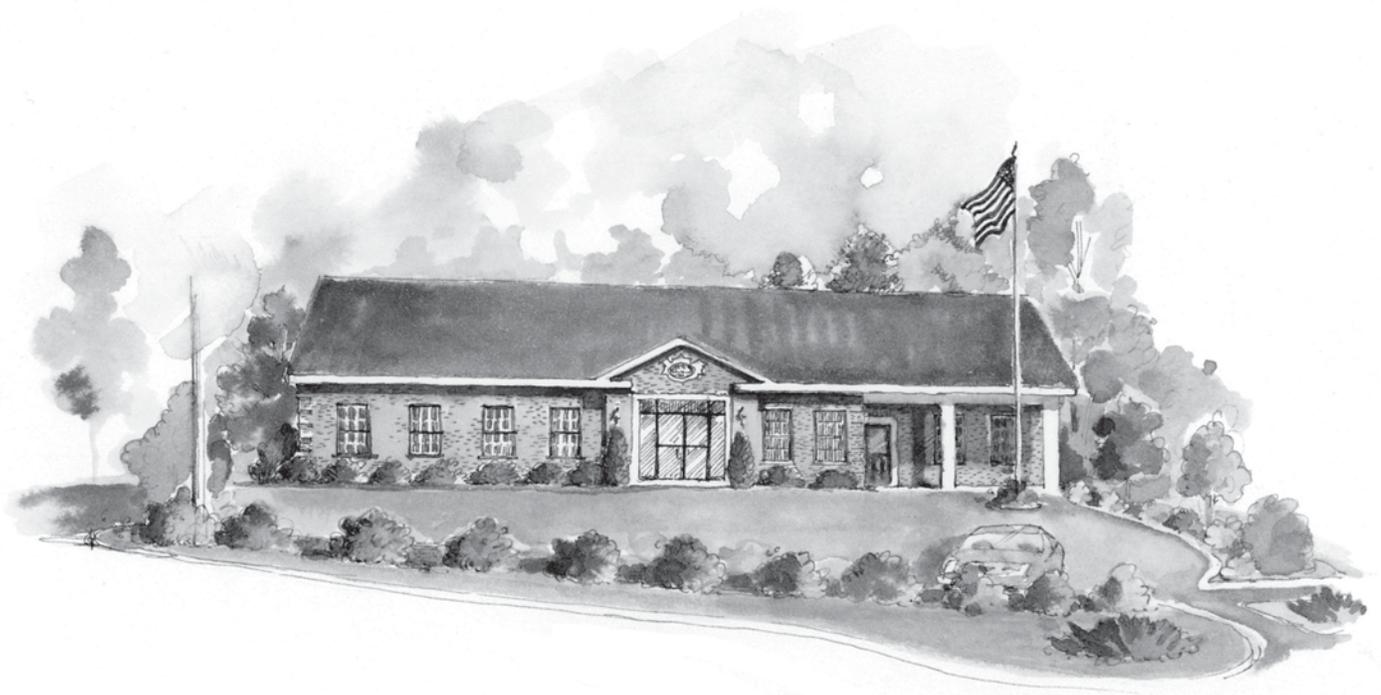


**TOWN OF
FAIRFIELD, VERMONT**



**2023
ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE TOWN YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2023
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

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 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.....	827-3734
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, 2023

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NOTICE

**Please bring this report to
Town Meeting on Tuesday March 5, 2024
@10:00 A.M.
Held at the Fairfield Center Elementary School**

**Polls will be open 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
To vote on Maple Run Union School District Ballot
and the Presidential Primary**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.

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Elected Town Officers

Moderator	Bridget Howrigan Rivet (1 year term)	2024
Town Clerk	Linda Hodet (3 year term)	2026
Town Treasurer	Amanda Forbes (3 year term)	2026
Select Board	Ronald Bocash (3 year term) David Persons (2 year term) Thomas Howrigan (3 year term) Brian Dubie (2 year term) Gavin Ryan (3 year term)	2024 2024 2025 2025 2026
Auditors	Mary Schreindorfer (3 year term) Diane Tracy (3 year term) Jeanne Persons (3 year term)	2024 2025 2026
MRUSD Board	Susan Casavant Magnan (3 year term) Joanna Jerose (3 year term)	2024 2025
MRUSD Treasurer	Amanda Forbes (1 year term)	2024
Library Trustees	Michele Feiner (3 year term) Melissa Southwick (2 year term) Samantha Thomas (3 year term) Susan Magnan (2 year term) Peter Burns (3 year term)	2024 2024 2025 2025 2026
First Constable	James Consentino (1 year term)	2024
Justices of the Peace	Paula Boomhower Jonathan Branon James Consentino Marianne Dubie Bridget Howrigan Rivet Kristen Runyon-Hughes Julie Wolcott	

Appointed Town Officers

Planning/Zoning Board	*Resigned	Harry Goldhagen (3 year term)	2024
	*Appointed	Dan Pipes (remainder 3 year term)	2024
		Peter Burns (2 year term)	2024
		Melissa Manson (3 year term)	2025
		Aaron Forbes (2 year term)	2025
		Demetrius Bolduc (3 year term)	2026
Zoning Administrator		Steven True	
Recreation Committee		Damien Boomhower Michelle Desrosiers Chad LaCroix	
Grant Writer		Steven True	
Town Service Officer		Julie Wolcott	
Health Officer		Melissa Manson	
Emergency Management Coordinator		Tom Howrigan	
Emergency Management Director		Cathy Ainsworth	
Delinquent Tax Collector		Linda Hodet	
E911 Coordinator		Steven True	
Assessor		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 7, 2023. Bridget Howrigan Rivet, Moderator, made the announcements. The Robert's Rules of Order were explained. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A moment of silence was held.

1. MODERATOR: Bridget Howrigan Rivet was nominated by Tom Howrigan and seconded by Laura Fulwiler. 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. SHALL THE OFFICE OF LISTER BE ELIMINATED AND THE SELECTBOARD AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT WITH OR EMPLOY A PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED ASSESSOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH 17 V.S.A. 2651C: Motion made by Melissa Manson and seconded by Kristin Walent.

Clarification of the article was asked. Towns are having trouble filling elected positions. NEMRC is currently finishing up the townwide reappraisal, so it's a good time to transition to an assessor. The appointed assessor would be responsible for the inspection and appraising of all new construction and building changes. The day to day duties will continue to be done in the Clerk's office. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. TO ELECT FROM THE LEGAL VOTERS OF SAID TOWN THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:
 - a. ONE TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEARS: Linda Hodet was nominated by Tom Howrigan and seconded by Dan Pipes. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Linda Hodet.
 - b. ONE TREASURER FOR 2 YEARS: Amanda Forbes was nominated by Gavin Ryan and seconded by Melissa Manson. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Amanda Forbes.
 - c. ONE SELECTPERSON 3 YEARS: Gavin Ryan was nominated by Tom Howrigan and seconded by Linda Hodet. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Gavin Ryan.
 - d. ONE SELECTPERSON FOR 2 YEARS: Brian Dubie was nominated by Gavin Ryan and seconded by Damien Boomhower. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Brian Dubie.
 - e. ONE AUDITOR FOR 3 YEARS: Mary Schreindorfer was nominated by Jeanne Persons and seconded by Tom Howrigan.
 - f. ONE AUDITOR FOR 2 YEARS: Diane Tracy was nominated by Jeanne Persons and seconded by Mary Schreindorfer. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Diane Tracy.
 - g. ONE LISTER FOR 3 YEARS: not needed
 - h. one lister for 2 years: not needed
 - i. ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS: Peter Burns was nominated by Michele Feiner and seconded by Melissa Southwick. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Peter Burns.

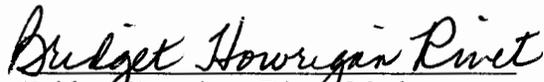
- J. ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR 2 YEARS: Susan Magnan was nominated by Melissa Southwick and seconded by Michele Feiner. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for Susan Magnan.
- k. A FIRST CONSTABLE FOR 1 YEAR: James Consentino was nominated by Damien Boomhower and seconded by David Persons. Nominations ceased, moved to cast one ballot for James Consentino.
5. SHALL PROPERTY TAXES BE DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Motion made by Mary Schreindorfer and seconded by Toby Fulwiler. Motion passed by voice vote.
 6. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE THE 2023 TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES OF \$1,740,585, OF WHICH \$1,153,310 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXES AND \$587,275 BY NON-TAX REVENUES: Motion made by Ron Bocash and seconded by Larry Steeneck. Motion passed by voice vote.
 7. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE THE 2023 EXPENDITURES OF \$162,954 FOR THE BENT NORTHROP MEMORIAL LIBRARY, \$129,214 OF WHICH SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXES AND \$33,740 BY NON-TAX REVENUES: Motion moved by Toby Fulwiler and seconded by Phil Higgins. Melissa Southwick made a motion to amend the article to read: SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE THE 2023 EXPENDITURES OF 173,404 FOR THE BENT NORTHROP MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 129,214 OF WHICH SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXES AND 33,740 BY NON- TAX REVENUES, 10,450 REALLOCATED FUND BALANCE. Amendment Seconded by Michele Feiner. Roberts Rules were suspended to allow Sarah Allerton to speak. The library sidewalk is in disrepair and the reallocated funds would be used for its repair. Amendment passed by voice vote. Sarah Allerton shared information about the total budget and increased utilization of the library. Amended motion carried by voice vote.
 8. 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, 2023, A COPY OF ITS MOST RECENT BALANCE SHEET AND BANK STATEMENT FOR REVIEW BY THE TOWN AUDITORS: Motion moved by Tom Howrigan and seconded by John Gorton. The reason for the increase was explained to cover the rising cost of truck replacement. Currently it takes two to three years to take delivery of a new truck once the order is placed. The Fire Department has ongoing training and has many young members, which should be commended for their service. There are still 2 trucks in the station in East Fairfield. Motion passed by voice vote.
 9. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE \$18,000 IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION: Motion moved by Charon True and seconded by Susan Magnan. Steven True spoke on behalf of the community Center. He thanked Fairfield's residents for their support. Participation in their programs has increased, as well as the food self. Motion passed by voice vote.
 10. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$3,971 FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOME HEALTH AGENCY: Motion moved by Tom Howrigan and seconded by Mary Schreindorfer. Motion passed by voice vote.

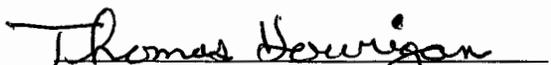
11. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$3,000 FOR THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: Motion moved by Damien Boomhower and seconded by James Consentino. The outdoor classroom exposes students to gardening, sugaring and conservation. Motion passed by voice vote.
12. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$500 FOR CAT CRUSADERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY INC: Motion moved by Erik Bushey and seconded by John Gorton. Cat Crusaders is an organization the traps feral cats and gets them spaded and neutered. There are many local farms that have benefited from their services. They rehome abandoned cats. Cathy Branon made a motion to amend the article for a donation of \$600. The motion to amend was seconded by Christine Kubacz. Admendment passed by voice vote. SHALL THE VOTERS APPROVE A DONATION OF \$600 FOR THE CAT CRUSADERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY INC. Amended motion passed by voice vote.
13. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER NON-BINDING BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THIS MEETING: Concerns were raised about the Town Plan and a subdivision that is being proposed on Church Road. The current Town Plan was adopted in 2021 after many warned public meetings. Meetings and agendas are posted at the Town Office building, in local newspapers and on the Town website. Future meetings and agendas will also be posted on Front Porch Forum. The Selectboard is asking for help to determine the future of the White Common School building. The building represents town history and it was suggested that a study group be form to seek out possible use and Grants for it's preservation. A question arose regarding Chester Arthur Church being transferred from the State to Church ownership. The Town has not been notified of any transfer.
14. TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Howrigan and seconded by John Baxter at 11:57 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 7, 2023.


Bridget Howrigan Rivet, Moderator


Thomas Howrigan, Select Board Chair

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

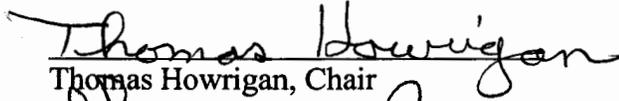
The inhabitants of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont, who are legally qualified voters in the Town of Fairfield are hereby warned and notified to meet at Veterans' Hall in the Village of Fairfield Center, on Tuesday, the 5th day of March 2024 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

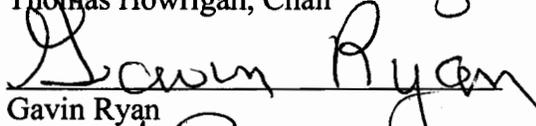
1. To elect a Moderator for a one year term.
2. To receive the various reports of the officers of the Town as contained in the current Town Report.
3. To elect from the legal voters of said Town the following Officers:
 - a. One Selectperson for a term of three years by ballot.
 - b. One Selectperson for a term of two years by ballot.
 - c. One Auditor for a term of three years by ballot.
 - g. One Library Trustee for a term of three years.
 - j. One Library Trustee for a term of two years.
 - k. 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 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? (Previous year total expenditures were \$1,740,585 of which \$1,153,310 were raised by taxes and \$587,275 by non-tax revenues).
6. Shall the voters approve 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? (Previous year total expenditures were \$173,404 for the Bent Northrop Memorial Library, \$129,214 of which were raised by taxes and \$44,190 by non-tax revenues).
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? (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 voters approve a donation of \$3,971 for the Franklin County Home Health Agency? (Previous year-\$3,971)
10. Shall the voters approve a donation of \$3,000 for the Outdoor Classroom? (Previous year-\$3000)

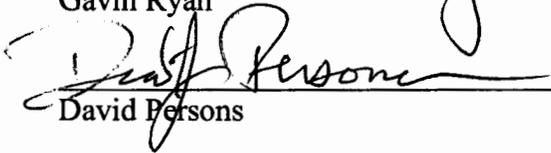
11. Shall the voters approve a donation of \$600 for Cat Crusaders of Franklin County Inc?
(Previous year-\$500)
12. Shall the Town of Fairfield discuss that there is an inconsistency between the Town of Fairfield's land use regulations and the Town of Fairfield's Town Plan that prioritizes the protection and ongoing use of agricultural lands.
13. To transact any other non-binding business that may properly come before this meeting.
14. To Adjourn.

Dated at Fairfield, this 26th day of January 2024.

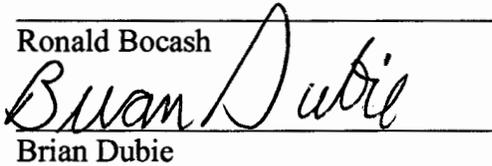
Town of Fairfield Selectboard,


Thomas Howrigan, Chair


Gavin Ryan


David Persons

Ronald Bocash


Brian Dubie

Attest:


Linda Hodet, Clerk

January 22, 2024

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, 2023.

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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Report of the Town Auditors

Town of Fairfield

2023

During fiscal year 2023 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,

January 22, 2024

/s/ Jeanne Persons /s/ Mary Schreindorfer /s/ Diane Tracy

2023 GRAND LIST AND TAX ANALYSIS

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
	Local Agreement	Municipal	Resident Education	Non-Resident Education	Total Education
GRAND LIST					
Real/Lease	\$377,472,000	\$377,472,000	\$235,310,000	\$142,162,000	\$377,472,000
Personal	\$791,331	\$791,331	\$0	\$375,733	\$375,733
Subtotal	\$378,263,331	\$378,263,331	\$235,310,000	\$142,537,733	\$377,847,733
Less Exemptions (Veterans Exemptions, Current Use, Contracts)	\$67,777,700	\$67,777,700	\$21,187,400	\$47,285,186	\$68,472,586
Total Grand List	\$310,485,631	\$310,485,631	\$214,122,600	\$95,252,547	\$309,375,147
TAXES					
Taxes to be Raised	\$8,153	\$1,317,737	\$2,234,099	\$829,658	\$3,063,757
Grand List	\$310,485,631	\$310,485,631	\$214,122,600	\$47,887,926	\$262,010,526
TAX RATE	\$0.0022	\$0.4591	\$1.0604	\$1.0825	
Tax Rate Divided as Follows:					
Local Agreement	\$0.0022		\$0.0022	\$0.0022	
Total Municipal Tax Rate		\$0.4591	\$0.4591	\$0.4591	
Homestead Ed. Tax Rate			<u>\$1.0604</u>		
Non-Res. Ed Tax Rate				<u>\$1.0825</u>	
Total Tax Rate			\$1.5217	\$1.5438	
Gross Property Taxes Due 11/03/2023			\$4,732,530.59		
Changes/Lister Errors/Omissions		\$14,708.26			
Taxes Collected 11/03/2023		\$4,546,105.74			
Delinquent 11/04/2023		<u>\$172,716.59</u>			
Total as of 11/04/2023			\$4,732,530.59		

Note: Taxes are assessed as follows:

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

All Resident Owners pay the Municipal Rate (\$.4591) plus the Local Agreement Rate (.0022) plus Resident Education Rate (\$1.0604) for a total rate of \$1.5217)

All Non-Resident Owners pay the Municipal Rate (\$.4591) plus the Local Agreement Rate (.0022) and the Non-Resident Education Rate(\$1.0825) for a total rate of (\$1.5438)

Taxable Parcels	1,039
Homesteads	588
Acres	41,300

Delinquent Property Taxes

Name	2023	2022	2021/2020	Totals
McDonald, Stephen	\$2,496.32	\$2,531.72	\$3,010.64	\$8,038.68
Rheaume, Alex	\$6,426.14	\$257.83		
Soule, John	\$361.25	\$387.03		\$748.28
Totals	\$9,283.71	\$3,176.58	\$3,010.64	\$8,786.96
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2023 Names Omitted 12/31/2023	\$55,156.71			
Total Delinquent 12/31/2023	\$64,440.42	\$3,176.58	\$3,010.64	\$70,627.64
2023 Delinquent Total 11/4/2023	\$172,716.59			

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 TOWN BUDGET

Account		Budget CY 2023	Actual CY 2023*	Budget CY 2024
10-5 REVENUES				
10-5-00-10 TAX REVENUE				
10-5-00-10.00	Current Property Taxes	\$1,425,320.00	\$1,143,127.00	TBD
10-5-00-10.03	Prepaid Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.05	Del Tax Revenue	\$0.00	\$154,950.40	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.10	Del Tax Interest	\$3,000.00	\$1,975.10	\$3,000.00
10-5-00-10.15	Del Tax Penalty	\$10,000.00	\$10,765.41	\$10,000.00
10-5-00-10.20	Pilot	\$3,600.00	\$3,766.65	\$3,600.00
10-5-00-10.25	Current Use	\$230,000.00	\$246,450.00	\$230,000.00
10-5-00-10.26	Current Use Change Tax	\$0.00	\$8,950.50	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.30	Municipal Tax Adj.	\$0.00	\$54,294.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-10.35	School Overpayment Credit	\$0.00	\$36,490.31	\$0.00
	Total TAX REVENUE	<u>\$1,671,920.00</u>	<u>\$1,660,769.37</u>	<u>\$246,600.00</u>
10-5-00-15 STATE AID				
10-5-00-15.00	State Aid to Highway	\$220,000.00	\$212,680.76	\$232,706.00
10-5-00-15.05	Special Bridge/Highway	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total STATE AID	<u>\$220,000.00</u>	<u>\$212,680.76</u>	<u>\$232,706.00</u>
10-5-00-25 MISCELLANEOUS				
10-5-00-25.05	Interest Checking	\$500.00	\$1,739.49	\$1,000.00
10-5-00-25.07	Short Term CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.20	Dog License	\$300.00	\$249.00	\$300.00
10-5-00-25.22	Fish & Wildlife Fees	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.23	DMV Registration Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.25	Copier Fees	\$75.00	\$52.90	\$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	\$4.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.45	Vehicle Permits	\$500.00	\$605.00	\$500.00
10-5-00-25.46	Civil Fines	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
10-5-00-25.50	Homeland Security Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.51	FEMA Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,000.00
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	\$10,762.24	\$10,000.00
10-5-00-25.62	Grant Revenue-State funds	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.64	Vault Copies	\$1,000.00	\$1,263.20	\$1,000.00
10-5-00-25.65	Clerk Fees	\$20,000.00	\$17,398.00	\$20,000.00
10-5-00-25.66	Vault Fees	\$200.00	\$381.00	\$200.00
10-5-00-25.67	Zoning Fees	\$8,000.00	\$17,810.72	\$12,000.00

*All 2023 actuals are preliminary, due to our ongoing audit. A full treasurer's report will be available upon it's completion.

PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Account		Budget CY 2023	Actual CY 2023*	Budget CY 2024
10-5-00-25.70	Rent	\$4,800.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00
10-5-00-25.71	Forest Lease	\$13,000.00	\$12,974.00	\$13,000.00
10-5-00-25.80	Logging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.90	Transfer In	\$35,740.00	\$35,740.00	\$0.00
10-5-00-25.91	Surplus Funds	\$9,260.00	\$0.00	\$58,000.00
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	\$2,500.00	\$13,463.48	\$10,000.00
	Total MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$120,675.00</u>	<u>\$116,033.03</u>	<u>\$169,650.00</u>
	Total REVENUES (2023 also includes appropriations tax request)	<u>\$2,012,595.00</u>	<u>\$1,989,483.16</u>	<u>\$648,956.00</u>

10-6 GENERAL

10-6-10 SELECTBOARD

10-6-10-10.00	Stipends	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
10-6-10-10.05	Salary Secretary	\$1,165.00	\$655.84	\$1,200.00
10-6-10-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$700.00	\$756.74	\$680.00
10-6-10-15.05	Mileage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
10-6-10-20.00	Dues/Subscriptions	\$5,000.00	\$5,304.87	\$5,300.00
10-6-10-21.00	Advertising/Publishing	\$1,000.00	\$717.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-10-22.00	Legal	\$9,420.00	\$7,291.75	\$7,000.00
10-6-10-23.00	Interest Expense	\$2,000.00	\$4,402.59	\$2,000.00
10-6-10-24.00	Insurance - General	\$65,000.00	\$62,175.00	\$70,000.00
10-6-10-24.05	Insurance - Unemployment	\$2,600.00	\$4,211.13	\$4,600.00
10-6-10-25.00	Supplies	\$600.00	\$517.73	\$600.00
10-6-10-26.00	Flags	\$1,000.00	\$1,369.55	\$1,000.00
10-6-10-33.00	Animal Expense	\$1,000.00	\$77.70	\$200.00
10-6-10-35.00	Audit	\$15,000.00	\$19,650.00	\$26,000.00
10-6-10-36.00	Ambulance	\$40,000.00	\$40,493.04	\$42,000.00
10-6-10-37.00	Dispatch	\$24,155.00	\$24,205.00	\$25,363.00
10-6-10-43.00	Professional Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,199.00	\$5,000.00
10-6-10-44.00	Equipment	\$500.00	\$269.99	\$500.00
10-6-10-45.00	Library Security	\$750.00	\$910.92	\$920.00
10-6-10-46.00	Landfill	\$2,500.00	\$2,552.80	\$2,600.00
10-6-10-48.00	County Tax	\$17,500.00	\$20,493.36	\$20,500.00
10-6-10-51.00	Discount on Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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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Account		Budget CY 2023	Actual CY 2023*	Budget CY 2024
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	\$1,765.00	\$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	\$775.00	\$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	\$631.12	\$500.00
	Total SELECTBOARD	<u>\$226,390.00</u>	<u>\$231,925.13</u>	<u>\$247,963.00</u>
10-6-15 TOWN OFFICE				
10-6-15-09.00	Town Administrator	\$58,300.00	\$58,120.14	\$60,168.00
10-6-15-10.00	Salary-Clerk	\$46,300.00	\$46,106.11	\$47,782.00
10-6-15-10.20	Salary Assistant/Clerk	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-15-10.25	File Clerk	\$14,630.00	\$12,010.04	\$15,098.00
10-6-15-10.30	Treasurer	\$5,825.00	\$5,763.52	\$6,011.00
10-6-15-13.00	Holiday	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-15-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$8,500.00	\$9,332.83	\$9,900.00
10-6-15-16.00	Health Insurance	\$30,000.00	\$28,145.36	\$31,200.00
10-6-15-17.00	Life Insurance/AD&D	\$300.00	\$252.00	\$300.00
10-6-15-18.00	Disability Insurance	\$700.00	\$901.29	\$700.00
10-6-15-19.00	Retirement	\$7,000.00	\$7,350.16	\$7,900.00
10-6-15-25.00	Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,862.55	\$2,000.00
10-6-15-26.00	Restoration	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
10-6-15-27.00	Vitals/Land Records	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
10-6-15-28.00	Telephone/Internet	\$4,500.00	\$4,159.18	\$4,500.00
10-6-15-29.00	Banking	\$0.00	\$81.26	\$0.00
10-6-15-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$4,000.00	\$3,550.78	\$4,000.00
10-6-15-31.00	Computer Expense	\$15,000.00	\$10,315.65	\$15,000.00
10-6-15-32.00	Election Expense	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-15-37.00	Mileage	\$200.00	\$164.71	\$200.00
10-6-15-38.00	Education/Training	\$1,000.00	\$308.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-15-44.00	Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,653.26	\$2,300.00
10-6-15-50.00	Tax Bill Expense	\$250.00	\$130.80	\$250.00
10-6-15-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$120.33	\$250.00
	Total TOWN OFFICE	<u>\$202,755.00</u>	<u>\$191,327.97</u>	<u>\$210,559.00</u>
10-6-20 AUDITORS				
10-6-20-10.00	Salary/Stipend	\$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	\$1,836.00	\$2,250.00
10-6-20-25.00	Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-20-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$200.00	\$14.67	\$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
	Total AUDITORS	<u>\$3,260.00</u>	<u>\$2,638.93</u>	<u>\$3,260.00</u>
10-6-25 LISTERS				
10-6-25-10.00	Salary	\$6,730.00	\$6,714.64	\$6,945.00
10-6-25-12.00	Assessor	\$18,645.00	\$228.00	\$18,645.00
10-6-25-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$520.00	\$513.67	\$520.00
10-6-25-25.00	Supplies	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
10-6-25-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$500.00	\$163.84	\$500.00
10-6-25-31.00	Computer Expense	\$1,000.00	\$947.14	\$1,000.00
10-6-25-37.00	Mileage	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$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
	Total LISTERS	<u>\$33,095.00</u>	<u>\$14,242.29</u>	<u>\$33,310.00</u>
10-6-30 ZONING				
10-6-30-10.00	Salary	\$11,230.00	\$8,295.21	\$13,000.00
10-6-30-11.00	Stipends	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
10-6-30-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$1,050.00	\$801.99	\$1,200.00
10-6-30-20.00	Legal	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$2,000.00
10-6-30-21.00	Advertising/Publishing	\$250.00	\$1,013.20	\$250.00
10-6-30-25.00	Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
10-6-30-30.00	Postage/Shipping	\$500.00	\$1,041.66	\$500.00
10-6-30-37.00	Mileage	\$200.00	\$103.82	\$200.00
10-6-30-38.00	Training/Education	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
10-6-30-44.00	Equipment	\$100.00	\$842.93	\$300.00
10-6-30-60.00	Grant Expenditures	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
10-6-30-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$16,224.00
	Total ZONING	<u>\$18,130.00</u>	<u>\$14,808.81</u>	<u>\$38,474.00</u>
10-6-5 TOWN PROPERTY				
10-6-51 MUNICIPAL BLDG				
10-6-51-10.00	Cleaning	\$1,500.00	\$930.00	\$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	\$211.09	\$500.00

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10-6-51-39.00	Electricity (TC)	\$2,800.00	\$2,718.76	\$2,800.00
10-6-51-40.00	Heat	\$4,000.00	\$3,748.29	\$4,000.00
10-6-51-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$4,000.00	\$3,581.80	\$4,000.00
10-6-51-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$315.68	\$200.00
10-6-51-43.00	Professional Services	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
10-6-51-44.00	Equipment	\$500.00	\$170.00	\$500.00
10-6-51-45.00	Security	\$850.00	\$962.75	\$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	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
10-6-51-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Total MUNICIPAL BLDG	<u>\$25,350.00</u>	<u>\$22,738.37</u>	<u>\$25,470.00</u>
10-6-52 CHESTER'S BAKERY				
10-6-52-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
10-6-52-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total CHESTER'S BAKERY	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
10-6-53 CEMETERIES				
10-6-53-25.00	Supplies	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
10-6-53-46.00	Contracted Services	\$10,000.00	\$7,680.00	\$7,700.00
10-6-53-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total CEMETERIES	<u>\$10,200.00</u>	<u>\$7,680.00</u>	<u>\$7,900.00</u>
10-6-54 PARKS/BEACH				
10-6-54-39.00	Electricity (Parks)	\$550.00	\$590.74	\$600.00
10-6-54-46.00	Contracted Services	\$1,250.00	\$750.00	\$1,250.00
10-6-54-47.00	Trash Removal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-54-48.00	Portolet Rental	\$800.00	\$675.00	\$800.00
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	\$809.18	\$1,000.00
	Total PARKS/BEACH	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,824.92</u>	<u>\$3,650.00</u>
10-6-55 COMMON SCHOOL				
10-6-55-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
10-6-55-42.00	Com.School Electricity	\$1,000.00	\$936.28	\$1,000.00
10-6-55-43.00	Heat	\$10,000.00	\$8,701.28	\$10,000.00
10-6-55-44.00	Water	\$200.00	\$192.12	\$200.00
10-6-55-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
	Total COMMON SCHOOL	<u>\$19,200.00</u>	<u>\$10,429.68</u>	<u>\$13,700.00</u>

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10-6-56 COMMUNITY CENTER BLDG				
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
	Total COMMUNITY CENTER BLDG	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
10-6-57 STREET LIGHTS				
10-6-57-39.00	Electricity (Street Lt)	\$5,500.00	\$5,498.57	\$5,600.00
10-6-57-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total STREET LIGHTS	<u>\$5,500.00</u>	<u>\$5,498.57</u>	<u>\$5,600.00</u>
10-6-58 75 NORTH RD				
10-6-58-39.00	Electricity (Old TC)	\$0.00	\$159.64	\$0.00
10-6-58-40.00	Heat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-6-58-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$2,000.00	\$5,900.00	\$2,000.00
10-6-58-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
10-6-58-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total 75 NORTH RD	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	<u>\$6,309.64</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
10-6-59 FIRE DEPT				
10-6-59-39.00	Electricity- Firestations	\$2,200.00	\$2,224.89	\$2,400.00
10-6-59-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
10-6-59-45.00	Security	\$800.00	\$838.45	\$850.00
10-6-59-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Total FIRE DEPT	<u>\$3,225.00</u>	<u>\$3,063.34</u>	<u>\$3,475.00</u>
	Total TOWN PROPERTY	<u>\$73,775.00</u>	<u>\$62,044.52</u>	<u>\$66,495.00</u>
10-6-60 APPROPRIATIONS				
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	\$129,214.00	\$129,214.00	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
	Total APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$282,010.00</u>	<u>\$282,010.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
10-6-90-90.00	Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Total GENERAL EXPENSES (2023 also includes appropriations' expenses)	<u>\$839,415.00</u>	<u>\$798,997.65</u>	<u>\$610,061.00</u>
10-7 HIGHWAY				
10-7-05 BENEFITS HIGHWAY				
10-7-05-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$20,450.00	\$18,398.26	\$21,400.00
10-7-05-16.00	Health Insurance	\$28,850.00	\$38,356.77	\$38,600.00

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10-7-05-17.00	Life Insurance/AD&D	\$450.00	\$504.00	\$500.00
10-7-05-18.00	Retirement	\$26,200.00	\$15,621.49	\$19,220.00
10-7-05-19.00	Disability Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$1,273.71	\$1,500.00
10-7-05-20.00	Vacation	\$9,000.00	\$10,854.13	\$11,400.00
10-7-05-21.00	Sick Leave	\$3,400.00	\$4,516.93	\$4,800.00
10-7-05-22.00	Holiday	\$7,420.00	\$6,720.56	\$7,800.00
10-7-05-23.00	Personal Leave	\$2,900.00	\$1,782.65	\$2,900.00
10-7-05-24.00	Training	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
10-7-05-25.00	Bereavement Leave	\$635.00	\$183.76	\$635.00
10-7-05-26.00	Clothing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total BENEFITS HIGHWAY	<u>\$101,305.00</u>	<u>\$98,212.26</u>	<u>\$109,755.00</u>
10-7-10 WINTER MAINT TOWN RDS				
10-7-10-10.00	Labor	\$101,000.00	\$78,066.55	\$104,232.00
10-7-10-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-10-46.00	Contracted Services	\$5,000.00	\$600.47	\$5,000.00
10-7-10-47.00	Salt	\$60,000.00	\$58,723.21	\$60,000.00
10-7-10-48.00	Winter Sand	\$50,000.00	\$61,404.50	\$60,000.00
10-7-10-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$15,000.00	\$4,318.63	\$15,000.00
	Total WINTER MAINT TOWN RDS	<u>\$231,000.00</u>	<u>\$203,113.36</u>	<u>\$244,232.00</u>
10-7-20 SUMMER MAINT TOWN RDS				
10-7-20-10.00	Labor	\$56,150.00	\$56,813.80	\$57,945.00
10-7-20-44.00	Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
10-7-20-46.00	Contracted Services	\$2,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,500.00
10-7-20-47.00	Materials	\$50,000.00	\$73,498.98	\$74,000.00
10-7-20-48.00	Chloride	\$60,000.00	\$38,873.45	\$55,000.00
10-7-20-98.00	Road Signs	\$5,000.00	\$3,161.63	\$5,000.00
10-7-20-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$81.77	\$500.00
	Total SUMMER MAINT TOWN RDS	<u>\$175,150.00</u>	<u>\$174,304.63</u>	<u>\$194,945.00</u>
10-7-30 CONSTRUCTION ROADS				
10-7-30-10.00	Labor	\$39,200.00	\$47,623.95	\$40,456.00
10-7-30-44.00	Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-30-46.00	Contracted Services	\$10,000.00	\$4,319.00	\$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	\$51,220.29	\$40,000.00
10-7-30-48.00	Gravel	\$30,000.00	\$37,456.00	\$30,000.00
10-7-30-60.00	Grant Matching Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total CONSTRUCTION ROADS	<u>\$130,200.00</u>	<u>\$140,619.24</u>	<u>\$130,456.00</u>

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10-7-31 PAVING PROJECT				
10-7-31-10.00	Labor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-31-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,195.56	\$0.00
10-7-31-46.00	Contracted Services	\$155,000.00	\$117,228.50	\$155,000.00
10-7-31-47.00	Materials	\$0.00	\$43,297.04	\$0.00
	Total PAVING PROJECT	<u>\$155,000.00</u>	<u>\$161,721.10</u>	<u>\$155,000.00</u>
10-7-50 EQUIPMENT				
10-7-50-10.00	Labor	\$31,770.00	\$23,456.96	\$32,785.00
10-7-50-25.00	Supplies	\$40,000.00	\$48,442.89	\$40,000.00
10-7-50-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$15,000.00	\$14,749.02	\$15,000.00
10-7-50-43.00	Surplus Transfer to Equip	\$30,000.00	\$9,260.19	\$58,000.00
10-7-50-44.00	Equipment Fund	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$55,776.00
10-7-50-47.00	Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10-7-50-49.00	Fuel/Oil	\$85,000.00	\$67,554.17	\$75,000.00
10-7-50-90.00	Debt Retirement	\$68,055.00	\$64,432.18	\$68,430.00
10-7-50-91.00	Debt Retirement-Interest	\$0.00	\$3,619.55	\$0.00
	Total EQUIPMENT	<u>\$339,825.00</u>	<u>\$301,514.96</u>	<u>\$344,991.00</u>
10-7-60 TOWN GARAGE				
10-7-60-10.00	Labor	\$15,900.00	\$12,442.84	\$16,410.00
10-7-60-25.00	Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$4,285.91	\$3,000.00
10-7-60-28.00	Telephone	\$300.00	\$295.11	\$300.00
10-7-60-35.00	Tools	\$2,000.00	\$1,643.74	\$2,000.00
10-7-60-39.00	Electricity (TG)	\$2,500.00	\$2,940.45	\$2,800.00
10-7-60-40.00	Heat	\$2,500.00	\$2,459.01	\$2,000.00
10-7-60-41.00	Repairs/Maint	\$10,000.00	\$6,716.82	\$7,500.00
10-7-60-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$202.22	\$200.00
10-7-60-43.00	Computer	\$200.00	\$24.00	\$200.00
10-7-60-44.00	Equipment	\$1,800.00	\$260.10	\$1,800.00
10-7-60-45.00	Security	\$800.00	\$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	\$391.57	\$500.00
	Total TOWN GARAGE	<u>\$40,700.00</u>	<u>\$32,495.05</u>	<u>\$38,560.00</u>
10-7-90-90.00	Transfer Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total HIGHWAY	<u>\$1,173,180.00</u>	<u>\$1,111,980.60</u>	<u>\$1,217,939.00</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,012,595.00</u>	<u>\$1,910,978.25</u>	<u>\$1,828,000.00</u>

2024 Budget General Fund Expenditures	\$1,828,000.00
2024 Budgeted Revenue	\$648,956.00
*2024 Amount to be Raised in Taxes	\$1,179,044.00

(2023 approved General Fund amount to be raised in taxes: \$1,153,310.00)

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PROPOSED 2024 LIBRARY BUDGET

Account	Budget CY 2023	Actual CY 2023*	Budget CY 2024
30-5-00 LIBRARY REVENUE			
30-5-00-10.00 Taxes	\$129,214.00	\$129,214.00	TBD
30-5-00-25.05 Wallis CD Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.10 Donations	\$0.00	\$865.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.11 Copier Fees	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$40.00
30-5-00-25.12 Friends Gift	\$0.00	\$5,407.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.14 Book Replacement Fees	\$0.00	\$17.00	\$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	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.60 Grants	\$1,500.00	\$2,945.90	\$1,500.00
30-5-00-25.90 Transfer In	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-25.92 2021 Surplus Operating Funds	\$10,450.00	\$0.00	\$6,690.00
30-5-00-25.94 Investment Acct Revenue	\$32,200.00	\$32,168.86	\$32,200.00
30-5-00-25.99 Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	\$366.00	\$0.00
30-5-00-70.00 Program Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total LIBRARY REVENUE	\$173,404.00	\$171,083.76	\$40,430.00
30-6-10 LIBRARY OPERATING EXPENSE			
30-6-10-10.00 Salary	\$40,000.00	\$39,846.12	\$45,000.00
30-6-10-10.01 Grant Writer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-10.02 Assistant Salary	\$18,985.00	\$17,002.87	\$21,736.00
30-6-10-15.00 Fica/Medi	\$4,512.00	\$4,320.22	\$5,105.00
30-6-10-16.00 Health Insurance	\$20,902.00	\$21,076.74	\$22,280.00
30-6-10-17.00 Life Insurance/AD&D	\$126.00	\$126.00	\$126.00
30-6-10-18.00 Disability Insurance	\$279.00	\$279.12	\$279.00
30-6-10-19.00 Retirement	\$2,650.00	\$2,640.05	\$3,098.00
30-6-10-20.00 Destiny Database	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-22.00 Legal	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$400.00
30-6-10-25.00 Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$561.13	\$1,000.00
30-6-10-25.01 Adult Books	\$3,360.00	\$2,660.88	\$3,360.00
30-6-10-25.02 Young Adult Books	\$700.00	\$361.41	\$600.00
30-6-10-25.05 Children's Books	\$2,500.00	\$2,406.83	\$2,500.00
30-6-10-25.06 Adult Periodicals	\$1,000.00	\$830.87	\$1,000.00
30-6-10-25.07 Young Adult Periodicals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-25.08 Children's Periodicals	\$50.00	\$59.95	\$60.00
30-6-10-25.10 Audio Books	\$585.00	\$631.20	\$600.00
30-6-10-25.11 Electronic Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-25.15 Tech Equip. & Services	\$2,000.00	\$1,821.37	\$2,000.00
30-6-10-28.00 Telephone	\$760.00	\$592.94	\$650.00
30-6-10-30.00 Postage	\$1,450.00	\$1,214.48	\$1,300.00
30-6-10-31.00 Internet	\$1,950.00	\$1,858.35	\$1,950.00
30-6-10-33.00 Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-37.00 Mileage	\$150.00	\$178.70	\$200.00

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30-6-10-38.00	Adult Programs	\$520.00	\$775.00	\$520.00
30-6-10-38.01	Afterschool Programs	\$400.00	\$89.95	\$400.00
30-6-10-38.02	Storytime/Playgroup	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-38.05	Conferences	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$280.00
30-6-10-38.06	Summer Programming	\$900.00	\$57.93	\$800.00
30-6-10-39.00	Exhibit Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-10-40.00	Friends Expense	\$0.00	\$5,001.95	\$0.00
30-6-10-44.00	Equipment	\$1,350.00	\$1,334.17	\$1,350.00
30-6-10-45.00	Transfer to Charles Sch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,690.00
30-6-10-60.00	Grant Expense	\$1,500.00	\$2,309.42	\$1,500.00
30-6-10-99.00	Miscellaneous Exp	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total LIBRARY OPERATING EXPENSE		<u>\$107,729.00</u>	<u>\$108,242.65</u>	<u>\$120,784.00</u>

30-6-51 LIBRARY PROPERTY EXPENSE

30-6-51-10.00	Cleaning	\$6,550.00	\$6,455.00	\$6,755.00
30-6-51-15.00	FICA/MEDI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-51-24.00	Insurance	\$3,475.00	\$4,647.00	\$4,650.00
30-6-51-25.00	Supplies	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
30-6-51-39.00	Electricity	\$3,200.00	\$2,163.64	\$2,500.00
30-6-51-40.00	Heat	\$3,600.00	\$3,039.63	\$3,300.00
30-6-51-41.00	Repairs and Maintenance	\$12,950.00	\$13,208.39	\$3,000.00
30-6-51-42.00	Water	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
30-6-51-43.00	Professional Services	\$1,000.00	\$950.00	\$500.00
30-6-51-44.00	Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30-6-51-45.00	Landscaping Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,115.00	\$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	\$28,214.35	\$32,200.00
30-6-51-91.00	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$3,954.51	\$0.00
30-6-51-98.00	Capital Improvements	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
30-6-51-99.00	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total LIBRARY PROPERTY EXPENSE		<u>\$65,675.00</u>	<u>\$65,597.52</u>	<u>\$55,805.00</u>

Total Expenditures	<u>\$173,404.00</u>	<u>\$173,840.17</u>	<u>\$176,589.00</u>
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2024 Library Budget Expenditures	\$176,589.00
2024 Library Budgeted Revenue	\$40,430.00
2024 Library Amount to be Raised in Taxes	\$136,159.00

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Message from the Select Board

As we reflect on the events of 2023, the Fairfield Select Board extends a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering involvement, understanding and cooperation. Your collective support has been instrumental in navigating the various challenges in our community.

Throughout the year, our dedicated road crew, in collaboration with a contractor, undertook significant projects to enhance our infrastructure. From replacing a failing culvert beneath North Road to preparing Chester Arthur Road for paving, substantial efforts were made to ensure the resilience and improvement of our expansive road system. We appreciate your patience during road closures necessitated by these projects and encourage you to extend your appreciation to our hardworking road crew—Moe, Jimmy, James, and Jake.

To enhance accessibility, all Select Board meetings in 2023 were recorded and broadcast by Northwest Access Television (NWATV). We are pleased with the increased community involvement resulting from this accessibility. We encourage you to stay informed by watching the meetings or attending them in person every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

This year's proposed budget reflects a 2.23% increase in the amount to be raised in taxes due to uncontrollable factors. Despite these challenges, we have diligently worked to propose a balanced and financially responsible budget. Collaboration with our Grant Writer, State, and Federal partners remains ongoing to secure grants, and we strive to keep our equipment up to date while being proactive in budgeting, infrastructure development, and town investments.

A special thank you goes out to all employees, elected officials, and volunteers serving the town in various capacities. We invite and encourage you to consider joining the ranks of volunteers in our community, as there are numerous ways to contribute.

Your Select Board is committed to serving you to the best of our ability. Feel free to reach out with questions or comments and consider joining us at the Town Office every second or fourth Monday of the month for our Select Board meeting.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous year ahead!

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

Town Administrator Report

Dear Residents of Fairfield,

My work, on behalf of Selectboard, was inspired by this community as we moved together through 2023.

Although we endured strong storms this summer, Fairfield was not identified as a FEMA disaster zone during our summer storms. Road construction efforts adapted to high water tables and we were still able to accomplish what was planned. December also hit us pretty hard. Many thanks to our amazing road crew who trucked in stone and worked overtime on our washed-out roads, flooding, downed trees, and unexpected mud season. Through careful 2023 budgeting we were able to pay over \$30,000 in stone expenses related to this storm during the very last weeks of the year. We are uncertain about if FEMA will declare the December flooding a disaster but, if so, history suggests that reimbursement may be a long time coming.

The Townspeople of Fairfield should be proud of the fiscal integrity that sees us through storms and ensures continued upgrades. Fairfield adheres to an up-to-date financial policy, has fairly low debt, and we keep up with our expenses. This year, we utilized a \$200,000 paving grant for Chester A Arthur Rd.; a \$175,000 structures grant to replace and upsize an old culvert on North Rd.; and a \$45,000 grant to improve the road and ditches of Pumpkin Village Rd. These grants paid for about 45% of the \$935,000 combined costs of these projects, and we utilized ARPA and General Funds to make up the difference. We couldn't conduct such important projects without the support of this community and careful fiscal planning.

Industry mergers and closing factories have resulted in increasing prices for dump trucks. It is also expensive, however, to keep aging trucks running. In 2023, we purchased a new Ford F600 to replace our F550, utilizing Small Truck CD funds, and we are on track to trade in our 2017 Freightliner, utilizing some of our Equipment Fund CD, in 2024. We are grateful that the taxpayers continue to prioritize investments in this important truck rotation schedule through our town budget each year.

In 2024, the Town of Fairfield is planning to update our Land Use Regulations to better align with our Town Plan; the proposed Town Budget includes an investment in this process using non-tax sources. We also are looking forward to continued discussions about the future of the Common School building and we will be welcoming a new tenant to the Old Town Clerk's building. Although we cannot always predict the weather, I do predict that Fairfield's community-spirit will continue to move us forward.

Please be sure to visit our website, www.fairfieldvermont.us, for contact info, documents, meeting minutes and more, and "like" the Town of Fairfield, VT on Facebook. I am honored to be able to work in a town that has such commitment to wanting to achieve what is best. See you at Town Meeting!

Kind Regards,

Cathy Ainsworth, Town Administrator

(802) 424-2657, townadmin@fairfieldvermont.us

Town Administrator Financial Report*

*All 2023 budget information in this Town Report is preliminary because of the ongoing Audit; a complete treasurer's report will be available upon its completion

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUND BALANCE

	Estimated	Actual	Over/(Under)
Fund Balance 01/01/23	\$461,878.40	\$461,878.40	\$0.00
2023 Revenues**	<u>\$4,775,215.00</u>	<u>\$4,706,379.00</u>	<u>-\$68,836.00</u>
	\$5,237,093.40	\$5,168,257.40	-\$68,836.00
2023 Expenditures**	<u>\$4,775,215.00</u>	<u>\$4,647,857.00</u>	<u>\$127,358.00</u>
Fund Balance 12/31/23	<u>\$461,878.40</u>	<u>\$520,400.40</u> *	<u>\$58,522.00</u>

** Revenues and Expenditures include \$2,762,620 School Taxes collected and distributed to MRUSD

DECEMBER 31, 2023 TOWN RESERVE FUNDS

Description of Fund	Fund Balance
General Operating	\$313,299.06
Operating Sweep Account	\$500,000.00
Common School	\$25,045.49
Small Truck Equipment	\$8,140.92
Grant Disbursements	\$10.00
Historical Society	\$16,292.46
Wanzer Dodd Library Fund	\$3,466.06
Mary Wallis Library Fund	\$35,045.32
Recreation	\$15,764.87
Capital Project Fund	\$200,961.31
Cemetery Fund	\$18,592.49
Computerization Fund	\$22,489.23
Equipment Fund	\$221,930.83
Lister-Reappraisal Fund	\$60,516.80
Morey Cemetery Fund	\$2,776.14
Paving Fund	\$26,743.00
Zoning Fund	\$7,052.67
	<u>\$1,478,126.65</u>

2023 TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

Description	Interest Rate	Balance 01/01/2023	Incurred 2023	Principal Payment 2023	Interest Payment 2023	Balance 12/31/2023	
People's Trust Co. Commercial Note Term: 3 years- payoff 2024	2021 Tandum Truck	2.05%	\$60,606.72		\$29,393.28	\$1,845.00	\$30,607.47
People's Trust Co. Commercial Note Term: 3 years- payoff 2025	2023 Tandum Truck	2.25%	\$105,650.00		\$34,436.33	\$2,377.12	\$71,194.13
People's Trust Co. Long Term Debt Term: 10 years- payoff 2027	Library Building	2.60%	\$150,041.29		\$28,214.35	\$3,954.51	\$121,762.81
People's Trust Co. Short Term Debt Term: 1 Year- PAID OFF 2023	FEMA Grant Anticipation	1.75%	\$600,000.00		\$600,000.00	\$4,774.35	\$0.00
People's Trust Co. Short Term Debt Term: 1 Year- PAID OFF 2023	Tax Anticipation	1.85%	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$3,649.31	\$0.00
People's Trust Co. Short Term Debt Term: 1 Year- PAID OFF 2023	Tax Anticipation	1.95%	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$288.49	\$0.00

2023 TOWN GRANTS

Grant Name	Date Awarded	Total Grant Amount	Total Expenses 2020-2024	Reimbursed before 12/31/2023	Total Matched	Total Expected
Interlibrary Loan Courier Grant 2022	10/1/2022	\$571.35	\$ 788.60	\$ 571.35	\$ 217.25	\$ -
Interlibrary Loan Courier Grant 2023	10/1/2023	\$636.48	\$ 570.26	\$ 636.48	TBD	\$ -
2023 Summer Performer Program	5/15/2023	\$300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -
Winnie Bell Grant Learned Fund- Library	5/25/2023	\$500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Parent Child Center- Library		\$1,509.42	\$ 1,509.42	\$ 1,509.42	\$ -	\$ -
ARPA Funds		\$490,006.21	\$ 517,048.75	\$ 583,940.16	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Public Safety Public Assistance subaward- JUARE ROAD BRIDGE	1/17/2020, revised 10/2023	\$723,633.95	\$ 793,617.79	\$ 716,114.72	\$ 77,503.07	\$ -
Department of Public Safety Public Assistance subaward- ADMINISTRATION	1/17/2020	\$38,088.86	\$ 51,188.09	\$ -	TBD	TBD
Better Roads Category A Grant- Road Erosion Inventory	5/21/2021	\$8,000.00	\$ 7,692.81	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 1,538.81	\$ -
Better Roads- North Road (Fairfield BRPD023-304)	7/1/2022	\$56,000.00	\$ 82,054.22	\$ 55,275.82	\$ 26,778.40	\$ -
Better Roads- Lapland Ditch	7/1/2022	\$20,000.00	\$ 43,458.70	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 23,458.70	\$ -
Town Highway Structures Program- North Rd. Culvert (NRTH15)	7/1/2021	\$175,000.00	\$ 487,208.92	\$ 175,000.00	\$312,208.92	\$ -
Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program FY24- Chester A Arthur Paving	7/1/2023	\$200,000.00	\$ 261,172.87	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 61,172.87	\$ -
Grants-in- Aid- Puimpkin Village rd.	7/1/2022	\$45,000.00	TBD	\$ -	TBD	\$ 45,000.00
Grants-in- Aid-(project TBD, 2024)	7/1/2023	\$31,000.00				\$ 31,000.00
Fairfield Community Center Pavillion	6/15/21; enhanced 3/30/22. 6/2022, 10/2023	\$105,504.00	\$ 139,010.45	\$ 135,014.00	\$ -	\$ 3,996.45
TOTAL		\$1,895,750.27	\$2,386,120.88	\$1,895,015.95	\$502,878.02	\$79,996.45

2024 APPROPRIATION REQUESTS ANALYSIS

DESCRIPTION	CY2023	CY2024	% INCREASE
Bent Northrop Memorial Library Appropriation	\$129,214.00	\$136,159.00	5.4%
Fairfield Volunteer Fire Dept. Appropriation	\$117,225.00	\$117,225.00	0.0%
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%
Outdoor Classroom Appropriation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.0%
Cat Crusaders Appropriation	\$500.00	\$600.00	20.0%
	\$271,910.00	\$278,955.00	2.6%

Town Clerk Message

Town Meeting Day is Tuesday, March 5th. 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 and the Presidential Primary. Absentee ballots for MRUSD and Presidential Primary can be requested at the Clerks' office. For the Presidential Primary you will be asked to choose either a Republican or a Democratic ballot. Absentee ballots will need to be requested for the August Primary, which will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at the Clerks' Office in the Chester Arthur Room. You will be given three ballots; however, you can only vote on one ballot and discard the other two in the receptacle provided. The General Election is Tuesday, November 5 at the Clerks' Office in the Chester Arthur Room. The Secretary of States Office will be mailing every active registered voter a ballot. If you choose to vote in person on Election Day, please bring your ballot with you. Polls are open 7am. to 7 pm. for all elections. You can use the following link to check your voter registration status, register to vote, and request absentee ballots. <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>.

Please remember to file your Homestead Declaration each year with your State of Vermont Income Taxes. This is the only way to be charged the Residential tax rate on your property. Residential and non-residential status is 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 1st, as per the State Statute. Any property that is transferred after April 1st 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. We have no way of knowing who has their taxes in escrow. Mortgage companies and banks typically get the original tax bill. 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.

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.

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Marriages 2023

Names	Date	Residence
Barbara Stone Robert Schaeffer	11/11/2023	Fairfield Fairfield
Cynthia Garretson Richard Austin	12/1/2023	Fairfield Fairfield

Births 2023

Name of Child	Date	Parents
Oaklan Hunt Reed	1/11/2023	Elizabeth St Pierre Adam Reed
Atlas Gordon Moore	2/18/2023	Jennifer Tilton
Everett Henry Reed	3/4/2023	Chloe Brock
Flora Belle Crossman	3/16/2023	Savanna Kittell-Mitchell Torrey Crossman
Cooper Matthew Menard	3/19/2023	Alexis Combs Colin Menard
Taytum Lynn Bedard	3/26/2023	Megan Cushing Justin Bedard
Paxton Michael Brown	3/31/2023	Ariel Smith Christopher Brown
Lyla Joan Hungerford	4/5/2023	Kathleen Magnus Derek Hungerford
Gracie Rae Schweizer	4/27/2023	Diana Schiele David Schweizer
Nolan Thomas Mangan	5/4/2023	Mackenzie Lamothe Ryley Mangan
Hudson Brian Martin	5/5/2023	Ashley Gagne David Martin
Felicity Marabella Remillard	5/15/2023	Emily Rollo Devin Remillard

Tucker Reginald Martin	6/9/2023	Kelsey Gagne Cody Martin
Colbie Quinn Hallstrom	6/19/2023	Samantha Manahan Christian Hallstrom
Eithan Cruz Lopez	6/30/2023	Mayra Lopez Jose Cruz
Cade Conley Branon	7/14/2023	Holly Reed Matthew Branon
Cove Cyrus Marrier	7/22/2023	Megan Fanning Ryan Marrier
Ashlynn Elizabeth Jenkins	7/30/2023	Kelsey O'Farrell Tyler Jenkins
Ronnie Jo Farmer	8/2/2023	Carly Barone Ashley Farmer
Katherine Lopez Ventura	8/23/2023	Mireya Ventura de la Cruz Anselmo Lopez Ulloa
Connor Michael Wallace	8/24/2023	Bambi Patch Andrew Wallace
Summer Jean Christian	8/31/2023	Delisca Garceau Brian Christian
Mavrick Arthur Turner	9/11/2023	Melanie Dubie Josh Turner
Parker Paul Lumbra	9/20/2023	Jasmyn Bedard Dallas Lumbra
Jalen Willis Bastian	11/2/2023	Chanel Moore James Bastian
Natalee Jean Callan	11/14/2023	Cassie Collins Jacob Callan
Blakley Nova Parrotte	12/2/2023	Joan Dudley Leffel
Aria Elizabeth Tedford Bella Sue Tedford	12/19/2023	Taylor Pidgeon Jesse Tedford

Deaths 2023

Name	Date	Residence	Age
Kathy Benjamin	1/2/2023	Fairfield	65
Michael Malboeuf	1/7/2023	Fairfield	73
Betty Jean Garceau	1/28/2023	Fairfield	78
Sally Gabert	1/28/2023	East Fairfield	82
Clifford Bates	1/29/2023	Fairfield	82
Dylan Leavitt	2/18/2023	Bakersfield	23
Luigia Covi	2/25/2023	Fairfield	90
Alice Godfrey	3/14/2023	East Fairfield	101
Ronald Ploof	3/16/2023	Fairfield	80
Frank Little	5/8/2023	East Fairfield	71
Wayne Mitchell	5/9/2023	East Fairfield	73
Jamie Leclerc	5/22/2023	Fairfield	45
Charles Thomas	5/24/2023	Fairfield	87
Jonathan Dahlgren	5/25/2023	Fairfield	46
Eugene French	6/17/2023	Fairfield	101
Darlene Fowler	6/22/2023	Fairfield	78
Mark Bates	7/2/2023	Fairfield	68
Rodney Pelkey	7/6/2023	Bakersfield	73
Marie Cole	11/13/2023	Fairfield	83
Henriette Emch	12/5/2023	St Albans	77
Horace Riley	12/15/2023	East Fairfield	91

Fairfield Zoning Report 2023
Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Zoning Administrator

We saw an increase in single family residence permits and subdivisions in 2023. We expect this trend to continue in 2024. Our primary focus in 2024 will be a review of the zoning regulations to make sure they align closely to the town plan. We've seen a recent surge in interest in zoning and we are looking to capitalize on that! Our goal is to see growth in a controlled and thoughtful way to ensure we maintain the rural character of Fairfield.

The following chart details the 2023 building permit report compared to 2021 and 2022.

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment meet on the first Monday of every month at 7pm in the Town Office.

Please check the website www.fairfieldvermont.us for updates and documents. All questions related to zoning should be addressed to zoning@fairfieldvermont.us or call 802-827-3261 extension 3.

Melissa Manson PC/ZBA Chair
Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment Members:
Aaron Forbes, Demetrius Bolduc, Peter Burns, Dan Pipes

Steven True, Zoning Administrator

2023 Zoning Administrator Report

Permits Issued	2023	2022	2021
Minor Subdivision/Boundary Line Adjustment	6	5	1
Single Family Residences	12	2	2
Replacement Homes	1	1	1
Conditional Uses	0	2	1
Barns	0	0	0
Permit Amendments	0	0	1
House Additions	3	1	3
Camp Additions	1	0	1
Garages	6	2	7
Decks/Porches	2	4	6
Swimming Pools	0	0	1
Barn Additions	0	0	0
Milk Houses	0	0	0
Sugar Houses	0	0	1
Salt Shed	0	0	0
Storage Bldgs/Sheds	9	4	7
Major Subdivisions	1	3	1
Permit Extensions	0	1	1
Change of Use	0	0	0
Apartments	0	0	0
Outdoor Wood Boilers	0	0	0
Agricultural Housing	0	0	0
Accessory Dwelling	0	1	1
Replacement Camps	0	2	1
Communications Facilities	0	0	0
Sap Pump Houses	0	2	0
Commerical Buildings	0	0	0
Camps	0	0	0
Green House	0	0	0
Home Occupation	0	0	0
Signage	0	0	0
Two Family Residence	0	0	1
Total	41	30	36

Bent Northrop Memorial Library - 2023 Trustees Report

Business is booming at BNML! Our numbers continue to increase in all areas, demonstrating the value of this dynamic, vibrant, and essential hub in our community. We bring people together in a welcoming space full of resources, social connection opportunities, and chances to grow.

In 2023, the Library was visited almost **13,000** times, **5%** more than last year. We had a **17%** increase in circulation of physical materials. The collection continues to grow...we have almost **8000** items including books, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, attraction passes, DVDs, snowshoes, puzzles, games, and backpacks that go in and out. We added almost twice as many new patrons in 2023 as we have in previous years; new community members quickly learn that BNML is a place to explore, learn, connect, and have fun.

Our small staff of only two (one full-time, one part-time) works hard 6 days a week to offer great services and programming at one of the busiest libraries in the county. The overall 2024 budget is very conservative, increasing a mere 1.8%. The tax request increase is only 5.4%, which is less than \$7000. This is primarily due to some changes in property insurance and staffing costs.

Some highlights from 2023:

- 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 4000 books, and much, much more!
- The number of free Ebooks and audiobooks continues to grow; there are tens of thousands of titles available to our patrons with just their library card using the Palace and Libby apps.
- We continue to offer access to many services like computers, 24/7 wifi inside and out, online resources, copying and printing, book deliveries to daycares, Community Room use, space for remote work, and a safe place for lots and lots of kids after school.
- We leveraged grant funding from the NCSS Parent Child Center, Winnie Bell Learned Foundation, Farm to School, and Vermont Department of Libraries which enabled us to support programming and materials for our youth patrons.
- The Friends of BNML remain an active and supportive group who sponsored Wellness Day in April, funded many of our attraction passes, packages to welcome new babies, new materials, Summer Reading Program prizes, program supplies, and of course hosted the 9th highly successful To Bid or Not to Bid Silent Auction event. We're grateful for their dedication to BNML!
- We welcomed Susan Magnan back to the Board of Trustees and will say goodbye to Melissa Southwick when she finishes her term in February. Please consider joining us by running for a seat in March!

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

We welcome your questions and feedback. Visit our website, sign up for our newsletter, and follow us on Facebook. We look forward to seeing everyone at the library in 2024!

Sincerely, the BNML Board of Trustees: Melissa Southwick, Peter Burns, Michele Feiner, Sue Magnan, and Samantha Thomas

Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department 2023

The Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department was extremely busy during 2023 responding to incidents within Fairfield as well as neighboring towns. FVFD is part of the Franklin County mutual aid system, and we were called to assist neighboring towns with multiple large structure fires throughout the year. In addition to monthly business meetings, trainings, and community outreach events FVFD responded to 48 calls in 2023.

Our department has grown in many ways in recent years, including recruiting new members, improved monthly in-house training and continued training with our mutual aid partners. In house training events this year focused on a variety of topics including CPR/AED recertification, stop the bleed, search and rescue techniques with full gear & SCBA, pump operations and vehicle fires. Members also attended a county class to learn about hybrid & electric vehicle fires. The growth and commitment to training has allowed FVFD to consistently respond with full crews of properly trained personnel to calls both in the Town of Fairfield and surrounding towns day and night.

This year FVFD members participated in and hosted a variety of community outreach projects. This year's outreach included multiple events with the Fairfield Center School including the annual fire safety day when FVFD members spend the day teaching students about fire safety. We also co-hosted a 9/11 Remembrance Walk with the school and were joined by all of the students and faculty as we walked two times around the school to symbolize the steps taken by NYFD firefighters to the top of the towers on 9/11. We also hosted an Open House event where the community was invited for lunch and retired members of the fire department were presented Lifetime Service awards. Other events include providing traffic control for BNML's Trunk or Treat event, assisting the 8th grade coin drop fundraiser, a gun raffle, and our Holiday Lights and Food Drive.

Last year we asked for an increase in our budget in anticipation of purchasing a new fire truck to replace Engine 3 which is housed in Station #2 in East Fairfield. We ordered a pumper tanker early in 2023 and anticipate delivery of the truck in early 2025. We are also looking into refurbishing Engine 2, which is a 2004 International, to prolong its service life. This year's budget request is the same as last year's.

The members of the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the Fairfield community for your continued support. If you are interested in joining the department or have any questions, please feel free to contact any of our members. Monthly business meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 at the Fairfield Center Fire Station.

Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department

Account Balances 1-1-23

N.O.W. Account:	\$ 92,383.36
Equipment Fund:	\$ 141,305.69
Money Market:	\$ 51,686.60
	<u>\$ 285,375.65</u>

2023 Expenses

Dues & Subscriptions:	\$ 561.00
Fire Ext & Oxy:	\$ -
Insurance:	\$ 13,051.00
Office:	\$ 2,098.44
Radio-Pagers:	\$ 1,197.00
Repairs:	\$ 7,693.85
Supplies:	\$ 19,811.25
Gas-Oil-Grease:	\$ 8,897.36
	<u>\$ 53,309.90</u>

2023 Income

2022 Appropriation:	\$ 117,225.00
N.O.W. Account Interest:	\$ 39.42
Equipment Fund & CD Interest:	\$ 690.29
Money Market & CD Interest:	\$ 299.84
Gun Raffle	\$ 4,961.01
Misc Income:	\$ 879.00
	<u>\$ 124,094.56</u>

Account Balances 12-31-23

N.O.W. Account:	\$ 39,991.88
Equipment Fund & CD:	\$ 146,956.99
Money Market & CD:	\$ 169,211.44
	<u>\$ 356,160.31</u>

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024

	Budgeted 2023	Actual 2023	Proposed 2024
Truck/Equipment Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$500	\$561	\$500
Fire Extinguisher	\$725	\$0	\$725
Insurance	\$16,000	\$13,051	\$16,000
Office	\$2,000	\$2,098	\$2,000
Radios & Pagers	\$5,000	\$1,197	\$5,000
Repairs	\$18,000	\$7,694	\$18,000
Supplies	\$15,000	\$19,811	\$15,000
Gas/Oil/Grease	\$10,000	\$8,897	\$10,000
Total	\$117,225	\$103,310	\$117,225

Fairfield Scholarship Fund 2023

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 2023 Scholarships of \$1000.00 each are:

Jaylin Bedard daughter of Chad and Suzanne Bedard, is attending St. Michaels College in Colchester, VT studying Education and Psychology.

Anna Bouchard, daughter of John and Michele Bouchard is attending the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT majoring in English.

Hannah Branon, daughter of Jonathon and Candi Branon is attending Community College of Vermont and Vermont State University in St. Albans, VT studying Nursing.

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. % Joy Kane, 4 Victoria Lane, Brookside III, Apt. 202, St. Albans, VT 05478, 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/ Barbara Riley

/s/ Cecile Callan

/s/ Janice Adams

/s/ Sarah Branon-Menard

/s/ Gail Williams

/s/ Diane Tracy

/s/ Joan Ploof

The Scholarship Committee

2023 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 **1,174** people from **456** households, of which **226** were children under 18 and **388** 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, **830** people came solely for our produce and perishable items, and **760** people came for produce and perishable goods after their community meal. Through our Thanksgiving Basket program, we were able to send **58** families home with turkeys and fixings.

Our Community Meal program began having in-person meals again and continues to serve **~30 people weekly**, the vast majority of which are seniors over 60. Our Tuesday sit-down meals are open to everyone with a suggested donation of \$5. Come taste what Chef Sunni Tipper is cooking up. Meals are delicious and the company is nurturing. You won't want to miss it!

A huge thank you goes out to our incredible volunteers, a total of **3200+** hours were volunteered in 2023! Our programs are not possible without our volunteer's support and dedication to our community.

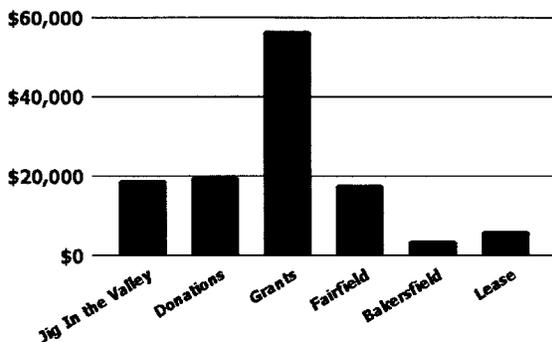
Our Black Creek Adventure Camp had another successful summer of fun! Thanks again to a partnership with the Maple Run Unified School District, we were able to offer at least one week of camp to **60 campers from Fairfield!** All of our Black Creek Adventures Programs, including our Afterschool Program, are fully licensed and registered with the state of Vermont! Come check one out!

Still Got milk? We're keeping our commitment to provide whole milk from Monument Farms to our community: Community Meals diners, Seniors, Food Shelf clients, after school students and campers.

Highlights from 2023: Jig In the Valley: This was our biggest Jig In the Valley yet! So much gratitude goes out to our volunteers, organizers, staff, and community, for coming together to support our musical heritage and the Community Center. Many thanks to our sponsors: Stones's, Med Associates, SB Collins, A.N. Deringer, Green Dolphin LLC, Union Bank, Northwest Medical Center, Branon Family Maple Orchards, People's Trust Company and Maplefields-R.L. Valley.

Our "food-scape" at the center is nearing completion! We've put in new raised beds, a split rail fence, additional storage sheds, and a permanent "pad" for the pizza oven. In 2024, we'll be planting fruit trees and bushes, adding to the incredible edibleness of our "food-scape". The building also continues to see improvements as necessary, and when funded! We just put new flooring in our Community Rooms, bathroom and hallways. They add a much needed update to the building, making it more inviting and fresh.

2023 Sources of Income



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 2023: Vermont Afterschool-Room For Me Grant, Agnes M. Lindsay Trust, Vermont Fresh Mini Grant, Vermont Electric Co-op Community Fund, Everyone Eats/Skinny Pancake, Vermont Dairy Promotion, Vermonters Feeding Vermonters, VT Foodbank Capacity and Competitive Capacity Funds, and a Vermont Community Foundation Urgent Needs Grant.

Our grant funded projects take many helping hands to see our visions come to fruition! A big thanks to our collaborators on projects and programs in 2023: A.S. Hudak, Sutton Thomas, Northwest Technical Center Building Trades, Maple Run Union School District, Skonscapes Landscaping, Valdemar Gariby, UVM Extension Bridges for Health, the

Town of Fairfield, Patenaude Family, Healthy Roots Collaborative and multiple growers supplying local produce to the food shelf.

We are seeking board members to join our crew! If you're interested in creating community, sharing ideas, participating in fundraising efforts, and supporting the overall operations at the Center, be in touch!

Three cheers for our Board of Directors...we couldn't do it without them! The Community Center is extremely fortunate to have such a caring, dedicated, thoughtful and supportive board! A huge thank you to our 2023 Board of Directors: Julie Wolcott, Michele Bessett, Kathryn Rosenberg, Margreth Patenaude, Joshua Harding, Steven True, Brian Trudell, Greta Brunswick, and Brenda Churchill.

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE



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

January 5th, 2024

On behalf of the Vermont State Police, St. Albans Barracks, we are providing our 2023 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)
- 5 Troopers – on the Tactical Services Unit (TSU)
- 1 Trooper – on the Critical Action Team (CAT)
- 1 Trooper – on the Search and Rescue Team (SAR)
- 1 Trooper – on the Bomb Squad (EOD)
- 1 Trooper – on the CLAN lab team
- 2 Troopers – on the Crash Reconstruction Team (CRT)
- 1 Trooper – on the Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU)

“Your Safety Is Our Business”

Annual Crime Statistics for the St. Albans Barracks:

Total Cases: 6066

Total Arrests: 456

Total Tickets Issued: 337

Total Warnings Issued: 1070

Fatal Accidents: 7

Total Burglaries Investigated: 48

Total DUI's: 50

Local Community Report for Fairfield:

Total Cases: 191

Total Arrests: 10

Total DUI's: 2

Total Accidents – Property Damage: 15

Total Accidents – Injury: 3

Total Vandalisms: 2

Total Alarms: 15

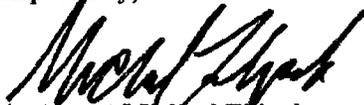
Total Burglaries: 1

Total Tickets: 5

Total Warnings: 23

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: 2023

St. Albans Local Health Office | 27 Federal St, Suite 201, St. Albans, VT
802-524-7970 | 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 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/st-albans



Children, Youth and Families

- In 2023, our **Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program** had an average monthly participation of 1,181 participants from Grand Isle and Franklin counties.
- Our staff helped WIC families access **over \$220,000 in fruits and vegetables.**
- Our office is helping over 60 participants in our Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program **learn how to breastfeed confidently.**



Community Health and Safety

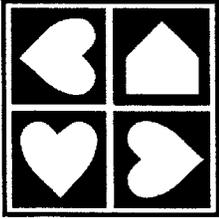
- This year, our office administered 275 vaccines. These included **vaccines for Mpox, as well as routine ones like flu, COVID, and tetanus.**
- We work closely with Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers to **provide wound care and foot checks** every Thursday at Martha's Kitchen in St. Albans.
- Our 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

The **Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi and the St. Albans Local Health Office work together** to hold vaccination clinics. These clinics take place at the Swanton tribal offices on the last Monday of every month. During the summer of 2023, MRC volunteers started providing wound care and foot checks at these vaccination clinics.





**Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.
Information Sheet
2023**

What is Franklin County Home Health Agency?

Franklin County Home Health Agency is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation that has proudly provided residents Franklin County with high quality, comprehensive home health, hospice, long term care and wellness services since 1969.

What is the Agency’s Mission and Purpose?

We provide high quality health care services in home and community settings. We are committed to excellence. We meet the needs of our clients in a professional manner that promotes health, independence, comfort, dignity, and quality of life.

What is the Agency’s service area?

The Agency serves all 15 towns in Franklin County. We serve people of all ages.

How many patients did the Agency serve in 2023?

The Agency made a total of 38,669 visits to 1,268 Franklin County residents.

We made the following number of visits to the residents Franklin County:

20,916	Home Care Services
14,912	Long Term Care Services
2,841	Hospice Services

How many people does the Agency employ?

The Agency has a staff of 80 Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Medical Social Workers, Licensed Nursing Assistants, Care Attendants, Homemakers, and Office Support Staff.

What are the Agency’s Programs and Services?

Home Care: We provide medically necessary home health services to people of all ages. Examples include individuals who need wound care, a person newly diagnosed with diabetes needing insulin administration and instruction, or a mother and newborn newly discharged from the hospital.

Hospice: We care for people with serious illness for whom the prognosis is less than six months of life. The focus of this care is on achieving comfort and quality of life.

Long Term Care: We help disabled and older members of our community with personal care, housekeeping, meal preparation, errands, and shopping to allow them to stay independent in their own home.

Maternal Child Health Program and Childbirth Education Program: We help to prepare pregnant women for a healthy pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, and new infant care.

In addition, we offer grief and bereavement services and wellness services to our community.

How are services paid for?

As a Medicare certified Agency, we receive reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party insurances. In 2023 we received 86.92% percent of our revenue from Medicare and Medicaid.

Why does the Agency need money from towns?

The Agency depends on the money received from towns to subsidize the cost of care provided to patients who are uninsured or underinsured. We are committed to providing medically necessary home care services to all those in need regardless of their ability to pay. Without individual town appropriations and donor gifts, our ability to provide care is adversely impacted.

Where can you call for more information about Franklin County Home Health Agency, Inc.?

For more information about the Agency or the services we provide please call (802) 527-7531 or visit our website at www.fchha.org.



FRANKLIN COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

FCIDC Annual Report for 2023

The Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation (FCIDC) was established in 1971 when our region was experiencing double digit unemployment levels. We have come a long way since then to the point where Franklin County has one of the strongest economies in the State. With that said, it is important to note that if we cannot start to fill job vacancies in all sectors of our economy then we will begin to take steps backwards. Recently we learned that Kaytec located in Richford will be closing their doors in 2024. Kaytec produces vinyl siding and it is recognized as a quality product in the construction industry. The company has been struggling to find employees for a couple of years now and they were forced to operate at less than half of their capacity. In addition to the workforce issues dairy prices remain stagnant in the \$23.00 per hundredweight area and the price continues to be less than the cost of production for many farms.

The workforce shortage is probably the number one issue that all businesses are faced with. It doesn't matter if it is manufacturing, agriculture, Main St., retail or the service industry there are help wanted signs everywhere. On average 50% of graduating seniors choose not to go on to the trades or college. Now is the prime time for high school students and graduates to begin developing their work resumes. Businesses, unlike 10 years ago, are much more flexible with part-time employees and their work schedule needs. In addition to the job flexibility, the pay scale has never been higher. So, encourage your kids to find a job and start supporting our local economy. FCIDC has been collaborating with our five county high schools to educate our students as to what employment opportunities exist for them. We will be coordinating business tours in 2024.

FCIDC has been active in the redevelopment of the Perley Block located at 366 Main Street in Enosburg. The retail space on the first floor was vacant for more than five years. The building has eight apartments upstairs and there was an attached cold storage warehouse on the backside of the building. FCIDC invested \$1.9 million to purchase and renovate the existing building and convert the back warehouse into office space and hopefully soon to be four more apartments on the second floor. The building now has two retail businesses, Healthy Nutrition and B's Flowers, and 4000 square feet of office space that is mostly occupied by Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union also has two offices being rented by Northwestern Counseling and Support Services. This project took about 18 months to complete and has been a great addition to downtown Enosburg. If you have a chance please stop in to support the two retail businesses. This project would never have happened had it not been for the vision and leadership of Jim Cameron and Green Dolphin Construction.

In addition to the Perley Block renovation we have also been busy in FCIDC's St. Albans Town Industrial Park. We sold three acres to Purpose Energy in April and since then the company has broken ground on constructing an anaerobic digester. Their mission is to capture millions of tons of food waste flowing from our local value added food producers (i.e. Ben & Jerrys, Franklin Foods etc) and convert it to renewable energy, clean water and healthy soil amendments. With the construction of the Purpose Energy facility our industrial infrastructure is that much stronger as waste will be diverted from our waste stream while energy is produced. FCIDC has had multiple conversations with other interested parties regarding the purchase of lots in the Park and we are optimistic for additional sales in 2024.

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Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District

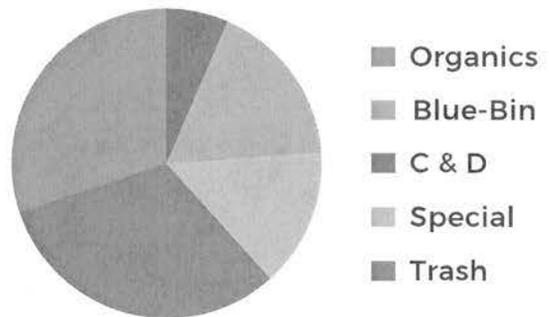
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2023 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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 2023 highlights include:

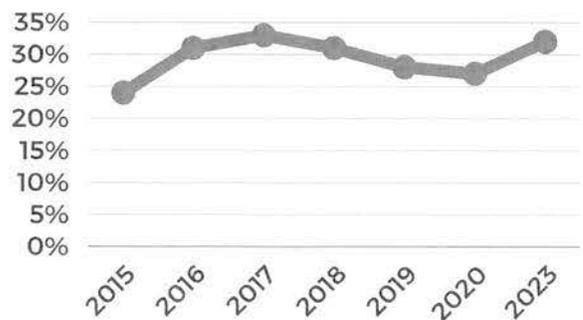
- Services used over 50,000 times
- Increased diversion rate to 32%
- Composted 773 tons of food scraps
- Collected 46 tons of HHW material from 1,825 residents and 43 businesses
- Expanded online presence to reach over 5,000 people on social media
- Provided outreach to more than 50 businesses and 20 schools

Waste Generation and Diversion
From District Services, 2023



NWSWD is excited to share news about our plans for the upcoming year. The District will be updating all facility signage in next year and expects to begin renovations of our Georgia Recycling Facility at the end of 2024. These projects will improve public drop-off to make it more efficient and safe!

District Diversion Rate, 2015-2023



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Solid Waste Management District

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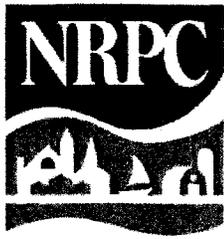
Newsletter sign up/nswsd.org

**807 TONS
LANDFILLED**



**1,799 TONS
RECYCLED**





NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Fairfield Town Report - 2023

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.

2023 FAIRFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- Updated the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- 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 organized the distribution of Everyone Eats meals to the Community Center until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 2 farms.
- Provided grant management for a Vermont Community Development Program Cares Act grant to construct a pavilion at the site of the Fairfield Community Center, the pavilion was constructed and is in use by the Community Center.
- American Rescue Plan Act: worked with state partners to determine eligible use of community funds.
- Completed a traffic count on Chester Arthur Road.
- Completed a Municipal Planning Grant application to make revisions to Fairfield's development regulations.
- Provided technical assistance to the town and community center in designating a Lamoille Valley Trailhead parking lot at Community Center and in considering grant opportunities for future trailhead improvements.

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, support local farm and food businesses through its Healthy Roots Collaborative, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, 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.

Fairfield Town Regional Commissioners - Douglas Grant & Chuck Verderber

Transportation Advisory Committee - Maurice Jettie

NRPC Projects & Programs

Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting

Brownfields site assessments, clean-ups 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 and project management

Regional plans for growth and development

Geographic Information System maps and data

Downtown and village revitalization and community development

Grant writing and administration

Associated Projects & Programs Managed by NRPC

Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi and Lamoille River Basins

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2023 Annual Report

The NWCUD dba Northwest Fiberworx was officially formed on August 3, 2020. The NWCUD is a municipal body consisting of representatives from Northwest Vermont municipalities for the purposes of building communication infrastructure.

As of January 2024, the NWCUD represents 22 Northwest municipalities: Alburgh, Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburgh, Fairfield, Franklin, Fairfax, Georgia, Grand Isle, Highgate, Isle la Motte, Milton, Montgomery, North Hero, Richford, Saint Albans Town, Sheldon, South Hero, Swanton, Village of Alburgh, Village of Enosburg Falls and Village of Swanton.

The mission of the NWCUD, as adopted by the Board of Representatives, is: "Leverage partnerships and procure funding to connect Northwestern Vermont via Open Access Fiber to ensure opportunity for all homes and businesses in our region."

2023 Highlights

ISP Partnership

We reached a milestone agreement with the Biddeford Internet Corporation, d/b/a Great Works Internet Vermont (GWI VT), paving the way for our communities to access a robust, reliable, and affordable fiber internet network. Under the agreement, NWCUD will construct, own, maintain, and operate an "open access" fiber optic cable network and associated equipment and facilities. GWI VT will license the network from NWCUD and deliver services.

Fiber Acquisition

We doubled our fiber optic cable supply by taking advantage of a unique opportunity from a neighboring CUD. This came at no cost to NWCUD and further prepared us for materials needed for Phase 1 of construction.

Model & Design Refinement

In preparation for Phase 1 of construction and our grant application for the VCBB Construction Grant Program, joint efforts with GWI are underway to prepare us for our next steps. A financial model/plan is currently in its final stages, and a refinement of the High-Level Design completed earlier this year is in progress. We are working quickly through these steps and anticipate construction to begin in 2024.



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Budget Snapshot

This year, the NWCUD received \$1,805,908 in grants from the VT Community Broadband Board (H360) to support broadband expansion and capacity building.

The NWCUD 2024 budget of \$18 million includes capital and operational expenses which include integral line items.

Totals	FY 2023 Est. Actuals	FY2024 Budget
TOTAL CAPEX	\$ 1,405,339	\$ 17,546,000
TOTAL OPEX	\$ 500,864	\$ 556,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,906,202	\$ 18,102,600
Net Income	\$ 47,454	\$ -
Net Cash	\$ 47,454	\$ -

Cost to Towns

The NWFx model does not require any money—**\$0 (zero) dollars**—from the Member Towns and Villages (no taxpayer dollars). A CUD may not accept funds generated by taxation from a town, nor can it levy any taxes or obligate the town in any debt. The network buildout and operation will be funded via ISP lease payments, Federal and State grants, and a possible nominal “subscriber surcharge.”

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Sign-up for "The Worx Newsletter" here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvnm86bn>



Friends of Northern Lake Champlain Annual Report 2023
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



Fairfield Pond Lake and Watershed Action Plan (LWAP)

FNLC and Fitzgerald Environmental Associates, with financial support from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, will have wrapped up the LWAP for Fairfield Pond by Town Meeting Day. Last fall, we presented several 30% design projects that can be submitted to the ANR Project Tracker for qualification for Clean Water Service Provider funding in the Missisquoi BWQC.

Basin Water Quality Councils

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 LWAP. 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.

Lake Lessons

At St. Albans Bay Park, FNLC brought watershed organizations together to bring Lake Lessons to over 500 Fairfield, St. Albans Town and City, Swanton, Georgia, and Highgate fourth graders, faculty, and parents. Presenters were from St. Albans Museum, the Agency of Agriculture Foods and Marketing, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Missisquoi River Basin Association, Franklin County Natural Resource Conservation District, USDA-NRCS, and Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

Collaborating with Agricultural Partners

For a decade, FNLC has been collecting water samples on the Rock River in Highgate and aided in developing one of the most comprehensive datasets for an isolated watershed. In the coming year, we will report on a newly identified source of legacy phosphorus that is washing out from farm field drainage ditches.

In February, 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.

Educational Fundraisers and Athletic Events

Thanks to the public for participating in FNLC's athletic and education fundraising events. We combine meeting with statewide lake leaders, legislators, state, and federal agency leaders and FNLC members in the community oriented social settings of the Bike for the Lake and the Tyler Place Family Resort Dinner Event which will be renewed next September.

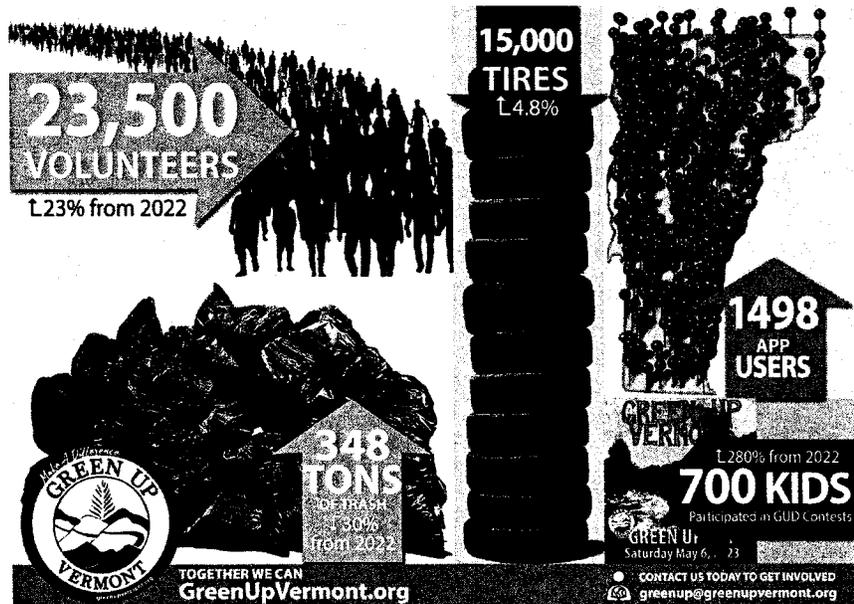
Lawrence Howrigan represents Fairfield on the FNLC Board of Directors.

Thanks for your continued support!



GREEN UP VERMONT
www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day
May 6, 2023



Green Up Day, continued to grow with 23,500 volunteers statewide who cleaned up nearly 348 tons of litter and 15,000 tires. We saw 23% more volunteers lend a hand and heard in many cases there was less litter (30%) to be cleaned up. Tire collection saw a 4.8% increase. The statistics show that the hard work to beautify Vermont is still needed but also that our efforts for awareness are paying off. 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, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding for 2024.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives.

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

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

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 802-522-7245

January 2024

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 2023, we brought 428 cats & kittens through our TNR program throughout Franklin County (@ \$75.00 per cat), many 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

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Superintendent

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Special Education Director

Stephanie Ripley
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Alexis Hoyt
Student Support Director

Rebecca Greenough
Human Resources Director

Notice of Availability of 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 St. or calling 524-2600.

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Dear Maple Run Community,

It has been a great school year for Maple Run Unified School District. I have seen many indicators of students excited to learn and proud of their work. Just this week, I was at the Maple Run Art Show hosted by Collins Perley and was excited to see such a large gathering of our community. My heart warmed when I saw one of the young students run over to his parents and say, “Mom, come here; I found it!” He continued to grab her hand to lead her to his work of art. Scenes like these remind me why I work in education, and to see a child so proud of their work is excellent. I wish all our students in the school district this joy of learning.

Last year, the school district committed to working with the community to learn what they want for our local education system. We held over 15 listening sessions and engaged more than 60 community members, as well as 120 students to work with a board sub-committee who went on to recommend a set of district goals.

In September 2023, the board adopted the following five goals:

Rigorous Academics and Expectations

- All students feel challenged and supported to excel in traditional and nontraditional learning opportunities based on their individual needs and strengths.

Consistent Policies to Address Bias and Behavior Issues

- Maple Run procedures on harassment and discipline are consistently applied, while ensuring support and respecting victims, and all involved.

Support Services for Students and Families

- All students at each school have access to individualized learning opportunities and flexible pathways.

Opportunities for Family and Community Engagement

- All community members will have the opportunity to engage safely with the school and district through two-way communication and feel welcome in our system.

Community Education and Action on Inclusion

- All students have meaningful, equitable, structured, and consistent education that embeds skill-building regarding diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Once the school board adopted these goals, they asked school administration to work with the community to develop a five-year strategy plan to help the district realize them.

This Fall, we established a Strategic Plan Design Committee of community members, staff, and students who were charged with developing the plan with the community. The committee has hosted several input sessions with students, staff, and community members to gather ideas for making the plan come to life. In March of 2024, the committee will release a draft to the public to review before it is presented to the school board for adoption.

Maple Run is in the final year of our Envisioning Plan. This plan requires us to focus on ensuring every school community member's social-emotional well-being, student engagement, and rigorous academics. The district's staff continue their professional development plans to increase

their skills in each area. Throughout the school year, every teacher expanded their knowledge of Universal Design for Learning to enhance their ability to reach every child in their classroom. In addition, the kindergarten through eighth grade teachers received training to support implementation of our new literacy program for all students. Educational research is clear. When our professionals enhance their skills, student learning increases.

We looked at our student data to understand if our actions impact the students. Our data—engagement, academic, and social-emotional skill indicators—show growth. Our student district attendance rate has improved 18% from last year, and our behavior, literacy, and math data are also improving.

Our students' social-emotional data is very encouraging. We ask students from grades 3 through 12 to assess their perception of their supportive relationships and their self-management and awareness. The good news is that Maple Run student's perception of all three categories are doing better than the national norms. Eighty-four percent of our students have a trusting adult in the school system they can turn to for support. Seventy-six percent of the students self-report that they have self-management skills. Self-awareness skills, specifically emotional regulation and challenging feelings, are self-identified areas of challenge for our students. Approximately 55% of the students are experiencing success in both areas, which still puts well above the national data. Our staff will continue to work to increase student growth in both these areas while supporting the whole child.

For the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025, the board approved a budget that keeps the overall staffing consistent with this current year and meets the needs of our students. It remains a challenge to meet the needs of all of our students and families. Our students and families are still recovering from the combined impact of the pandemic and the closing of schools in 2020. Therefore, we continue to see a need for increased support to help all students reach success.

The Maple Run School Board has created a budget to meet every student's needs while balancing the community's ability to pay. They have recognized that student needs have significantly increased and that the school district must provide more resources to meet the same social and academic goals as before the pandemic. The board set an expenditure budget of 9.8% due to increased salaries, health care, transportation, property, and contracted services costs. This budget caused an increase in the educational tax rate in Maple Run by almost seven cents, to \$1.43. This educational tax rate is the same as in fiscal years 2019 and 2022. While the educational tax rate is well within our historical averages, the property values in all three municipalities continue to grow rapidly. This change is lowering the common level of appraisal (CLA) in each town, which is the biggest driver in the shift in overall tax rates. In each town, the CLA is causing more than 70% of the increase in tax bills. The tax rate in St. Albans Town is estimated to be 24 cents higher, 25 cents higher in Fairfield, and 32 cents higher in St. Albans City. Due to the new state school funding law, just to cut the tax rate by a penny, the board would have to reduce spending by approximately \$3.26 million, equivalent to reducing 31 teaching positions. If the board were to keep tax rates the same as this year, we would need to reduce the expenditure budget by \$13.6 million, equaling the loss of 130 teaching positions.

Throughout February, the board will provide opportunities to review and discuss the Maple Run budget. I urge you to watch our social media and website, as well as our local paper's articles.

I am excited to serve Maple Run as your superintendent. From my first day here four years ago to today, I see a community that fully supports its students and educators to be their best. My core values of family first, setting high standards, supporting all kids in reaching high standards, and celebrating successes align with what I hear from our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community.

I am so pleased to submit this annual report for the Maple Run Unified School District (MRUSD). This MRUSD Board serves the school communities of Fairfield, St. Albans City and St. Albans Town.

What a busy year it has been! We appointed three new Board members due to transitions. We have a group of committed folks, putting the students first, and keeping community needs at the forefront.

Master Agreements

The teams, using a win-win attitude, negotiated multiple year Master Agreements - a three-year agreement with the professional staff and a two-year agreement with the education support staff. The process was fair, balanced and with mutual gains.

Getting involved

Community engagement is key to collaboration within communities and it is paramount for reaching a common goal. Several well attended community forums were conducted to gather input and education support.

Planning ahead

The Board participated in establishing a Design Committee made up of students, staff, administrators and community members to create a five-year strategic plan and use the input we have received to develop a plan to implement the goals.

Building improvements

Several facility improvement projects were completed during this last year. These include insulation at Fairfield Central School, new ramps at St. Albans City School, and finished walls to fully enclose classrooms at Bellows Free Academy to list a few.

Setting goals

The board worked to establish district yearly goals, objectives, and key results to measure progress towards these goals. These can be viewed at the MRUSD website.

Budget

Time and detailed consideration by school leadership, staff, and the board produced a budget that meets the needs of the community. We educate the community regarding this budget using the many resources and venues available. These include a number of social media platforms, written communications in the local newspaper and the MRUSD website.

Gratitude

We wish to thank all the MRUSD employees supporting and teaching our children every day. We know this is not easy. Many thanks to Susan Casavant Magnan, MRUSD Board Vice Chair. She has been instrumental in serving as Vice Chair and filling in as acting chair when needed.

It has been a pleasure chairing this board during this interesting and thought-provoking time.

In closing, "Be Kind, It Matters."

Nilda Gonnella-French
Chair, MRUSD Board Chair

Maple Run Unified School District

Summary of Expenditures for FY25 Proposed Budget

Department	FY23 Actual Expense	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY24 Working Budget	FY25 Proposed Budget
Regular Education (PreK-12)				
Pre-Kindergarten Pre-K Direct Instruction, Teachers, supplies, materials, etc.	1,259,846	1,628,442	1,393,461	1,477,627
Direct Instruction K-12 Direct Instruction, Math, Literacy, Science, Soc Studies, Art, Music, PE, Dance, Drama, Hlth Ed, Business, etc.	17,759,238	19,253,494	18,574,870	20,063,799
Vocational Tuition Tuition to NCTC and other Voc Centers	1,426,192	1,423,908	1,423,908	1,620,588
Academic & Behavior Intervention Student Support Director, Behavior Analysts, Applied Behaviorists, Math & Literacy Interventions, Family Engagement Specialists, Alternative Ed, Consultants, etc.	3,392,569	4,263,520	4,106,195	5,324,519
Extra-Curricular & Co-Curricular Athletics, Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular, Afterschool Programs, Summer School, 21st C, Farm to School, Outdoor Classroom, etc.	1,300,256	1,442,992	1,512,720	1,649,807
Guidance & Student Support Services Guidance Services, Attendance, SAP Counselor, Home/School Coordinator, ELL, 504 Coordinator, etc.	2,165,738	2,499,820	2,405,187	2,634,448
Health Services School Nurses, supplies, materials, etc.	727,664	795,150	809,208	869,613
Curriculum & Instruction Services Curriculum Director, Instructional Coaches, New Teacher Mentors, Instructional Staff Training, etc.	1,073,961	1,001,779	1,082,644	1,302,842
Library Services School Libraries, books, supplies, materials, etc.	512,005	501,013	510,052	540,781
School Board of Education General Liability Ins, Legal Services, Advertising, Audit Services, Treasurer, etc.	236,349	296,075	296,075	309,340
Office of the Superintendent Superintendent, Executive Assistant, supplies, materials, district purchased services, dues, etc.	389,013	412,153	417,177	427,089
Office's of the Principal Building Principals, Assistant Principals, Clerical Staff and school wide expenses	2,564,173	2,690,423	2,689,175	2,896,184
Fiscal Services Business Office, Medicaid Clerk, Spec Programs, Public Relations, Communications, Outreach, etc.	712,384	750,474	888,236	948,421
Human Resources Services Human resources staff, recruitment, employee benefit management, etc.	289,224	373,224	270,278	317,380
Technology Services 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.	1,911,534	2,116,083	2,130,126	2,230,072
Operations and Maintenance Management, custodial and maintenance staff and custodial supplies, utilities, repairs, contracts, etc.	5,120,941	5,227,310	5,334,645	5,896,995
Care and Upkeep of Grounds Snow removal, upkeep of playgrounds, sports fields, maintaining parking lots, etc.	260,466	234,755	234,755	257,960
Security Services District Liaison Officer, School Safety Officers, Crossing Guards, etc.	264,951	311,625	345,035	393,101
Student Transportation Daily transportation of students to and from school, field trips, extra curricular transportation, etc.	1,691,125	2,174,518	2,167,018	2,254,737
Collins Perley Sports Complex Management, custodial and maintenance staff and custodial supplies, etc.	722,320	774,726	774,726	824,188
Long Term Debt Principal and interest payments on long term loans and bonds	1,335,153	1,222,240	1,222,240	1,142,967
Adult Education Staffing, supplies, materials, etc.	267,282	294,118	294,118	138,332
Subtotal Regular Education (PreK-12)	45,382,385	49,687,842	48,881,849	53,520,790

Maple Run Unified School District

Summary of Expenditures for FY25 Proposed Budget

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY23 Actual Expense</u>	<u>FY24 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Working Budget</u>	<u>FY25 Proposed Budget</u>
<u>Special Education (PreK-12)</u>				
Pre-Kindergarten/Early Essential Education Pre-K Special Education Teachers, paraeducators, specialized supplies, materials, etc.	1,606,660	1,743,586	1,963,619	2,211,062
Direct Instruction K-12 Special Education Teachers and Paraeducators, specialized materials and contracts, etc.	7,431,603	8,661,011	8,588,495	9,781,464
Out of District Placement Tuition, additional services, contracts, etc.	918,166	1,664,060	1,643,196	1,978,000
Psychological Services Psychologists, evaluation supplies, materials, etc.	405,505	477,416	557,640	378,383
Speech Language Pathology Services Speech/Language Pathologists, evaluation supplies, materials, etc.	1,020,900	1,081,049	1,158,212	1,129,908
Student Supports Behavior Interventionists, Occupational and Physical Therapists, Visually Impaired supports, etc.	1,736,566	1,943,039	2,435,479	2,509,901
Special Education Administration Directors, assistants, supplies, materials, annual fees, contracts, etc.	238,288	404,820	408,245	427,792
Student Transportation Transportation for students attending outside placements, specialized transportation, etc.	284,696	525,325	525,325	435,100
Subtotal Special Education (PreK-12)	13,642,382	16,500,306	17,280,211	18,851,610
<u>Northwest Career & Technical Center (NCTC)</u>				
Direct Instruction Instruction, Math, Literacy, Culinary, Human Services, Building Trades, Cosmetology, Auto & Outdoor Technologies, Academic Skills, Medical Professions, Engineering, Digital Media, Public Safety, etc.	2,039,939	2,017,186	2,093,534	2,264,728
Guidance Services Guidance Services for Technical Center students and families, etc.	124,695	137,787	137,787	134,624
Office of the Director Director, Assistant Director, Admin Assistants, contracts, fees, supplies, materials, etc.	398,473	402,896	416,060	657,464
Indirect Services In-Kind services from Supt's Office, Fiscal Services, Oper & Maintenance, Information Technology, etc.	572,803	600,000	600,000	775,000
Student Transportation Field trips, transportation to competitions, etc.	129,645	76,725	76,725	28,195
Subtotal NCTC	3,265,554	3,234,594	3,324,106	3,860,011
Budget Totals	62,290,322	69,422,742	69,486,166	76,232,411

9.81%

Maple Run Unified School District

Summary of Estimated Revenues for FY25 Proposed Budget

<u>Revenue Category</u>	<u>FY23 Actual Revenue</u>	<u>FY24 Adopted Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Working Budget</u>	<u>FY25 Proposed Budget</u>
<u>Regular Education</u>				
Collins Perley Trust Fund Income	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Investment Income	\$165,745	\$20,000	\$65,000	\$165,000
Driver Education Reimbursement	\$20,931	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000
Adult Ed Income	\$115,664	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$95,000
Tuition Income	\$2,959,650	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,700,000
Education Spending	\$45,953,936	\$51,105,231	\$51,064,329	\$57,207,352
State Transportation Aid	\$549,313	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$610,000
State of VT High School Completion	\$76,285	\$0	\$0	\$0
ELL State Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
IEP Medicaid	\$392,067	\$419,146	\$419,146	\$140,000
EPSDT Medicaid	\$35,616	\$38,377	\$38,377	\$41,949
21st Century Grant	\$69,703	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$70,000
Consolidated Federal Grants	\$3,870,332	\$1,680,000	\$1,612,106	\$2,030,896
Student Assistance Program Grant	\$39,286	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$40,000
Services Provided to NCTC	\$572,803	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$775,000
Misc.	\$152,851	\$125,000	\$205,869	\$145,000
Subtotal Regular Education	\$55,024,182	\$57,862,754	\$57,889,827	\$64,140,197
<u>Special Education</u>				
Excess Cost Income	\$419,263	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$400,000
Block Grant	\$5,817,621	\$5,823,309	\$5,719,077	\$5,660,650
Extraordinary Reimbursement	\$850,308	\$825,000	\$825,000	\$1,000,000
Essential Early Education Grant	\$250,283	\$245,987 #	\$245,987	\$240,455
Pre-IDEAB	\$34,310	\$21,098	\$22,242	\$21,098
IDEAB Grant	\$872,229	\$910,000	\$958,374	\$910,000
Subtotal Special Education	\$8,244,014	\$8,325,394	\$8,270,680	\$8,232,203
<u>Northwest Career & Technical Center</u>				
State Basic Education Grant	\$1,732,735	\$1,901,972	\$1,901,972	\$2,155,904
State Tuition Assistance Grant	\$643,221	\$765,161	\$765,161	\$867,318
Tuition Income	\$525,395	\$312,096	\$312,096	\$484,551
Program Income	\$40,217	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Grants	\$376,760	\$235,365	\$326,430	\$332,238
Prior Year Adjustments	-\$5,661	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Northwest Career & Technical Ctr	\$3,312,667	\$3,234,594	\$3,325,659	\$3,860,011
Total Revenues	\$66,580,864	\$69,422,742	\$69,486,166	\$76,232,411

9.81%

District: **Maple Run USD**
 SU: **Maple Run**

FY25 is the first year of Act 127 Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership for pupil counts. Equalized pupils are shown for FY22 - FY24. LTWADM is required to be used for FY25.

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Property dollar equivalent yield

Franklin County

9,452 <--See bottom note

10,300

Homestead tax rate per \$9,452 of spending per pupil

1.00

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	\$61,861,212	\$64,797,075	\$69,422,742	\$76,232,411
plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	-	-	-	-
Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles	\$61,861,212	\$64,797,075	\$69,422,742	\$76,232,411
plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
Total Union Expenditures	\$61,861,212	\$64,797,075	\$69,422,742	\$76,232,411
S. U. assessment (included in union budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-

Revenues

Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, federal, etc.)	\$18,409,658	\$18,843,139	\$18,358,413	\$19,025,059
Total offsetting union revenues	\$18,409,658	\$18,843,139	\$18,358,413	\$19,025,059

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Education Spending	\$43,451,554	\$45,953,936	\$51,064,329	\$57,207,352
Maple Run USD pupils	2,541.56	2,487.37	2,426.77	4,006.72

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Education Spending per Pupil	\$17,096.41	\$18,474.91	\$21,042.10	\$14,277.85
minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per pupil	\$520.02	\$518.67	\$502.41	
minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$66,446 for an individual (per pupil)	\$18.84	\$17.79	\$11.89	
	based on \$60,000	based on \$60,000	based on \$66,206	based on \$66,446
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)	-	-	-	-
minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per pupil)	-	-	-	-
minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per pupil)	-	\$70.44	\$82.41	-
minus Costs incurred when sampling drinking water outlets, implementing lead remediation, or retesting.	-	-	-	-
plus Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$18789 \$18,789.00	threshold = \$19,997 \$19,997.00	threshold = \$22,204 \$22,204.00	threshold = \$23,193 \$23,193.00
plus Excess Spending per Pupil over threshold (if any)	suspended thru FY29	suspended thru FY29	suspended thru FY29	suspended thru FY29
plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$17,096	\$18,475	\$21,042	\$14,277.85
Union spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	151.068% based on yield \$11,317	138.763% based on yield \$13,314	136.257% based on \$15,443	151.056% based on \$9,171

Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated [\$14,277.85 + (\$9,452 / \$1.00)]	\$1.4907 based on \$1.00	\$1.3876 based on \$1.00	\$1.3626 based on \$1.00	\$1.5106 based on \$1.00
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Act 127 tax cap (FY25 - FY29 eligible) **\$1.4307**

Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Maple Run USD

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
T072 Fairfield	1.4907	1.3876	1.3626	1.4307
T176 St. Albans City	1.4907	1.3876	1.3626	1.4307
T177 St. Albans Town	1.4907	1.3876	1.3626	1.4307

Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Maple Run USD [((\$14,277.85 + \$10,300) x 2.00%)]	2.45% based on 2.00%	2.32% based on 2.00%	2.40% based on 2.00%	2.77% based on 2.00%
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Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Maple Run USD

	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
T072 Fairfield	2.45%	2.32%	2.40%	2.77%
T176 St. Albans City	2.45%	2.32%	2.40%	2.77%
T177 St. Albans Town	2.45%	2.32%	2.40%	2.77%

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,452 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value, an income yield of \$10,300 for a base income percent of 2.0%, and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.452. These figures use the estimated \$13,000,000 surplus from the Education Fund. 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%.

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

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 Fairfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Library of Bellows Free Academy, 71 South Main Street in St. Albans, VT 05478 on February 28, 2024, to conduct an informational meeting on the budget.

The following is a Zoom link provided for your convenience –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84156205175?pwd=OUU0WDNKYUxPZHZyVzAzZ2lNMysvQT09>

WARNING
FOR THE MAPLE RUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
ANNUAL MEETING: March 5, 2024

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 5, 2024**, 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) Clerk for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

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, two (2) Directors from St. Albans City for a three (3) year term.

ARTICLE IV

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

ARTICLE V

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 VI

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 VII

Shall the legal voters of the Maple Run Unified School District #57 authorize 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?

Informational Hearing

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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.

Fairfield Residents – Fairfield Center School 57 Park Street, Fairfield; polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

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Dated at St. Albans, Vermont, this 17 day of January 2024.

MAPLE RUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #57 SCHOOL BOARD

Nilda Gonnella-French
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Jack McCarthy
JACK MCCARTHY

Received for record and recorded prior to the posting this 19 day of January 2024.

Anna Bourdon
ANNA BOURDON, CLERK