

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Fairfield, Vermont
Fairfield, Vermont 05455

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective change in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and

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therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charges with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information and note on pages 4–10 and 39–44, the Schedules of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability and contributions on page 45, and the Notes to required supplementary information – Pension plan on page 45, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining nonmajor governmental funds financial statements and the combining private purpose trust funds statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor governmental funds financial statements and the combining private purpose trust funds statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 7, 2025, on our consideration of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP

St. Albans, Vermont

November 7, 2025

VT. Reg. No. 92-0000102

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

The discussion and analysis of the Town of Fairfield's financial performance is intended to provide a narrative introduction and overview of the Town's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. Please use this report in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

Highlights

1. **Paving:** 1 more mile of road pavement resurfacing was done on Chester A. Arthur Rd running east from before Wanzer Rd. This project totaled \$136,393 for work completed by Frank W. Whitcomb Construction Corp, paid by the General Fund.
2. **Loans/ Debt Retirement**
 - **2023 Freightliner Truck 114SD:** Purchased from Charlebois, Inc. in 2022, for \$105,650 (after the \$59,000 trade-in of the 2015 Freightliner 114SD). \$50,567 was paid from Fairfield's Equipment Fund CD, with the remaining \$105,650 financed by People's Trust Company (PTC) for a term of 3 years at a rate of 2.25%. **In 2023 and 2024, the Town made payments of \$36,813. The final Payment of this loan is scheduled for 2025.**
 - **2021 Freightliner Truck:** Purchased from Clark's Truck Center in 2021 in the amount of \$165,072 (after trade of 2012 International 7600 for \$33,979): Fairfield paid \$40,000 from the General Fund; \$10,500 from budget surplus; \$24,572 from Fairfield's Equipment fund CD; and the remaining amount of \$90,000 was financed with PTC for 3 years, at a rate of 2.05%. A payment, \$31,238, was made in 2022 and again in 2023. **The town paid off this loan in 2024, with a final payment of \$31,219.**
 - **Library Building:** The Bent Northrop Memorial Library was built in 2010: \$500,000 was financed with PTC for 5 years, with an interest rate of 2.95%. The loan was refinanced in 2013 in the amount of \$406,372 at a term of 15 years and an interest rate of 3.25%. The balance was, again, refinanced in January 2017 for a term of 10 years and an interest rate of 2.75%. In May 2020, the \$204,481 balance was refinanced at an interest rate of 2.60%. A payment of \$26,840 was made in 2021 and \$32,169 in 2022, 2023 and 2024. **There are 3 payments left and the next payment, due 02/20/2025 is \$32,169.** This loan is paid annually from BNML's endowment investment account, currently with Charles Schwab.
3. **Grants:**
 - **Library Grants:** The Bent Northrop Memorial Library (BNML) received Interlibrary Loan Courier grants for 2023/2024 (\$636.48) and 2024/2025 (\$683.80): from the 23/24 grant, \$366.32 was expended in 2023 and \$270.16 in 2024. From the 24/25 grant, \$420.80 was expended in 2024 and the balance is expected to be spent in 2025. BNML received a 2024 Summer Reading Program grant of \$300, from the VT Dept. of Libraries, expended during the Summer of 2024.
 - **Route 36 Bypass Grant:** A \$19,655 grant was received in 2024 from VTrans for costs associated with the Route 36 bridge closure. The funds were used to maintain and correct damage to backroads used for this traffic bypass. An additional \$14,380 was needed for road gravel and chloride due to this bypass, from ARPA Grant Funds.
 - **Better roads inventory:** A grant of up to \$13,072, with a 20% minimum match requirement, was awarded by VTrans in 2024 to conduct Fairfield's second Road Erosion Inventory, required for Fairfield's Municipal Roads General Permit. This project is planned for 2025.

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- **Grants-In-Aid, Duffy Hill/Pumpkin Village Rd:** A grant of \$31,000, with a 20% minimum match requirement, was awarded by VTrans in 2023, used to improve 6 segments for Duffy Hill Road and Pumpkin Village Road. The improvements were completed in the fall of 2024, including ditching, shoulder improvements, 4 culvert replacements and adding gravel to the road. Total project costs were \$61,548. The requisitioned grant funds were received in December.
- **FEMA Grant/ Projects Administration (CATZ):** A requisition for total administrative costs of Fairfield's Town Administrators to manage #DR-4474 FEMA grants and projects that took place between 2020 and 2023 due to the Halloween Storm Disaster of 2019, was submitted to FEMA and received in 2024. FEMA'S original obligation to these costs, was \$38,086 but an increase to \$43,292 was approved because total expenses came to \$51,188. Although there was no obligation of the town to match this grant, \$7,896 was matched toward this administration.
- **ARPA Funding:** In response to the COVID pandemic, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awarded local and county payments of funds to be used by 2025. Funding amounts were based on the population count. Fairfield received ARPA Local payments of \$102,227.59 in both 2021 and 2022; and ARPA County First payments of \$189,673.67, in both 2021 and 2022. The sum of this, \$583,802.52, was the total expected, but an additional \$137.64 "reallocation" amount was also received in December 2022. Funds are to be used only within the parameters of the federal government's final rule, announced in January 2022, and as determined by the Fairfield Selectboard. In 2022, \$198,104.95 of the ARPA funds were used for town-wide, water meter replacements; a water generator; engineering efforts to prepare for a new Water Reservoir Roof; a Cascade System for the firefighters to fill their air tanks; Fairfield Community Center signs, playground upgrades, wood-fired oven, and west-end building renovations; Town Garage Doors; and Town technology. In 2023, \$283,203 was used for roads infrastructure to remove and replace a large culvert on North Rd, as detailed above. In 2024, the final \$66,891 of this grant was used on road gravel and chloride during the summer's the Route 36 Bridge bypass (\$14,380); as a financial match to the Duffy Hill grant project (\$13,959); for a new furnace, lighting and pressure washer at the garage (\$15,546); to build a ramp, replace doors and install new windows at the Old Town Clerk Building (\$18,237); and for the Fairfield Pond Association to conduct an Aquatic Vegetation survey (\$4,770). **As of the end of 2024, Fairfield has spent all allocated ARPA Grant funds.**
- **Grants-In-Aid for Road Segments TBD:** A grant of \$25,250 was awarded by VTrans in 2024, to be used for road improvements in 2025.
- **Class 2 Structures Engineering Grant:** A grant of \$22,500, with a 20% minimum match requirement, was awarded by VTrans in 2024, to engineer the replacement of a culvert on North Rd. This engineering project will take place in 2025.

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Brief Explanation of the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements on all the various activities of the Town. The Government-Wide Financial Statements include presentations on the Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the Town as a whole and present information on a longer term basis. The Government-Wide Financials are followed by Fund Financial Statements for governmental activities; these statements show how services were financed in the short term as well as the balances remaining for future spending. Fund financial statements report the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information on the Town's most significant funds. The Other Supplementary Information reports, beginning on page 46, provide financial information about activities for which the Town acts as a trustee for the benefit of others and nonmajor governmental programs which are restricted for specific purposes.

Reporting the Government-Wide Financials

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (pages 11 and 12) will provide you with information concerning the financial "health" of the Town. Included in these statements is information regarding Capital Assets. This information is in addition to the cash accounts, payables, and receivables.

These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which means that all current year revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is actually received or paid. These reports encompass the Town's governmental activities - basic services including but not limited to public service, accounting, highway maintenance/repair, and general administration; and Town department activities - the Town includes Library, Recreation, and Pond Funds, as the Town is financially accountable for them.

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Fairfield, Vermont basic financial statements. The Town of Fairfield, Vermont basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The following table summarizes the major features of the basic financial statements with further explanations below:

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Major Features of the Town's Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements			
	Government-wide Financial Statements	Fund Financial Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Town government except fiduciary funds, and any applicable discretely presented component units	The activities of the Town that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as General Government, Public Safety and Public Works	Instances in which the Town is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
Required financial statements	Statement of Net Position; Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet; Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Fiduciary Net Position; Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (if applicable)
Measurement focus and basis of accounting	Economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting	Current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting	Economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting
Type of asset / liability information presented	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and both short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and both short-term and long-term
Type of inflow / outflow information presented	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during the year or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Reporting the Town's Most Significant Funds

The fund financial statements (pages 13-16) provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. The Board of Selectpersons/Voters have established other funds to help control and manage money for particular purposes (i.e. the Recreation Fund or the Common School Fund) or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money (i.e. Homeland Security Grant).

Governmental Funds - Most of the Town's basic services are reported in the section on Governmental Funds. These funds focus on how money flows in and out, and the balances left at year-end and available to spend. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash, as opposed to capital assets, which are used in operations rather than converted to cash for use in spending.

The Town as Trustee

The Town serves as trustee, or fiduciary for certain cemetery funds. These activities are reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (pages 17 and 18). These activities are excluded from the Town's other financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Town is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

Condensed Financial Information for our Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Net Position reflects approximately \$1,262,428 for the use of the Town including, \$1,851,466 for the use of the Library, \$352,717 for nonmajor governmental funds and \$8,932,670 in land, building and equipment. The Library assets are part of bequests left for the benefit of the Bent-Northrop Memorial

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Library, by Consuelo Bailey, Mary Wallis, and Winston & Fredericka Sargent. The unrestricted net position are those funds that can be used to fund the daily operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislature, or other legal requirements.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Town incurred some significant variances between budgeted amounts and actual amounts. The overall expenditures budget was under spent by \$162,927. A favorable variance of \$34,229 was reported in expenditures for road maintenance salaries. The Town expended \$196,939 with a budgeted amount of \$231,168. A favorable variance in budget was reported in road maintenance contracted services of \$31,850, the amount budgeted for road maintenance contracted services was \$172,500 and \$140,650 was expended. A favorable variance in budget was reported in road maintenance winter sand of \$35,962, the amount budgeted for winter sand was \$60,000 and \$24,038 was expended.

The Town as a whole

The following is a comparative schedule of our Town Wide Net Position.

	Statement of Net Position			
	2024	2023	Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current and other assets	\$ 3,911,871	\$ 3,373,587	\$ 538,284	16.0%
Capital assets	9,061,466	9,499,013	(437,547)	-4.6%
TOTAL ASSETS	12,973,337	12,872,600	100,737	0.8%
Deferred outflows of resources	53,264	71,481	(18,217)	-25.5%
Total Assets and deferred outflows	\$ 13,026,601	\$ 12,944,081	\$ 82,520	0.6%
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities	\$ 38,379	\$ 60,446	\$ (22,067)	-36.5%
Unearned revenue	113,845	173,684	(59,839)	-34.5%
Long-term debt outstanding	395,945	496,377	(100,432)	-20.2%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	548,169	730,507	(182,338)	-25.0%
Deferred inflows of resources	17,594	18,399	(805)	-4.4%
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	8,932,703	9,275,464	(342,761)	-3.7%
Restricted for:				
Library	1,851,466	1,763,834	87,632	5.0%
Other purposes	326,209	268,504	57,705	21.5%
Unrestricted	1,350,460	887,373	463,087	52.2%
TOTAL NET POSITION	12,460,838	12,195,175	265,663	2.2%
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and net position	\$ 13,026,601	\$ 12,944,081	\$ 82,520	0.6%

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Governmental Activities

The Changes in Net Position are reflected in the Statement of Activities Report on page 12. Net expense is the cost to the Town after any charges, grants, and contributions have been accounted for (i.e. delinquent penalties, clerk/treasurer fees, state aid to highways and federal funds or grants). The appropriation activities are those taxes raised and expended for non-governmental entities including but not limited to the school, fire department and community based groups and are not part of the working budget.

The following is a comparative schedule of our Town Wide Activities.

	Statement of Activities			
	2024	2023	Change	% Change
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 56,849	\$ 57,597	\$ (748)	-1.3%
Operating grants and revenues	506,386	368,385	138,001	37.5%
Capital grants and contributions	191,137	854,222	(663,085)	-77.6%
General revenues:				
Property taxes	1,511,222	1,429,675	81,547	5.7%
Other taxes	299,530	255,401	44,129	17.3%
Delinquent tax penalty	22,172	10,640	11,532	108.4%
Interest income	11,438	4,197	7,241	172.5%
Net gain on disposition of fixed assets	35,000	-	35,000	100.0%
Miscellaneous	17,911	17,489	422	2.4%
Total revenues	<u>2,651,645</u>	<u>2,997,606</u>	<u>(345,961)</u>	<u>-11.5%</u>
Program expenses:				
General Government	508,060	506,422	1,638	0.3%
Highways and streets	778,393	852,338	(73,945)	-8.7%
Cemetery	7,680	7,680	-	0.0%
Parks and recreation	9,489	6,292	3,197	50.8%
Computerization	236	1,858	(1,622)	-87.3%
Library	167,800	160,554	7,246	4.5%
Appropriations	142,796	142,796	-	0.0%
Debt service	6,971	14,479	(7,508)	-51.9%
ARPA	4,538	-	4,538	100.0%
Depreciation	760,019	735,482	24,537	3.3%
Miscellaneous	-	800	(800)	-100.0%
Total expenses	<u>2,385,982</u>	<u>2,428,701</u>	<u>(42,719)</u>	<u>-1.8%</u>
Change in net position	265,663	568,905	(303,242)	-53.3%
Net position - Beginning of year	12,195,175	11,626,270	568,905	4.9%
Net position - End of year	<u>\$ 12,460,838</u>	<u>\$ 12,195,175</u>	<u>\$ 265,663</u>	<u>2.2%</u>

Governmental Activities Analysis

There is an increase in net position for governmental activities of \$265,663. Compared to 2023, revenues decreased by \$345,961 primarily because of the decrease in capital grants of \$663,085. Compared to 2023, expenses decreased by \$42,719. The major differences in program expenses from 2023 was a decrease in highway and streets expenses of \$73,945, and an increase in general government of \$1,638, and an increase in depreciation of \$24,537.

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Capital Assets

As found in audit Note 8, the December 31, 2024 net capital assets are \$9,061,466. This represents a broad range of capital assets, including paving, highway equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation. (See Table below) This amount represents a net decrease (including additions, deletions and depreciation) of \$437,549 over last year.

(Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		
	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Infrastructure	\$10,820,318	\$10,615,797
Land	226,056	226,056
Equipment	1,732,127	1,708,649
Office equipment, furniture, etc.	376,766	376,766
Buildings	3,666,317	3,642,678
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,760,118)	(7,070,931)
Totals	<u>\$ 9,061,466</u>	<u>\$ 9,499,015</u>

This year's major additions included:

Ford 600 LD Plow Hitch	\$ 64,430
Paving	136,393
Totals	<u>\$ 200,823</u>

Debt

At December 31, 2024, the Town had \$128,763 in long term notes outstanding versus \$223,549 on December 31, 2023 – a decrease of \$94,786 – as shown below. There were payments on outstanding debt of \$94,786.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End		
	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
General obligation notes	\$ 128,763	\$ 223,549
Totals	<u>\$ 128,763</u>	<u>\$ 223,549</u>
Decrease	\$ (94,786)	

Economic Factors and Calendar Year 2025 Budget

The calendar year 2025 estimated expenditure budget is \$1,919,685. The Selectboard at the time estimated that none of the fund balance carryover will be used to offset taxes.

Contacting the Town's Financial Officer

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers and customers with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Treasurer's Office, (802) 827-3261, P.O. Box 5, Fairfield, VT 05455.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,658,537
Investments	2,069,096
Delinquent taxes receivable	150,415
Delinquent interest receivable	6,338
Delinquent penalty receivable	8,960
Prepaid expenses	18,525
Total current assets	<u>3,911,871</u>
Capital assets:	
Land	226,056
Infrastructure	10,820,318
Buildings	3,666,317
Road equipment and vehicles	1,732,127
Office equipment, furniture, and fixtures	376,766
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,760,118)</u>
Total capital assets - Net	<u>9,061,466</u>
Total assets	<u>12,973,337</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources - Pension	<u>53,264</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>53,264</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	25,869
Accrued payroll and interest	6,709
Refundable advances	113,845
Due to other funds	5,801
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Net pension liability	267,182
Portion due or payable within one year	65,967
Portion due or payable after one year	<u>62,796</u>
Total liabilities	<u>548,169</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources - Pension	14,058
Taxes paid in advance	<u>3,536</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>17,594</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	8,932,703
Restricted for:	
Library	1,851,466
Other purposes	326,209
Unrestricted	<u>1,350,460</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 12,460,838</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Funds/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Selectboard	\$ 208,426	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (208,426)
Town clerk and treasurer	204,060	33,096	-	-	(170,964)
Town auditors	2,698	-	-	-	(2,698)
Listers	25,032	-	9,095	-	(15,937)
Delinquent tax collector	27,317	-	-	-	(27,317)
Town properties	40,527	7,300	-	-	(33,227)
Cemeteries	7,680	-	-	-	(7,680)
Parks and recreation	9,489	-	-	-	(9,489)
Street lights	5,751	-	-	-	(5,751)
Appropriations - General Town	142,796	-	-	-	(142,796)
Computerization	236	-	-	-	(236)
Road maintenance	553,367	10,118	212,093	124,246	(206,910)
Equipment	163,114	6,335	-	-	(156,779)
Town garage	56,161	-	-	-	(56,161)
Library	167,800	-	285,198	-	117,398
American Rescue Plan Act	4,538	-	-	66,891	62,353
Depreciation - Unallocated	760,019	-	-	-	(760,019)
Interest on long-term debt	6,971	-	-	-	(6,971)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,385,982</u>	<u>\$ 56,849</u>	<u>\$ 506,386</u>	<u>\$ 191,137</u>	<u>(1,631,610)</u>
General revenues:					
Property taxes					1,511,222
Current use tax					299,530
Delinquent tax penalty					22,172
Interest and dividend income					11,438
Net gain on disposal of capital assets					35,000
Miscellaneous					17,911
Total general revenues					<u>1,897,273</u>
Change in net position					265,663
Net position, Governmental activities - Beginning of year					<u>12,195,175</u>
Net position, Governmental activities - End of year					<u>\$ 12,460,838</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2024**

	General Fund	Library Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Road Grants Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 871,119	\$ 38,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 748,493	\$ 1,658,537
Investments	-	2,069,096	-	-	-	2,069,096
Delinquent taxes receivable	150,415	-	-	-	-	150,415
Delinquent interest receivable	6,338	-	-	-	-	6,338
Delinquent penalties receivable	8,960	-	-	-	-	8,960
Prepaid expenses	14,489	4,036	-	-	-	18,525
Due from other funds	4,408	11,465	-	-	60,046	75,919
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,055,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,123,522</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 808,539</u>	<u>\$ 3,987,790</u>
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 25,869	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,869
Accrued payroll	3,559	568	-	-	-	4,127
Due to other funds	77,312	-	-	-	4,408	81,720
Refundable advances	113,845	-	-	-	-	113,845
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities	<u>220,585</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,408</u>	<u>225,561</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:						
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	143,094	-	-	-	-	143,094
Property taxes paid in advance	3,536	-	-	-	-	3,536
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>146,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,630</u>
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable	14,489	-	-	-	-	14,489
Restricted	-	1,851,466	-	-	326,209	2,177,675
Committed	-	-	-	-	439,428	439,428
Assigned	-	-	-	-	38,854	38,854
Unassigned	674,025	271,488	-	-	(360)	945,153
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total fund balances	<u>688,514</u>	<u>2,122,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>804,131</u>	<u>3,615,599</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,055,729</u>	<u>\$ 2,123,522</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 808,539</u>	<u>\$ 3,987,790</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2024**

Total fund balances - Governmental funds	\$ 3,615,599
Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Delinquent taxes are recognized as revenue when levied in the government-wide financial statements, but amounts not collected within 60 days are reported as a deferred inflow in the governmental funds.	143,094
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$16,821,584, and the accumulated depreciation is \$7,760,118.	9,061,466
Current year pension contributions and other changes in the net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the statement of net position, but are not reported as expenses in the governmental funds.	53,264
The net pension liability is reported as a liability in the statement of net position, but is not reported in the governmental funds.	(267,182)
Changes in the Town's proportionate share of pension contributions and other changes in the net pension liability are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the statement of net position, but are not reported in the governmental funds.	(14,058)
Accrued interest on long-term liabilities is an expense for governmental activities but not recorded as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(2,582)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of four notes payable.	<u>(128,763)</u>
Total net position - Governmental activities	<u>\$ 12,460,838</u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	General Fund	Library Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Road Grants Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real and personal taxes - Municipal	\$ 1,339,420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,339,420
School overpayment credit	43,966	-	-	-	-	43,966
Federal aid	70,120	-	-	-	2,910	73,030
State aid:						
Highway	212,093	-	-	-	-	212,093
Current use	299,530	-	-	-	-	299,530
Listers	-	-	-	-	9,095	9,095
Taxes	50,502	-	-	-	-	50,502
Other	-	-	-	-	5,587	5,587
Interest and dividends	6,411	63,558	-	-	1,270	71,239
Licenses and fees	33,209	75	-	-	6,336	39,620
Grants	-	2,922	66,891	19,655	25,975	115,443
Delinquent tax penalty	19,006	-	-	-	-	19,006
Rent and lease income	20,200	-	-	-	-	20,200
Donation	-	9,565	-	-	-	9,565
Net decrease in fair value of investments	-	209,566	-	-	-	209,566
Sale of equipment	-	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
Miscellaneous income	3,410	343	-	-	11,187	14,940
Total revenues	2,097,867	286,029	66,891	19,655	97,360	2,567,802
EXPENDITURES						
Selectboard	208,426	-	-	-	-	208,426
Town clerk and treasurer	200,046	-	-	-	-	200,046
Town auditors	2,698	-	-	-	-	2,698
Listers	24,797	-	-	-	235	25,032
Delinquent tax collector	27,317	-	-	-	-	27,317
Town properties	38,726	-	-	-	1,801	40,527
Cemeteries	7,680	-	-	-	-	7,680
Parks and recreation	6,438	-	-	-	601	7,039
Street lights	5,751	-	-	-	-	5,751
Appropriations	142,796	-	-	-	-	142,796
Road maintenance	704,982	-	-	34,035	2,450	741,467
Equipment	167,109	-	-	-	70,744	237,853
Materials	-	-	-	-	4,025	4,025
Town garage	56,161	-	-	-	-	56,161
Grant expenditures	-	-	43,723	-	-	43,723
Library	-	164,494	-	-	-	164,494
Library - Capital improvements	-	1,734	-	-	-	1,734
Contracted services	-	-	-	-	10,350	10,350
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	65,802	28,951	-	-	-	94,753
Interest charges	5,364	3,218	-	-	-	8,582
Miscellaneous expense	-	-	-	-	236	236
Total expenditures	1,664,093	198,397	43,723	34,035	90,442	2,030,690
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	433,774	87,632	23,168	(14,380)	6,918	537,112
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers in	6,971	136,159	-	14,380	152,564	310,074
Operating transfers out	(279,935)	-	(23,168)	-	(6,971)	(310,074)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(272,964)	136,159	(23,168)	14,380	145,593	-
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	160,810	223,791	-	-	152,511	537,112
Fund balance at beginning of year	527,704	1,899,163	-	-	651,620	3,078,487
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 688,514	\$ 2,122,954	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 804,131	\$ 3,615,599

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Net change in fund balances - Total governmental funds	\$ 537,112
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Delinquent taxes not collected within 60 days of year end are recognized as revenue when levied in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported as income in governmental funds.	83,843
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset purchases capitalized	\$ 322,470
Depreciation expense	<u>(760,019)</u>
Capital asset additions, net of depreciation	(437,549)
Interest accrued on long-term liabilities is recorded as an expenditure in the government-wide financial statements, but is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	1,578
Pension expense for the defined benefit plan (VMERS) is recognized in the governmental funds based on current year employer matching contributions. Pension expense in the government-wide statements is based on net change in the net pension liability.	(14,107)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	<u>94,786</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 265,663</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

December 31, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Custodial Funds	Total Fiduciary Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,540	\$ -	\$ 21,540
Due from other funds	5,801	-	5,801
Total assets	27,341	-	27,341
LIABILITIES			
Total liabilities	-	-	-
NET POSITION			
Restricted for Bradley cemetery	15,824	-	15,824
Restricted for specific purposes	11,517	-	11,517
Total net position	\$ 27,341	\$ -	\$ 27,341

See accompanying notes.

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Custodial Fund	Total Fiduciary Funds
ADDITIONS			
Interest	\$ 173	\$ -	\$ 173
Taxes collected for other governments	-	3,506,545	3,506,545
	<u>173</u>	<u>3,506,545</u>	<u>3,506,718</u>
DEDUCTIONS			
Taxes distributed to other governments	-	3,506,545	3,506,545
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,506,545</u>	<u>3,506,545</u>
Change in net position	173	-	173
Net position at beginning of year	<u>27,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,168</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 27,341</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,341</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Town are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The Selectboard, comprised of five elected individuals, is the primary governing authority of the Town. As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the accounts of all Town operations. The Town does not have any component units.

B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Town's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The Town's parks and recreation, road maintenance, library, fire station building, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The Town does not have any business-type activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (excluding depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants, and contributions. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (Selectboard, road maintenance, parks and recreation, library, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reports capital-specific grants.

The net costs by function are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest and investment income, etc.). The Town does not allocate indirect costs.

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in the governmental activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASBS No. 34 sets forth the minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of either fund category or the governmental combined) for the determination of major funds. The Town electively added funds, as major funds, which either had debt outstanding or specific community focus.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the general operating fund of the Town. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Library Fund. This fund accounts for the revenues and expenditures associated with the library.

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Fund. This fund accounts for the revenues and expenditures associated with grant revenues received from the federal government and expenses for the corresponding grant projects.

Road Grants Fund. This fund accounts for the revenues and expenditures associated with road improvement projects.

The activities reported in these funds are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

2. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore are not available to support Town programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The Town reports on the following fiduciary fund types.

Private Purpose Trust Funds. These funds are used to account for assets held in trust for a specific purpose.

Custodial Funds. This fund is used to report resources held by the Town in a purely custodial capacity for other governments, private organizations or individuals. This fund reports assets and liabilities and has no fund balance.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

1. Accrual

Both governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Property taxes are reported in the period for which levied. Other nonexchange revenues, including intergovernmental revenues and grants, are reported when all eligibility requirements have been met. Fees and charges and other exchange revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period for property taxes and six months for other revenues. Intergovernmental revenues and grants are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met and the revenues are available. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, are recorded only when payment is due.

E. Budgetary Data

Budgets are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting for the General Fund. Budgets are not adopted on a Town level for any other funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end with the exception of those indicated as a fund balance reserve. The following procedures are used in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- The Selectboard prepares and legally warns a budget for the year beginning January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- Any revisions to the budget must be approved by the Selectboard.
- The legal voters of the Town of Fairfield, Vermont meet on the first Tuesday in March to review, discuss, and vote on the budget.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund.
- The General Fund budgetary comparison schedule presents comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data on a budgetary basis which conforms with the modified cash basis of accounting. For the Town, the accounting principles applied for purposes of developing data on a budgetary basis differ significantly from those used to present financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. As the other funds do not have legally adopted budgets, no schedules are presented for these funds.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Negative variances in total revenues and the positive variances in total expenditures are largely a result of federal and state program revenues and related expenditures that do not have a direct impact on the unassigned fund balance. Budgets generally assume the expenditure of all available resources. Therefore, when the budget is prepared, it is assumed these funds will not have a carryover of revenue to a subsequent year. Program revenue received but not spent is restricted and deferred to the subsequent year. As a result, overall fund revenue variances will be negative and overall fund expenditures variances will be positive.

F. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System (VMERS) and additions to/deductions from VMERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

VMERS investments are reported at fair value. VMERS does not issue stand-alone financial reports, but is instead included as part of the State of Vermont's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

G. Financial Statement Items

1. Deposits and Investments

The Town's cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments are reported at fair market value. Changes in the fair value of investments are recorded as current year income or expense.

2. Interfund Receivables and Payable

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., current portion of inter-fund loans) or "advances from/to other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of inter-fund loans).

3. Receivables

The Town utilizes the allowance method for uncollectible accounts. They have determined that all accounts are collectible and the allowance is zero.

4. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied in August and are due and payable on or before the first Friday in November and become delinquent on the following day. The Town prepares the bills and collects all taxes.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

5. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The Town reports deferred outflows of resources on its statement of net position. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until the applicable period. Deferred outflows consist of (1) the Town's current year pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date, (2) the change in the Town's proportionate share of pension contributions, (3) the Town's proportionate share of the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, (4) the Town's proportionate share of change in the net pension liability due to changes in assumptions, and (5) the Town's proportionate share of differences between expected and actual experience. The Town reports deferred inflows of resources on its statement of net position. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future period. Deferred inflows on the statement of net position consist of the change in the Town's proportionate share of the change in the Town's proportionate share of pension contributions, and property taxes received in advance. Deferred inflows on the governmental fund balance sheet consist of unavailable revenue - property taxes that were not collected within 60 days of year end and property taxes received in advance.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets are property owned by the Town and include computers, such as computer equipment, software, and peripherals; equipment, such as vehicles, machinery, copiers, and office equipment; buildings and land; and infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, tunnels, rights of way, and culverts.

General capital assets are capitalized and recorded when all of the following criteria are met:

- 1) The asset is tangible and complete.
- 2) The asset is used in the operation of the Town's activities.
- 3) The asset has a value and useful life at the date of acquisition that meets or exceeds the following:
 - \$5,000 value and two years of life for software, office equipment, maintenance equipment, and other equipment.
 - \$5,000 value and two years of life for all capital improvements.
 - All buildings and land must be reported regardless of value and useful life at date of acquisition.
 - \$5,000 and three years of life for infrastructure and infrastructure improvements.

All general capital assets must be recorded at either historical cost or estimated historical cost. Assets acquired through donation will be recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date of donation. In addition to purchase price or construction cost, costs of capitalization may include incidental costs, such as bond interest during the construction phase and bond issuance cost, insurance during transit, freight, duties, title search, title registration, installation, and breaking-in costs.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 years
Improvements	10-20 years
Other infrastructure	10-50 years

7. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable statement of net position.

8. Governmental Fund Balances

Fund balances of governmental fund type financial statements are classified as ***nonspendable*** (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); ***restricted*** (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); ***committed*** (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters at town meeting); ***assigned*** (reflecting the Select board's intended use of the resources); and ***unassigned*** (indicates the portion of fund equity that is available for appropriation and expenditure in future periods).

9. Government-Wide Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources in the statement of net position. Net investment in capital assets includes restricted capital assets, less accumulated depreciation, less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets, plus deferred outflows of resources, and less deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by Town legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws, or regulations of other governments. All other net position is recorded in the unrestricted category.

10. Use of Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred that can be paid from either restricted or unrestricted resources (net position), the Town's policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then to unrestricted resources. In governmental funds, the Town's policy is to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to other less-restrictive classifications – committed then assigned fund balances before using unassigned fund balances.

11. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

H. Effect of New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Pronouncements

Implementation of new accounting principles

On January 1, 2024, the Town adopted GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which modifies the measurement of compensated absences. The Town's existing policy for compensated absences does not allow for any carryovers so therefore has no material effect on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Town is reviewing the following GASB Statements, which are effective in future years, for possible implementation.

- GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures – Determined not applicable until fiscal year 2025.*
- GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets – Determined not applicable until fiscal year 2026.*

Note 2. Cash and Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits in Financial Institutions

Cash belonging to the Town is placed in the custody of the Town Treasurer who is elected. The Town does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. At December 31, 2024, the Town of Fairfield, Vermont's deposits had a carrying amount of \$1,658,537 and a bank balance of \$1,729,925. Of the bank balance, \$1,180,068 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Collateral held by pledging institution's	
trust department not in the government's name	\$ 1,180,068
Total	<u>\$ 1,180,068</u>

Note 3. Inter-fund Receivables/Payables and Advances

A summary of inter-fund due from/due to accounts is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Equipment Fund	General Fund	\$ 20,740
Computerization Fund	General Fund	13,225
Grant Writer Fund	General Fund	13,015
Cemetery Fund	General Fund	5,801
Legal Fund	General Fund	2,390
Library Fund	General Fund	11,465
Recreation Fund	General Fund	10,676
Total due from General Fund		<u>77,312</u>
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	2,157
General Fund	Fire Station Fund	360
General Fund	Zoning Fund	1,891
Total due to General Fund		<u>4,408</u>
Total due to / due from		<u>\$ 81,720</u>

Note 3. Inter-fund Receivables/Payables and Advances (Continued)

The interfund balances mainly resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Note 4. Investments

Special Revenue Funds – The Fairfield Trustees of Library Funds are charged with maximizing the return on all invested funds while maintaining their security. By state statute, the Trustees may invest in any security issued, insured, or guaranteed by the United States; highly rated bonds, repurchase agreements and debt securities of any federally insured financial institution; shares of a registered investment company, or a unit investment trust, if such mutual investment fund has been in operation for at least ten years and has net assets of at least \$500,000,000; or deposits in federally insured financial institutions.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All of the Town's investments in securities are held by the counterparty's trust department in the Town's name.

Library Fund investments at December 31, 2024 consisted of the following:

Investment Type	Unrealized	Cost	Market Value	Investment maturities in years		
	Gain/Loss			Less than 1	1-5	6-10
U.S. Corporate Bonds	\$ (12,598)	\$ 537,783	\$ 525,185	\$ 49,833	\$ 272,429	\$202,923
U.S. Treasury Securities	(1,523)	93,141	91,618	-	-	91,618
Total fixed income	(14,121)	630,924	616,803	\$ 49,833	\$ 272,429	\$294,541
Money funds	-	44,481	44,481			
Exchange traded and closed end funds	358	25,278	25,636			
Common stocks and options	511,627	870,549	1,382,176			
Total at December 31, 2024	\$ 497,864	\$ 1,571,232	\$ 2,069,096			
Activity for the year consisted of:						
Beginning balance - January 1, 2024			\$ 1,849,412			
Interest and dividends earned			63,145			
Realized gain on sales			70,525			
Brokerage fees			(18,835)			
Unrealized gain on investments			139,040			
Foreign tax paid & interest paid			(2,022)			
Transfer to operating account to cover costs			(32,169)			
Ending balance, December 31, 2024			\$ 2,069,096			

Fair Value Measurement

Town of Fairfield, Vermont's investments measured and reported at fair value are classified according to the following hierarchy:

The Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Topic 820 also established a framework for measuring fair value, which provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation

Note 4. Investments (Continued)

techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities traded in active exchange markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in less active markets, or other observable inputs that can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 2 also includes derivative contracts whose value is determined using a pricing model with observable market inputs or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity for financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation; also includes observable inputs for nonbinding single dealer quotes not corroborated by observable market data.

		Fair Value Measurement Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments by fair value level	12/31/2024			
<i>Debt Securities</i>				
Money market mutual funds	\$ 44,481	\$ 44,481	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Corporate Bonds	525,185	-	525,185	-
U.S. Government Securities	91,618	91,618	-	-
Total debt securities	661,284	136,099	525,185	-
<i>Equity Securities</i>				
Exchange-traded and closed end funds	25,636	25,636	-	-
U.S. common and preferred stock	1,382,176	1,382,176	-	-
Total equity securities	1,407,812	1,407,812	-	-
Total investments by fair value level	\$ 2,069,096	\$ 1,543,911	\$ 525,185	\$ -

Note 5. Grants

The Town receives significant financial assistance from federal and state governmental agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the Town's independent auditors and other governmental auditors. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable fund. Based on prior experience, the Town administration believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

Note 6. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days' notice. Fund underwriting and rate-setting policies have been established after consultations with actuaries. Fund members are subject to supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

The Town is a member of Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns Unemployment Insurance Trust. The Unemployment Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Unemployment Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

Note 7. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions/ Completions	Retirements/ Adjustments	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 226,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,056
Total capital assets not being depreciated	226,056	-	-	226,056
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Infrastructure	10,615,797	204,521	-	10,820,318
Building	3,642,678	23,639	-	3,666,317
Road equipment and vehicles	1,708,649	94,310	(70,832)	1,732,127
Office equipment, furniture, and fixtures	376,766	-	-	376,766
Total capital assets being depreciated	16,343,890	322,470	(70,832)	16,595,528
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(4,309,462)	(497,902)	-	(4,807,364)
Building	(1,425,899)	(90,583)	-	(1,516,482)
Road equipment and vehicles	(1,077,721)	(156,551)	70,834	(1,163,438)
Office equipment, furniture, and fixtures	(257,851)	(14,983)	-	(272,834)
Total accumulated depreciation	(7,070,933)	(760,019)	70,834	(7,760,118)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	9,272,957	(437,549)	2	8,835,410
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 9,499,013	\$ (437,549)	\$ 2	\$ 9,061,466
Governmental activities:				
General government and administration		\$ 262,117		
Road maintenance		497,902		
Total depreciation expense - Governmental activities		\$ 760,019		

Note 8. Municipal Employee' Retirement System

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing, multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for school districts and other municipal employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the retirement system consisted of 359 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives—one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

Summary of System Provisions

There are four levels of contributions and benefits available under the system, Group A, Group B, Group C, and Group D. The Town's employees are covered under Group B. The following is a summary of system provisions under Groups B.

Membership	Full time employees of participating municipalities.
Creditable service	Service as a member plus purchased service.
Average Final Compensation (AFC)	Average annual compensation during highest 3 consecutive years.
Service Retirement Allowance	
Eligibility:	The earlier of age 62 with 5 years of service or age 55 with 30 years of service.
Amount:	1.7% of AFC x service as Group B member plus percentage earned as Group A member x AFC.
	Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC. The above amounts include the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.

Note 8. Municipal Employee' Retirement System (Continued)

Early Retirement Allowance

Eligibility:	Age 55 with 5 years of service.
Amount:	Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement precedes Normal Retirement Age.

Vested Retirement Allowance

Eligibility:	5 years of service.
Amount:	Allowance beginning at normal retirement age based on AFC and service at termination. The AFC is to be adjusted annually by one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the limits on "Post-Retirement Adjustments" described below.

Disability Retirement Allowance

Eligibility:	5 years of service and disability as determined by Retirement Board.
Amount:	Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability.

Death Benefit

Eligibility:	Death after 5 years of service.
Amount:	Reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor's benefit under disability annuity computed as of date of death.

Optional Benefit And Death after Retirement

Lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee.

Refund of Contribution

Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member's accumulated contributions are refunded.

Post-Retirement Adjustments

Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index but not more than 3%.

Member Contributions

6.375% effective 07/01/24, 6.125% for fiscal year ended 06/30/24

Employer Contributions

7.000% effective 07/01/24, 6.750% for fiscal year ended 06/30/24

Retirement Stipend

\$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of retirees.

Contributions

The contribution requirements of VMERS members and the Town are established by the VMERS Board of Trustees. The contribution rates are reviewed annually by the VMERS Board as recommended by the actuary of the retirement system in order to achieve and preserve the financial integrity of the fund. The employees' contributions are deducted from the employee's wages or salary and remitted by the Town to VMERS on a quarterly basis. The Town's contractually required contribution rates for the year ended December 31, 2024 were 6.750% for Group B members prior to July 1 and 7.000% after July 1. These rates were actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The Town's contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 were \$28,895.

Note 8. Municipal Employee' Retirement System (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2024, the Town reported a liability of \$267,182 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2024, the Town's proportion was 0.08044%, which was a decrease of .00474% from its proportion of .08518% as of June 30, 2023.

The Town recognized pension expense of \$43,001. At December 31, 2024, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 28,936	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	1,440	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	6,591	-
Changes in proportionate share of contributions	1,078	14,058
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>15,219</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 53,264</u>	<u>\$ 14,058</u>

The \$15,219 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town's contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending December 31,	
2025	\$ 19,535
2026	25,292
2027	(1,298)
2028	(4,323)
Thereafter	-
Total	<u>\$ 39,206</u>

Significant Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuations was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Investment rate of return: 7.00%, net of pension plan investment expenses, including inflation.

Salary Increases: Varying service-based rates ranging from 4.07% to 6.21%. Salary increases include assumed inflation rate of 2.30%.

Note 8. Municipal Employee' Retirement System (Continued)

Mortality:

Pre-Retirement: 60% PubG-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted below median and 40% of PubG-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted, with generational projection using scale MP-2021.

Healthy Post-Retirement - Retirees: PubG-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Below-Median Table with credibility adjustments of 90% and 87% for the Male and Female tables, respectively, with generational projection using scale MP-2021.

Health Post-Retirement – Beneficiaries: Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor below-median, with generational projection using scale MP-2021.

Disabled Post-Retirement: PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with generational projection using scale MP-2021.

Spouse's Age: Females three years younger than males.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments: 1.90% for Group B. The January 1, 2025 COLA is assumed to be 1.10% and January 1, 2024 COLAs are 1.20% for Group B.

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry age actuarial cost method. Entry age is the age at date of employment, or if date is unknown, current age minus years of service. Normal cost and actuarial accrued liability are calculated on an individual basis and are allocated by salary, with normal cost determined using the plan of benefits applicable to each participant.

Assets: The valuation is based on the market value of assets as of the valuation date, as provided by the System. The System uses an “actuarial value of assets” that differs from market value to gradually reflect year-to-year changes in the market value of assets in determining the contribution requirements.

Inflation: 2.30% per year.

Long-term expected rate of return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

Note 8. Municipal Employee' Retirement System (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Agg Fixed Income	19.00%	1.70%
TIPS	2.00%	1.70%
Large/Mid Cap US Equity	4.00%	4.20%
Small Cap US Equity	3.00%	4.70%
Developed Large/Mid Cap International Equity	5.00%	5.95%
Global Equity	32.00%	5.25%
Core Real Estate	3.00%	3.45%
Non-Core Real Estate	4.00%	5.70%
Private Credit	11.00%	5.70%
Private Equity	11.00%	7.45%
Private Core Infrastructure	4.00%	4.95%
Agriculture/Farmland	2.00%	3.95%
	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan assets is 7.00%. The high quality tax-exempt general obligation municipal bond rate (20-bond GO Index) as of the closest date prior to the valuation date of June 30, 2024 is 3.93%, as published by the Bond Buyer.

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and employer contributions will be made at rates set by the Board (employers) and statute (members). The Board voted to authorize employer contribution rate increase of 0.50% each year for a period of four years beginning July 1, 2024 to be offset by any increases in the employee contribution rates as negotiated with employee groups and approved by the legislature. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plans' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members as of June 30, 2024. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Change in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.00%) or one percent higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
\$408,482	\$267,182	\$151,206

Note 8. Municipal Employee' Retirement System (Continued)

Pension Expense

As discussed above, most changes in the net pension liability are included in pension expense in the year of change, including changes resulting from current-period service cost, interest on the total pension liability, changes in benefit terms, and projected earnings on the pension plan's investments. Other changes in net pension liability are recorded as deferred pension outflows of resources and deferred pension inflows of resources, and included in pension expense on a systematic and rational manner over current and future periods.

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of Vermont Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report may be obtained by writing the State Auditor of Accounts, 132 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.

Note 9. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Town offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The Plan, available to all Town employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are solely the property and rights of the participants. The Town has no liability for losses under the plan.

Investments are managed by the plan's administrator under several different investment options, or combinations thereof. The choice of the investment option(s) is made by the participants. The Town has no management control over the assets of the plan. Accordingly, the assets of the plan are not included in these financial statements per GASB Statement No. 97.

Note 10. Operating Transfers

The Town made the following transfers during the year ended December 31, 2024:

				Transfer From		
				General Fund	ARPA Fund	Better Back Roads Fund
Transfer to	Equipment Fund	\$ 113,776	\$ (113,776)	\$ -	\$ -	
	Capital Projects Fund	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	
	Library Fund	136,159	(136,159)	-	-	
	Recreation Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-	-	
	General Fund	6,971	-	-	-	(6,971)
	Roads Grant Fund	14,380	-	-	(14,380)	-
	Grants -in-aid Fund	8,788	-	-	(8,788)	-
	Total	<u>\$ 310,074</u>	<u>\$ (279,935)</u>	<u>\$ (23,168)</u>	<u>\$ (6,971)</u>	

The transfers from the general fund were made to record budgeted property tax contributions to these other funds, as well as matching grant expenditures. The transfers from the ARPA fund were made to cover the cost of matching contributions for grants.

Note 11. Short-Term Debt

Below is a summary of changes in short-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>
Tax anticipation note taken out on 3/8/2024 and paid off 12/1/2024 at a rate of 2.0%	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 189
Tax anticipation note taken out on 6/25/2024 and paid off 12/2/2024 at a rate of 2.0%	-	230,000	230,000	\$ -	\$ 277
Totals	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 530,000</u>	<u>\$ 530,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 466</u>

Interest paid on short-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$466.

Note 12. Long-Term Debt

Below is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Notes Payable					
Peoples Trust Company, commercial promissory note taken out on 02/01/2021 due 02/01/2024 at a rate of 2.05% secured by a 2021 International truck with a net book value of \$121,089.	\$ 30,611	\$ -	\$ 30,611	\$ -	\$ -
Peoples Trust Company, annual payments of \$33,592 including interest at 3.25% was refinanced in May 2020 at an interest rate of 2.60% due May 2027 secured by the Library with a net book value of \$496,588.	121,724	-	28,965	92,759	29,963
Peoples Trust Company, commercial promissory note taken out on 08/08/2022 due 08/08/2025 at a rate of 2.25% secured by a 2023 International truck with a net book value of \$161,412.	<u>71,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,210</u>	<u>36,004</u>	<u>36,004</u>
Total notes payable	<u>223,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,786</u>	<u>128,763</u>	<u>65,967</u>
Other long term liabilities:					
Net pension liability	<u>272,828</u>	<u>102,423</u>	<u>108,069</u>	<u>267,182</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 496,377</u>	<u>\$ 102,423</u>	<u>\$ 202,855</u>	<u>\$ 395,945</u>	<u>\$ 65,967</u>

Interest paid on long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$7,546.

Note 12. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Principal and interest payments on the note payable indebtedness to maturity will be as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	65,967	3,348	69,315
2026	30,787	1,714	32,501
2027	32,009	492	32,501
2028	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 128,763</u>	<u>\$ 5,554</u>	<u>\$ 134,317</u>

Note 13. Fund Balances

Net position in the governmental activities is restricted as follows:

Governmental Activities	
Library fund - restricted by statute	\$ 1,851,466
Capital projects fund - restricted by agreement	245,303
Lister/reappraisal fund - restricted by agreement	70,607
Historical Soc/building fund - restricted by agreement	10,299
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 2,177,675</u>

The analysis of the fund balances at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Balance 12/31/2023	Increase	Decrease	Other financing sources (uses)	Balance 12/31/2024
Nonspendable fund balances					
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 14,489	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,489
Restricted fund balances					
Major Governmental Funds					
Library Fund	\$ 1,763,834	\$ 286,029	\$ 198,397	\$ -	\$ 1,851,466
ARPA Fund	-	66,891	43,723	(23,168)	-
Roads Grant Fund	-	19,655	34,035	14,380	-
Total major governmental funds	<u>1,763,834</u>	<u>372,575</u>	<u>276,155</u>	<u>(8,788)</u>	<u>1,851,466</u>
Nonmajor Governmental Funds					
Capital Projects Fund	195,904	29,399	-	20,000	245,303
Lister/Reappraisal Fund	60,517	10,325	235	-	70,607
Historical Soc/Building Fund	12,083	17	1,801	-	10,299
Better Backroads Grant Fund	6,971	5,587	14,375	1,817	-
Total nonmajor governmental funds	<u>275,475</u>	<u>45,328</u>	<u>16,411</u>	<u>21,817</u>	<u>326,209</u>
Total restricted fund balances	<u>\$ 2,039,309</u>	<u>\$ 417,903</u>	<u>\$ 292,566</u>	<u>\$ 13,029</u>	<u>\$ 2,177,675</u>
Committed fund balances					
Nonmajor Governmental Funds					
Equipment Fund	\$ 250,811	\$ 45,523	\$ 64,430	\$ 113,776	\$ 345,680
Grant Writer Fund	13,015	-	-	-	13,015
Legal Fund	2,390	-	-	-	2,390
Paving Fund	26,743	67	-	-	26,810
Recreation Fund	19,566	8	3,124	10,000	26,450
Common School Fund	25,045	38	-	-	25,083
Total nonmajor governmental funds	<u>337,570</u>	<u>45,636</u>	<u>67,554</u>	<u>123,776</u>	<u>439,428</u>
Total committed fund balances	<u>\$ 337,570</u>	<u>\$ 45,636</u>	<u>\$ 67,554</u>	<u>\$ 123,776</u>	<u>\$ 439,428</u>

Note 13. Fund Balances (Continued)

Assigned fund balances

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Zoning Fund	\$ 5,162	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,179
Computerization Fund	33,773	6,379	6,477	-	33,675
Total nonmajor governmental funds	38,935	6,396	6,477	-	38,854
Total assigned fund balances	<u>\$ 38,935</u>	<u>\$ 6,396</u>	<u>\$ 6,477</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,854</u>

Unassigned fund balances

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund	\$ 527,704	\$ 2,083,378	\$ 1,664,093	\$ (272,964)	\$ 674,025
Library Fund	135,329	-	-	136,159	271,488
Total major governmental funds	663,033	2,083,378	1,664,093	(136,805)	945,513

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Fire Station Fund	(360)	-	-	-	(360)
Total unassigned fund balances	<u>\$ 662,673</u>	<u>\$ 2,083,378</u>	<u>\$ 1,664,093</u>	<u>\$ (136,805)</u>	<u>\$ 945,153</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 3,078,487</u>	<u>\$ 2,567,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,030,690</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,615,599</u>

Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law which includes the guaranteed direct relief to cities, towns and villages in the United States. The funds can be used to support public health expenditures, address the negative economic impacts cause by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential works, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. As of the report date the Town has received \$583,941. All of these funds have been expended at December 31, 2024.

On May 29, 2024 the Town entered into an agreement with AmCare Medical Systems, Inc. to provide exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance services for its community. AmCare agrees to provide emergency ambulance coverage to the Town twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week. The agreement terms are from 2024 to 2033. The 2025 annual payment is \$42,113.

On November 25, 2024 the Town entered into an agreement with the City of St. Albans for six months to provide emergency communications and dispatch services through June 30, 2026. The Town shall pay to the City an annual fee of \$27,900.

Note 15. Tax Abatements

The Town enters into property tax abatement agreements with local charitable and fraternal organizations pursuant to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 32, Chapter 125 §3840, as approved by the voters during town meeting. This statute states that fraternal organizations, volunteer fire, and ambulance or rescue companies who own real estate exclusively for such purposes, may be exempted from real estate taxation, either in whole or in part, for a period not exceeding 10 years, if the Town so votes. Upon the expiration of the exemption, the Town may vote additional periods of exemption not exceeding five years each.

During the 2020 Town meeting, the voters approved an additional five year exemption of real estate taxes for the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department. The real property value exempted from taxes was \$285,200, which amounted to \$6,982 in taxes during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 15. Tax Abatements (Continued)

During the 2015 Town meeting, the voters approved an initial ten year exemption of real estate taxes for the Fairfield Meeting House. The real property value exempted from taxes was \$40,410, which amounted to \$989 in taxes during the year ended December 31, 2024.

During the 2015 Town meeting, the voters approved an initial ten year exemption of real estate taxes for the Fairfield Community Center. The real property value exempted from taxes was \$438,495, which amounted to \$10,734 in taxes during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 16. Subsequent Events

The Town has evaluated all subsequent events through November 7, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Real and personal taxes - Municipal	\$ 1,457,999	\$ 1,331,164	\$ (126,835)
School overpayment credit	-	43,966	43,966
State aid:			
Highway	232,706	212,093	(20,613)
Current use	230,000	299,530	69,530
Taxes	3,600	50,502	46,902
Interest and dividends	4,000	4,703	703
Licenses and fees	34,350	33,209	(1,141)
Grants	44,000	70,120	26,120
Delinquent tax penalty	10,000	18,398	8,398
Rent and forest lease	17,800	20,200	2,400
Miscellaneous	72,500	3,410	(69,090)
Total revenues	<u>2,106,955</u>	<u>2,087,295</u>	<u>(19,660)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Selectboard:			
Salary secretary	1,200	873	327
Stipends	7,500	7,500	-
Payroll taxes	680	988	(308)
Mileage	500	-	500
CCC Expense	-	859	(859)
Dues / Subscriptions	5,300	4,722	578
Advertising / Publishing	1,000	453	547
Legal	7,000	8,476	(1,476)
Insurance - General	70,000	52,865	17,135
Insurance - Unemployment	4,600	4,934	(334)
Supplies	600	632	(32)
Flags	1,000	1,740	(740)
Dog expense	200	84	116
Audit	26,000	26,000	-
Ambulance / Dispatch	67,363	66,260	1,103
Professional services	5,000	2,585	2,415
Equipment	500	500	-
Security	920	999	(79)
Landfill	2,600	2,757	(157)
County tax	20,500	21,781	(1,281)
MRPG	2,000	1,510	490
Drug and alcohol testing	1,000	1,235	(235)
Miscellaneous	500	673	(173)
Total Selectboard	<u>225,963</u>	<u>208,426</u>	<u>17,537</u>

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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)			
Town clerk and treasurer:			
Town administrator	60,168	60,643	(475)
Salary - Clerk	47,782	47,320	462
File clerk	15,098	12,159	2,939
Treasurer	6,011	6,233	(222)
Payroll taxes	9,900	9,784	116
Health insurance	31,200	28,907	2,293
Life insurance and accidental death	300	252	48
Disability insurance	700	792	(92)
Retirement	7,900	8,199	(299)
Supplies	2,000	1,137	863
Restoration	500	-	500
Vitals and land records	500	168	332
Telephone	4,500	5,166	(666)
Postage and shipping	4,000	2,556	1,444
Computer expense	15,000	13,561	1,439
Election expense	1,000	263	737
Mileage	200	94	106
Education and training	1,000	35	965
Equipment	2,300	2,178	122
Tax bill expense	250	347	(97)
Miscellaneous	250	252	(2)
Total town clerk and treasurer	210,559	200,046	10,513
Town auditors:			
Salary or stipend	750	750	-
Payroll taxes	60	38	22
Publications	2,250	1,910	340
Postage and shipping	200	-	200
Total town auditors	3,260	2,698	562
Listers:			
Salary or stipend	6,945	7,204	(259)
Town assessor	18,645	10,600	8,045
Payroll taxes	520	551	(31)
Supplies	250	-	250
Postage and shipping	500	86	414
Computer expense	1,000	538	462
Mileage	250	143	107
Education and training	100	-	100
Equipment	100	-	100
Parcel mapping	5,000	5,675	(675)
Total listers	33,310	24,797	8,513

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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)			
Delinquent tax collector:			
Salary	13,000	10,565	2,435
Stipends	2,500	3,000	(500)
Payroll taxes	1,200	727	473
Legal	2,000	1,328	672
Advertising and publishing	250	1,297	(1,047)
Supplies	100	-	100
Postage and shipping	500	42	458
Mileage	200	-	200
Training and education	200	48	152
Equipment	300	1,032	(732)
Grant expenditures	2,000	-	2,000
Miscellaneous	16,224	9,278	6,946
Total delinquent tax collector	38,474	27,317	11,157
Town properties:			
Salary	1,500	1,319	181
Supplies	500	324	176
Electricity	6,200	6,670	(470)
Heat	14,000	10,921	3,079
Repairs and maintenance	4,000	5,394	(1,394)
Repairs and maintenance - Fire Department	225	-	225
Security	970	833	137
Security - Fire Department	850	838	12
Maintenance - Chester's	1,000	749	251
Maintenance - Community Center	3,500	3,500	-
Maintenance - North Road	2,000	2,277	(277)
Water	600	729	(129)
Professional services	500	1,059	(559)
Equipment	500	-	500
Capital improvements	10,000	3,693	6,307
Miscellaneous	500	420	80
Total town properties	46,845	38,726	8,119
Cemeteries:			
Supplies	200	-	200
Contracted services	7,700	7,680	20
Total cemeteries	7,900	7,680	220
Parks and recreation:			
Electricity	600	643	(43)
Contracted services	1,250	3,400	(2,150)
Trash removal	-	47	(47)
Portolet rental	800	900	(100)
Maintenance - Common School	2,500	-	2,500
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,448	(448)
Total parks and recreation	6,150	6,438	(288)
Street lights:			
Electricity	5,600	5,751	(151)
Total street lights	5,600	5,751	(151)

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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)			
Appropriations:			
Warning	25,571	25,571	-
Fire Department	117,225	117,225	-
Total appropriations	<u>142,796</u>	<u>142,796</u>	<u>-</u>
Road maintenance:			
Salaries	231,168	196,939	34,229
Payroll taxes	21,400	18,749	2,651
Retirement	19,220	17,495	1,725
Health insurance	38,600	42,532	(3,932)
Life insurance and accidental death	500	504	(4)
Disability insurance	1,500	1,274	226
Contracted services	172,500	140,650	31,850
Materials	174,000	172,381	1,619
Winter sand	60,000	24,038	35,962
Chloride	55,000	49,670	5,330
Gravel	30,000	33,560	(3,560)
Guardrails	5,000	-	5,000
Blasting	5,000	-	5,000
Road signs	5,000	4,489	511
Miscellaneous	15,500	2,701	12,799
Total road maintenance	<u>834,388</u>	<u>704,982</u>	<u>129,406</u>
Equipment:			
Labor	32,785	24,603	8,182
Supplies	40,000	67,309	(27,309)
Repairs and maintenance	15,000	8,679	6,321
Fuel and oil	75,000	66,518	8,482
Debt retirement - Interest and principal	68,430	68,035	395
Total equipment	<u>231,215</u>	<u>235,144</u>	<u>(3,929)</u>
Town garage:			
Salaries	16,410	27,238	(10,828)
Supplies	3,000	5,676	(2,676)
Telephone	300	268	32
Tools	2,000	2,465	(465)
Electricity	2,800	2,799	1
Heat	2,000	1,451	549
Repairs and maintenance	7,500	7,352	148
Water	200	200	-
Computer	200	230	(30)
Equipment	1,800	2,415	(615)
Security	850	833	17
Contracted services	1,000	-	1,000
Miscellaneous	500	5,234	(4,734)
Total town garage	<u>38,560</u>	<u>56,161</u>	<u>(17,601)</u>

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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Original & Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Budgetary Basis	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
EXPENDITURES (Continued)			
Debt service:			
Interest - General	2,000	3,131	(1,131)
Total debt service	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,131</u>	<u>(1,131)</u>
 Total expenditures	 <u>1,827,020</u>	 <u>1,664,093</u>	 <u>162,927</u>
 Excess of revenues over expenditures	 <u>279,935</u>	 <u>423,202</u>	 <u>143,267</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in			
Better Backroads Fund	-	6,971	(6,971)
Operating transfers out			
Capital projects fund	(20,000)	(20,000)	-
Equipment fund	(113,776)	(113,776)	-
Recreation fund	(10,000)	(10,000)	-
Library fund	<u>(136,159)</u>	<u>(136,159)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(279,935)</u>	<u>(272,964)</u>	<u>(6,971)</u>
 Excess of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 150,238</u>	 <u>\$ 150,238</u>

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note A. Budget to Actual Reconciliation

An explanation of the differences between budgetary revenues and expenditures and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles follows:

Revenues:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 2,087,295
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Tax revenue to be collected within 60 days of year-end is a revenue for financial reporting purposes but is not a revenue for budgetary purposes	<u>10,572</u>
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Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - Governmental funds	<u><u>\$ 2,097,867</u></u>
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Expenditures:

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) from the budgetary comparison schedule	<u>\$ 1,664,093</u>
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Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - Governmental funds	<u><u>\$ 1,664,093</u></u>
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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System
Last 9 Fiscal years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.080441%	0.085181%	0.084180%	0.088180%	0.094315%	0.108710%	0.10770%	0.10765%	0.0571%
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 267,182	\$ 272,828	\$ 255,389	\$ 129,790	\$ 238,592	\$ 188,604	\$ 151,505	\$ 130,423	\$ 73,460
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 420,024	\$ 386,721	\$ 336,999	\$ 326,768	\$ 329,805	\$ 306,522	\$ 349,027	\$ 318,357	\$ 306,723
Town's portion of the net pension liability as a percentage of the covered-employee payroll	63.61%	70.55%	75.78%	39.72%	72.34%	61.53%	43.41%	40.97%	23.95%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.22%	74.01%	73.60%	86.29%	74.52%	80.35%	82.60%	83.64%	80.95%

SCHEDULE OF THE TOWN'S CONTRIBUTIONS
Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System
Last 9 Fiscal years

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 26,497	\$ 24,280	\$ 21,063	\$ 19,606	\$ 19,547	\$ 20,887	\$ 18,864	\$ 17,580	\$ 8,675
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	26,497	24,280	21,063	19,606	19,547	20,887	18,864	17,580	8,675
Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 420,024	\$ 386,721	\$ 336,999	\$ 326,768	\$ 329,805	\$ 306,522	\$ 349,027	\$ 318,357	\$ 306,723
Contributions in relation to the statutory required contribution as a percentage of the covered-employee payroll	6.308%	6.278%	6.250%	6.000%	5.927%	6.814%	5.405%	5.522%	2.828%

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - Pension

Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods:

There have been no changes in actuarial assumptions and methods since the last measurement date.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

At the November 17, 2020, Board Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to authorize employer contribution rates increases of .50% each year for a period of four years, beginning July 1, 2022. In 2022, The Legislature passed H.740, which effectively split the Board-authorized increases evenly between members and employers by including an increase in the employee rate of 0.25% for each group for four years, beginning July 1, 2022.

Note: These schedules will eventually present 10 years of information; however, they currently only provide information on fiscal years for which it is available.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2024

	Zoning Fund	Equipment Fund	Lister/ Reappraisal Fund	Historical Soc/Building Fund	Grant Writer Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Paving Fund	Fire Station Fund	Legal Fund	Computerization Fund	Recreation Fund	Common School Fund	Better Back Roads Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS														
Cash	\$ 7,070	\$ 324,941	\$ 70,607	\$ 10,299	\$ -	\$ 247,460	\$ 26,810	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,450	\$ 15,773	\$ 25,083	\$ -	\$ 748,493
Due from other funds	-	20,740	-	-	13,015	-	-	-	2,390	13,225	10,676	-	-	60,046
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,070</u>	<u>\$ 345,681</u>	<u>\$ 70,607</u>	<u>\$ 10,299</u>	<u>\$ 13,015</u>	<u>\$ 247,460</u>	<u>\$ 26,810</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,390</u>	<u>\$ 33,675</u>	<u>\$ 26,449</u>	<u>\$ 25,083</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 808,539</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE														
LIABILITIES														
Due to other funds	\$ 1,891	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,157	-	\$ 360	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 4,408
Total liabilities	<u>1,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,408</u>
FUND BALANCES														
Fund balances:														
Restricted	-	-	70,607	10,299	-	245,303	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	326,209
Committed	-	345,681	-	-	13,015	-	26,810	-	2,390	-	26,449	25,083	-	439,428
Assigned	5,179	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,675	-	-	-	38,854
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(360)	-	-	-	-	-	(360)
Total fund balances	<u>5,179</u>	<u>345,681</u>	<u>70,607</u>	<u>10,299</u>	<u>13,015</u>	<u>245,303</u>	<u>26,810</u>	<u>(360)</u>	<u>2,390</u>	<u>33,675</u>	<u>26,449</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>804,131</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 7,070</u>	<u>\$ 345,681</u>	<u>\$ 70,607</u>	<u>\$ 10,299</u>	<u>\$ 13,015</u>	<u>\$ 247,460</u>	<u>\$ 26,810</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,390</u>	<u>\$ 33,675</u>	<u>\$ 26,449</u>	<u>\$ 25,083</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 808,539</u>

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Zoning Fund	Equipment Fund	Lister/ Reappraisal Fund	Historical Soc/Building Fund	Grant Writer Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Fire Station Fund	Paving Fund	Legal Fund	Computerization Fund	Recreation Fund	Common School Fund	Better Back Roads Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES														
State aid - Listers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,095	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,095
Interest	17	405	161	17	-	514	-	67	-	43	8	38	-	1,270
Licenses and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,336	-	-	-	6,336
Grants - Federal	-	-	-	-	-	2,910	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,910
Grants - State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,587	5,587
Grants - Match	-	-	-	-	-	25,975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,975
Sale of equipment	-	35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,000
Miscellaneous	-	10,118	1,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,187
Total revenues	17	45,523	10,325	17	-	29,399	-	67	-	6,379	8	38	5,587	97,360
EXPENDITURES														
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,450	-	-	2,450
Equipment	-	64,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,241	73	-	-	70,744
Contracted/Professional services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,350	10,350
Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,025	4,025
Miscellaneous	-	-	235	1,801	-	-	-	-	-	236	601	-	-	2,873
Total expenditures	-	64,430	235	1,801	-	-	-	-	-	6,477	3,124	-	14,375	90,442
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	17	(18,907)	10,090	(1,784)	-	29,399	-	67	-	(98)	(3,116)	38	(8,788)	6,918
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES														
Operating transfers in	-	113,776	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	8,788	152,564
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,971)	(6,971)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	113,776	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	1,817	145,593
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	17	94,869	10,090	(1,784)	-	49,399	-	67	-	(98)	6,884	38	(6,971)	152,511
Fund balance at beginning of year	5,162	250,812	60,517	12,083	13,015	195,904	(360)	26,743	2,390	33,773	19,565	25,045	6,971	651,620
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 5,179	\$ 345,681	\$ 70,607	\$ 10,299	\$ 13,015	\$ 245,303	\$ (360)	\$ 26,810	\$ 2,390	\$ 33,675	\$ 26,449	\$ 25,083	\$ -	\$ 804,131

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

COMBINING STATEMENT OF PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 2024

	Cemetery Fund	Morey Fund	Total Private Purpose Trust Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 18,741	\$ 2,799	\$ 21,540
Due from other funds	5,801	-	5,801
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Total assets	24,542	2,799	27,341
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LIABILITIES			
Total liabilities	-	-	-
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NET POSITION			
Restricted for Bradley Cemetery	15,824	-	15,824
Restricted for specific purposes	8,718	2,799	11,517
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Total net position	\$ 24,542	\$ 2,799	\$ 27,341
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TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, VERMONT

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES
IN PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Cemetery Fund	Morey Fund	Total Private Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS			
Interest	\$ 150	\$ 23	\$ 173
Total additions	150	23	173
DEDUCTIONS			
Total deductions	-	-	-
Change in net position	150	23	173
Net position at beginning of year	24,392	2,776	27,168
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 24,542</u>	<u>\$ 2,799</u>	<u>\$ 27,341</u>