

Town of



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WORCESTER VERMONT

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

**REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Friday after 10:00 a.m. by appointment only

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LISTERS' HOURS (2021)

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PROPERTY TAXES

Full or partial payment of property taxes is accepted on or before the due date. A one-time penalty of 8% plus interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged on the unpaid balance after the tax due date. **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

ANIMAL LICENSES

All dogs & wolf-hybrids must be licensed on or by April 1, 2021. After April 1, a late fee is charged in addition to the town and state licensing fees, as follows:

	Town fee	State fee*	Total	PLUS Late fee <u>After April 1</u>
Neutered Males/Spayed Females	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$9.00	\$2.00 (\$11.00 total)
Males or Females	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$13.00	\$4.00 (\$17.00 total)

*Mandatory state fees are collected for rabies control (\$2.00) and the State of Vermont's spaying and neutering program (\$3.00).

Vaccinations must be CURRENT at the time of registration. Current spaying/neutering certificates and current Vaccination Certificates must be presented at time of registration.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

The Town Clerk can process preprinted computer-generated Vehicle Registration Renewals with current or 2 previous months expirations for cars, school buses, trucks under 7000 lbs., trailers and motorboats. Snowmobile renewals up to 11 months will also be accepted. The only changes allowed to registrations are address and vehicle color. Checks or money orders ONLY, made out to DMV, will be collected for the DMV registration amount plus an additional \$3.00, in cash or separate check, made out to the Town of Worcester for the Town's fee.



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Steve Lang Memorial

As a dedicated Worcester resident for over 60 years, Steve Lang touched the lives of many. He served on the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years in various roles, including Deputy Chief and, until his passing on July 23, 2020, was the Fire Warden. He also served several terms on the Worcester Cemetery Commission, and plowed many driveways each winter.

Steve was always there if any one needed help, or had a project that needed an extra pair of hands. He was often available if you stopped in at LBJ's or Brian Martin's auto shop. Steve will be remembered as a hardworking, devoted, supportive, sometimes cranky, often teasing, part of our community.

TOWN OFFICERS IN 2020

		Term Ends:
Town Moderator	Paul Hanlon	2020
School Moderator	Paul Hanlon	2020
Town Clerk	Katie Winkeljohn	2020
Town Treasurer	Katie Winkeljohn	2020
Selectboard	James "Ted" Lamb, Chair	2021
	Roger Strobridge	2022
	Cheri Goldstein	2020
Listers	Alan Erdossy, Chair	2022
	Christopher Lyon	2023
	Peter Strobridge	2021
Cemetery Commissioners	Francette Cerulli, Chair	2021
	Steve Barrows	2022
	Heather Pagel	2023
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Katie Winkeljohn	2020
Town Constable	Shawn McManis	2020
LRSWD	Carl Witke	2022
Justices of the Peace	Paul Hanlon, Chair	2022
	Marcia "Mimi" Hill	2022
	Michele Hill	2022
	Roger Hill	2022
	Elaine Ball	2022

APPOINTED OFFICERS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Road Commissioner

Brian Powers

Road Crew

Michael Utton

Tyler Whalen

Tim Cane (part-time)

Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer

Judith Knapp

Francette Cerulli

Wrightsville Beach Dist.

Carl Witke

Fire Warden

Will Sutton

Fire Chief

Mark "Will" Sutton

Fast Squad

Peter Fitz, Dir

Planning Commission

Toni Kaeding, Interim Chair

Meredith Crandall Kate Spring and Justin Kenny

CV Reg. Planning Comm.

Bill Arrand

Green-up Chair

Colleen Kutin

Health Officer

Ted Lamb

Animal Control Officer

OPEN

Election Officials

Sandra Bador 32 years of service

Sylvia Zuanich 23 years of service

Judy Knapp 14 years of service

Mary Ann Powers 9 years of service

Penny Marwede 7 years of service

Francette Cerulli 7 years of service

MONTHLY MEETINGS*

Selectboard

Board of Health

Planning Commission

Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.

North Branch Grange

Worcester Rangers

Worcester Historical Society

Worcester Fire Dist. #1

United Methodist Women

Worcester Neighbor Network

Worcester Community Kitchen

Worcester Food Shelf

1st & 3rd Mondays, Town Complex, 6:30 p.m.

1st Monday of quarter, Town Complex, 6:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m. (every other month)

2nd Sunday, Station, 9 a.m., 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.

2nd & 4th Mondays, Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

1st Wed. after the first Sunday, Church Annex, 7 p.m.

2nd Tuesday, WHS Bldg., 6:30 p.m. Closed until 4/9

2nd Tuesday, Pump House, 7 p.m.

2nd Thursday, Church Annex, 1:00 p.m.

3rd Wednesday, Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

FREE LUNCH Wednesday, Town Hall, Noon-1 p.m.

Wednesday, Town Hall, 11a.m.-1p.m. and

every Saturday, Town Hall, 11a.m.-1p.m.

***Due to COVID19 restrictions meeting times and places will be adjusted to accommodate State guidelines.**

VITAL RECORDS 2020

BIRTHS

Sylas James MacKenzie
Owen Mathew Kempton
Ophelia Gray Doyle
Forest Lane LeFevre
Gemma Ranae Taylor Perkins
Stephanie Carrol Boudreau

DATE

March 25
June 6
June 26
July 1
July 27
August 20

PARENTS

Amanda Renfrew & Shea MacKenzie
Jessica & Amos Kempton
Helen G. Doyle & Adam S. Mitchell
Stephanie & Jason LeFevre
Kendra Bador & Peter Perkins
Catherine & Jeffrey Boudreau

MARRIAGES

Rosemary Gilruth Gile
Cheryl Lee Thuren
Lacey Elizabeth Boleyn
Tyler Bador
Anne M. Tyrrell
Kristina Mae Antoinette King
Jessica Denise Alaimo

DATE

Feb. 29
Feb. 27
April 18
June 15
July 24
September 26
October 27

SPOUSE

Craig Paul Rosa
Kenneth Wayne Johnston
Martin W. Casey
Simone Arnold
Jerry E. Nelson
Taliesin Philip Charles Goldstein Perdue
Chole Lavinia Flynn

DEATHS

Earl Kenneth Cooper
Margary A. Kennison
Steven L. Lang
Karen Lee Henderson
Virginia Bador
Tammie Lou Beauregard
Helen B. Golon
Nils Ivan Frantz
Jerry E. Nelson

DATE

February 25
March 14
July 23
September 7
October 15
November 12
December 2
December 5
December 9

AGE

65
83
72
60
84
53
81
89
72



Honoring 100 years of women voting

AUDITOR'S REPORTS

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Worcester, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020.

We will audit the financial statements of the Town of Worcester, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office upon completion.



The Presidential Election looked very different during COVID

ABSTRACT OF MINUTES-TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 9:32 am

ARTICLE 1 – To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

Donna Pollard nominated Paul Hanlon as moderator. Victor Ehly seconded. There were no other nominations. PASSED

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following Town Officers, by Australian ballot:

- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| • Town Clerk | one-year | KATIE WINKELJOHN |
| • Treasurer | one-year | KATIE WINKELJOHN |
| • Select Person | three years | ROGER STROBRIDGE |
| • Lister | three years | CHRIS LYON |
| • LRSWMD Supervisor | two years | CARL WITKE |

ARTICLE 3 – To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.

Donna Pollard moved to approve the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report. Cheri Goldstein second. PASSED

Discussion: Allen Gilbert made note of the 5th paragraph page 28, and asked why the town received refund when the money was originally voted on for the school. Town Clerk Katie Winkeljohn noted that verbiage should not have been used. She stated that “every year we have funds that come back for school round up. It just so happens that this year, it was significantly more than in years past. It is the taxpayer’s money – so we have that much less to raise in taxes this year.” The amount this year is close to 40k. Ms. Winkeljohn noted that the roundup happens because a lot of people file homestead exemptions late, so that changes the number and tax rate – so every year, we will see those adjustments.

Stewart Clark asked a question about the 2011 John Deere loader on page 15 under schedule of assets for highways. Selectboard Chair Ted Lamb stated that the equipment it is the backhoe, and that the town is no longer considering purchasing a loader.

Mr. Clark asked about the results of the town audit? Ms. Winkeljohn shared that everything balanced to the penny, and the PDF of the report is too large to post on the website. Anyone who wants to review the report, can drop by the office to review.

ARTICLE 4 – To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector

Ted Lamb nominated Katie Winkeljohn. Cheri Goldstein seconded. There were no other nominations. PASSED Katie noted there is zero delinquent tax debt from 2018, and the amount printed in the report is already less than half.

ARTICLE 5 – To elect a Town Constable for the year ensuing.

Teb Lamb nominated Shawn McManis. Francette Cerulli seconded. There were no other nominations. PASSED

ARTICLE 6 – To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for the term of three years.

Francette Cerulli nominated Heather Pagel. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. PASSED

ARTICLE 7 – To see if the Town will vote to have all property taxes paid to the Treasurer at the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on or before Monday, August 17, 2020 (Town Tax), and on or before Monday, November 16, 2020 (School Tax) regardless of postmark, and to charge a one-time penalty of 8% and interest at 1% per month or any part of a month on overdue taxes from the due date of the tax, as provided by law.

Marcia Hill moved the article as written in the town report. Leslie Haines seconded. PASSED

ARTICLE 8 – To see if the Town will approve a budget of \$731,843.00

Cheri Goldstein moved the article as written in the town report. Ted Lamb second. PASSED

Discussion: Ted Lamb shared that the big items in budget this year were items mostly out of the town's control – insurance, heating costs, and health insurance reimbursement. A high cost item in the office was that the software Katie works on was increased per year because of cyber security. Three elections coming up this year also add expense. Katie noted that the town used to split the cost of the printing of the town report with the school; however, the school is no longer printing with the town because of the merger. Mr. Lamb stated that the budget is a reflection of the cost to run the town. He said, "it is pretty much needs based."

A discussion was held regarding the repaving of Calais and Minister Brook Roads. Mr. Lamb shared that the cost to pave over everything would be about \$200k per road. Mr. Lamb shared that "Worcester is 15th on the list for paving from the state, so we possibly get money from them this year or next. The bottom line is we're depending on that state money as we do not have \$200 for paving. There are a lot of options, and it would be nice to break them down to put them in writing and present to the town at the special election."

Mr. Ehly shared two recommendations – leave home early and slow down. A discussion ensued regarding road maintenance. Marcia Hill noted that the budget is basically level funded with a slight decrease, and offered a "well done" to selectboard.

Mr. Clark noted that there are errors on page 17 that have been corrected and reprinted. Ms. Winkeljohn share that the good news was that all of the numbers improved with the new information.

Mr. Lamb recognized Marcia Hill for donating a beautiful painting of Worcester Village to the town. A photo of the painting is on the cover of this year's town report. The painting is hung in the town office. Mr. Lamb noted that this is Ben Jones' last year on the selectboard and offered his thanks. He wished Paul Hill, who was not in attendance, prayers and the best of health. Mr. Lamb thanked all town officers and all of those who have worked on committees. There are openings on the planning commission and Ladd Field Recreation commission.

ARTICLE 9 – To see if the voters of the Town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$8,450.00.

Stewart Clark moved to wave the reading of all of the separate items in the list and to approve the motion as written in the town report. Victor Ehly seconded. PASSED

Discussion: Mr. Clark offered information on the list of nonprofits requesting funds and thanked the officers of this committee. He shared that last year, overall, the town appropriated \$900 less than this year. The increase for funding this year was for People's Health and Wellness and Girls and Boyz First.

ARTICLE 10 – To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the amount of \$16,677.00 for the calendar year of 2020.

Kathy Barrows moved to approve the article as written in the town report. Alan Erdossy seconded. PASSED

Penny Marwede shared that there is no increase in the amount of money the town being asked to give the library. The amount equates to \$17/household. Towns contribute 53 percent of the library's annual budget. 376 Worcester residents are library members.

Residents asked: How many of library cards are children and if someone monitors memberships of residents who have passed away? Ms. Marwede stated that she does not have a breakdown of child versus adult memberships and that she shares names of those who have passed with the library. **Steve Barrows called the question. Cathy Barrows second. PASSED**

ARTICLE 11 – Shall the town voters authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00 to pay for the Worcester 4th of July fireworks display?

Amy Darley moved to approve the article as written in the town report. Cathy Barrows seconded. PASSED

Discussion: Miriam John shared a concern about the pollution of fireworks. Mr. Clark shared that a suggestion was made to set up a gofundme for fireworks funding, and thought it would be nice if people beyond Worcester shared in funding the event. Fran Rousseau noted that this year marks 20th anniversary of fireworks in Worcester, and shared accolades for celebration. Fourth of July Committee Chair Dell Waterhouse stated that the next Fourth of July meeting is March 12 at 6:30 p.m. and residents are welcome to attend.

ARTICLE 12 – To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation for the Central Vermont Council on Aging in the amount of \$600.00 for the calendar year 2020.

Stewart Clark made the motion as written. Victor Ehly seconded. PASSED

ARTICLE 13 – To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall approve an appropriation for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the calendar year 2020.

Kathy Barrows made the motion as written. Marcia Hill seconded. PASSED.

Discussion: Significant discussion was held regarding the info Stewart Clark shared that the Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC) requested an additional \$1,000.00 this year, and the review committee denied the request and recommended level funding of \$2,000.00. MSAC withdrew their request and petitioned for this separate article. Barbara Dahl of Montpelier shared information on behalf of MSAC. There were several questions asked regarding member dues and class fees with Ms. Dahl and Worcester residents offering conflicting information. Forty four Worcester residents are members of MSAC.

Stewart Clark made an amendment to the motion to approve an appropriation for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the calendar year 2020. Cheri Goldstein seconded. FAILED

Alan Gilbert made an amendment to the motion to approve an appropriation for the Montpelier Senior Activity Center in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the calendar year 2020. Stewart Clark seconded. FAILED

Steve Barrows called the question. Jon Scherbatskoy seconded. PASSED

Mr. Hanlon recognized State Representatives Avram Patt and Dave Yacavone. Mr. Patt shared a legislative update. He noted that over the last few weeks, significant bills came to floor and moving, including the Global Warming Solutions Act. Also, the regulated market for cannabis bill has been being worked on. He feels that a regulated market will to some degree move this into the light and out of the black market and to some degree out of the hands of adolescents. The legislature is also making changes to Act 250. Act 250 was passed 50 years ago and needed to be updated.

Mr. Yacavone stated that the constitution does not compel us to feed the hungry or house the homeless, but our moral compass compels us to meet one another with kindness. Last year, one out of four Vermonters used the food shelf.

A questions and comments period followed where residents asked questions on recreational marijuana legalization, education funding, the paving of Route 12, coronavirus preparedness and general taxes.

ARTICLE 14 – To see what sum of money the town will raise on the Grand List of 2020 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town.

Cheri Goldstein made the motion to raise \$765,570.00 for the article as printed in the town report. Ted Lamb seconded. PASSED

Article 15 – To see if the voters of the town of Worcester shall increase the 2019 Veterans' Exemption (for disabled veterans per the Veterans Administration) in the amount of \$10,000 to the amount of \$20,000, said exemption amount to be voted on every year.

Ted Lamb made the motion as written in the town report. Shawn McManis seconded. PASSED

ARTICLE 16 – To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Marcia Hill shared information about the Worcester Neighbor Network. Kathy Barrows thanked those who volunteer at the community kitchen. Judy Knapp thanked Bob and Travis Martin for the beautiful new Welcome to Worcester signs. Hollie Friot noted that it is the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage and offered thanks for those who fought for this cause.

Jonas Eno-Van Fleet asked to speak about the school budget. Allen Gilbert felt that school budget discussions are electioneering at town meeting, and Mr. Hanlon agreed. No discussion was held.

Gillian Fuqua, Doty Memorial Elementary School principal, shared that the school is in the process of getting new windows, siding and insulation. The school is also looking at new playground equipment that serves entire community.

Laura Atkinson noted that the two major fundraisers for food shelf and community lunch are coming up – the variety show and clothing swap.

Donna Pollard made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00. The motion was seconded by Allen Gilbert. PASSED

Respectfully submitted by Hollie Friot.

Dated at Worcester, Vermont this 10th, day of March, 2020

Paul Hanlon, Moderator

Katie Winkeljohn, Clerk

Filed in Town Clerk's Office on March 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and duly recorded before posting.

Attest: Katie Winkeljohn, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WORCESTER WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Worcester are hereby notified and warned that all Articles normally voted during the Town Meeting will be decided by Australian Ballot. Voting will take place on March 2, 2021 at the Town Offices from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting is available by contacting the Town Clerk.

The Vermont Legislature voted to allow Towns to do this for 2021 only. (S.354 No. 162)

To act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following Town Officers:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| • Town Moderator | one year |
| • Town Clerk | one year |
| • Treasurer | one year |
| • Select Person | three years |
| • Lister | three years |
| • Delinquent Tax Collector | one year |
| • Town Constable | one year |
| • Cemetery Commissioner | three years |

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester have all property taxes paid to the Treasurer at the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on or before Wednesday, September 15, 2021 (Town Tax) and on or before Monday, November 15, 2021 (School Tax) **regardless of postmark** and, to charge a one-time penalty of 8% and interest at 1% per month or any part of a month on overdue taxes from the due date of the tax, as provided by law?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester approve a town budget of \$737,396.75?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$9,898.00, as follows?

American Legion:	\$150
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education:	\$575
Central Vermont Council on Aging:	\$600
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice:	\$2,000
Circle:	\$375
Family Center of Washington County:	\$400
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont:	\$300
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County:	\$800
Montpelier Senior Activity Center:	\$2,500
Mosaic:	\$300
Our House:	\$250
People's Health & Wellness Clinic:	\$700
Vermont Center for Independent Living:	\$200
Washington County Youth Service Bureau:	\$200
Green Mountain Transit:	\$548

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester approve an appropriation for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the amount of \$16,677.00 for the calendar year of 2021?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester authorize that the sum total of Articles 3 through 5 receiving positive votes, be raised on the Grand List of 2021 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester increase the 2021 Veterans' Exemption (for disabled veterans per the Veterans Administration) in the amount of \$10,000 to the amount of \$20,000, said exemption amount to be voted on every year?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester authorize to hold any audited fund balance as of December 31, 2020 in capital reserve funds to be expended under the control and direction of the Selectboard for the purpose of operating the town?

Dated at Worcester, Vermont this 18th day of January 2021.

Worcester Selectboard:

/S/ _____
James T. Lamb, Chair

/S/ _____
Roger Strobridge

/S/ _____
Cheri Goldstein

Filed in Town Clerk's Office on January 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and duly recorded before posting.

Attest: Katie Winkeljohn, Town Clerk

Finding ways to safely be together in 2020.



NOTICE TO VOTERS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS

BEFORE TOWN MEETING DAY:

VOTER CHECKLIST POSTED on the website at worcestervt.org and at Worcester Town Office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 10, 2021.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by contacting the Worcester Town Office 223-6942 or going online to olvr.sec.state.vt.us.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

All voters on the Worcester checklist as of January 31, 2021 who are not challenged, will be mailed an absentee ballot to the address listed on the checklist. You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us. The latest you can request ballots for the Town Meeting Election is the close of the Worcester Town Office on Monday, March 1, 2021 by 4 pm. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- Due to COVID, you may NOT vote in the Worcester Town Office before the deadline.
- Voter may have ballots mailed, and mail or deliver it back to the Worcester Town Office before Town Meeting Day or to the polling place (Town Office) before 7:00 p.m. on Town Meeting Day.
- If you are sick or disabled, you may request an electronically delivered ballot before Town Meeting Day or ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home only if it is possible to comply with COVID protocol. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

NO PERSON SHALL:

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

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

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Australian Ballots

**Voting in-person at Worcester Town Office, 20 Worcester Village Road on
Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

IF YOU WERE MAILED A BALLOT, BRING IT WITH YOU. IF YOU LOST THE BALLOT, ALERT THE ELECTION OFFICIAL. CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table. One voter allowed in at a time.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the voting area and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box or tabulator.

LEAVE the voting area immediately and exit the building.

NOTICE AND AGENDA
Town of Worcester Annual Meeting
Public Informational Hearing
Monday, February 22, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Worcester are hereby notified and warned that the Selectboard for the Town of Worcester will hold a public informational hearing on Monday, February 22th at 6:30 pm.

The purpose of this public informational hearing is to review and discuss Articles 3 -8 as presented on the 2021 Town of Worcester Annual Meeting Warning. Voting on all Articles presented on the Warning, including the election of officers, will take place by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. For information on the Annual Meeting and Australian ballot voting, please see the Warning and Notice to Voters posted herewith.

This public informational hearing will be conducted remotely via electronic means. Instructions for online connection are below the Agenda.

--AGENDA--

Call to order.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester have all property taxes paid to the Treasurer at the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on or before Wednesday, September 15, 2021 (Town Tax) and on or before Monday, November 15, 2021 (School Tax) **regardless of postmark** and, to charge a one-time penalty of 8% and interest at 1% per month or any part of a month on overdue taxes from the due date of the tax, as provided by law?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester approve a town budget of \$ \$737,396.75

ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$9,898.00, as follows:

American Legion:	\$150
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education:	\$575
Central Vermont Council on Aging:	\$600
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice:	\$2,000
Circle:	\$375
Family Center of Washington County:	\$400
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont:	\$300
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County:	\$800
Montpelier Senior Activity Center:	\$2,500
Mosaic:	\$300
Our House:	\$250
People's Health & Wellness Clinic:	\$700
Vermont Center for Independent Living:	\$200
Washington County Youth Service Bureau:	\$200
Green Mountain Transit:	\$548

ARTICLE 5. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester approve an appropriation for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the amount of \$16,677.00 for the calendar year of 2021?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester authorize that the sum total of Articles 3 through 5 receiving positive votes, be raised on the Grand List of 2021 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester increase the 2021 Veterans' Exemption (for disabled veterans per the Veterans Administration) in the amount of \$10,000 to the amount of \$20,000, said exemption amount to be voted on every year?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the voters of the town of Worcester authorize to hold any audited fund balance as of December 31, 2020 in capital reserve funds to be expended under the control and direction of the Selectboard for the purpose of operating the town?

HOW TO CONNECT:

Topic: Worcester Town Meeting - Public Informational Hearing

Time: Feb 22, 2021 6:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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New Town Truck



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Receipts:

Recordings	\$	11,180.00
Vault Time	\$	134.00
Copies/ Certified	\$	1,244.00
Marriage Licenses	\$	120.00
Dog Licenses	\$	1,305.00
DMV Renewals	\$	3.00
Green Mountain Pass	\$	14.00
Liquor Licenses	\$	140.00
Posting Land	\$	5.00
Total Receipts	\$	14,145.00

Disbursements:

SoV Vital Records	\$	100.00
SoV Dog Licenses	\$	685.00
Preservation of Records Fund	\$	2,962.00
Vermont Liquor Control	\$	70.00
Town of Worcester	\$	10,328.00
Total Receipts	\$	14,145.00
Total Disbursements	\$	14,145.00

Accounts Reconciled as of 12/31/2020

2020 DOG LICENSE REVENUES

121 Spayed / Neutered	Total Income	\$	1,305.00
15 Male / Female	Paid to SoV Dog Licenses	\$	(685.00)
136 TOTAL	Net Amount to General Fund	\$	620.00

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

YEAR END COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCES

CASH:	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Checking/ Sweeping Account	\$ 520,225.23	\$ 610,348.79
Cash on hand	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Due from/Due to Funds	\$ (204,947.17)	\$ (227,638.12)
Due from School District	\$ 39,342.54	\$ (1,158.08)
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 354,720.60	\$ 381,652.59
Less Liabilities	\$ (2,029.90)	\$ (3,870.61)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 352,690.70	\$ 377,781.98

2020 INCOME

Retained Property Taxes	\$ 506,084.23
SoV Current Use/PILOT payments	\$ 118,391.81
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 42,179.42
Penalties & Interest	\$ 10,722.63
Town Clerk's Office	\$ 10,328.00
Town Hall Rent	\$ 300.00
Traffic Fines	\$ -
Eagle Ledge Permits	\$ 5.00
Overweight Permits	\$ 300.00
State Road Aid/GRANTS	\$ 63,939.00
Interest	\$ 403.12

GENERAL REVENUES TOTAL

2020 EXPENSES

Highway	\$ 392,957.70
Maxham Bond Payment	\$ 20,624.89
General Government	\$ 234,686.01
Special Articles	\$ 28,727.00
Fire Dept.	\$ 50,566.33

EXPENSES TOTAL \$ 727,561.93

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND GRANTS

DRY HYDRANT GRANT

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	1,367.70
Income	\$	-
Expenses		
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	1,367.70

H/W CAPITAL FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	21,715.16
Income	\$	15,000.00
Expenses		
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	36,715.16

H/W TRUCK FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	58,045.78
Income	\$	43,500.00
Expenses	\$	(58,923.00)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	42,622.78

F/D TRUCK FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	26,445.58
Income	\$	20,000.00
Expenses	\$	(14,609.00)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	31,836.58

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	64,704.90
Income	\$	4,702.50
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	69,407.40

LISTER EDUCATION FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	1,557.96
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	1,557.96

RECORD PRESERVATION FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	14,707.39
Income	\$	2,962.00
Expenses	\$	(394.06)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	17,275.33

CAPITOL RESERVE FUNDS AND GRANTS

LADD HAYMEADOW FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	2,771.49
Donations		
Income	\$	-
Expenses		
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	2,771.49

LISTER EQUIPMENT FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	7,040.19
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	7,040.19

TOWN HALL PRESERVATION FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	503.73
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	503.73

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	3,615.35
Income	\$	12,000.00
Rebates/Grant Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	(2,828.99)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	12,786.36

TOWN CLERK EQUIPMENT FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	1,205.99
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	1,205.99

F/D EQUIPMENT FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	-
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	-

TOWN SERVICE COMMITTEE FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	1,265.95
Donations	\$	1,805.00
Expenses	\$	(523.50)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	2,547.45

TOTAL DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS	\$	227,638.12
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ACCOUNTS SEPARATE FROM CHECKING/SWEEP ACCOUNT

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	6,940.56
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	6,940.56

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS

Highways:

1997 Galion Grader	\$	258,000.00
2006 Trailer	\$	2,000.00
2011 John Deere Loader	\$	96,000.00
2016 Kobelco Excavator	\$	105,621.00
2017 Ford Truck with Plow	\$	102,000.00
2019 GMC Truck	\$	50,184.00
2021 International Truck with Plow	\$	134,696.00
Town Garage, Land and Contents	\$	511,797.00
Sand Pit	\$	36,900.00

Fire Department:

1987 Ford Tanker	\$	50,000.00
2009 International Pumper/Tanker	\$	225,000.00
2010 Enclosed Trailer	\$	2,100.00
2014 HME	\$	173,500.00

Municipal Buildings:

Fire House, Land and Contents	\$	875,628.00
Town Hall	\$	526,372.00

Town Recreation:

Hay Meadow	\$	85,200.00
Town Forest	\$	280,000.00
Hancock Brook	\$	11,000.00

Fire District Water Supply

Reservoir	\$	322,200.00
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Total Value of Town Assets \$ 3,848,198.00

**Values reflect insured cost for vehicles, buildings and contents.

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Highways:

2017 Ford F-550 Dump Truck with Plow

Lease to own, 3 years/ Annual in Arrears

Date of Issue: May 8, 2018	\$	99,987.00
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Interest: 3.990%

Maturity Date: April 1, 2021

Trade in (April 1, 2018):	\$	17,000.00
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Lease Payment 2020:	\$	29,898.57
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Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$	29,898.57
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2016 Kobelco Excavator

Lease to own, 7 years/ Annual in Arrears

Date of Issue: October 1, 2016	\$	105,621.00
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Interest: 3.00%

Maturity Date: October 1, 2023

Down Payment/1st Payment	\$	16,478.23
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Lease Payment 2020:	\$	16,478.23
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Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$	23,229.85
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2019 GMC Sierra

Lease to own, 4 years/Annual in Arrears

Date of Issue: January 15, 2020	\$	46,026.58
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Interest: 3.75%

Maturity Date: January 5, 2021

Down Payment:

Lease Payment 2020:	\$	14,609.00
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Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$	43,827.00
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Bond-Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Series 2013:

Highway Garage and 9.9 acres

Date of Issue: July 30, 2013

Net Interest Cost: 4.473%

Maturity Date: November 15, 2043

Issue Date Balance	\$	305,000.00
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Payment 2020:

Interest	\$	10,458.22
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Principal	\$	10,166.67
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Balance as of December 31, 2020	\$	233,833.31
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TOWN OF WORCESTER HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

FUND	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
BALANCE CARRIED OVER	\$ 42,622.78	\$ 27,199.01	\$ 9,835.87	\$ 371.30	\$ 8,885.73	\$ 31,446.36	\$ 25,506.99	\$ 48,006.99	\$ 72,006.99	\$ 97,506.99	\$ 109,506.99	\$ 123,006.99
CURRENT APPROPRIATION	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 49,500.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 55,500.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL FUND	\$ 86,122.78	\$ 95,699.01	\$ 56,335.87	\$ 48,371.30	\$ 58,385.73	\$ 82,446.36	\$ 78,006.99	\$ 102,006.99	\$ 127,506.99	\$ 154,506.99	\$ 168,006.99	\$ 183,006.99
SMALL TRUCK	\$ (29,898.57)	\$ (29,898.57)				\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (30,000.00)				
LARGE PLOW		\$ (26,939.37)	\$ (26,939.37)	\$ (26,939.37)	\$ (26,939.37)	\$ (26,939.37)			\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (30,000.00)	\$ (30,000.00)
BACKHOE												
EXCAVATOR	\$ (16,479.00)	\$ (16,479.00)	\$ (16,479.00)									
PICK UP TRUCK	\$ (12,546.20)	\$ (12,546.20)	\$ (12,546.20)	\$ (12,546.20)						\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (15,000.00)
FUND BALANCE	\$ 27,199.01	\$ 9,835.87	\$ 371.30	\$ 8,885.73	\$ 31,446.36	\$ 25,506.99	\$ 48,006.99	\$ 72,006.99	\$ 97,506.99	\$ 109,506.99	\$ 123,006.99	\$ 138,006.99
*2021 Appropriation reflects additional grant money awarded from FEMA.												

TOWN OF WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

FUND	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
BALANCE CARRIED OVER	\$ 21,054.58	\$ 26,445.58	\$ 47,945.58	\$ 70,945.58	\$ 95,445.58	\$ 120,445.58	\$ 146,945.58	\$ 174,945.58	\$ 204,445.58	\$ 235,445.58	\$ 267,945.58	\$ 301,945.58
CURRENT APPROPRIATION	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 35,500.00
TOTAL FUND	\$ 41,054.58	\$ 47,945.58	\$ 70,945.58	\$ 95,445.58	\$ 120,445.58	\$ 146,945.58	\$ 174,945.58	\$ 204,445.58	\$ 235,445.58	\$ 267,945.58	\$ 301,945.58	\$ 337,445.58
FAST ATTACK TRUCK		\$ (14,609.00)										
ENGINE 1 PUMPER												
FUND BALANCE	\$ 26,445.58	\$ 47,945.58	\$ 70,945.58	\$ 95,445.58	\$ 120,445.58	\$ 146,945.58	\$ 174,945.58	\$ 204,445.58	\$ 235,445.58	\$ 267,945.58	\$ 301,945.58	\$ 337,445.58

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

HIGHWAYS

Accounts	2020 Budget	Expenditures	2021 Budget	% Change
Wages	\$143,029.00	\$146,957.79	\$143,486.25	0.3%
FICA/ Town Expense	\$11,554.00	\$12,041.33	\$11,894.70	2.9%
Health Insurance	\$9,721.00	\$9,756.09	\$10,152.00	4.4%
Health Ins. Reimbursement	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.0%
Life Insurance	\$243.00	\$214.25	\$243.00	0.0%
Retirement Town Expense	\$8,696.69	\$8,861.88	\$8,710.46	0.2%
Unemployment	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	0.0%
Gas/Oil/Diesel	\$24,000.00	\$14,128.65	\$24,000.00	0.0%
Vehicle Main/Repair	\$19,500.00	\$26,844.23	\$22,000.00	12.8%
Shop Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$4,633.49	\$3,000.00	20.0%
Equipment/Tools	\$2,500.00	\$1,575.21	\$2,500.00	0.0%
Hired Equipment	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	20.0%
Shale/Gravel/Chloride	\$44,000.00	\$27,788.84	\$44,000.00	0.0%
Storm Water Management	\$10,000.00	\$4,765.73	\$10,000.00	0.0%
Sand/Salt	\$39,000.00	\$35,030.80	\$39,000.00	0.0%
Bridges/Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$4,385.91	\$5,000.00	0.0%
Paving/Resurfacing	\$7,500.00	\$13,652.10	\$7,500.00	0.0%
Mowing/Brush Cutting	\$3,700.00	\$3,300.00	\$4,000.00	8.1%
Uniforms	\$3,900.00	\$3,956.31	\$1,500.00	-61.5%
Equipment Capital Exp	\$43,500.00	\$43,500.00	\$45,000.00	3.4%
Training/Conferences	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0%
Electric	\$1,500.00	\$1,597.82	\$1,500.00	0.0%
Telephone/Computer	\$760.00	\$1,501.85	\$760.00	0.0%
Heat	\$4,500.00	\$3,611.86	\$4,500.00	0.0%
Signs	\$2,000.00	\$1,853.56	\$2,000.00	0.0%
Paving Capital Fund	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$413,103.69	\$392,957.70	\$417,046.41	1.0%

GRANTS RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

	AWARDED	EXPENSE	ADDED TO FUND
Better Back Roads Grant for Norton Road postponed to 2021 due to COVID. Unspent funds reserved in Capital Fund to complete Grant Award.			
TOTAL			\$20,145.99

BOND-MAXHAM PROPERTY

Bond Payment	\$10,164.00	\$10,166.67	\$10,124.00	-0.4%
Interest Expense	\$11,000.00	\$10,458.22	\$10,500.00	-4.5%
TOTAL	\$21,164.00	\$20,624.89	\$20,624.00	-2.6%

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Accounts	2020 Budget	Expenditures	2021 Budget	% Change
OFFICERS SERVICES				
Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$45,580.00	\$45,580.00	\$46,620.00	2.3%
Asst. Town Clerk	\$12,000.00	\$6,611.07	\$12,000.00	0.0%
Selectboard	\$2,600.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,600.00	0.0%
Auditors	\$11,800.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,500.00	-2.5%
Constable	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
Election Officials	\$1,200.00	\$380.00	\$500.00	-58.3%
Health Officer	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	0.0%
LRSWMD Supervisor	\$200.00	\$-	\$200.00	0.0%
Animal Control Officer	\$500.00		\$500.00	0.0%
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.0%
FICA, Town	\$6,476.79	\$5,078.32	\$5,876.00	-9.3%
Health Ins. Town Clerk	\$9,721.41	\$9,871.04	\$10,152.00	4.4%
Life Insurance	\$81.00	44.5	\$81.00	0.0%
Retirement, Town	\$2,883.45	\$2,895.51	\$2,957.00	2.6%
TOTAL	\$97,742.65	\$87,710.44	\$97,686.00	-0.1%

PRINTING & OFFICE

Town Report	\$1,300.00	\$1,387.65	\$1,400.00	7.7%
Telephone	\$800.00	\$959.26	\$900.00	12.5%
Postage	\$900.00	\$1,246.65	\$1,000.00	11.1%
Office Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$2,458.84	\$2,100.00	0.0%
Officers Conf. & Dues	\$100.00	\$2,308.00	\$100.00	0.0%
Pub. of Notices	\$250.00	\$298.30	\$250.00	0.0%
Printing/Copy Service	\$1,200.00	\$1,486.06	\$1,200.00	0.0%
Microfilming	\$250.00		\$250.00	0.0%
Equip.Repair/Cont.	\$400.00	\$756.30	\$400.00	0.0%
VLCT Dues	\$2,273.00		\$2,273.00	0.0%
CV Reg. Planning Com	\$1,274.00	\$1,273.75	\$1,315.84	3.3%
Software/Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.0%
Web Site	\$380.00	\$335.60	\$380.00	0.0%
Trans to T/C Cap Fund				
TOTAL	\$16,227.00	\$17,510.41	\$16,568.84	2.1%

TOWN COMPLEX

Custodial Service	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0%
Supplies	\$100.00	\$182.90	\$100.00	0.0%
Heat	\$5,000.00	\$3,264.89	\$4,000.00	-20.0%
Electric	\$1,350.00	\$1,352.21	\$1,300.00	-3.7%
Water	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	0.0%
Trash Services	\$830.00	\$808.44	\$800.00	-3.6%
Safety Equipment	\$100.00	\$755.20	\$100.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$8,140.00	\$6,623.64	\$7,060.00	-13.3%

Accounts	2020 Budget	Expenditures	2021 Budget	% Change
TOWN HALL				
Custodial Service	\$1,750.00	\$1,695.00	\$1,750.00	0.0%
Supplies	\$500.00	\$442.40	\$500.00	0.0%
Heat	\$3,000.00	\$1,954.78	\$2,800.00	-6.7%
Electric	\$1,400.00	\$1,337.98	\$1,400.00	0.0%
Water	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	0.0%
State Inspections	\$800.00	\$234.00	\$800.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$7,710.00	\$5,924.16	\$7,510.00	-2.6%
FIRE & FAST SQUAD DEPT				
Insurance	\$1,500.00	\$1,116.00	\$1,400.00	-6.7%
Gas	\$750.00		\$750.00	0.0%
Vehicle Repairs	\$500.00	\$1,956.35	\$500.00	0.0%
Truck-Equip Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$21,500.00	7.5%
Telephone	\$485.00	\$536.08	\$485.00	0.0%
Supplies	\$500.00	\$51.50	\$500.00	0.0%
Equipment Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$1,074.28	\$2,500.00	0.0%
Dues	\$500.00	\$297.50	\$500.00	0.0%
Dues-EMS District 6-F/S	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	0.0%
Communications	\$12,514.00	\$14,864.18	\$12,514.00	0.0%
Radios/Equip. repairs	\$1,500.00	\$1,147.95	\$1,500.00	0.0%
Medical Supplies/Equip-F/	\$1,000.00	\$383.04	\$1,000.00	0.0%
Training	\$4,000.00	\$5,129.50	\$4,000.00	0.0%
Equipment	\$4,500.00	\$3,909.95	\$4,500.00	0.0%
Hepatitis B Shots-F/S	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	0.0%
Trans to F/D Equip Fund				
TOTAL	\$50,699.00	\$50,566.33	\$52,099.00	2.8%
TAXES & DUES				
Washington County	\$7,335.00	\$7,335.00	\$7,335.00	0.0%
Wrightsville Beach	\$1,330.00	\$1,332.00	\$1,332.00	0.2%
TOTAL	\$8,665.00	\$8,667.00	\$8,667.00	0.0%
LEGAL SERVICES				
Legal Services	\$1,000.00	\$175.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$1,000.00	\$175.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
INSURANCE				
Insurance	\$27,550.00	\$30,554.50	\$30,554.50	10.9%
TOTAL	\$27,550.00	\$30,554.50	\$30,554.50	10.9%

Accounts	2020 Budget	Expenditures	2021 Budget	% Change
STREET LIGHTS				
Street Lights	\$3,100.00	\$3,400.50	\$3,300.00	6.5%
TOTAL	\$3,100.00	\$3,400.50	\$3,300.00	6.5%
RECREATION				
Mowing	\$300.00	\$220.00	\$300.00	0.0%
Port-O-Lets	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	0.0%
Trans to Ladd Field Fund				
TOTAL	\$1,100.00	\$220.00	\$1,100.00	0.0%
WORCESTER APPROPRIATIONS				
Worcester Cemetery Approp	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.0%
Worcester Historical Soci	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	0.0%
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHER.				
Washington Cnty Sheriff	\$500.00	\$217.01	\$500.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$500.00	\$217.01	\$500.00	0.0%
ANIMAL CONTROL				
Animal Control	\$300.00	\$220.00	\$300.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$300.00	\$220.00	\$300.00	0.0%
AMBULANCE				
Ambulance	\$38,531.00	\$39,660.00	\$38,531.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$38,531.00	\$39,660.00	\$38,531.00	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$ 125.00	\$100.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$100.00	\$ 125.00	\$100.00	0.0%
LISTERS OFFICE				
Wages	\$13,000.00	\$10,356.00	\$13,000.00	0.0%
Supplies	\$200.00	\$206.32	\$200.00	0.0%
Conferences & Dues	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	0.0%
Tax Mapping	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.40	\$1,500.00	0.0%
Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,499.43		0.0%
Software/Maintenance	\$450.00	\$1,366.20	\$450.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$15,750.00	\$14,678.35	\$15,750.00	0.0%
CAPITAL MAINTENANCE				
Capital Maintenance Approx.	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.0%

Accounts	2020 Budget	Expenditures	2021 Budget	% Change
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Org. Support		\$8,450.00		
Kellogg-Hubbard Library		\$16,677.00		
Fireworks		\$0.00		
Mont. Senior Activity Cen		\$3,000.00		
Central VT Council on Aging		\$600.00		
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$28,727.00		
HIGHWAY	\$413,103.69	\$392,957.70	\$417,046.41	1.0%
MAXHAM BOND	\$21,164.00	\$20,624.89	\$20,624.00	-2.6%
GEN. GOVERNMENT	\$297,575.65	\$285,252.34	\$299,726.34	0.7%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$731,843.34	\$698,834.93	\$737,396.75	0.8%

PROPOSED 2021 REVENUES

	2020 Budget	2020 Received	2021 Proposed
HIGHWAY			
State Aid	\$46,500.00	\$63,939.00	\$46,500.00
Overweight Permits	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
GEN. GOVERNMENT			
Interest on Savings	\$500.00	\$403.12	\$300.00
Town Clerk Fees/Lic.	\$8,000.00	\$10,328.00	\$8,000.00
Tax on State Owned Land	\$54,000.00	\$61,839.81	\$61,840.00
Current Use*	\$55,276.00	\$56,552.00	\$56,552.00
Traffic Fines	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Town Hall Rental Fees	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$6,000.00	\$10,722.63	\$6,000.00
Back from General Fund	\$20,000.00		\$14,000.00
TOTAL	\$191,351.00	\$204,384.56	\$193,842.00
Town Budget	\$731,843.34		\$737,396.75
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$191,351.00		\$193,842.00
Tax Effort 2020	\$540,492.34		
Anticipated 2021			\$543,554.75
Town Tax Rate 2020**		\$0.6114	**Rate reflects all Passed Articles
Estimated Town Tax Rate 2021		\$0.5810	935544 Grand List Value

What does this mean to me?

If your property is assessed at \$200,000. your Grand List Value is \$2,000.

Multiply \$2,000 x Town Rate of .5810 = \$1,162.01

That's your Town Property tax amount.

EXPLANATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Many organizations stand ready to serve Worcester residents. Some receive our financial support. We are listing all active service organizations.

Provider	Service/Activity	Focused Population
CAPSTONE	Case management for crisis assistance; fuel, food, early childhood, financial-career assistance	Economically challenged, elderly, single parents, veterans
Central VT Adult Basic ED	Literacy instruction	School age through adult
Central VT Council on Aging	Case management connecting elders to services	Seniors and family caregivers
C-VT Home Health & Hospice	Nursing & hospice care	Infants to elderly at home
CIRCLE	Shelter, support, advocacy, awareness	Abuse victims
Community Connections	out-of-school programs	K through sixth grade stds.
Family Center of Washington County	Child development and family support	Infant up to and including adult parents
Friends of the Winooski River	River protection	Native wildlife populations and waterfront property owners
Girls/Boyz First	mentoring	Preteens and teens
Good Beginnings of Central VT	Support, education outreach	Pre-birth to three month old infants
Green Mountain Transit Agency	Transportation services	Medicaid, elderly, and disabled
Green-Up Vermont	Litter Control	Human and wild populations
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	Book and digital media access, education, outreach, information access, cultural experiences	Toddlers through seniors
Meals on Wheels of Lamoille CO	Meals for the home bound	Elderly and disabled people
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	Programs & event promoting healthy aging and lifelong learning	Seniors 50+ years old
Montpelier Veteran's Council	Cemetery flags and markers	Deceased veterans & their families
OUR House of Central Vermont	Case management, therapy & referrals	Children & adult victims of sexual & physical abuse
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	Free health care & wellness education	Uninsured & underinsured people
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	Support & shelter	Sexual abuse victims
VT Center for Independent Living	Outreach advocacy, awareness	Disabled individuals
Washington County Mental Health	Mental health services	Children and adults
Washington County of Youth Service Bureau	Counseling, shelter, substance abuse treatment/prevention, teen centers	Young people & their families
Worcester Historical Society	History connecting past and present	Worcester residents and others

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Town Listed Value	93,554,462.00
Total Municipal Grand List (1% of Listed Property)	935,544.62
Municipal tax rate	<u>x .6114</u>
Town Tax Effort	571,991.92
 Total Education Grand List	
Homestead Education Listed Value	664,680.24
Homestead Tax Rate	<u>x 1.7697</u>
Tax Effort	1,176,284.60
Non-Residential Education Listed Value	271,713.27
Non-Resi Tax Rate	<u>x 1.6223</u>
Tax Effort	440800.49
Veteran's Exemption Listed Value	935,544.62
	<u>X .0005</u>
	467.90
Late Homestead Penalty	950.62
 Total Adjusted Tax Effort as of 12/31/2020	2,190,495.53

Tax bills are sent only once in July (both amounts are on the same document), to the owner of record as of April 1st. If a bill does not return to the town office, it is assumed that it reached its destination. PLEASE, if you change your address, notify the office.



TOWN OF WORCESTER TAX BILLINGS RECONCILIATION

	<u>Current Taxes</u>
Beginning Delinquents as of 1/1/2020	46,635.27
Total Tax Billings	2,190,495.53
Amount Owed by School	29,946.40
Payments Sent to the School	(1,245,142.77)
School taxes sent to School by State	(399,375.99)
Property Taxes	(537,188.71)
Change in 2019 Est. Owed by School	1158.08
Delinquent Taxes	(42,179.42)
Totals	44,348.39
Total Per Delinquent List* reflects principal only	44,348.39
Difference	0

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Brooks, James	363.64
Brown, Iva	2128.27
Dyer, Richard	154.16
Dyson, Christopher	4740.58
Edwards, Amadea	79.81
Findlay, Ester	166.77
Kennison, Vernon	2236.43
Labarthe, Laurie	703.77
Morse, Christopher	621.49
Noury, John	611.84
Quantum Corporation	11991.12
Scherbatskoy, John	4392.35
Shover, Pamela	730.03
Strange, Tyler	3810.95
Van Fossen, Ann	3734.93
Wells Fargo Bank	1941.89
Whiteside, Anna	3460.77
Young, Jason	714.77
Zipkin, Dvora	562.81
Change in Current Use Owed	1202.01

TOTAL DUE * reflects principal only ***44,348.39**

2020 TOWN REPORTS

SELECTBOARD REPORT TO THE TOWN

Memory is triggered by important events in our lives—the birth of a child, a wedding, death, graduation, first employment, and in the case of 2020, a global pandemic, social unrest and a presidential election. Unlike some events that only affect a single city, or region of our country, the events of 2020 have impacted all of us, some more than others. These events have revealed a lot about our country, the states within its borders and people in the communities that make up those states. It's not all positive. 2020 has divulged inequalities and shortcomings, but it has also unveiled a spirit of cooperation and unity.

Last year's town meeting was only about two weeks prior to the Covid-related lockdown. I'm not sure how many people than expected what we are experiencing now. Still, as soon as the schools closed and most people were sent home, our communities went to work to do whatever could be done. In Worcester, a large part of the cooperative effort was staying at home; school lunches were delivered in coolers left by the side of the road; our Worcester Neighborhood Network collaborated with other state agencies and provided masks for everyone who needed them and looked for solutions to deal with the isolation we all experience; our food shelf increased the number of families it served six-fold and received numerous donations from area residents and the Post Office Cafe.

Town operations continued as usual, but without the normal in-person interactions. Grants for highway repairs were suspended, and who knows when they will resume; the State is expecting a significant budget shortage in the coming year. Still, the Town is on solid footing financially and continues to operate within its budget. Capital funds for large purchases are on schedule and the town tax rate will not increase for 2021, thanks to the efforts of Brian, Will and Katie.

Town meeting this year will be by Australian ballot. This is a one-time event that was made possible through a legislative act. Moving forward, any decision to conduct town meeting by Australian ballot will have to be approved by voters the year prior. Time will tell if it is a subject addressed at our next, live, in person, town meeting.

Special thanks everyone in our community who has contributed in any way, shape or form to keep Worcester a community of cooperation and support and my heart goes out to anyone whose family has experienced a loss during this unprecedented, difficult time.

Respectfully,
Ted Lamb, Selectboard Chair



Worcester had an 87% participation rate in this election year due in part to early mail in voting.

2020 REPORTS FROM WORCESTER ORGANIZATIONS

WORCESTER CEMETERY COMMISSION

There were two brand-new commissioners this year, so it was a steep learning curve for all. Based on last year's identification of hazardous trees in and around both cemeteries, the commission hired a local tree expert (the lowest bidder) to remove them proactively rather than wait for them to fall and cause damage. Plans are for further landscaping and expansion in Mountain Cemetery in the spring.

To help keep burials affordable and make our cemeteries more eco-friendly (allowed by Vermont laws passed in 2015), both cemeteries as of the 2020 season will offer "hybrid" burials, which do not require a concrete vault around the casket. Responding to concerns of greenhouse gas emissions from cremation, as well as an increasing desire on the part of families to participate in after-death care, the commission is also seeking to responsibly develop new areas for "green" burials. Green burials allow human remains to be interred with or without a bio-degradable container, and go back to the earth naturally. In the spring there will be professional soundings taken in both the open northern and the easterly wooded areas of the Mountain Cemetery, to identify places deep enough for this type of burial. It's already been determined by the health officer that the cemetery is the proper distance from water sources and flood zones to allow a "green burial" option. We have updated the Worcester Cemeteries fees/prices pamphlet. The cost of all burial lots has stayed the same, but we raised the cost of burial for ashes slightly (by \$50), weighing in the sexton fees, and to contribute a little more towards perpetual care for the cemeteries. The hybrid burial option has been included in the pamphlet as well. Thank you for your understanding as we move forward.



WORCESTER MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$2,164.55
Receipts:	
Net Int/Div after Reinvestments for 2020	2404.22
Town Contribution	2,500.00
Burials	700.00
Sale of Lots	<u>465.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$6,069.22
Disbursements:	
Maintenance/Supplies	4,235.00
Reinvestment for 2021	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Disbursements	(\$6,735.00)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	1,498.77
Invested Funds	\$81,466.79

WORCESTER VILLAGE CEMETERY

Opening Balance, January 1, 2020	\$3,623.03.
Receipts:	
Net Int/Div. after Reinvestments	2,707.05
Town Contribution	2,500.00
Burials	<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$5,207.05
Disbursements:	
Maintenance & Supplies	6,200.00
Reinvestment for 2021	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Disbursements	(\$7,700.00)
Closing Balance, December 31, 2020	\$130.08
Invested Funds	\$264,290.71



CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) All trash should be placed in wooden boxes at back of either cemetery.
- 2) Foundations for stones or monuments shall be a minimum of 3.5 feet deep, and location of foundation shall be approved by the Commission before placing.
- 3) Stones for single lots will not exceed a maximum width (32 inch base, 24 inch stone). Stones for crematory lots will not exceed a maximum width (28 inch base, 20 inch stone).
- 4) A cemetery official or sexton must be present at all burials.
- 5) All ashes must be in permanent containers. Burial of ashes must be accompanied by paperwork from crematory or funeral home along with the burial fee.
- 6) All in-ground plantings (including trees and shrubs) must be maintained by owner.
- 7) Corner stones are required for all lots.
- 8) The cemeteries will be opened on May 1st, weather permitting, and will close on November 1st.
- 9) The cemetery does not reserve lots. Payment in full must be received at the time of purchase.
- 10) All charges by the cemetery are due upon receipt of services.
- 11) No monument can be erected without prior approval from the commissioners.
- 12) The Cemetery Commission will not be liable for flowers, vases, or articles left at the grave site.
- 13) Any memorial company must have prior permission from a board member before commencing any activity.
- 14) Only 2 interments are allowed per Crematory Lot, and only 4 crematory interments are allowed per Regular Single Lot.

WORCESTER CEMETERIES FEES

Revised January 7, 2020

(Lots available only in Mountain Cemetery)

Barre Gray granite corner stones included

Worcester Residents

Full Lots	Crematory Lots
One Grave: \$650	\$440
Two Graves: \$1,100	\$680
Three Graves: \$1,550	\$920
Four Graves: \$2,000	\$1,160

Non-Residents

Full Lots	Crematory Lots
One Grave: \$750	\$485
Two Graves: \$1,300	\$770
Three Graves: \$1,850	\$1,055
Four Graves: \$2,400	\$1,340

Interment Fees for Worcester Cemeteries

Full Burial: \$750

Hybrid Burial (no vault): \$950

Crematory Ashes: \$350 (ashes must be in permanent container)

Recording Fee for Deeds \$15 per page paid to the Town of Worcester

WORCESTER COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND FOOD SHELF

The Worcester Community Kitchen and Food Shelf is a local, volunteer organization which serves a weekly lunch(suspended) and has an emergency/supplemental Food Shelf available each Wednesday and Saturday. We are a Network Partner of the Vermont Food Bank, and operate entirely on donations and fundraisers.

The first quarter. Jan, Feb, March, we saw 83 families, serving 212 individuals.

The last quarter...Oct, Nov, Dec, we saw 513 families, serving 1160 individuals.

We have received so much generous support from our neighbors, which has helped to fill in any holes of items that we cannot get from the food bank. We received assorted grants from the food bank, to help with equipment purchases/extra food to get us through the colder months. We joined forces with the Everyone Eats program, that helped our local restaurants, and in turn provided us with delicious meals, each wed and sat. Thank you so much, 3 Penny Taproom and our very own, Post Office Cafe!!!!

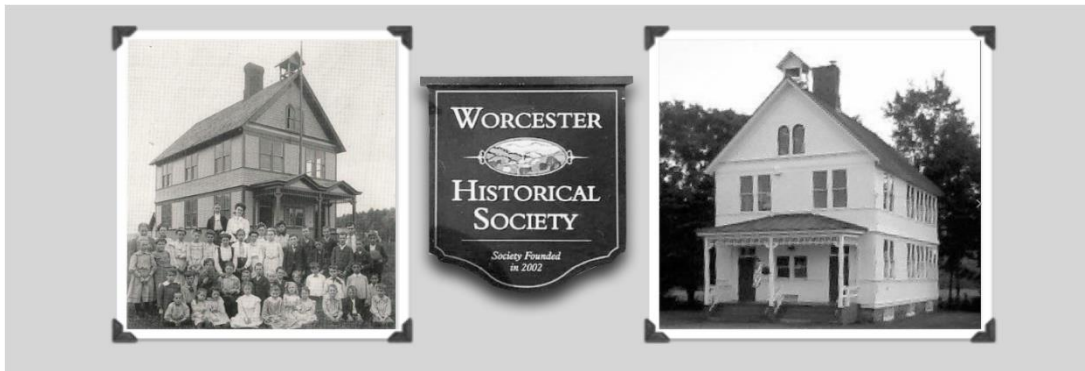
We joined Community Harvest, they are a gleaning organization, and they have supplied us with yummy vegetables, breads, and dairy products from local farmers across the state. We received a grant from Vermonters feeding Vermonters which went entirely to our local farmers at Good Heart, who keeps sharing their veggies with us thru local donations to their farm.

We gave out 18 Thanksgiving meal boxes, and 18 Xmas boxes, which our Christmas boxes were graciously donated by Pike industries.



"Never doubt that a small thoughtful group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



After cancelling all programs and activities scheduled for 2020, the Worcester Historical Society continued as it could in a limited fashion to advance its purpose and mission. The Memorial Day placement of flags on the graves of veterans was carried out by safety-practicing adult volunteers. The annual graduation exercises at Doty Memorial were observed on the front porch of the WHS building in mid-June in a unique fashion. Each 6th grade graduate was delivered by motor vehicle one at a time to receive diplomas and to ring the bell. It was really quite impressive. The WHS Board met twice during the year outdoors and distanced; once in July and a again in October for a brief Annual Meeting. In spite of the circumstances, WHS is pleased to report the following: completion of the pantry project; purchase of a new laptop computer and the expediting of archiving; planning and partial installation of new exhibits including new panels and exhibit cases; painting of the south side of the building; a successful Love Lights fund raiser and virtual ceremony to read the names; and use of social media to share historical pictures and information. In the spring of 2021 WHS plans to publish scripts from past July 4th "Worcester Voices" presentations, and a new brochure directing folks on a historical walking tour of the village is in the works. We will begin to think about programming as soon as the emergency restrictions are in the past. We are grateful for your continued support and can hardly wait to resume celebrating our past.



Staying Safe in days of COVID

WORCESTER NEIGHOR NETWORK



Mission: Provide support to Worcester residents in need of resources and assistance by:

- Coordinating volunteers who will help neighbors when needed.
- Helping residents connect with local resources.
- Working with community organizations to provide assistance to Worcester residents when needed.
- Being proactive! Educate the community about current resources.

The Worcester Neighbor Network has been busy in the past year! We now have a webpage on the town's website. To find it, go to www.worcestervt.org and click on "community groups." On that page, you can find resource lists, which are also available at the Town Clerk's office. You will also find a "volunteer coordination" link on the webpage. This will give you two forms: one to ask for help and one to offer help. Are you able to help a neighbor shovel snow or stack firewood? Do you need someone to help put in an air conditioner or pick up a prescription? Everyone needs an occasional hand and everyone has something to offer.

In response to the pandemic, the WNN has surveyed the community about needs and found that the most common problem was isolation. So we developed a way to connect a few households into small mutual aid groups so that people can exchange practical help as well as support. We also set up a community chatline. In the spring, we made sure that everyone in town who needed a mask had one, with the help of volunteer mask-makers. In the summer, we coordinated a garden share project to get people's extra produce to the food shelf.

Our trash voucher program continues to be successful, and when it's safe to do so we hope to start distributing welcome bags to new residents once again. Before the pandemic made gathering unsafe, we had Sunday afternoon community board game events. Thanks to our many volunteers for making this year a success!

Contact Katie Winkeljohn, Town Clerk at 802-22-6942





WORCESTER PLANNING COMMISSION

The Worcester Planning Commission is in the final stages of updating the 2007 Town Plan with completion anticipated for early 2021. The strategies outlined in this Plan were developed with community input and are intended to preserve and protect the Town's assets while providing a future vision for Town officials, businesses and citizens.

The 2021 Town Plan is built on the shoulders of previous Plans, thereby providing a sense of history and continuity for our Town. Now, in 2021, we give a grateful nod to Worcester's strong foundation and seek to update and strengthen it with new legislative mandates and input from the Community Survey of 2019.

A good Town Plan is important to Worcester because it provides:

- Access to federal and state grant monies
- A legitimate voice in any Act 250 actions that involve the Town
- Guidance to citizens on matters of conservation, preservation, and development.

Thanks to the many members of the Worcester community who contributed their time, expertise, opinions, and sense of humor to this effort.

Planning Commission & Town Plan Task Force

Toni Kaeding

Kate Spring

Ted Lamb (ex-officio)

Justin Kenney

Meredith Crandall

WORCESTER RANGERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Here it is January 16, 2021 and Mother Nature has finally given snowmobile riders something to work with. Our year has been a difficult one, as with all of us dealing with the different aspects of life affected by Covid.

We have done extensive work on the Calais trail, called the sugar woods. We also replaced a washed-out bridge at Sutton's tree farm. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our annual raffle but, hopefully, we will be back this next Fourth!

Landowners are very much appreciated. We thank you all for the support you have shown us. We would not have the 4,000 + snowmobile trails through the State of Vermont without your commitment to our club.

In person meetings have been suspended until further notice, but anyone wishing to join our club is sincerely welcome. We're always looking for new members.

Like us on Facebook!!

Susan Dodge



WORCESTER SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Since 2014 the Worcester Social Concerns Committee has reviewed activities provided by non-profit groups headquartered out of town that serve Worcester residents. The Committee works to assure groups meet well defined evaluation criteria designed to assure quality service that meets compelling needs. Funding is proposed to the Selectboard who create the single warning article to be acted on by Worcester residents.

Each non-profit group submits a detailed application, based on qualifying criteria, which describe characteristics that cover a range of topics related to services provided, number of residents served, sources of funding, and budgets. The Committee, comfortable with our quality-of-service criteria, is currently working to better define criteria to guide the level-of-funding recommendations. Worcester residents make the final decision regarding funding of these services.

WORCESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

Worcester Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report

I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members for their dedication and commitment in protecting our town and the surrounding communities in the Capital Fire Mutual Aid System.

In 2020, our membership continues to be stable, we have added one new member to the Fire Department and working on a new member for the Fast Squad. However, we are most certainly in need of new members, if you have or know of anyone interested in helping our community have them contact any of us. We made the decision in lieu of holding our annual meeting due to COVID-19 to keep the same slate of officers' for 2021; Fire Chief, President, Vice President Treasurer, Secretary and Fast Squad Director.

Our recommendations to the Select board is to again for the sixth year to keep our budget level funded! However, we need to seriously look to replace our tanker as it has served us well for 40 years. This vehicle has been on the town's major equipment replacement plan for quite some time. We are working thru this process, encourage anyone with questions to please contact me.

Our equipment is in very strong shape. We have two frontline pumpers; Engine 1 – 2009 RosenBauer and Engine 2 – 2013 HME; both of these pumps have been recertified by HME in November, this is an annual requirement for front-line pumpers. 1980 – Tanker 1 is in service and is our primary mutual aid tanker. In addition, we have purchased two thermal imaging cameras. Having these cameras on each of our engines allows us greater flexibility with and protection to our members.

Our call volumes continue to vacillate between Fire and Medical calls aggregating 100 annually, these call volumes are historically on par. Several of these calls require us to provide mutual aid to other departments as well as us receiving mutual aid from these same and other departments.

We are all struggling with membership; if you or someone you know that has interest in community service this is a great opportunity. Our meetings are the fourth Wednesday each month 7pm at the Fire Station.

In December (Electronically) our membership unanimously agreed to retain the same leadership positions for the department 2021;

Fire Chief – Will Sutton
President – Wayne Holland
Treasurer – Wayne Holland

Fast Squad Director – Peter Fitz
Vice President – Albert Campbell
Secretary – Sue Sutton



Fast Squad Report

It will doubtless be no surprise to hear that Covid has had a dramatic effect on day-to-day EMS operations everywhere. This is especially true in small towns like ours. Despite the obstacles of Covid precautions, we made every effort to respond to 911 calls in as timely a manner as possible, and will continue to do so until the welcome day when this pandemic is behind us.

It has been a busy year for the Worcester Fast Squad. Between both Fire and Rescue, we responded to a total of 37 calls, 73% of which were medical calls. The number of actual calls was higher, however, as we are completely reliant on a small number of volunteers there is not always a volunteer available to respond to each 911 call. For call volume beyond our capacity, we rely on Montpelier Ambulance Service.

In 2020, the Vermont Department of Health granted an Advanced Level Certification to the Worcester Fast Squad. This will be immensely helpful for our community and for the arriving ambulance crews.

The Worcester Fast Squad is always looking for volunteers to join our department. In fact, we have a community member who has decided to return to EMS, after a hiatus, and will soon be officially joining the team. If you are interested in joining the Fast Squad, please contact me. There are multiple training events offered by the Vermont Department of Health throughout the year.

Allow me to end the Fast Squad contribution to the 20-21 Town Report by offering a farewell salute to our neighbor and friend, Steve Lang. His contributions and dedication to the Worcester community are worth taking a moment to remember. His presence in our town and willingness to make it a safer place will be long remembered. We are all better for having known him.

Thank you for your support.

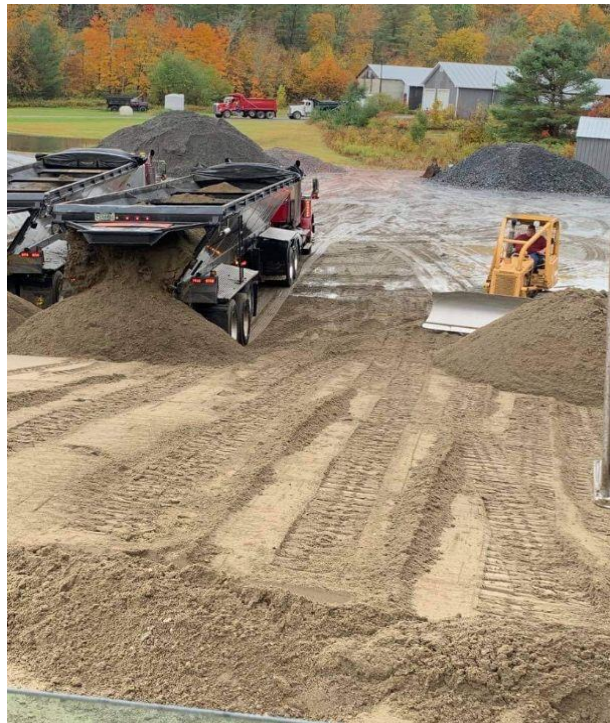
Respectfully,
G. Peter Fitz Paramedic
Director of Worcester Fast Squad



Keeping the roads open and safe for everyone.

NORTH BRANCH GRANGE

The Grange is a rural/urban organization founded nationwide in 1867 and open to the entire family. We sponsor programs for the public, oriented to agriculture, health and wellness, home economics, legislation, and youth. In past years, we sponsor open forums with our senators and representatives to keep us updated on what is going on in Montpelier. Volunteering is a big part of our service. The Community Kitchen and Food Shelf hours amount to over 600 hours. Our favorite fun community program is the trick-or-treat open house at the Town hall. This year we held trick-or-treating safely outside. The Grange supports the Lamoille County DCF Christmas party; we make stockings and supply gifts and candy. Due to COVID Virus, our meeting time is in disarray. We hope to meet at the Town Hall, 7 P.M. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each at the Town Hall. For Anyone wishing to join us, call 223-7531 or 229-4697.



The Highway Crew stays busy in all seasons.

REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS SERVING WORCESTER

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners.

2020 Worcester Activities

- ❖ Continued mapping assistance for the Town Plan.
- ❖ Assisted with Local Emergency Management Plan update.
- ❖ Supported application to Local Government Expense Reimbursement Program.

Regional Commissioner

Bill Arrand

Transportation Advisory Committee

Bill Arrand

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ Municipal plan and bylaw updates: Focus on predictable and local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates. effective
- ❖ Brownfields: Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ Transportation planning: Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.
- ❖ Emergency planning: Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ Energy conservation and development: Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- ❖ Natural resource planning and projects: Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- ❖ Regional plans: Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ Geographic Information System services: Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- ❖ Special projects: Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ Grants: Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

MONTPELIER FIRE/AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

The Montpelier Fire/Ambulance Department provides ambulance service to the City of Montpelier and, under contract, to three neighboring towns, including Worcester. The Montpelier Fire/Ambulance Department works closely with the fire departments and FAST squads which serve these towns to provide excellent service to the citizens of those communities. Funding for the ambulance service comes from billing for services provided and taxpayer support from the communities served.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs.

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in Barre at the address and phone number below. We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters.

For example, in 2020 we:

- **Supported health in the community:** Central Vermont New Directions Coalition was awarded \$198,500 to combat tobacco use, underage drinking, youth marijuana use, and prescription drug misuse. As a result, Washington County residents gained more access to community health policy assistance, tobacco and vaping education, tobacco cessation resources, alcohol awareness outreach, prescription drug take back opportunities, and marijuana education.
- **Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families:** 1,030 women, infants, and children in Washington County were served by the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplementation Nutrition Program. WIC is a nutrition program for growing families, which includes nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy food, and health care referrals. In Washington County we have 9 grocery stores that accept the WIC card.
- **Ensured emergency preparedness:** Worked with local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to be prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. Central VT's Medical Reserve Corps contributed 300 volunteer hours supporting public events.
- **Prevented and controlled the spread of disease:** Responded to 417 infectious disease cases in our region. We also helped partners understand the risk of vaping/e-cigarette use and set-up 17 safe syringe disposal sites (in Barre) to improve public safety and reduce risk of disease.
- **Supported student wellbeing:** In Washington County, 63% of students agree/strongly agree they believe they matter in their community. We collaborated with schools to help improve student health and youth empowerment by funding and assisting with community coalitions working within schools, holding youth-led community and policy conversations, and supporting dialogue nights focused on youth risk behavior survey data.
- **Prevented substance misuse and abuse:** The regional substance abuse prevention consultant worked with community groups, schools, service providers, hospitals, and law enforcement to provide community organizing assistance, program planning and consultation, presentations and training, community grants technical assistance and guidance, and information and referral.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov

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Your local office is in [Barre](#) at 5 Perry Street, Suite 250, Barre, VT 05641

802-479-4200

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For more information see web site: www.vlct.org

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

The Washington County Sheriff's Department has assisted with public safety within your community for many years. In our Annual Report I normally talk about what the Department has done, County wide, as well as within your community. This year I thought it might be interesting to give you a little history of Washington County and the Sheriff's Department.

In 1810 Jefferson County, Vermont was established. The first Sheriff took office in 1811. At that time Sheriffs served a term of two years. In 1814 the name was changed to Washington County, renaming the County after George Washington. Washington County is approximately 695 square miles and is one of two Counties (Washington and Lamoille) that are not bordered by another State or Canada. Montpelier is the Shire Town and is also the State Capital. The current State House is actual the 3rd, as the first two burned down. In 1820 there were 14,113 people in living in Washington County. The 2019 numbers show 58,409 people now living in the County.

Washington County's first jail was built into the dwelling erected by Montpelier's founder, Jacob Davis, shortly after his arrival as the first settler in 1787. That building was given to the County by his son Thomas Davis and was rebuilt in granite in 1832. Another jail was built in what is now known as Jail House Common, at 24 Elm Street, Montpelier. Completed in 1900, a new Jail and Sheriff's residence was built at its current location, 10 Elm Street, Montpelier. The Sheriff's house is now the Sheriff's Office and the Jail had been remodeled into Probate Court, but now houses the County Offices and Passport office.

There have been 43 Sheriffs since 1811. Three Sheriffs held office for two terms, but their terms were separated by other Sheriffs holding the office. Sheriff Henry Lawson was the longest serving Sheriff, holding office from 1927 to 1953 - 26 years. I have held the office since July of 2004.

My uncle, Harold Potter, held the Office of Sheriff between 1960 and 1968. He left office to become the first director of the Vermont Police Academy, which I have been teaching at for twenty-one years.

The Sheriff's Office currently has six full time Deputies, two office staff members, the Sheriff and many part time Deputies. The Office performs its statutory functions of transporting prisoners, mental health patients and juveniles as well as serving civil process. We also are responsible for security at the Civil Court in Montpelier. The office contracts with 10 towns within the County for motor vehicle patrol as well as performing a multitude of security and traffic details throughout the County. The Sheriffs Department also regularly assists other County law enforcement agencies when needed.

The Sheriff's Office is funded in three ways. First, we receive funds from the County budget which pays for our basic office support and staff. Second, the state pays the salaries of the Sheriff and the two state transport Deputies. Third, all other funding to support the office and pay deputy salaries comes from revenues raised by the Department. Vermont Sheriff's Departments are tasked, by statute, with transporting prisoners and serving civil process, but are given no vehicles or equipment to do so. Thus, Sheriff's Departments must raise revenues in support of the Office, in order to perform State mandated functions.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2020 generated 2229 total incident reports, to include 695 Vermont Traffic Citations and 1333 Traffic Warnings.

In the course of our patrol efforts in Worcester the following Vermont Traffic Complaints, Warning and Incidents were recorded by the Washington County Sheriff's Department while on patrol in your town.

We are proud of the work we do and take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Ticket Summary Report

ORI: VT0120000 [Washington County Sheriff's Department](#)

Traffic 2 28.57% of all tickets in this report

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Traffic Tickets</u>
1	LBR - 21-30 MPH over speed limit - Local	50.00%
1	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	50.00%

Warning 5 71.43% of all tickets in this report

<u>Count</u>		<u>% of Warning Tickets</u>
1	DEF - Condition of Vehicle	20.00%
2	SL2 - 11-20 MPH Over Speed Limit	40.00%
2	VNI - Vehicle Not Inspected Within 15 Days Of Vt. Registration	40.00%

Total Tickets 7

Incident Analysis Report

[Washington County Sheriff's Department](#)

ORI: VT0120000

	Count of Inc.	% of Total Inc.
Call Type		
Agency Assist	2	15.38%
Traffic Hazard	1	7.69%
Traffic Stop	7	53.85%
VIN Verification	3	23.08%

Total: 13

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT



WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Wrightsville Beach Recreation District was formed in 1985 and is made up of the four member "District" towns of East Montpelier, Middlesex, Montpelier and Worcester. A five-member Board with representatives from each town (Montpelier has two) provides oversight for the District. Administrative and Bookkeeping assistance is contracted through the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. The Beach Manager, Collin O'Neil has responsibility for all operations and staffing.

Our priority for 2020 was to determine how to open and operate the Park in a manner that provided a Covid-19 safe environment. An environment that would make customers feel safe, without creating undue hassles for our customers. In 2020 the Beach District created a very frugal budget that would enable it to open and provide the important services, without losing money. We made the plan, and began implementing it in late-May so we could open the Park in time for when school ended on June 14th. A significant change made is the ability to purchase Season Passes online. That option proved popular & appreciated. Due to this and many other factors we sold 470 Season Passes, about 170 more than usual. Another significant change for 2020 was that we didn't do Picnic Shelter Rentals. The Park usually has around 90 Shelter Rentals per year, accounting for around \$12,000.00 in annual revenue. But that was \$0.00 for 2020.

For 2021 we look forward to another year of providing the services that a wide spectrum of people use regularly. We will resume working on permits, plans and funding to construct a third (smaller) picnic shelter above the beach area. Our picnic shelters provide people and organizations the ability to plan their events, regardless of precipitation, and the demand for these amenities continues to grow. We believe there will be an even greater demand for these post Covid. We also realize that 2021 is a long way off, and we're prepared to adjust our 2021 plans as the realities on the ground become clear.

Thanks to the member communities for your continued support of Wrightsville Beach. **For 2020 we increased the discounts offered to all residents of the member communities. Current in-District-Discounts: 10% discount off Season Passes, and a 25% discount off boat rentals (was 15%), this means any Season Pass holding District Resident gets 50% off boat rentals (was 25%).**

Thanks also to Washington Electric Coop for its continued financial support of \$9,500.00 to the Park's budget. They have contributed this amount every year since 1985.

The Board welcomes suggestions and feedback about the operations and facilities at Wrightsville Beach.

Carl Witke, Worcester, Chair
Kim Kendall, East Montpelier
Jon Copans, Montpelier
Jane Dudley, Middlesex
Bill Bruzzese, Montpelier
Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEETING RESIDENT'S NEEDS

The list below includes groups receiving funding and those not funded but available to help. Many organizations that seek funding from the Town of Worcester also rely on volunteers to fulfill their mission. The statements below offer opportunities to assist through volunteer effort.

CAPSTONE

CAPSTONE is one of a network of five community action agencies in Vermont that provide wraparound services for low to moderate income Vermonters. Our services range from crisis assistance (food, housing, heating fuel) to early childhood development programs (Head Start/Early Head Start), community economic development activities (financial literacy, business development), home weatherization, transportation and workforce development. We use volunteers to supplement programming whenever possible. Our most popular volunteer opportunity is for our free income tax preparation assistance. Call to discuss volunteer opportunities: 802- 479-1053

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, CVABE, provides free literacy instruction. Some CVABE students are learning to read, write, or do basic math at the elementary through middle school level. Others are working to achieve their high school diploma or GED. We also provide offerings to adults in Worcester to learn financial literacy, computer literacy, and resume writing skills. Community volunteers provide academic instruction and serve as great role models and mentors to students. Volunteers are trained and managed by CVABE's professional teaching staff. We advertise orientation sessions for those interested in volunteering in the local newspaper. Call to discuss volunteer opportunities: 802-476-4588

Central Vermont Council on Aging

CVCOA enables elder Vermonters to lead self-determined, healthy, meaningful and independent lives. We connect elders to benefit programs and services that enable them to thrive. We help older Vermonters to live in their homes and communities as long as possible. CVCOA services are available to those aged 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. Programs such as RSVP and Senior Companions also provide opportunities for the public to volunteer and serve seniors in their community. Learn more about our work at www.cvcoa.org. Call to discuss volunteer opportunities: 802- 476-2739

Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice

We provide a range of services and supports to people of all ages, including moms and babies, children and families, active adults, older Vermonters, and those nearing the end of life. We employ a team of about 150 nurses, physical, speech, and occupational therapists, social workers, and caregivers, who deliver care that was once only available in the hospital right to our patients' front doors. There are opportunities to volunteer for Hospice services, fundraising events, and administrative functions. Please contact Jean Semprebon (volunteercoordinator@cvhhh.org) for Hospice or Patty Connor (pconnor@cvhhh.org) for administration opportunities, Kim Farnum for events (kfarnum@cvhhh.org) or call 802.224-2234. www.cvhhh.org

CIRCLE

Circle is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence. Circle provides advocacy, support services, and shelter to help victims/survivors build on strengths to shape fulfilling lives for themselves and their children. Our 24-hour confidential hotline and shelter services empower individuals to move beyond crisis. You can make a difference! Circle is always looking for committed volunteers to help with our crucial work. Volunteers are needed to work on our 24-hour hotline, to spend time in our shelter, to serve on our Board of Directors, to provide childcare, and to assist in public awareness events. If you are interested in volunteering with Circle, please call us today at 1-802-476-6010. (hotline number: 877-543-9498)

Community Connections

Community Connections provides out-of-school time programs for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. We are a broad network serving middle and high schools in the Washington Central and Montpelier schools. Volunteers are always welcomed to help us provide quality care and enrichment programs. They can help in the capacity of being mentors, supervising or teaching classes that provide new skills or information to the students. Contact Alex Rob at 802-223-5429 ext.5 or 802-223-3456 at the central office.

Family Center of Washington County

The Family Center of Washington County serves approx. 4,000 individuals in central Vermont each year. Our mission is to foster the positive growth and development of young children and their families. Our services range from on-site child care and early education and weekly playgroups to parenting support, home visiting and parent education programs, as well as informing parents of eligibility resources for helping families find and pay for child care. We have volunteer opportunities for individuals who would like to spend time reading to or playing with children, and well as other volunteer opportunities with our on-site young parent program. Please contact Joann Jenkins at joannj@fcwcvt.org to find out more. 802-262- 3292 ext 129.

Friends of the Winooski River

Friends of the Winooski River is working to create a community of stewards for a clean, healthy, resilient watershed for all residents. You can help the Friends protect the North Branch and Winooski watershed. We need volunteers to plant trees, monitor water quality, participate in river clean ups and maintain rain gardens. You can also help by writing for our newsletter or website, submitting photos or making videos. Stay informed by joining our email list or on Facebook. www.winooskiriver.org or info@winooskiriver.org 802-882-8276; 802-279-3771

Girls/Boyz First Mentoring

GBF provides central VT youth, ages 8-18, with high- quality, long-term community mentoring relationships that inspire, support and enable them to realize their full potential and prepare for successful futures. Volunteers meet for 2 hours/week and are provided training and support. For more information, <http://bitly.com/Q35nb9> or contact Wendy Freundlich at wendy.freedom51@gmail.com. 802-224-6500

Good Beginnings of Central Vermont

Our services support family resilience during the critical postpartum phase for families and newborns by 1) contributing to parents' well-being and ability to form a strong attachment with their new baby, 2) ensuring that parents have access to baby-friendly forms of social connection and support, and 3) connecting families with relevant information and resources about the postpartum period and the transition to parenthood. Good Beginnings volunteers provide home visits to families with newborns, or provide in-arms cuddling to vulnerable infants at Central VT Medical Center. Opportunities exist for one-time (30-45 minutes) or ongoing visits (2-3 hrs/week for 12 weeks). Good Beginnings volunteers (Postpartum Angels) offer in-home support, respite, and companionship. For more information or to apply, visit www.goodbeginningscentralvt.org email: programs@goodbeginningscentralvt.org. or call (802) 595-7953

Green Mountain Transit Agency

GMTA utilizes an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our special services. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive and provide services under the management of GMTA. If you are interested in becoming a GMTA Volunteer Driver, please contact us at 802-527-2181 or info@gmtaride.org.

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization involving people in Green Up Day. For more information see the web site at www.greenupvermont.org or, contact us at greenup@greenupvermont.org.

Kellogg-Hubbard Library

The Kellogg-Hubbard Library is essential to the lifelong learning needs of our member communities. Our current collection includes over 72,000 books, magazines, audiobooks on CD, DVDs and newspapers. We offer free or reduced-cost museum passes to 6 local museums, plus every Vermont State Park and Historic Site. Digitally, we have over 10,000 downloadable e-books and audiobooks available through our membership with the Green Mountain Library Consortium, as well as access to tens of thousands of full-text research articles through the Vermont Online Library and 500 online high-school and college level courses through Universal Class. Last year we offered 575 free programs for adults, young adults and children, with a total attendance of over 10,000 people. We have 14 computers available for public use as well as printing, copying and scanning services. Last year our publicly available wifi was accessed 54,325 times and our public computers were used 13,245 times. 376 Worcester residents have active library cards. They borrowed 10,460 physical items last year.

The KHL has many different kinds of volunteer jobs. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should call 223-3338 or email info@kellogghubbard.org. Thank you!

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County

Homebound elders and folks under 60 with disabilities receive nutritional meals, wellness checks, and socialization. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals and smiles to seniors in Worcester or in Lamoille County. Deliver weekly, monthly, or on an off and on basis as a substitute driver. Deliveries start around 10:00am M & F in Worcester or M-F in Lamoille County. Contact Nicole Grisgraber @ 802- 888-5011 or meals@molwc.org

Montpelier Senior Activity Center

According to the National Council on Aging, older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental and economic well-being. Our services enable older adults to live healthier, more productive lives in their communities. Volunteer opportunities include leading classes, organizing special events and trips, helping in the office, assisting members during registration, doing data entry, preparing mailings, greeting during health and tax clinics, serving on the board/committees, driving the van, preparing and serving food, delivering meals, fundraising and more! Contact Janna Clar, 802-262-6283 jclar@montpelier-vt.org

Montpelier Veterans' Council

Montpelier Veterans' Council provides American flags and markers for Veterans' graves. Volunteers place flags and provide our color guard for parades and events. Contact Carole Baker 802-223-1118

Our House of Central Vermont

Our House of Central Vermont is a non-profit children's advocacy center and special investigations unit located in Barre and serving all of Washington County. OUR House's mission is to provide a safe and supporting setting for child victims of sexual abuse, their non-offending family members, and adult survivors of sexual assault. 802-476-8825. Due to the confidential nature of our work, we do not have volunteers.

People's Health and Wellness Clinic

The mission of People's Health & Wellness Clinic is to provide primary health care and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured central Vermont residents who could not otherwise afford these services. Our patients are primarily the "working poor," people who are employed part time, but either can't afford or are not offered/eligible for health insurance through their work. We keep people out of the emergency room, helping patients avoid costly care and cost-shifting onto commercial and public insurance rates. Services include primary medical care, mental health services, on-site dental hygiene services and case management and referrals to area participating dentists, and body work.

The People's Health & Wellness Clinic depends on volunteers to deliver its services. Potential volunteers should call the main Clinic number at 479-1229 for information, or check our website at www.phwcv.org.

Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County, Vermont, serves people of all genders who have been impacted by sexual harm. Our services include a 24-hour hotline, responding with in-person advocate support at Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations (SANE) at Central Vermont Medical Center, an emergency overnight shelter/residential program, case support and management, and connecting people with area information and resources. SACT relies on community volunteers, trained for 20 hours to provide confidential advocacy, hotline coverage, database entry, cleaning and building maintenance, or board support. If interested in volunteering, please contact Ally or Bobbi at 802-476-1366.

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For 40 years, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has provided services to enhance the lives of people with disabilities with a vision of them living independently and staying where they choose, in their Worcester home. The disability rights movement needs volunteers. VCIL benefits from the unique skills and time given by individual community members volunteering in its offices, at events and on special projects. Volunteers can learn more about VCIL by attending one of its monthly community meetings hosted by VCIL. Please contact VCIL at 1-802-224-1819 or visit our website: www.vcil.org for more information about volunteering.

Washington County Mental Health

Washington County Mental Health Services, Inc. provides services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness, persons with developmental disabilities and children with a serious emotional disturbance, intellectual disabilities, and Autism spectrum disorders and their families. WCMHS also provides support to individuals dealing with substance use challenges. We typically do not use volunteers to respect the confidentiality of those we serve. However, we are always open to creative conversations about ways to have community members support those we serve.

Washington County Youth Service Bureau

Washington County Youth Service bureau provides a variety of services including: youth & family counseling; emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth; a transitional living program for homeless youth; support for pregnant/parenting teens; adolescent substance abuse treatment; a transitional living program for young men returning from jail; a teen center; support for youth involved in foster care; and a 24 hour crisis service. Volunteer opportunities include: leading workshops; mentoring youth ages 13-22; serving as a shelter parent; assisting with the Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner; helping with fundraisers and special events. For more information, please call 229-9151. All volunteers are interviewed and subject to background checks.

Worcester Historical Society

Volunteers implement every activity and program. Volunteers are always needed for archiving, publications and publicity, fund raising, planning the Fourth of July celebration, educational programming, research, and governance. The success of the Society rests on its enthusiastic and committed volunteers. Contact Judy Knapp or J. David Book for further information.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Worcester Fire/Fast Squad	911
Worcester Highway Dept.	223-6903
Fire Fast Squad office	223-3850
Poison Center, Burlington	1-800-658-3456
State Police	911
State Police (non-emergency)	229-9191
Doty Memorial School	223-5656
U-32 Jr./Sr. High School	223-0321

State Representatives:

Avram Patt	223-1014
David Yacovone	888-5958

State Senators:

Ann Cummings	223-6043
Andrew Perchlik	279-0471
Anthony Pollina	229-5809
State House	828-2228

TRASH REMOVAL & RECYCLING

Every Saturday at the LRSWMD Transfer Station (Calais Road) from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

These passports are available at the town Clerk's office for a fee of \$2.00 to residents 62 years of age or older.

MOBILE HOME REGISTRATION

All mobile homes located within the Town of Worcester must be registered with the Town Clerk.

A recording fee of \$20.00 is charged for the Bill of Sale and the PTTR.



New Flags purchased in memory of loved ones.



We will not and should not forget 2020. It was certainly different. But how different was it really? Sure, some of us had serious financial setbacks. A few of us got very sick and even lost close friends and loved ones. Most of us started wearing masks, washing our hands more frequently, and keeping social distance. Of course, a lot of things were postponed or cancelled: no festivities on Ladd Field; no school play at Doty Memorial; no normal worship at churches; virtual meetings the new medium. Yes, don't forget the inconveniences: more staying at home, take-out meals, sports seasons cancelled, fewer social gatherings. But let's also remember that the postman never missed a day of delivering our mail; the Town road crews kept the roads well maintained; neighbors relied on neighbors as never before; Doty teachers still taught, the Food Shelf was available every week; the local store was open every day; many of us were even able to spend more quality time with our children, the community at large responded positively to a young woman who needed special housing to avoid serious allergies, and the government sent US money. The seasons came and went providing snow, rain, heat, beautiful foliage and the freedom to hike, bike, garden, swim, fish, kayak, hunt, and walk among the hills. Now, most of us have made it around the bend into 2021, wiser, more appreciative of where we live and who we live next to, and hopeful that 2021 will be an even better year.

-David Book, Worcester's local historian and author.

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