Investment Acct Revenue	\$32,200.00	\$32,168.86	\$38,703.00
30-5-00-25.99	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	\$344.00	\$200.00
30-5-00-70.00	Program Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total LIBRARY REVENUE</b>		<b>\$176,589.00</b>	<b>\$212,967.72</b>	<b>\$56,878.00</b>
<b>30-6-10 LIBRARY OPERATING EXPENSE</b>				
30-6-10-10.00	Salary	\$45,000.00	\$45,384.48	\$50,000.00
30-6-10-10.01	Grant Writer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-10.02	Assistant Salary	\$21,736.00	\$20,140.10	\$28,985.00
30-6-10-15.00	Fica/Medi	\$5,105.00	\$5,013.03	\$6,042.00
30-6-10-15.01	CCC Expense	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$348.00
30-6-10-16.00	Health Insurance	\$22,280.00	\$21,416.04	\$27,598.00
30-6-10-17.00	Life Insurance/AD&D	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$126.00
30-6-10-18.00	Disability Insurance	\$279.00	\$388.11	\$390.00
30-6-10-19.00	Retirement	\$3,098.00	\$3,201.91	\$3,563.00
30-6-10-22.00	Legal	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00
30-6-10-25.00	Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$829.01	\$1,000.00
30-6-10-25.01	Adult Books	\$3,360.00	\$2,700.67	\$3,000.00
30-6-10-25.02	Young Adult Books	\$600.00	\$548.82	\$500.00
30-6-10-25.05	Children's Books	\$2,500.00	\$2,713.03	\$2,500.00
30-6-10-25.06	Adult Periodicals	\$1,000.00	\$776.38	\$900.00
30-6-10-25.07	Young Adult Periodicals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-25.08	Children's Periodicals	\$60.00	\$62.54	\$0.00
30-6-10-25.10	Audio Books	\$600.00	\$808.30	\$0.00
30-6-10-25.11	Electronic Resources	\$0.00	\$265.10	\$1,100.00
30-6-10-25.15	Tech Equip. & Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,499.00	\$2,000.00
30-6-10-28.00	Telephone	\$650.00	\$615.78	\$650.00
30-6-10-30.00	Postage	\$1,300.00	\$1,432.01	\$1,450.00
30-6-10-31.00	Internet	\$1,950.00	\$1,900.11	\$1,950.00
30-6-10-37.00	Mileage	\$200.00	\$138.89	\$200.00

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# PROPOSED 2025 LIBRARY BUDGET

30-6-10-38.00	Adult Programs	\$520.00	\$405.00	\$520.00
30-6-10-38.01	Afterschool Programs	\$400.00	\$117.05	\$300.00
30-6-10-38.02	Storytime/Playgroup	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-38.05	Conferences	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
30-6-10-38.06	Summer Programming	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
30-6-10-40.00	Friends Expense	\$0.00	\$7,041.11	\$0.00
30-6-10-44.00	Equipment	\$1,350.00	\$1,383.73	\$1,400.00
30-6-10-45.00	Transfer to Charles Sch	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-46.00	Transfer To Grant Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-47.00	Surplus Transfer To Rsr	\$2,690.00	\$2,690.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-60.00	Grant Expense	\$1,500.00	\$2,238.43	\$1,500.00
30-6-10-99.00	Miscellaneous Exp	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$50.00

<b>Total LIBRARY OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$120,784.00</b>	<b>\$154,309.63</b>	<b>\$136,952.00</b>
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## 30-6-51 LIBRARY PROPERTY EXPENSE

30-6-51-10.00	Cleaning	\$6,755.00	\$6,897.00	\$7,650.00
30-6-51-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-51-24.00	Insurance	\$4,650.00	\$4,313.00	\$4,635.00
30-6-51-25.00	Supplies	\$500.00	\$272.08	\$300.00
30-6-51-39.00	Electricity	\$2,500.00	\$2,389.97	\$2,500.00
30-6-51-40.00	Heat	\$3,300.00	\$3,030.32	\$3,300.00
30-6-51-41.00	Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$2,959.09	\$3,000.00
30-6-51-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
30-6-51-43.00	Professional Services	\$500.00	\$267.00	\$100.00
30-6-51-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-51-45.00	Landscaping Expense	\$2,200.00	\$1,690.00	\$2,200.00
30-6-51-60.00	Grant Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-51-90.00	Debt Retirement	\$32,200.00	\$28,950.99	\$32,200.00
30-6-51-91.00	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$3,217.87	\$0.00
30-6-51-98.00	Capital Improvements	\$0.00	\$1,733.50	\$0.00
30-6-51-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Total LIBRARY PROPERTY EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$55,805.00</b>	<b>\$55,920.82</b>	<b>\$56,085.00</b>
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$176,589.00</b>	<b>\$210,230.45</b>	<b>\$193,037.00</b>
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2025 Library Budget Expenditures	\$193,037.00
2025 Library Budgeted Revenue	\$56,878.00
2025 Library Amount to be Raised in Taxes	\$136,159.00

### **Message from the Selectboard**

The Selectboard sends our thanks to the road crew for keeping us all moving this winter and for their continued focus on road repair. Constant infrastructure improvements are critical to maintaining safe roadways. Remember to drive at a speed that is safe for conditions. Fairfield has a “Safe roads at safe speeds policy”, which means you need to slow down when snow or ice are present. Fairfield makes sand available at the garage to town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways at home. Please feel free to collect no more than 2 buckets a trip to help with ice control. Town sand is not available for contractors or for any commercial purpose.

Despite continued rising healthcare costs and increasing expenditures on roads upkeep, we have been successful at keeping the budget at only a 3% increase. Much of road work relies heavily on our road crew: Moe, Jimmy, James and Jake. We appreciate their hard work and dedication. Thank you for your patience with road closures as we work to ensure the resilience of our expansive road system. We appreciate the work of the State of Vermont in the reconstruction of the bridge on Rt. 36.

We also extend our thanks to Cathy Ainsworth, our Town Administrator for her endless hours and patience in keeping the town business moving, to Linda Hodet who runs the town office like a well-oiled machine, and to all the other staff and many volunteers who serve us all faithfully.

This year we worked on a new dog ordinance and are in search of an animal control officer. Reach out for more information if you’re interested. We also created a Public Indecency ordinance to protect our community. The Planning Board has been working with engaged community members on a reviewing of the town’s Planning and Zoning regulations against our Town Plan. We’ve seen a lot of community involvement. We also acquired a new piece of property on Fairfield Pond for \$1.00! Now that’s a bargain not to miss.

Your Selectboard continues to serve you to the best of our ability. Please join us on the second or fourth Monday of each month at the Town Office for our Selectboard meeting. We wish all of you a safe, healthy and prosperous year!

Thomas Howrigan – Chair  
Gavin Ryan – Vice Chair  
David Persons – Clerk  
Ron Bocash  
Brian Dubie

## **Town Administrator Report**

Dear Residents of Fairfield,

As the Town Administrator of Fairfield, it is my honor to work for the Selectboard in our shared commitment toward this vibrant community.

In 2024, the Town made a few adjustments to our daily operations. We were happy to welcome Sandra Roby as our new File Clerk in the Town Clerk's office and Robert Karmin as our current Zoning Administrator. We also remain grateful for the work of departing staff. With support from the community, the Selectboard increased the Planning and Zoning board from 5 seats to, now, a 7-person board. In addition, we bid out and established new legal counsel with McNeil Leddy & Sheahan and contracted for new, municipal, Property and Casualty insurance coverage with Vermont League of Cities and Towns PACIF. All of these shifting pieces reinforce an advantageous position for the Town.

Fairfield adheres to an up-to-date financial policy, has fairly low debt, and we maintain a fiscally responsible approach to running the Town, aiming to support affordable living. In this spirit of responsible spending, through careful planning, the proposed 2025 Town budget only increases the tax request by 3%, even though costs such as municipal health insurance increased by over 20%. The Town continues to apply for grants while strategizing how to use non-tax money to pay for municipal improvements. For example, in 2024 we utilized \$31,000 of Grants-in-Aid funds to improve Duffy Hill and Pumpkin Village roads. We also spent \$66,891, the last of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, on: road gravel and chloride during the Route 36 Bridge bypass this summer; as a financial match to the Duffy Hill grant project; for a new furnace, lighting and pressure washer at the garage; to build a ramp, replace doors and install new windows at the Old Town Clerk Building; and for the Fairfield Pond Association to conduct an Aquatic Vegetation survey.

The Town's proactive approach to investing operating funds into vehicle rotation reinforces our ability to take care of our almost 94 miles of roads. In 2024 funds from the Equipment Fund CD were used to pay the balance of the Town's new Ford F600. In 2025, the Town of Fairfield plans to trade in our 2017 Freightliner for a 2025 Freightliner, expected to be delivered late spring.

Toward the continued betterment and safety of Fairfield, the Selectboard adopted two new ordinances in 2024, a Dog Ordinance and a Public Indecency Ordinance, both available for view on our website and at the Town Clerk's office. They have also supported the efforts of the Zoning and Planning Board in its ongoing process to update our Land Use Regulations to better align with our Town Plan. These types of efforts could not happen without community engagement. The direction and vision of the Town is shaped by you.

All Fairfield residents are welcome to attend municipal meetings with your ideas. Consider volunteering and becoming active in our ongoing efforts. Also be sure to visit our website, [www.fairfieldvermont.us](http://www.fairfieldvermont.us), for contact info, documents, meeting minutes, recordings and more, and "like" the Town of Fairfield, VT on Facebook. See you at Town Meeting!

Kind Regards,

Cathy Ainsworth, Town Administrator

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## **Town Administrator Financial Report\***

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### **ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE**

	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>
Fund Balance 01/01/24	\$527,705.27	\$527,705.27	\$0.00
2024 Revenues**	\$5,613,500.45	\$5,614,407.03	\$906.58
	\$6,141,205.72	\$6,142,112.30	\$906.58
2024 Expenditures**	\$5,613,500.45	\$5,446,505.11	\$166,995.34
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$527,705.27	\$695,607.19 *	\$167,901.92

\*\* Revenues and Expenditures include \$3,506,545.45 School Taxes collected and distributed to MRUSD

### **DECEMBER 31, 2024 TOWN RESERVE FUNDS**

<b>Description of Fund</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>
General Operating	\$424,675.15
Operating Sweep Account	\$500,000.00
Common School	\$25,083.39
Small Truck Equipment	\$18,270.16
Grant Disbursements	\$10.00
Historical Society	\$10,299.09
Wanzer Dodd Library Fund	\$3,493.99
Mary Wallis Library Fund	\$35,398.83
Recreation	\$15,772.82
Capital Project Fund	\$247,449.84
Cemetery Fund	\$18,742.24
Computerization Fund	\$20,449.51
Equipment Fund	\$231,669.48
Lister-Reappraisal Fund	\$70,593.97
Morey Cemetery Fund	\$2,798.51
Paving Fund	\$26,810.17
Zoning Fund	\$7,070.37
<b>Total Funds Balance</b>	
<b>12/31/2024:</b>	<b>\$1,658,587.52</b>



## 2024 TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

Description		Interest Rate	Balance 01/01/2024	Incurred 2023	Principal Payment 2024	Interest Payment 2024	Balance 12/31/2024
People's Trust Co. Commercial Note Term: 3 years- payoff 2024	2021 Tandum Truck	2.05%	\$30,607.47	\$0.00	\$30,607.47	\$611.98	\$0.00
People's Trust Co. Commercial Note Term: 3 years- payoff 2025	2023 Tandum Truck	2.25%	\$71,194.13	\$0.00	\$35,194.03	\$1,619.42	\$36,004.45
People's Trust Co. Long Term Debt Term: 10 years- payoff 2027	Library Building	2.60%	\$121,762.81	\$0.00	\$28,950.99	\$3,217.87	\$92,759.78
People's Trust Co. Short Term Debt Term: 1 Year- PAID OFF 2024	Tax Anticipation	2.00%	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$189.03	\$0.00
People's Trust Co. Short Term Debt Term: 1 Year- PAID OFF 2024	Tax Anticipation	2.00%	\$0.00	\$230,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$277.26	\$0.00
Total Endebtedness 12/31/2024:							\$128,764.23

## 2024 TOWN GRANTS

Grant Name	Date Awarded	Total Grant Award	Match Req.	CY2024 Expenses	CY2024 Revenue	Total Project Expenses )	Award \$ Received Before 12/31/2024	Municipal/ Library \$ Match before 12/31/2024	Award \$ Expected
Interlibrary Loan Courier Grant 2023	10/1/2023	\$636.48	0%	\$ 879.38		\$ 1,245.70	\$ 636.48	\$ 609.22	
Interlibrary Loan Courier Grant 2024	10/1/2024	\$683.80	0%	\$ 420.80	\$ 683.80	\$ 420.80	\$ 683.80	\$ -	\$ -
2024 Summer Reading Program	5/16/2024	\$300.00	0%			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Parent Child Center - Library	1/25/2023	\$1,938.43	0%	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,938.43	\$ -	\$ -
ARPA Funds	2021-2022	\$490,006.21	0%	\$ 66,891.41		\$ 583,940.16	\$ 583,940.16	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Public Safety Public Assistance subaward- FEMA Grants Administration	1/17/2020, Increased in 2024	\$43,291.58	0%	\$ -	\$43,291.58	\$ 51,188.09	\$ 43,291.58	\$ 7,896.51	\$ -
Better Roads Category A Grant- Road Erosion Inventory 2	10/17/2024	\$13,072.00	20%						\$13,072.00
Rte 36 Bypass Grant	2/12/2024	\$19,655.00	0%	\$ 34,034.72	\$ 19,655.00	\$ 34,034.72	\$ 19,655.00	\$ 14,379.72	\$ -
Grants-in- Aid- DuffyHill/ Pumpkin Village Rd	7/1/2023	\$31,000.00	20%			\$ 61,548.86	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 30,548.86	\$ -
Class 2 Highway Structures Engineering grant- North Road	6/11/2024	\$22,500.00	20%						\$22,500.00
Grants-in- Aid-(project tbd)	7/1/2023	\$25,250.00	20%						\$25,250.00

## 2024 APPROPRIATION REQUESTS ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION	CY2024	CY2025	% INCREASE
Bent Northrop Memorial Library Appropriation	\$136,159.00	\$136,159.00	0.0%
Fairfield Volunteer Fire Dept. Appropriation	\$117,225.00	\$120,000.00	2.4%
Fairfield Community Center Assoc. Appropriation	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	0.0%
Franklin County Home Health Appropriation	\$3,971.00	\$3,971.00	0.0%
Cat Crusaders Appropriation	\$600.00	\$600.00	0.0%
<b>Total appropriation change 2024-2024:</b>	<b>\$275,955.00</b>	<b>\$278,730.00</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

## **Town Clerk Message**

Town Meeting Day is Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Town Meeting will be held at the Fairfield Center Elementary School starting at 10:00am. Nominations for Town Officers are done from the floor as well as voting on the Articles on the Warning. Polls will be open from 7 am. to 7 pm. to vote on the Maple Run Union School District Ballot. You can check your voter registration status or register to vote at <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>.

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration each year with your State of Vermont Income Taxes. Residential and non-residential status are determined by the State of Vermont, not the Town of Fairfield

Tax bills are sent out each year to the owner of the property as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, as per the State Statute. Any property that is transferred after April 1<sup>st</sup> is updated for the next year. We have many requests from mortgage companies and banks for tax bills. However, it is your responsibility to make sure that your taxes are paid. Mortgage companies and banks typically get copies of original tax bills. If you file your Homestead Declaration late, make sure to forward any revised bills to your mortgage company or bank to avoid overpayment to the Town. The Town accepts tax payments throughout the year for those who wish to pay in advance of receiving their tax bill. Taxes are due on the first Friday of November each year. Postmarks for the due date are accepted, however the only way to ensure your payment is postmarked by the due date is to physically bring your envelope into the post office and request that it be stamped. The delinquent penalty is eight percent of the tax amount due and is applied to all tax balances not received or postmarked by the due date.

Certified copies of Birth and Death Certificates are available from any town or city clerk in the state of Vermont, not just from the town of your birth or death residence. Marriage Licenses can be obtained from any town or city clerk. Marriage Certificates can only be obtained from the town they were issued in or the town of residence.

Dogs need to be licensed every year by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Rabies vaccination certificates are required to register a dog.

Linda Hodet

## Marriages 2024

<b>Names</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Residence</b>
Erin Tully Samuel Shepard	3/2/2024	East Fairfield East Fairfield
Kelsey Watkin Robert Branon	3/21/2024	Fairfield Fairfield
Danielle Marshall Kyle Carpenter	5/18/2024	Fairfield Fairfield
Morgan Heth Tyler Jarvis	6/27/2024	Fairfield Fairfield
Shaunna Haley Jesse Smith	7/20/2024	East Fairfield East Fairfield
Stacy Davis Luke Cyr Jr	8/3/2024	East Fairfield East Fairfield
Sarah Reynolds Louis Bunnell	8/7/2024	Fairfield Fairfield
Acacia Metz Matthew Bouvier	9/7/2024	Fairfield Fairfield
Jordan Bartemy Jamie Juairé	9/14/2024	Fairfield Fairfield
Jade Remillard Christopher Butryn	10/12/2024	Fairfield Ramsey, NJ
Jennifer Wilcox Glenn Dixon	12/21/2024	Fairfield Fairfield

## **Births 2024**

<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Alexander August Grudev	2/12/2024	Autumn Albrecht Nicholas Grudev
Peyton Rylee Brunelle	2/13/2024	Jessica Carpenter Adam Brunelle
Zane Donald Zawisza	4/11/2024	Taylor Reynolds Zachary Zawisza
Lucian Theodore Van Woert	5/12/2024	Meagan Brown Daniel Van Woert
Greytan James St Pierre	5/19/2024	Sarah Tucker James St Pierre
Collins Vivian Denton	5/27/2024	Caryssa Yates Curtis Denton
Luke Alexander Amato	5/29/2024	Hannah Wagner Nathan Amato
Brynlee Ann Tourville	6/20/2024	Sydney Tabor Hunter Tourville
Beckham Theo Bushey	7/8/2024	Taylor Thurston Shawn Bushey
Eleanor Marie Yanney	7/18/2024	Autumn Cash Richard Yanney
Connor Samuel Shepard	7/26/2024	Erin Tully Samuel Shepard
Lainey-Joy Francis Rivers	8/11/2024	Sophia Heth Robert Rivers
Makinlee Mable Bedard	8/17/2024	Megan Cushing Justin Bedard
Brylea Winona Wallace	8/27/2024	Bambi Patch Andrew Wallace

Laney Elizabeth Evon	9/5/2024	Jessica Evon
Lainey Shae Schweizer	10/8/2024	Diana Schiele David Schweizer
Clay Aaron St Pierre	10/23/2024	Kaylee Barrett Todd St Pierre
Monroe Margaret Branon	11/29/2024	Jessica O'Neill Adam Branon
Sloane Ina Howrigan	12/2/2024	Tamithy Bushey Harold Howrigan
Atticus Cole Rogers	12/8/2024	Elizabeth Godin Adam Rogers
Malia Grace Jettie	12/20/2024	Shyanne Lafountain Nicholas Jettie

## Deaths 2024

Name	Date	Residence	Age
Timothy Chris Jettie	2023	Fairfield	59
Rachael Ann Tanner	2/12/2024	Fairfield	81
Allan Fred Stevens	2/9/2024	Fairfield	61
Harriet Gray Bell	2/9/2024	Kansas City, MO	84
Leon Charles Bushey Jr	2/19/2024	Fairfield	55
Stanton R Combs	5/19/2024	Fairfield	77
Bronislawa R Hart	6/4/2024	Fairfield	94
David LaCross	6/12/2024	Fairfield	71
James Albrin Jettie	7/8/2024	Fairfield	54
Daniel Menard	7/10/2024	Fairfield	90
Mary Ann Bushey	8/19/2024	Fairfield	83
Kingman Brewster	8/20/2024	East Fairfield	76
Janice Marie Benson	8/29/2024	Fairfield	95
Carolyn Mary Mitchell	9/28/2024	East Fairfield	77
Theodore Brian Guertin	10/31/2024	Fairfield	63
Jack McNall	11/22/2024	Fairfield	81
Frances Virginia Howrigan	12/2/2024	Fairfield	96
Barbara H Riley	12/19/2024	East Fairfield	88
Douglas Roger Page	12/28/2024	East Fairfield	82

# Fairfield 2024 Zoning Report

## Planning Commission Zoning Board of Adjustment Zoning Administrator

This past year, the Zoning Administrator saw one less permit gain approval than in 2023. That included six fewer single family home applications. There were three more major subdivisions approved than last year. The chart on the following page details all permits for the past three years. The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment meet regularly throughout the year on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Please check with the Zoning Administrator if you want to be added to the agenda or to confirm the meeting schedule.

The Planning Commission spent much of their time this past year reviewing proposed permits, and also engaged with NRPC on a detailed analysis of our Zoning bylaws and whether some updates would be appropriate. This process is ongoing and includes a planned meeting to engage the public for input. Please take part in whatever way you can – we appreciate all of your feedback.

We also saw changes to the PC/ZBA makeup in 2024. New members this year include Julia Callan, Vanessa Kittell, Dan Pipes, and Don Wells. Let me also say thank you for allowing me to serve as your Zoning Administrator. It has been a pleasure getting to meet some of you and I hope to be of help with any permitting needs going forward.

The following chart details the 2024 building permit report compared to the permits issued in 2023 and 2022.

Please check out the website: [www.fairfieldvermont.us](http://www.fairfieldvermont.us) for updates and documents. All questions related to zoning please email: [zoning@fairfieldvermont.us](mailto:zoning@fairfieldvermont.us) or call 802-827-3261 ext. 3

Kindest Regards,

Robert Karmin, Zoning Administrator

Melissa Manson, PC/ZBA Chair

Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment members:

Aaron Forbes, Demetrius Bolduc, Vanessa Kittell, Dan Pipes, Don Wells, and Julia Callan.

## 2024 Permit Report

<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Minor Subdivision/Boundary Line			
Adjustments	5	6	5
Single Family Residences	6	12	5
Replacement Homes	1	1	1
Conditional Use			2
Barns	4		
Permit Amendments			1
House Additions	2	3	1
Camp Additions		1	
Garages	3	6	2
Decks/Porches	3	2	4
Swimming Pools			
Barn Additions			
Sugar Houses	1		
Storage Buildings/Sheds	6	9	4
Major Subdivisions	4	1	3
Permit Extensions			1
Change of Use	1		
Apartments			
Agricultural Housing			
Accessory Dwellings	2		1
Replacement Camps			2
Communications Facilities			
Sap Pump Houses			2
Commercial Buildings			
Camps	1		
Greenhouse			
Home Occupations	1		
Signage			1
Two Family Residence			
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>

## Bent Northrop Memorial Library - 2024 Trustees Report

They say a strong library is an indicator of a healthy community. If that's so, then Fairfield is in great shape! We have had another fantastic year at BNML and continue to provide outsized services to this small community. Compared to libraries in other towns like ours, we are open more hours, have more borrowers, higher circulation, more programs and program attendance, and have three times the number of visits per year!

**Staff Update:** We have been doing all this with half the staff hours of libraries in towns of our size. As a result, we are including funding for a third staff member (12 hours per week) in the 2025 budget. We are excited to welcome Tammy Johnson and deepen our librarian bench at one of the busiest libraries in the county!

**How will we pay for this?** Most importantly, we will not be asking for any additional tax revenue in 2025! We understand the pressure that taxpayers are under. Due to careful planning and spending, the library is in a strong financial position. We have been good stewards of our investments and leverage non-tax revenue wherever we can. While the budget is increasing 9.3%, we will use investment earnings and surplus funds to cover this increase.

We are a relevant, safe, and welcoming space in Fairfield. These **2024 highlights** represent some of the many connections we make while demonstrating the value of this unique place where folks can explore, learn, and connect:

- We have added more free services like biblio+ which offers unlimited streaming of movies and TV series, and Mango, a language learning app. The use of our thousands of free Ebooks and audiobooks continues to grow as does our collection of physical materials (including a new collection of Spanish bilingual books for kids!).
- We offered a myriad of programs for all ages...story hours, lectures, crafts, homeschool programs, afterschool series, book discussions, art exhibits, a robust summer reading program where tons of Fairfield kids pledged to read over 4400 books, and much, much more!
- We continue to offer access to many services like computers, 24/7 wifi inside and out, online resources, copying and printing, Community Room use, space for remote work, and attraction passes.
- We leveraged funding from the NCSS Parent Child Center, Grady's Golden Goodness, the Farm to School grant, Vermont Department of Libraries, and direct donations which enabled us to support extra programming and materials for our patrons.
- The Friends of BNML remain an active and supportive group who sponsored Wellness Day in April, fund three of our attraction passes, packages to welcome new babies, Summer Reading Program prizes, materials, and programming. They helped revamp the Teen Room with new shelving and a table, and hosted the 10th highly successful To Bid or Not to Bid Silent Auction event. They also transferred a large sum to the Library's endowment in 2024. We're grateful for their dedication to BNML!
- Trustee transitions: We said goodbye to Melissa Southwick and Samantha Thomas while welcoming Sorel Chaput and Larry Edelson to the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees sincerely thank you for your continued support and recognition of the value the Library brings to our community. Many thanks to our staff, Sarah Allerton, Wendy Maquera, and Tammy Johnson for their hard work and dedication. We appreciate the support of the Friends of BNML, our dedicated volunteers, and generous donors. Visit us in 2025!

Sincerely, the BNML Board of Trustees: Sue Magnan, Peter Burns, Michele Feiner, Sorel Chaput, and Larry Edelson



## **Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department 2024**

In 2024 the FVFD responded to 50 emergency calls. (43 in the Town of Fairfield & 7 in neighboring Towns as part of the Mutual Aid system) Across the nation fire departments are increasingly being called to assist with non-fire emergencies and that trend is also being seen in Fairfield. Since the pandemic, the FVFD has seen an increase in the number of non-fire calls which reflects the national trend. This year the non-fire related calls included overdoses, minor car accidents, medical lift assists, clearing roads after a windstorm, and several motor vehicle accidents that required victims to be transported to the hospital.

In addition to responding to emergencies FVFD members devoted a significant amount of time and effort to training. Training sessions develop and reinforce the skills needed to operate equipment, perform tasks, and build the team atmosphere needed to successfully work through high stress emergency situations. This year's monthly in-house training included regular skill building sessions such as quarterly SCBA training, pump operations and search & rescue. Ten members were also re-certified as CPR/AED. In May the St. Albans Tactical Response Team provided a "warm zone" training. This training helps to align emergency responders with expectations for situations in which there may be a threat. In October, nine members also attended the 2-day Franklin-Lamoille fire school in Hyde Park, VT and were trained in Pump Operation, Lifts/Carries, and Fire Officer Leadership.

In February of 2024 OSHA released a "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Emergency Response Standard" which means that OSHA is preparing to update the standard regulating volunteer fire departments. The proposed rule changes will significantly increase the amount of regulations, paperwork, reporting and ultimately cost of operating a department such as ours. The FVFD has reviewed the proposed rules and submitted comments in July. FVFD along with county, state and national fire service groups are closely monitoring the proposed rule changes.

This year members of the department also gave many hours to community outreach activities to engage with and give back to the community. Some of our annual activities include the BNML Trunk or Treat, 911 Remembrance walk, assisting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class coin drop, gun raffle and holiday lights & food drive. One of the longest standing annual traditions that the department is extremely proud of is Fire Safety Day at Fairfield Center School. Roughly 25 years ago Fireman Joe from St. Albans was doing a small fire safety presentation for the school and invited FVFD to take on the program. Since then, the day has evolved into age specific lessons and hands-on (think fire extinguishers and real fire!) activities to educate the school kids about fire safety. This year Fireman Joe returned as a guest instructor, much to the surprise of his grandchild.

FVFD continues to grow and thrive despite the national trend of departments struggling to recruit and retain volunteers. Due to the organization, training, community outreach, and team building approach of the FVFD we currently have a roster of 27 volunteers including our newest member who grew up in Fairfield and joined because of fire safety day and community events he participated in while he was growing up!

Every year presents new challenges and obstacles to a small rural volunteer department. This year it was decided that the Bylaws needed to be updated to reflect the ever-changing environment that the department operates in. A committee was created to review the Bylaws and after months of discussion and review the new bylaws were adopted at our annual meeting in early January 2025.

### **Proposed 2025 Budget Note**

For many years we have included an "Equipment Fund" line item in our budget to build a reserve fund for the purchase of new equipment. This year we expect to take delivery of the fire truck that was ordered in 2023, and we will also be refurbishing Engine 2 which was purchased in 2007. The new fire truck will cost approximately \$425,000 with equipment and refurbishing Engine 2 is expected to cost around \$25,000. The surplus funds from recent budget years along with the equipment fund will be used to minimize the loan amounts needed for these purchases. What this means for taxpayers is that because of thoughtful planning and saving, the fire department continues to maintain our equipment and replace our trucks that are at the end of their life cycle without asking the community for a bond vote

Monthly business meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:30 at the Fairfield Center Fire Station.

**Account Balances 1-1-24**

N.O.W. Account:	\$ 39,991.88
Equipment Fund:	\$ 21,553.62
Equipment Fund CD:	\$ 125,403.37
Money Market:	\$ 119,050.09
Money Market CD:	\$ 50,161.35
	<u>\$ 356,160.31</u>

**2024 Expenses**

Dues & Subscriptions:	\$ 1,847.00
Fire Ext & Oxy:	\$ -
Insurance:	\$ 13,074.00
Office:	\$ 2,391.49
Radio-Pagers:	\$ 3,632.00
Repairs:	\$ 31,714.31
Supplies:	\$ 9,000.62
Gas-Oil-Grease:	\$ 6,463.70
	<u>\$ 68,123.12</u>

**2024 Income**

2024 Appropriation:	\$ 117,225.00
N.O.W. Account Interest:	\$ 12.03
Equipment Fund Interest:	\$ 33.03
Equipment Fund CD Interest:	\$ 5,803.68
Money Market Interest:	\$ 47.77
Money Market CD Interest:	\$ 2,767.82
Misc:	\$ 2,502.00
Grant:	\$ 20,000.00
	<u>\$ 148,391.33</u>

**Account Balances 12-31-24**

N.O.W. Account:	\$ 4,382.79
Equipment Fund:	\$ 21,586.65
Equipment Fund CD:	\$ 231,207.05
Money Market:	\$ 19,097.86
Money Market CD:	\$ 160,154.17
	<u>\$ 436,428.52</u>

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025**

	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Proposed 2025
Truck/Equipment Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$500	\$1,847	\$750
Fire Extinguisher	\$725	\$0	\$725
Insurance	\$16,000	\$13,074	\$15,000
Office	\$2,000	\$2,391	\$2,200
Radios & Pagers	\$5,000	\$3,632	\$5,000
Repairs	\$18,000	\$31,714	\$21,325
Supplies	\$15,000	\$9,001	\$15,000
Gas/Oil/Grease	\$10,000	\$6,464	\$10,000
Total	\$117,225	\$118,123	\$120,000

## Fairfield Scholarship Fund 2024

The Fairfield Scholarship Committee was formed in 1984 by the late Barbara Branon and Jackie Tetreault along with Joy Kane who continues to serve as a member along with six other Fairfield residents.

The seven committee members sponsor the scholarship and oversee its distribution. The scholarship is supported solely by donations, not by the town of Fairfield.

Since its inception, the Fairfield Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$100,000.00 to deserving Fairfield graduating students.

The recipients of the 2024 Scholarships of \$1000.00 each are:

Alyssa Boudreau, daughter of Jason Bessette and Rebecca Hale, is studying pre-pharmacy at Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN.

Grace Burnor, daughter of Rusty Burnor and Mary Kay Schreindorfer, is studying finance at Bentley University in Boston, MA.

Ruby Dasaro, daughter of John and Candace Dasaro, is studying architecture at Keene State College in Keene, NH.

Erica Goodhue, daughter of Scott and the late Brenda Goodhue, is studying accounting and business at Bentley University in Boston, MA.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the scholarship fund. Anyone who would like to donate may send their contribution to: The Fairfield Scholarship Fund. % Sarah Branon-Menard, 273 Barry Rd, Fairfield, VT 05455, or any other member listed below.

Scholarship applications are available at the Town Clerk's office, the Fairfield Bent-Northrop Library, and your high school guidance office.

/s/Joy Kane

/s/ Gail Williams  
/s/ Cecile Callan  
/s/ Sue Rainville

/s/ Janice Adams  
/s/ Diane Tracy  
/s/ Sarah Branon-Menard

The Scholarship Committee

## 2024 FCCA Annual Impact Report

**FCCA Mission Statement:** The Fairfield Community Center exists to meet the ever-changing needs of children, families, and individuals. We provide social, health, and educational programs for all ages in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment to create, promote, and enhance the well-being of all members of our community.

### **A Snapshot of the Year in Numbers:**

Our Food Shelf served **2459** people from **407 households**, of which **189** were children under 18 and **367** were seniors over the age of 60. We continue to do weekly food deliveries to migrant farmworkers and housebound seniors, or those who are in an emergent situation. We regularly deliver food to **21** households, or **45** individuals. In addition, **1008** people came solely for our produce and perishable items, and **753** people came for produce and perishable goods after their community meal. Through our Thanksgiving Basket program, we were able to send over **60** families home with turkeys and fixings.

Our **Community Meal** program has grown, regularly serving approximately **30** in-person 3-course, hot, homemade meals on Tuesday. Attendees are primarily seniors over 60, but we do have a few young mothers with their children who come periodically. Our suggested \$5 donation is by far mostly acknowledged by attendees. Chef Sunni Tipper's monthly menu has not duplicated a single meal in **52** weeks! It is posted monthly on our website. Please come join us; it's great having lots of people at the lunch table!

**Volunteers** are the backbone of FCCA. They are here from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesdays making sure the dining area and the noon meal is beautifully presented and prepared. They are also entirely responsible for the Food Shelf presentation and supporting those who visit. Total volunteer hours are **3,071** by **40** active members.

Our **Black Creek Adventure Camp** had another successful summer of fun! Thanks again to a partnership with the Maple Run Unified School District, all 6 weeks were at full capacity of **45** campers per week. Field trips took children everywhere from local small family farms, to fishing and hiking, to the ECHO Center on Lake Champlain. All of our Black Creek Adventures Programs, including our Afterschool Program, are fully licensed and registered with the state of Vermont. Please call anytime to join us throughout the year!

**Got Milk?** Monument Milk Farms continues to be our local supplier of whole milk which we offer at community meals, the food shelf, to our summer campers, and is added to our migrant worker home delivery boxes.

**Highlights from 2024:** Building and Grounds; **Interior Renovations:** Our new West End kitchen remodel is 95% complete! Beautiful additional space available for rentals and community meal preparations. In December one of our board members, an interior painter by profession,

painted our dining room and all of the hallways. They are fresh and with new colors! **Exterior Renovations:** West End exterior door overhang was completed, painted and new motion lights were added. Both exterior doors have a new coat and color of paint. A local artist painted our new FCCA sign on the West End brick wall. All of these additions gave the interior and exterior of the building an exciting new face lift!

Lots of **land scaping**, both big and small made for beautiful final touches to our facility. Max Rose did an exceptional job creating two rows of stone wall with a flower bed between; it graces the full length of the pavilion. Off to one end is an exquisite set of granite stone steps creating a visual invitation to the gardens, the pizza oven and eventually into the Center. Max also graded the lawn below the stone walls all the way to Mill St. This area used to hold deep pools of water, now it's a large grassy area available for recreation. New fruit bushes and small fruit trees were added to the "food-scape" while the raised gardens housed and produced a variety of vegetables, all of which were used by summer camp kids and in community meals. The flower beds were full, extending all the way along the split rail fence, adding color and fun picking for many community members.

The **Jig in the Valley** was of course fabulously successful! So much time and effort were put into making this a very special event. We were fortunate to have glorious weather and a huge turn-out from folks all around NW Vermont. A huge Thank You to all of our sponsors and volunteers who help make this happen every summer! Funds raised are used throughout the year to support community related programs.

**Rentals:** FCCA has become an ideal location for Celebrations of Life, birthday parties, family reunions, holiday parties and board meetings for other businesses. Both the indoor space and the pavilion were rented many weekends this past year.

**All of the funding for the Community Center's programs and daily operations comes from fundraising, town appropriations, our lease with the pre-school, and donations from our community. We continue to be overwhelmed with gratitude by your generosity!**

**Grants received in 2024:** Vermonter's Feeding Vermonters, Vermont Fresh, Vt Department of Children and Families, Hoehl Foundation, Farm to School Community Supported Agriculture, Emergency Food and Shelter Program (VT Office of Economic Opportunity), Ben and Jerry's, Vermont Coop Community Fund, Spark! From Vermont Community Foundation, Vermont Foodbank Capacity Fund, Agnes Lindsey, Vt Department of Buildings and General Services.

**Collaborators on Projects:** Rachel Huff, Michelle Bessett, Nancy Shaw, Carol Skon of Skonscapes, Rebecca Choyrn, Fairfield School, Bakersfield School, Hudak's Farm Stand, Tony Gregoire of Northern Building and Remodeling LLC, Core volunteers for Community Meals and Food Shelf: Betty Morse, Jane Williams, Connie Boylan, Deb Paradee, Judy Bryce, Joyce LaMonda, Leslie Martin, Pat Lintereur, Linda Stanley, Susan Trzepacz, Paula Boomhower, Max Rose Landscape, Town of Fairfield, Fairfield Fire Department, Health Roots, Bridges to Health and many local gardeners supply product to the food shelf.

STATE OF VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
VERMONT STATE POLICE



**St. Albans Field Station**  
140 Fisher Pond Rd  
St. Albans, VT 05478

January 8th, 2025

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2024 Annual Report. This report will provide our mission, identify specialty services provided by the Troopers assigned to the St. Albans Barracks, and provide data for your respective town.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Vermont State Police is to individually and collectively serve and protect by providing the highest quality of professional law enforcement services. The mission of the Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks is to protect the citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. By working together, we can educate, empower and foster trust within our community. We will strive to reduce crime and enforce the laws of our roadways through criminal investigations and aggressive motor vehicle enforcement.

#### **Specialty Services Provided by Troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks**

In addition to their field primary responsibilities, many of the troopers assigned to the St Albans Barracks are members of special response teams that provide expert response capabilities in a variety of areas to address critical needs throughout Vermont.

The breakdown of these responses is as follows:

**1 Trooper – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)**

**4 Troopers – Tactical Services Unit (TSU)**

**3 Troopers – K9 Team**

**2 Troopers – Search and Rescue Team (SAR)**

**3 Troopers – Bomb Squad (EOD)**

**1 Trooper – CLAN lab team**

**1 Troopers – Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)**

**1 Trooper – Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)**

**“Your Safety Is Our Business”**

**Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:**

<b>Total Cases:</b>	<b>6877</b>
<b>Total Arrests:</b>	<b>638</b>
<b>Total Tickets Issued:</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Total Warnings Issued:</b>	<b>771</b>
<b>Fatal Accidents:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total Burglaries Investigated:</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total DUI's:</b>	<b>62</b>

**Local Community Report:** **Fairfield**

<b>Total Cases:</b>	<b>286</b>
<b>Total Arrests:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total DUI's:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Accidents – Property Damage:</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total Accidents – Injury:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Vandalisms:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Alarms:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Burglaries:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Tickets:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Warnings:</b>	<b>25</b>

We will continue to make our communities safer through enforcement, prevention, and community outreach. It is our privilege to serve the citizens of this community. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant Michael Filipek  
Station commander

# Local Health Office Annual Report: 2024

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802-524-7970 | [AHS.VDHStAlbans@Vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHStAlbans@Vermont.gov)

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. **The St Albans Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Grand Isle and Franklin counties.** Some highlights of our work in 2024 are below. For more information, visit [HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans](https://HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans)



## Children, Youth and Families

- In 2024, our **Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program** worked with over 1,500 participants from Grand Isle and Franklin counties.
- Our staff helped WIC families access **over \$190,000 in fruits and vegetables.**
- Our office helps participants feel confident and comfortable with breastfeeding. About **74% of WIC infants in our region have breastfed** in the past year.



## Community Health and Safety

- This year, our office offered vaccines in a variety of places in Franklin and Grand Isle. These included **dairy farms, treatment centers, and the St Albans Pride Festival.**
- We work closely with Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers to **provide wound care and foot checks** every Thursday at Martha's Kitchen in St. Albans.
- Our office **distributed free water test kits** to people affected by the historic summer flooding. During specific times, residents can also bring their Health Department water test kits to our office. The office will then return the kits to the State's lab.
- Our experts carefully **watch for illnesses spread by mosquitoes**, such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).



## Working Together

- Our office is working with the **Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity** to help homeless residents find housing, food and health services.
- We now have regular WIC clinics in Alburgh, Enosburg, Richford, South Hero, and Swanton. This is **in partnership with libraries, health clinics, and senior centers.**





## Information Sheet: 2024

### **What happened to Franklin County Home Health Agency?**

As you may have heard, Franklin County Home Health Care Agency (FCHHA) was forced to cease operations due to the impact of Medicare reimbursement cuts in spring of 2024. VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region (VNAHSR), one of FCHHA's sister agencies, has been designated by the Green Mountain Care Board as the home health care provider for Franklin County.

VNAHSR and FCHHA have a long history of working together under the umbrella of VNAs of Vermont. There has been close collaboration to ensure a smooth transition for Franklin County residents to continue to receive exceptional home health care services. Many of the clinicians and caregivers providing service in Franklin County will remain the same, they are simply employees of VNAHSR.

### **What is VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?**

Founded in Rutland, Vermont in 1946, VNAHSR is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, Medicare-certified home health and hospice agency delivering a wide-range of advanced medical care with compassion, dependability, and expertise to people of all ages. Today, more than 250 certified home health aides, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, and visiting nurses bring their skilled care and compassion to people in Bennington County, Rutland County and all 15 towns in Franklin County.

- **Our Mission:** To enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and health care services.
- **Our Vision:** To be the best provider of home and community based health care in Vermont.

### **How many patients were served and home visits made in 2023?**

The Agency made 39,000 visits to 1,472 Franklin County residents. The Agency made the following number of visits to the residents Franklin County:

20,928	Home Care Services
14,912	Long Term Care Services
3,160	Hospice Services

### **Why does the Agency need money from towns?**

While, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party insurances the Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize shrinking federal and state reimbursements and the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. In 2023 alone, the Agency provided over \$1.7 million in charitable care to patients who were either underinsured or uninsured for the home care they deserved. Town funds and charitable contributions help close the gap between reimbursement for services provided and the true costs of those services.

### **Where can you find more information about VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?**

For more information about the Agency or the services we provide please call (802) 775-0568 or visit our website at [www.vermontvisitingnurses.org](http://www.vermontvisitingnurses.org).



FRANKLIN COUNTY  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

## FCIDC Annual Report for 2024

The Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) was established in 1971. FCIDC was created to grow the economy and create job opportunities as our region was experiencing double digit unemployment figures. In years past, our county experienced too many people who wanted to work yet too few jobs were being offered. Now we have too many jobs open with not enough willing individuals to fill those positions despite a growth in our population. We can all comment on why we think this is happening, but the bottom line is our county has worked way too hard to get to this point and if we can't change that trajectory then companies will move to other states/countries where they can find the employees to run their businesses.

In an effort to impact this situation FCIDC has taken the initiative to engage with our five county high schools and two technical and career centers to educate both teachers and students as to what employment opportunities exist once an individual graduates from high school. A college education is not the answer for many students. FCIDC has and will continue to do student visits to a variety of employment sites. Local companies have been very willing to host students and educate them about what jobs are available and what pay and benefits they offer. Many of the employers offer education reimbursement so that students can attend college while working and those individuals could end up with no college debt. The timeline to receive a degree may take a little longer but the debt will be limited.

FCIDC also organized a Tech Discovery Day for eighth graders where they were able to interact with local businesses doing hands on activities such as using virtual goggles and operating robots. This coming spring FCIDC along with the local schools will be organizing an apprenticeship day, in order to showcase the businesses that are looking for apprentices. When employed as an apprentice the individual is paid while learning a skill or trade. There is usually some classroom training that goes along with the on-the-job training.

In 2024 FCIDC saw the completion of a couple large projects. FCIDC completed Phase I of the Perley Block project in Enosburg and this past fall we started Phase II. The second phase consists of constructing four new apartments on the second floor of the "Annex" which is the former warehouse building that was connected to the original Perley Block. Once completed the building will have 12 apartments in downtown Enosburg along with retail and office space. In the St. Albans Town Industrial Park Purpose Energy bought three acres of land from FCIDC and it is adjacent to Ben & Jerry's. The project consists of a bioreactor which transforms food waste (i.e. Ben & Jerry's) to energy by creating a biogas which is used to create electricity to send to the electrical grid.

Please check out our website at [www.fcidc.com](http://www.fcidc.com) to learn more about FCIDC.

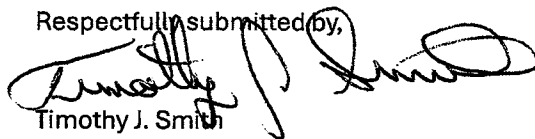
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Timothy J. Smith  
FCIDC Executive Director

## Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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# 2024 SUPERVISORS REPORT

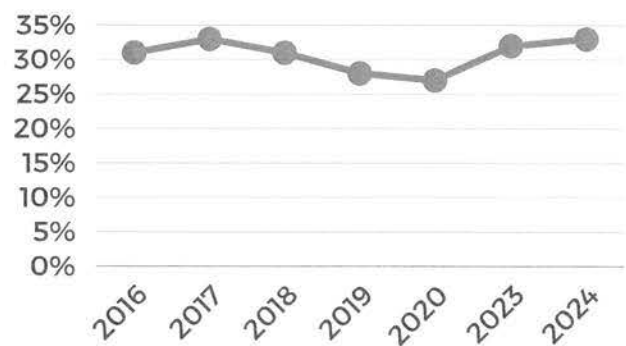
NWSWD is a legislatively chartered Municipal Corporation charged with planning, implementing, and regulating waste management strategies for our 19 member communities. The District's mission is to provide for the efficient, economical, and environmentally-sound reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal of solid waste. Some of our 2024 highlights include:

- Services used over 54,000 times
- Increased diversion rate to 33%
- Composted 750+ tons of food scraps
- Collected 46 tons of HHW material from 2,967 residents & 55 businesses
- Expanded online presence to reach over 50,000 people on social media
- Provided outreach to more than 50 businesses and 10 schools



NWSWD updated all facility signage this year, including at the Alburgh Transfer Station, which is under NWSWD management as of December. We also began the long-awaited construction project at our Georgia Recycling Facility. These updates and expansions will improve public drop-off to make it more efficient and safe!

District Diversion Rate, 2016-2024



### Facebook

Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

### Instagram

@northwest.vt.zerowaste

Newsletter sign-up via [nswsd.org](http://nswsd.org)

**858 TONS  
LANDFILLED**



**1,807 TONS  
RECYCLED**





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## NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Bike and pedestrian planning and project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

## ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

## REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Julia Callan & Chuck Verderber

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Lynda Ulrich

# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## FAIRFIELD TOWN REPORT - 2024

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

## 2024 FAIRFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts, including meeting procedures and training opportunities.
- Updated the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfield is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and reviewed potential grant funding sources.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at one farm in Fairfield, delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfield Community Center Food Shelf, and delivered Migrant Household Food boxes for delivery throughout Fairfield.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 2 farms.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 10 Fairfield farms and food producers.
- Assisted with close out of a Vermont Community Development Program Cares Act grant that funded a pavilion at the Fairfield Community Center.
- Provided information and examples of zoning bylaws to support the Town Planning Commission's update of the Town Bylaws.
- Supported VTTrans and the Town during the VT 36 closure for bridge deck replacement.
- Completed traffic counts on Chester A. Arthur and Howrigan roads.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Supported the Commons School Working Group with assessing and rating reuse and restoration opportunities, funding options and an application to the Village Trust Program.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.



## Friends of Northern Lake Champlain Town Report 2024

[www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org](http://www.friendsofnorthernlakechamplain.org)

The Friends of Northern Lake Champlain (FNLC) is a non-profit organization that acts to clean the waters of northern Lake Champlain and its watershed by collaborating with citizens, businesses, farmers, and government in order to reduce land-use pollution. We thank you for your continued support of our work in your community!

*Lawrence Howrigan represents Fairfield on the FNLC Board of Directors.*

### **Fairfield Pond Watershed Action Plan**

FNLC and Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, with financial support from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, has completed an action plan for Fairfield Pond. This summer we shared parts of the plan with the Fairfield Pond Association. In the coming year, FNLC will submit the report to the ANR Project Tracker, share the report with the town, and collaborate with the pond association, the town and individual landowners to explore the recommended actions in the plan. FNLC will be seeking funding for the voluntary non-regulatory projects suggested in the report and for continued landowner outreach.

### **Basin Water Quality Councils (BWQC)**

FNLC has a seat on the Missisquoi BWQC and is actively involved in identifying new water quality improvement projects like the 30% designs in the Fairfield Pond Action Plan. FNLC intends to work with the municipality and pond association to apply for Clean Water Service Provider funding to provide 100% design and implementation of these voluntary non-regulatory water quality improvement projects.

### **Community Engagement**

FNLC continues to add to its offerings for community members to explore their local watershed. This summer we co-hosted a Birding On Farms event with the Franklin County Natural Resource Conservation District at a farm on Barry Road. We demonstrated the intersection between water quality practices and bird conservation, while enjoying bobolink displays and exploring sections of Dead Creek.

### **Collaborating with Agricultural Partners**

In March, we hosted our annual producer meeting with UVM Extension and the Farmer's Watershed Alliance to bring new field techniques to local farms and to view best management practices on good conservation farms in the water basin.

### **Fundraising Events**

Many thanks to the community for participating in and supporting our annual fundraiser Bike for the Lake as well as the return of our Annual Gathering at the Tyler Place. This year's annual gathering featured our state climatologist, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux who talked about the intersection between water quality and climate resiliency.



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)

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



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

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

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

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

Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on **Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form** or at [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

**2025 Green Up Day is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.**

January 2025

Town of Fairfield, Vermont:

Cat Crusaders of Franklin County, Inc is an organization created to reduce the number of unwanted cats in Franklin County. Our mission and goal is to stabilize barn-cat colonies and reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Franklin County area, through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). TNR is an efficient and cost-effective method for stabilizing and reducing outdoor cat populations and improving the overall health of the cats. The cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and then returned to the original environment.

CCFC is not a shelter; our team of volunteers coordinates with area caretakers and farmers to provide the TNR services.

CCFC is a non-profit organization that needs your help! Would you kindly consider making a charitable donation to help cover the expenses of the TNR program.

In 2024, we brought 700+ cats & kittens through our TNR program throughout Franklin County (@ \$85.00 per cat), some of whom were located in Fairfield, Vermont.

Requested donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_600.00\_\_\_\_.  
(For tax deduction purposes, the CCFC Federal EIN is 08-3405547).

Thank you in advance for your support!  
Sincerely,

Jamie Rushford,  
President

Please mail Donation(s) to:  
**Cat Crusaders of Franklin County, Inc**  
**c/o Jamie Rushford**  
**PO Box 103**  
**Enosburg Falls, VT 05450**  
**email: [catcrusadersoffranklincounty@gmail.com](mailto:catcrusadersoffranklincounty@gmail.com)**  
**Facebook Page: Cat Crusaders of Franklin County-Vermont**



## **DOG LICENSING & THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIPI”!**

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

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

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

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

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

## **THE VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM aka “VSNIPI”**

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

**TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



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## **Notice of Availability Annual Report**

The legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District #57, consisting of the City of St. Albans, Town of St. Albans, and Fairfield, Vermont, are hereby notified of the availability of the District's Annual Report. Copies of the report are available online at <http://www.maplerun.org/o/mrusd/browse/34988>, by contacting the Maple Run Unified School District at 28 Catherine Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 or calling 524-2600.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
	Represents	Position	Term	Expires
Nilda Gonnella-French	City	Board Chair	Three Year Term	2027
Karlie Gunderson	City		Three Year Term	2027
Charles Brooks	City	Vice Chair	Three Year Term	2025
Suzanne Kenyon	City		Three Year Term	2026
Marianne Dubie	Fairfield		Three Year Term	2027
Joanna Jerosé	Fairfield	Clerk	Three Year Term	2025
J. Nakuma Palczewski	Town		One Year Term	2025
Jessica Frost	Town		Three Year Term	2027
Jack McCarthy	Town		Three Year Term	2026
Amanda Giroux	Town		Three Year Term	2026
Amanda Forbes		Treasurer	Three Year Term	2027
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## **Dear Maple Run Community,**

The past three years have been an incredible journey for our school district and our community. Together, we set goals and created a plan to help our students learn and grow. You told us you wanted schools to focus on raising academic standards, managing behavior and bias, supporting families, building strong connections with the community, and teaching about diversity and inclusion. Thanks to your ideas and partnership, we've made great progress!

### **And what a difference it has made!**

In just three years, our literacy and math scores have improved by more than 60%! Our students are now performing above the national average. These amazing results come from the strong relationships we've built in our schools. Today, 84% of students feel connected to adults at school, and 96% meet behavior expectations. With caring staff and engaged students, we've built an incredible foundation for success.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. The real excitement comes from seeing and hearing what's happening in our schools every day. Just recently, I visited a fifth-grade classroom with one of our principals. Two students couldn't wait to tell me about their project exploring the Inca, Mayan, and Aztec civilizations. They were so proud to share how they compared these cultures and brought their discoveries to life through writing. Their curiosity and excitement showed how learning can truly spark joy!

### **Supporting our students and families is at the heart of what we do.**

This year, we added more home-school coordinators and worked closely with local organizations to provide even more support. Last summer, we partnered with the St. Albans Recreation Department to expand summer programs, including new options for middle schoolers. This summer, we're excited to add programs for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, ensuring every child has opportunities to learn and grow.

Of course, challenges remain. Right now, 120 students are facing social and behavioral challenges that require extra resources. Schools are unique—we welcome every child, no matter what. When our community partners are overwhelmed, we step in to provide mental health support. That's why we're focusing on creating our own programs to help these students.

### **Financial responsibility is also important to us.**

This fall, Governor Scott asked schools to keep budget increases to 3%. The Maple Run Unified School Board worked hard to approve a budget with just a 2% increase—below the governor's request. This helps us balance costs while continuing to provide the education our students deserve.

Here's how the new budget may affect taxes:

- **Saint Albans City:** Increase of 3 cents per \$100 of property value
- **Saint Albans Town:** Increase of 9 cents per \$100 of property value
- **Fairfield:** Decrease of 6 cents per \$100 of property value

These differences are based on how properties are appraised in each town.

The ballot will read:

*"Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$77,757,499, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?"*

*The Maple Run Unified School District #57 estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,007, which is 5.11% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year."*

While the per-pupil spending increase looks higher due to state calculations, the overall budget increase is only 2%.

**We're here to help you learn more!**

- Attend one of our informational meetings
- Visit [www.maplerun.org](http://www.maplerun.org)
- Email the Board of Directors at [mrusdschoolboard@maplerun.org](mailto:mrusdschoolboard@maplerun.org)

Board members will also be attending community events to answer your questions.

**Our Students. Your Voice. Your Vote.**

Please vote on Town Meeting Day or contact your town clerk to request an absentee ballot if needed.

Thank you for supporting the Maple Run Unified School District. Together, we're creating a bright future for all our students!

Sincerely,



Bill Kimball  
Superintendent of Schools

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I am pleased to share the annual report for the Maple Run Unified School District (MRUSD). The MRUSD Board serves the communities of Fairfield, St. Albans City, and St. Albans Town. It has been a busy and productive year for the Board and our school leaders.

This year, we worked hard to involve the community. We held listening sessions where people could share their thoughts and ideas. These meetings helped us work together to reach shared goals. Many community members attended forums to give input and support during the budget process, which was very helpful.

After talking with the community, the Board approved a new mission and vision for MRUSD. The mission of MRUSD is to ensure a meaningful, flexible, rigorous and safe education for all to thrive and excel. Our vision commits cultivating a welcoming environment where our students and community can tap into their love of learning.

One of the important changes this year was the approval of a new middle school program for students in grades five through eight who have major behavior challenges. School leaders and special educators explained the need for this program, and the Board agreed to provide the space and resources to support these students.

The Board also worked closely with the community to review the budget. We asked the administration to find ways to save money while still meeting the needs of students and the community. The budget was limited to a 2% increase, which is 1% lower than the Governor's recommendation.

This year, the community will vote on a proposed budget of \$77,757,499. This budget reflects a 2% increase. However, the ballot will show a 5.11% increase in education spending per student because of a new state formula. This number can be confusing, but we want to make it clear that the budget increase is only 2%.

We encourage you to vote and to reach out if you have any questions. You can find more information on the MRUSD website.

Thank you for your support of our schools and students!

In closing, "Be Kind, It Matters."

**Nilda Gonnella-French**  
MRUSD Board Chair

**Maple Run Unified School District  
Summary of Expenditures for FY26 Budget**

<b>Department</b>	<b>FY24 Actual Expenditures</b>	<b>FY25 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>FY26 Proposed Budget</b>
<b><u>Regular Education (PreK-12)</u></b>			
Pre-Kindergarten	\$1,116,479	\$1,326,318	\$1,461,190
Pre-K Direct Instruction, Teachers, Admin, Admin Assistant, etc.			
Direct Instruction	\$22,056,812	\$21,787,352	\$22,463,913
K-12 Direct Instruction, Math, Literacy, Science, Soc Studies, Art, Music, PE, Dance, Drama, Health Ed, Business, etc.			
Academic & Behavior Intervention	\$2,354,186	\$2,680,082	\$2,601,302
Math & Literacy Interventions, Family Engagement Specialists, Behavior Personnel, etc.			
Extra-Curricular & Co-Curricular	\$1,426,237	\$1,447,955	\$1,408,116
Athletics, Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular, Afterschool Programs, 21st C, Farm to School, Outdoor Classroom, etc.			
Guidance & Student Support Services	\$4,112,077	\$5,397,849	\$5,594,662
Guidance Services, Attendance, SAP Counselor, Home/School Coordinator, ELL, 504 Coordinator, Student Support Director, etc.			
Health & Library Services	\$1,328,742	\$1,413,879	\$1,477,791
School Nurses, Librarians, supplies, materials, etc.			
Curriculum & Instruction Services	\$1,254,141	\$1,413,668	\$1,652,565
Curriculum Director, Instructional Coaches, New Teacher Mentors, Instructional Staff Training, etc.			
Office of the Principal	\$2,690,228	\$2,903,607	\$2,849,531
Building Principals, Assistant Principals, Clerical Staff and school wide expenses			
District Operations	\$2,113,292	\$2,312,436	\$2,105,917
Business Office, Human Resources, Superintendent, Medicaid Clerk, CO Admin Assistants, Communications, Outreach, Board of Ed, etc.			
Technology Services	\$2,352,976	\$2,305,493	\$2,256,424
Information Technology staff, hardware and software for staff and students for all buildings, including student information systems, business operations, attendance, internet and phone services, etc.			
Operations and Maintenance & Security	\$6,276,252	\$6,768,780	\$6,922,115
Management, custodial and maintenance staff, DLO, School Safety workers, crossing guards, care and upkeep of grounds, utilities, repairs, contracts, etc.			
Student Transportation	\$1,974,633	\$2,254,737	\$2,158,237
Daily transportation of students to and from school, field trips, extra curricular transportation, etc.			
Collins Perley Sports Complex	\$819,257	\$826,111	\$885,280
Management, custodial and maintenance staff and custodial supplies, etc.			
Long Term Debt	\$1,222,241	\$1,142,967	\$898,348
Principal and interest payments on long term loans and bonds			
Adult Education	\$104,270	\$97,688	\$97,688
Admin, Clerical Staff, Instructors, supplies, etc.			
<b>Subtotal Regular Education (PreK-12)</b>	<b>\$51,201,822</b>	<b>\$54,078,922</b>	<b>\$54,833,078</b>
<b>Budget Totals</b>	<b>\$70,669,332</b>	<b>\$76,234,409</b>	<b>\$77,757,497</b>

**Maple Run Unified School District  
Summary of Expenditures for FY26 Budget**

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<b><u>Special Education (PreK-12)</u></b>			
Pre-Kindergarten/Early Essential Education Pre-K Special Education Teachers, paraeducators, specialized supplies, materials, etc.	\$1,881,023	\$2,169,481	\$2,303,270
Direct Instruction K-12 Special Education Teachers and Paraeducators, specialized materials and contracts, etc.	\$8,387,112	\$9,504,292	\$8,681,345
Out of District Placement Tuition, additional services, contracts, etc.	\$1,274,324	\$1,812,000	\$2,227,000
Psychological Services Psychologists, evaluation supplies, materials, etc.	\$236,089	\$379,106	\$274,583
Speech Language Pathology Services Speech/Language Pathologists, evaluation supplies, materials, etc.	\$1,064,028	\$1,132,356	\$1,277,019
Student Supports Behavior Personnel, Occupational and Physical Therapists, Visually Impaired supports, etc.	\$2,337,233	\$2,428,025	\$3,035,514
Special Education Administration Directors, assistants, supplies, materials, etc.	\$314,505	\$428,300	\$298,907
Student Transportation Transportation for students attending outside placements, specialized transportation, etc.	\$402,291	\$435,100	\$735,500
<b>Subtotal Special Education (PreK-12)</b>	<b>\$15,896,605</b>	<b>\$18,288,660</b>	<b>\$18,833,138</b>
<b><u>Northwest Career &amp; Technical Center (NCTC)</u></b>			
Direct Instruction Instruction, Math, Literacy, Culinary, Human Services, Building Trades, Cosmetology, Auto & Outdoor Technologies, Academic Skills, Medical Professions, Engineering, Digital Media, Public Safety, etc.	\$2,229,158	\$2,280,028	\$2,491,272
Office of the Director & Guidance Services Director, Assistant Director, Admin Assistants, Guidance Counselor, Outreach, contracts, supplies, materials, etc.	\$529,242	\$783,959	\$797,169
Indirect Services In-Kind services from Supt's Office, Fiscal Services, Oper & Maintenance, Information Technology, etc.	\$700,000	\$775,000	\$775,000
Student Transportation Field trips, transportation to competitions, etc.	\$112,505	\$27,840	\$27,840
<b>Subtotal NCTC</b>	<b>\$3,570,905</b>	<b>\$3,866,827</b>	<b>\$4,091,281</b>
<b>Budget Totals</b>	<b>\$70,669,332</b>	<b>\$76,234,409</b>	<b>\$77,757,497</b>

**Maple Run Unified School District**  
**Summary of Estimated Revenues for FY26 Budget**

<b>Revenue Category</b>	<b>FY24 Actual Revenue</b>	<b>FY25 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>FY26 Proposed Budget</b>
<b><u>Regular Education</u></b>			
Collins Perley Trust Fund Income	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Investment Income	\$352,519	\$165,000	\$150,000
Driver Education Reimbursement	\$16,739	\$20,000	\$0
Adult Ed Income	\$121,311	\$95,000	\$85,000
Tuition Income	\$2,821,183	\$2,700,000	\$3,100,000
Education Spending	\$51,064,329	\$57,207,352	\$58,751,223
State Transportation Aid	\$589,251	\$610,000	\$610,000
State of VT High School Completion	\$0	\$0	\$0
ELL State Grant	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
IEP Medicaid	\$303,660	\$80,371	\$80,000
EPSDT Medicaid	\$39,916	\$41,949	\$0
21st Century Grant	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$70,000
Consolidated Federal Grants	\$3,504,555	\$2,030,896	\$1,640,000
Student Assistance Program Grant	\$50,000	\$47,469	\$0
Services Provided to NCTC	\$700,000	\$775,000	\$775,000
Misc.	\$263,766	\$197,160	\$50,000
<b>Subtotal Regular Education</b>	<b>\$59,949,229</b>	<b>\$64,142,197</b>	<b>\$65,411,223</b>
<b><u>Special Education</u></b>			
Excess Cost Income	\$535,058	\$400,000	\$400,000
Block Grant	\$5,823,309	\$5,660,650	\$5,583,145
Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$1,034,751	\$1,000,000	\$2,013,131
Essential Early Education Grant	\$245,987	\$240,455	\$200,000
Pre-IDEAB	\$21,748	\$21,098	\$0
IDEAB Grant	\$948,028	\$910,000	\$900,000
<b>Subtotal Special Education</b>	<b>\$8,608,880</b>	<b>\$8,232,203</b>	<b>\$9,096,276</b>
<b><u>Northwest Career &amp; Technical Center</u></b>			
State Basic Education Grant	\$1,901,995	\$2,155,904	\$1,800,000
State Tuition Assistance Grant	\$765,100	\$867,318	\$750,000
Tuition Income	\$460,575	\$484,551	\$480,000
Program Income	\$36,317	\$20,000	\$0
Grants	\$418,655	\$332,238	\$220,000
Prior Year Adjustments	\$116,841	\$0	\$0
<b>Subtotal Northwest Career &amp; Technical Ctr</b>	<b>\$3,699,483</b>	<b>\$3,860,011</b>	<b>\$3,250,000</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$72,257,592</b>	<b>\$76,234,411</b>	<b>\$77,757,499</b>



### Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

District: <b>Maple Run USD</b>		U057		Property dollar equivalent yield		Homestead tax rate per \$8,553 of spending per pupil
SU: <b>Maple Run</b>		Franklin County		8,553	← See bottom note	1.00
FY25 was the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY23 & FY24. LTWADM are the new counts to use.				12,260		Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>		<b>FY2026</b>
Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)		\$64,797,075	\$69,422,742	\$76,232,411		\$77,757,499
plus	Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	-	-	-		
Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles		\$64,797,075	\$69,422,742	\$76,232,411		\$77,757,499
plus	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-		
plus	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-		
<b>Total Union Expenditures</b>		<b>\$64,797,075</b>	<b>\$69,422,742</b>	<b>\$76,232,411</b>		<b>\$77,757,499</b>
S.U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data						
Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data		-	-	-		-
<b>Revenues</b>						
Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)		\$18,843,139	\$18,358,413	\$19,025,059		\$19,006,276
<b>Total offsetting union revenues</b>		<b>\$18,843,139</b>	<b>\$18,358,413</b>	<b>\$19,025,059</b>		<b>\$19,006,276</b>
<b>Education Spending</b>		<b>\$45,953,936</b>	<b>\$51,064,329</b>	<b>\$57,207,352</b>		<b>\$58,751,223</b>
Maple Run USD pupils		2,487.37	2,426.77	4,006.72		3,915.92
<b>Education Spending per Pupil</b>		<b>\$18,474.91</b>	<b>\$21,042.10</b>	<b>\$14,277.85</b>		<b>\$15,003.17</b>
minus	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&J) per pupil	na	na	na		na
minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	Excess spending penalty suspended for FY23 - Sec. 5 of Act 59, 2021.	Excess spending penalty suspended for FY24 & FY25 - Sec. 8 of Act 127, 2022.			based on \$67,638
minus	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per pupil)					na
minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per pupil)					na
minus	Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)					na
minus	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)					na
minus	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)					na
minus	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)					na
minus	Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.					na
Excess spending threshold		threshold = \$18,997	threshold = \$22,204	threshold = \$23,193		threshold = \$15,926
plus	Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	na	na	na		\$15,926.00
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate		\$18,475	\$21,042	\$14,278		\$15,003.17
Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)		138.763%	136.257%	144.323%		175.414%
Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$15,003.17 + (\$8,553 / \$1.00)]		\$1.3876	\$1.3626	\$1.4132		\$1.7541
Tax rate "cent discount" (FY25-FY29) adjusted by statewide adjuster of 72.36%						\$0.033
Cent discount adjusted anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate						\$1.7211
<b>Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Maple Run USD</b>		<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>		<b>FY2026</b>
T072	Fairfield	1.3876	1.3626	1.4132		1.7211
T176	St. Albans City	1.3876	1.3626	1.4132		1.7211
T177	St. Albans Town	1.3876	1.3626	1.4132		1.7211
Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Maple Run USD [(\$15,003.17 + \$12,260) x 2.00%]		2.32%	2.40%	2.77%		2.45%
<b>Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Maple Run USD</b>		<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>		<b>FY2026</b>
T072	Fairfield	2.32%	2.40%	2.77%		2.45%
T176	St. Albans City	2.32%	2.40%	2.77%		2.45%
T177	St. Albans Town	2.32%	2.40%	2.77%		2.45%

Using the revised December 1, 2024 Education Fund Outlook FY26 forecast, the FY26 education fund need results in a property yield of \$8,553 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$12,260 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.791. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

## **Maple Run Unified School District # 57**

I certify that on March 5, 2024 legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District did vote at the properly warned meetings in the members' respective Towns/City and the results were:

**ARTICLE I** – Anna Bourdon was elected Clerk.

**ARTICLE II** – Amanda Forbes was elected Treasurer.

**ARTICLE III** – Jessica Frost was elected District Director St. Albans Town  
Nilda Gonnella French was elected District Director St. Albans City  
Karlle Gunderson was elected District Director St. Albans City  
Maryann Dubie was elected District Director Fairfield (Write Ins)

**ARTICLE IV** – District Director St. Albans Town (needs to be appointed)

**ARTICLE V** – Authorized the Board of Directors to borrow money not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. 562 (9).

**ARTICLE VI** – Authorized the Board of Directors to transfer the audited fund balance, of the current fiscal year, to a Capital Reserve Fund, to be used for capital improvements and operations of the Maple Run Unified School District # 57.

**ARTICLE VII** – Approved the Board of Directors to expend \$76,232,411 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.

Certified by Anna Bourdon, MRUSD Clerk



**NOTICE:**  
**FOR THE MAPLE RUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #57**  
**BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District #57 (MRUSD) consisting of the City of St. Albans, the Town of St. Albans, and the Town Fairfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the MRUSD Central Office, 28 Catherine Street in St. Albans, VT 05478 on February 26, 2025, to conduct an informational meeting on the budget.

The following is a Zoom link provided for your convenience –  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88121291930?pwd=r2VqgiOIWofl97hpVbi81bIyshJNKL.1>

**WARNING**  
**FOR THE MAPLE RUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #57**  
**ANNUAL MEETING: March 4, 2025**

The legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District #57, consisting of the City of St. Albans, the Town of St. Albans and the Town of Fairfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the respective polling places and times hereinafter named for each of the above referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, to vote on the articles herein set forth. All Articles to be voted by the Australian Ballot system. The polls open at seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 a.m.) and close at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.).

**ARTICLE I**

To elect, at large, by the legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District, one (1) Director from the Town of Fairfield for a three (3) year term.

To elect, at large, by the legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District, one (1) Director from St. Albans Town for a three (3) year term.

To elect, at large, by the legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District, one (1) Director from St. Albans City for a three (3) year term.

**ARTICLE II**

Shall the legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District #57 authorize the Board of Directors to borrow money not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, pursuant to Title 16 V.S.A. § 562(9)?

**ARTICLE III**

Shall the legal voters of Maple Run Unified School District #57 authorize the Board of Directors to transfer the audited general fund balance, of the current fiscal year, to a Capital Reserve Fund, to be used for capital improvements and operations of the Maple Run Unified School District #57?

**ARTICLE IV**

Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$77,757,499, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

The Maple Run Unified School District #57 estimates that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in per pupil education spending of \$15,007, which is 5.11% higher than per pupil education spending for the current year.

**Informational Hearing**

The legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District #57 (MRUSD) consisting of the City of St. Albans, the Town of St. Albans, and the Town Fairfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 6:00 p.m. in the MRUSD Central Office Boardroom on February 26, 2025, to conduct an informational meeting on the budget.

**Polling Places and Times**

St. Albans City Residents - St. Albans City Hall, 100 North Main Street; polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

St. Albans Town Residents – Collins Perley Sports Complex, 890 Fairfax Road; polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

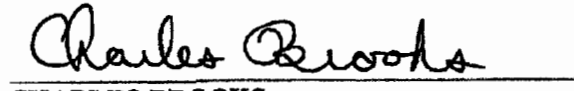
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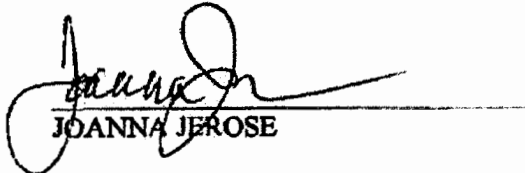
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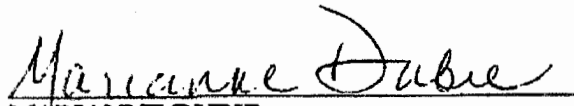
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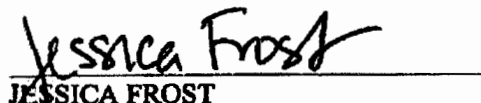
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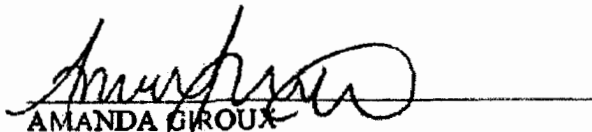
  
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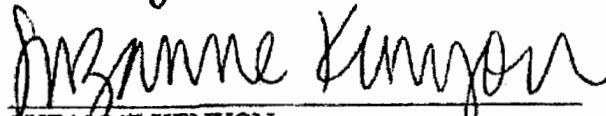
  
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Received for record and recorded prior to the posting this 15 day of January 2025.

  
ANNA BOURDON, CLERK