

WORCESTER

VERMONT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**



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TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday	12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday/ Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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LISTERS' HOURS (2023)

Mondays	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
Telephone (802) 223-6942 ext. 1	Fax (802) 229-5216

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. **POSTMARK DATES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

ANIMAL LICENSES

All dogs & wolf-hybrids must be licensed on or by April 1, 2023. 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 pre-printed 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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TOWN OFFICERS IN 2023

			Term Ends:
Town Moderator	Paul Hanlon		2023
School Moderator	Paul Hanlon		2023
Town Clerk	Jennifer LeStat		2023
Town Treasurer	Katie Miller	Appointed	
Selectboard	Roger Strobridge		2023
	John Kaeding		2024
	Carter Stowell		2025
Listers	Alan Erdosy, Chair		2025
	Christopher Lyon		2023
	Peter Strobridge		2024
Cemetery Commissioners	Francette Cerulli, Clerk		2024
	Heather Pagel, Chair		2023
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Katie Miller		2023
Town Constable	Shawn McManis		2023
LRSWD	Carl Witke		2023
Justices of the Peace	Paul Hanlon, Chair		2024
	Marcia "Mimi" Hill		2024
	Michele Hill		2024
	Roger Hill		2024
	Sara Baker		2024

APPOINTED OFFICERS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Road Commissioner

Brian Powers

Road Crew

Michael Utton

Erine LaPlante

Tim Cane (part-time)

Wayne Holland (part-time)

Assistant Town Treasurer/Clerk

Judith Knapp

Francette Cerulli

Fire Warden/Fire Chief

Will Sutton

Election Officials

Sandra Bador 34 years of service

Sylvia Zuanich 25 years of service

Judy Knapp 16 years of service

Roger Strobridge 12 years of service

Mary Ann Power 10 years of service

Penny Marwede 8 years of service

Francette Cerulli 8 years of service

Planning Commission

Bill Arrand, Chair

Toni Kaeding

CV Reg. Planning Comm.

Bill Arrand

Green-up Chair

Colleen Kutin

Health Officer

John Kaeding

Animal Control Officer

OPEN

Wrightsville Beach Dist.

Carl Witke

Fast Squad

Peter Fitz, Director

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Selectboard

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.

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, 1pm.-2pm. and every

Saturday of the month, Town Hall, 11am.-1pm.

VITAL RECORDS 2022

BIRTHS

Freida Danu Bellow-McDade
Peter Charles Bennett
Solenne Grace Coteus
Amelia Lyann Jones

DATE

04/28/2022
09/06/2022
12/14/2022
06/28/2022

PARENTS

Perry Bellow-Handelman & William G. McDade Jr
Elise Walsh Bennett & David Charles Bennett
Catherine Amelia Coteus & Stephen F. Coteus
Katie Marie Jones & Benjamin Edward Jones

MARRIAGES

Lisa Kathy Gilman
James Aaron Shover

DATE

09/02/2022

Sara Louise Baker
Jeffrey John Salvador

04/29/2022

Kaylee Amber Herring
Jacob Christopher Russell

05/10/2022

DEATHS

David Lee Belisle
Bonnie Lee Cane
Patricia Ann DuPont
Warren Charles William Laufer
John Doyle Stiffler
Laura Jeanne Tyrrell
Steven Anthony Zuanich

DATE

04/07/2022
11/22/2022
03/21/2022
12/18/2022
04/30/2022
04/03/2022
10/19/2022

AGE

80 yrs
68 yrs
88 yrs
84 yrs
63 yrs
30 yrs
86 yrs

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, 2022. We will audit the financial statements of the Town of Worcester, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office upon completion

TOWN OF WORCESTER WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WARNING TOWN OF WORCESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING March 7, 2023

The legal Voters of the Town of Worcester are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Doty Memorial School Gymnasium on Tuesday, the 7th day of March 2023, at **9:30 a.m.** (voting on some officers to be by Australian Ballot); **poll to open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.**) to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.

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

Town Clerk	one year
Select Person	three years
Lister	three years

Article 3. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester change the Town Clerk term from 1 year to 3 years by Australian ballot. This term change would take effect in the 2024 election cycle.

Article 4. To receive and act on the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the Town Report.

Article 5. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Collector of Delinquent Taxes pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651d(a)?

Article 6. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

Article 7. To elect a Town Constable for the year ensuing.

Article 8. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.

Article 9. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester have all property taxes paid to the Treasurer to the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00pm on or before Friday, **September 15th**, 2023 (Town Tax) and on or before Wednesday, **November 15th**, 2023 (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 10. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve a town budget of \$907,726.87.

Article 11.. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve an appropriation in the total amount of \$ 10,075.00 as follows:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 575
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 600
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 2,450
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$ 400
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 400
Girlz/Boyz First	\$ 500
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$ 300

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County	\$ 900
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	\$ 2,500
Mosaic	\$ 300
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	\$ 750
VCIL	\$ 200
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 200

Article 12. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester approve an appropriation for the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in the amount of \$17,352.00, for the calendar year of 2023.

Article 13. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$6,000.00 to pay for the Worcester 4th of July fireworks display.

Article 14. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize that the sum of Articles 10 through 13 receiving positive votes, be raised on the Grand List of 2023 to pay the expenses and indebtedness of the Town?

Article 15. Shall the Voters of the Town of Worcester authorize to hold any audited fund balance as of December 31, 2022 in capital reserve funds to be expended under the control and direction of the Selectboard for the purpose of operating the town?

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

Dated at Worcester, Vermont this 17th day of January 2023.

By the Selectboard members of the Town of Worcester:

/S/ _____
Roger Strobridge, Chair

/S/ _____
John Kaeding

/S/ _____
Carter Stowell

Polls open on March 7th, 2023 from 10:00am to 7:00pm.

Filed in Town Clerk's Office and duly recorded before posting. January 23, 2023
Attest: Jennifer LeStat, Town Clerk

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7604446966?pwd=SFhFZWtETkVVT1FqNW9qN0xyZFpLZz09>

Meeting ID: 760 444 6966
Passcode: 4848

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 February 5, 2023. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 15, 2023.

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 February 5, 2023, will be eligible to request a mailed 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 6, 2023 by 4 pm. It must be picked up in person on that day. (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:

- A voter may have a ballot mailed, and mail or deliver it back to the Worcester Town Office before Town Meeting Day or to the polling place (Doty School) before 7:00 p.m. on Town Meeting Day.
- If you are sick or disabled, you may request that the town clerk have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (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 Doty Memorial School gym, 24 Worcester Calais Road on
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 10:00 AM**

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.

MINUTES-TOWN INFORMATION MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Via ZOOM, Moderator Paul Hanlon called the meeting to order, and noted that the meeting is for informational purposes. There will be no voting.

Article 1 – Katie Winkeljohn gave an overview of how voting would occur this town meeting day. The state gave permission again to mail ballots to all eligible, non-challenged voters of the town.

Article 2 questions/comments – This article would separate the town clerk and town treasurer position in to two separate jobs. Marcia Hill asked if the positions would both be full time positions. Ms. Winkeljohn share that they would both be about 35-hour a week positions. She shared that the job has become much bigger and they needed to be separated. Ms. Hill asked if there are other towns of similar size who split the positions into two jobs. Ms. Winkeljohn shared that Middlesex, Calais and Orange have them split.

Article 3 questions/comments – There was no discussion on this article.

Article 4 questions/comments – Selectboard chair Ted Lamb noted that the biggest jump in the town budget, which came in at \$788,777.80, was due to the town clerk and treasurer positions being separated. Ms. Winkeljohn noted that there would be no increase in the town tax rate, which has remained the same for the last five years.

Article 5 questions/comments – Janna Klar of the Montpelier Senior Center and Kaitlyn Howansky, representing the Community Harvest, shared regarding their respective organizations and their request for funds. There was not further discussion.

Article 6 questions/comments – Kellogg Hubbard Library representative and Worcester resident Sara Davis spoke regarding the library's \$17, 352 request for the calendar year of 2022. This is the library's first request for an increase since 2018.

Article 7 question/comments – There was no discussion on this article.

Article 8 questions/comments – There was no discussion on this article.

Article 9 questions/comments – There was no discussion on this article.

Article 10 questions/comments – There was no discussion on this article.

Mr. Hanlon thanked outgoing Selectboard member and chair Ted Lamb for his service to Worcester. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie Friot

TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law at six months of age.** By statute, unlicensed dogs can be confiscated. Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For a VSNIP Application and a List of Participating Offices, send a 10" SASE: Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Note if your request is for a cat, dog or both. Once fully completed, please mail it back. If approved, you will receive a Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only **\$27.00**, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pays the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog licensing. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit, or you will be charged for treatment. Pain medication is highly recommended **after** the surgery, but would be your responsibility. It is also wise to buy an "E" collar to avoid having sutures pulled out. These are the right choices!

Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. **These altruistic veterinarians are the backbone of the program!** If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they have made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the routine means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let's keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)



left, Town Clerk Dog:

Ullr Fluffypants

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Receipts:

Recordings	\$	10,513.00
Vault Time	\$	415.00
Copies/ Certified	\$	945.00
Marriage Licenses	\$	110.00
Dog Licenses	\$	990.00
DMV Renewals	\$	12.00
Green Mountain Pass	\$	22.00
Liquor Licenses	\$	540.00
Posting Land	\$	15.00
Total Receipts	\$	13,562.00

Disbursements:

SoV Vital Records	\$	50.00
SoV Dog Licenses	\$	510.00
Preservation of Records Fund	\$	2,819.00
Vermont Liquor Control	\$	70.00
Town of Worcester	\$	10,113.00
Total Receipts	\$	13,562.00
Total Disbursements	\$	13,562.00

Accounts Reconciled as of 12/31/2022

2022 DOG LICENSE REVENUES

91 Spayed / Neutered	Total Income	\$	990.00
11 Male / Female	Paid to SoV Dog Licenses	\$	(510.00)
102 TOTAL	Net Amount to General Fund	\$	480.00

TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

YEAR END COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCES

CASH:	12/31/2021	12/31/2022
Checking/ Sweeping Account/CDs	\$ 755,271.65	\$ 640,988.56
Cash on hand	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Due from/Due to Funds	\$ (362,049.62)	\$ (251,221.62)
Due from School District	\$ 13,990.55	\$ 12,160.13
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$ 407,312.58	\$ 402,027.07
Less Liabilities	\$ (6,331.30)	\$ (9,563.47)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 400,981.28	\$ 392,463.60

2022 INCOME

Retained Property Taxes	\$ 570,832.86
SoV Current Use/PILOT payments	\$ 119,143.04
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 53,512.80
Penalties & Interest	\$ 14,735.96
Town Clerk's Office	\$ 10,113.00
Town Hall Rent	\$ 200.00
Traffic Fines	\$ -
Eagle Ledge Permits	\$ 5.00
Overweight Permits	\$ 345.00
State Road Aid/GRANTS	\$ 73,461.99
Interest	\$ 1,187.39

GENERAL REVENUES TOTAL

\$ 843,537.04

2022 EXPENSES

Highway	\$ 452,802.25
Maxham Bond Payment	\$ 19,988.89
General Government	\$ 290,610.75
Special Articles	\$ 32,802.00
Fire Dept.	\$ 55,850.83

EXPENSES TOTAL

\$ 852,054.72

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND GRANTS

DRY HYDRANT GRANT

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	1,367.70
Income	\$	-
Expenses		
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	1,367.70

H/W CAPITAL FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	31,731.15
Income	\$	15,000.00
BBR Grant Income		
Expenses	\$	(185,917.35)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	(139,186.20)

H/W TRUCK FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	1,824.41
Income	\$	46,500.00
Expenses	\$	(55,963.80)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	(7,639.39)

F/D TRUCK FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	45,411.58
Income	\$	156,706.00
Expenses	\$	(187,137.00)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	14,980.58

REAPPRAISAL FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	73,623.40
Income	\$	4,702.50
Expenses	\$	(89.72)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	78,236.18

LISTER EDUCATION FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	2,053.96
Income		
Expenses	\$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	2,053.96

RECORD PRESERVATION FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	13,717.84
Income	\$	2,819.00
Expenses	\$	(2,807.72)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	13,729.12

CAPITOL RESERVE FUNDS AND GRANTS

LADD HAYMEADOW FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	4,651.49
Donations		
Income	\$	-
Expenses		
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	4,651.49

LISTER EQUIPMENT FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	8,111.84
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	(1,597.66)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	6,514.18

TOWN HALL PRESERVATION FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	2,289.57
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	2,289.57

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	22,263.63
Income	\$	12,000.00
Rebates/Grant Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	(15,757.65)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	18,505.98

TOWN CLERK EQUIPMENT FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	(911.72)
Income	\$	-
Expenses		
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	(911.72)

F/D EQUIPMENT FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	132.67
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	-
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	132.67

TOWN SERVICE COMMITTEE FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	2,134.12
Donations	\$	1,200.00
Expenses	\$	(408.00)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	2,926.12

ARPA FUND

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	153,647.98
Donations	\$	153,720.44
Expenses	\$	(53,797.04)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	253,571.38

TOTAL DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS \$ 251,221.62

ACCOUNTS SEPARATE FROM CHECKING/SWEEP ACCOUNT

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	6,940.56
Income	\$	-
Expenses	\$	(15.80)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$	6,924.76



SCHEDULE OF ASSETS

Highways:

1987 Ford Tanker	\$ 50,000.00
1997 Galion Grader	\$ 258,000.00
2006 Trailer	\$ 2,000.00
2011 John Deere Loader	\$ 25,000.00
2021 International Truck with Plow	\$ 175,000.00
2016 Kobelco Excavator	\$ 105,621.00
2017 Ford Truck with Plow	\$ 102,000.00
2019 GMC Truck with Plow & Sander	\$ 45,000.00
Town Garage, Land and Contents	\$ 511,797.00
Sand Pit	\$ 36,900.00

Fire Department:

2009 International Pumper/Tanker	\$ 225,000.00
2010 Enclosed Trailer	\$ 2,100.00
2014 HME	\$ 173,500.00
2021 International Tanker	\$ 174,000.00

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 \$ 3,986,318.00

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

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Highways:

2021 International Truck with Plow

Lease to own, 5 years/ Annual in Arrears

Date of Issue: March 1, 2021 \$186,696.85

Interest: 3.990%

Maturity Date: April 1, 2025

Trade in (April 1, 2019): \$52,000.00

Lease Payment 2022: \$26,939.37

Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$80,818.11

2019 GMC Pickup

Lease to own, 4 years/Annual in Arrears

Date of Issue: January 5, 2020 \$46,026.68

Interest: 3.75%

Maturity Date: January 5, 2023

Down Payment: \$12,546.20

Lease Payment 2022: \$12,546.20

Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$25,092.40

Fire Department:

2021 International HV507 Tanker

Lease to own, 7 years/ Annual in Arrears

Date of Issue: May1, 2021 \$173,706.00

Interest: 2.87%

Maturity Date: May 1, 2028

Down Payment: \$ 40,000.00

Lease Payment 2022 \$21,356.00

Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$ 116,187.96

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

Payment 2022:

Interest \$ 9,822.22

Principal \$ 10,166.67

Balance as of December 31, 2022 \$ 223,666.64

PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET

HIGHWAYS

Accounts	2022	Expenditures	Proposed 2023	% Change
Wages	\$150,400.00	\$158,466.41	\$196,205.00	30.5%
FICA/ Town Expense	\$11,378.00	\$15,435.11	\$16,080.68	41.3%
Health Insurance	\$9,526.14	\$10,407.78	\$21,482.28	125.5%
Health Ins. Reimbursement	\$5,004.00	\$6,615.18	\$4,000.00	-20.1%
Life Insurance	\$162.00	\$136.50	\$243.00	50.0%
Retirement Town Expense	\$7,468.20	\$8,031.04	\$13,263.58	77.6%
Unemployment	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	0.0%
Gas/Oil/Diesel	\$22,000.00	\$26,075.91	\$25,000.00	13.6%
Vehicle Main/Repair	\$24,000.00	\$45,381.66	\$38,000.00	58.3%
Shop Maintenance	\$3,500.00	\$1,960.57	\$2,800.00	-20.0%
Equipment/Tools	\$2,500.00	\$3,594.37	\$2,500.00	0.0%
Hired Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$1,895.00	\$2,000.00	0.0%
Shale/Gravel/Chloride	\$44,000.00	\$43,117.38	\$48,000.00	9.1%
Stormwater Management	\$12,000.00	\$6,156.00	\$12,000.00	0.0%
Sand/Salt	\$42,000.00	\$43,265.43	\$44,000.00	4.8%
Bridges/Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$4,851.72	\$5,000.00	0.0%
Paving/Resurfacing	\$7,500.00	\$112.26	\$7,500.00	0.0%
Mowing/Brush Cutting	\$4,300.00	\$3,778.00	\$4,300.00	0.0%
Uniforms	\$1,200.00	\$1,421.23	\$1,200.00	0.0%
Equipment Capital Exp	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00	\$48,000.00	3.2%
Training/Conferences	\$500.00	\$60.00	\$500.00	0.0%
Electric	\$1,700.00	\$1,696.32	\$1,900.00	11.8%
Telephone/Computer	\$800.00	\$1,220.78	\$1,200.00	50.0%
Heat	\$4,500.00	\$7,189.34	\$4,500.00	0.0%
Signs	\$2,000.00	\$434.26	\$2,000.00	0.0%
Paving Capital Fund	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$425,938.34	\$452,802.25	\$517,674.54	21.5%

GRANTS RECEIVED AND COMPLETED

	AWARDED	ADDED IN 2022	ADD IN 2023
Eagle Ledge Culvert	\$172,002.00		\$179,739.00
Hampshire Hill BBR	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
Bridge Repairs/ Calais Rd, Minister Brook	\$196,817.40		\$196,817.40
TOTAL	\$388,819.40		\$376,556.40

BOND-MAXHAM PROPERTY

Bond Payment	\$10,124.00	\$10,166.67	\$10,167.00	0.4%
Interest Expense	\$10,500.00	\$9,822.22	\$9,822.22	-6.5%
TOTAL	\$20,624.00	\$19,988.89	\$19,989.22	-3.1%

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Accounts	2022 Budget	Expenditures	2023 Budget	% Change
OFFICERS SERVICES				
Town Clerk	\$35,000.00	\$29,334.35	\$38,500.00	10.0%
Treasurer	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	0.0%
Asst. Town Clerk	\$6,500.00	\$10,309.47	\$6,500.00	0.0%
Selectboard	\$2,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00	0.0%
Auditors	\$11,500.00	\$12,191.00	\$12,000.00	4.3%
Constable	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
Election Officials	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	0.0%
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		-100.0%
FICA, Town	\$6,885.00	\$5,352.96	\$7,347.83	6.7%
Health Ins.	\$9,526.14	\$10,407.78	\$21,482.28	125.5%
Life Insurance	\$81.00	\$68.25	\$81.00	0.0%
Retirement, Town	\$5,242.50	\$5,006.76	\$5,531.88	5.5%
TOTAL	\$128,234.64	\$124,970.57	\$141,442.99	10.3%

PRINTING & OFFICE

Town Report	\$1,400.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,400.00	0.0%
Telephone	\$900.00	\$1,161.69	\$1,100.00	22.2%
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$1,733.83	\$1,600.00	60.0%
Office Supplies	\$2,100.00	\$3,185.99	\$2,800.00	33.3%
Officers Conf. & Dues	\$100.00	\$200.20	\$100.00	0.0%
Pub. of Notices	\$250.00	\$674.29	\$250.00	0.0%
Printing/Copy Service	\$1,200.00	\$1,507.27	\$1,400.00	16.7%
Microfilming	\$250.00		\$250.00	0.0%
Equip.Repair/Cont.	\$400.00	\$171.20	\$400.00	0.0%
VLCT Dues	\$2,273.00	\$2,294.00	\$2,300.00	1.2%
CV Reg. Planning Com	\$1,315.84	\$1,282.12	\$1,282.12	-2.6%
Software/Maintenance	\$7,200.00	\$5,778.99	\$7,200.00	0.0%
Web Site	\$380.00	\$403.40	\$380.00	0.0%
Trans to T/C Cap Fund				
TOTAL	\$18,768.84	\$19,652.98	\$20,462.12	9.0%

Accounts	2022 Budget	Expenditures	2023 Budget	% Change
TOWN COMPLEX				
Custodial Service	\$500.00	\$1,811.25	\$1,250.00	150.0%
Supplies	\$100.00	\$442.34	\$100.00	0.0%
Heat	\$4,000.00	\$6,746.56	\$5,800.00	45.0%
Electric	\$1,300.00	\$1,525.87	\$1,450.00	11.5%
Water	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	0.0%
Trash Services	\$800.00	\$921.80	\$800.00	0.0%
Safety Equipment	\$100.00	\$489.60	\$100.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$7,060.00	\$12,197.42	\$9,760.00	38.2%
TOWN HALL				
Custodial Service	\$1,750.00	\$765.00	\$1,250.00	-28.6%
Supplies	\$500.00	\$317.81	\$500.00	0.0%
Heat	\$2,800.00	\$3,704.90	\$3,800.00	35.7%
Electric	\$1,400.00	\$1,414.11	\$1,400.00	0.0%
Water	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	0.0%
State Inspections	\$800.00	\$593.00	\$800.00	0.0%
Town Hall Internet	\$1,080.00	\$1,092.09	\$1,080.00	
Trans to T/H Floor Fund		0		
TOTAL	\$8,590.00	\$8,146.91	\$9,090.00	5.8%
FIRE & FAST SQUAD DEPT				
Insurance	\$1,400.00	\$1,084.00	\$1,400.00	0.0%
Gas	\$750.00	\$739.41	\$750.00	0.0%
Vehicle Repairs	\$500.00	\$930.69	\$500.00	0.0%
Truck-Equip Fund	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$24,500.00	6.5%
Telephone	\$485.00	\$516.09	\$560.00	15.5%
Supplies	\$500.00	\$147.90	\$500.00	0.0%
Equipment Repairs	\$2,500.00	\$852.91	\$2,500.00	0.0%
Dues	\$500.00	\$654.00	\$500.00	0.0%
Dues-EMS District 6-F/S	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	0.0%
Communications	\$15,696.00	\$15,696.38	\$16,597.00	5.7%
Radios/Equip. repairs	\$1,500.00	\$8,847.94	\$1,500.00	0.0%
Medical Supplies/Equip-F/	\$2,500.00	\$845.10	\$2,500.00	0.0%
Training	\$4,000.00	\$1,576.52	\$4,000.00	0.0%
Equipment	\$4,500.00	\$959.89	\$4,500.00	0.0%
Hepatitis B Shots-F/S	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	0.0%
AED Equipment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	100.0%
TOTAL	\$58,281.00	\$55,850.83	\$63,757.00	9.4%

Accounts	2022 Budget	Expenditures	2023 Budget	% Change
TAXES & DUES				
Washington County	\$7,335.00	\$7,637.00	\$7,637.00	4.1%
Wrightsville Beach	\$1,332.00	\$1,446.00	\$2,410.00	80.9%
TOTAL	\$8,667.00	\$9,083.00	\$10,047.00	15.9%
LEGAL SERVICES				
Legal Services	\$1,000.00	\$6,540.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$1,000.00	\$6,540.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
INSURANCE				
Insurance*	\$27,173.00	\$25,950.50	\$28,349.00	4.3%
TOTAL	\$27,173.00	\$25,950.50	\$28,349.00	4.3%
STREET LIGHTS				
Street Lights	\$3,450.00	\$3,572.12	\$3,575.00	3.6%
TOTAL	\$3,450.00	\$3,572.12	\$3,575.00	3.6%
RECREATION				
Mowing	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	40.0%
Port-O-Lets	\$800.00	\$868.00	\$800.00	0.0%
Trans to Ladd Field Fund				
TOTAL	\$1,050.00	\$1,218.00	\$1,150.00	9.5%
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	\$203.25	\$500.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$500.00	\$203.25	\$500.00	0.0%
ANIMAL CONTROL				
Animal Control	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.0%

Accounts	2022 Budget	Expenditures	2023 Budget	% Change
AMBULANCE				
Ambulance	\$41,048.00	\$41,048.00	\$42,280.00	3.0%
TOTAL	\$41,048.00	\$41,048.00	\$42,280.00	3.0%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00	0.0%
LISTERS OFFICE				
Wages	\$16,500.00	\$14,250.00	\$16,500.00	0.0%
Supplies	\$200.00	\$484.63	\$200.00	0.0%
Conferences & Dues	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$600.00	0.0%
Tax Mapping	\$1,500.00	\$2,475.60	\$1,500.00	0.0%
Equipment	\$0.00			0.0%
Software/Maintenance	\$450.00	\$1,767.77	\$450.00	0.0%
TOTAL	\$19,250.00	\$19,028.00	\$19,250.00	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%
SPECIAL ARTICLES				
Org. Support	\$10,450.00	\$10,450.00		
Kellogg-Hubbard Library	\$17,352.00	\$17,352.00		
Fireworks	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
TOTAL	\$32,802.00	\$32,802.00		
HIGHWAY	\$425,938.34	\$452,802.25	\$517,674.54	21.5%
MAXHAM BOND	\$20,367.00	\$19,988.89	\$19,989.22	-1.9%
GEN. GOVERNMENT	\$375,274.48	\$379,263.58	\$370,063.11	-1.4%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$821,579.82	\$852,054.72	\$907,726.87	10.5%

PROPOSED 2023 REVENUES

	2022 Budget	2022 Received	2023 Proposed
HIGHWAY			
State Aid & Grants	\$46,500.00	\$73,461.99	\$54,519.24
Overweight Permits	\$300.00	\$345.00	\$300.00
GEN. GOVERNMENT			
Interest on Savings	\$300.00	\$1,187.39	\$8,750.00
Town Clerk Fees/Lic.	\$7,500.00	\$10,113.00	\$8,000.00
Tax on State Owned Land	\$54,000.00	\$62,637.54	\$62,637.54
Current Use*	\$48,000.00	\$56,505.50	\$52,239.00
Traffic Fines	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Town Hall Rental Fees	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$6,000.00	\$14,735.96	\$7,000.00
Fund Balance back to Town			
TOTAL	\$163,450.00	\$219,186.38	\$193,695.78
Town Budget	\$821,579.82		\$907,726.87
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$163,450.00		\$193,695.78
Tax Effort 2022	\$658,129.82		
Anticipated 2023			\$714,031.09
Town Tax Rate 2022**		\$0.6298	**Rate reflects all Passed Articles
Estimated Town Tax Rate 2023		\$0.6786	1052205 **Grand List ValueEST7

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 .6786 = \$1,357.21

That's your Town Property tax amount.



ARTICLE EFFECT on TOWN TAX

Grand List Est. 2023		\$1,052,205.00			
Budget Proposed by Select board to fund town services (Article 10)		\$907,726.87			
Projected Town Revenues		\$193,695.78			
Tax Effort		\$714,031.09			
Appraised Property Value		\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	
	Adds to tax rate				
Article 10 - Budget Proposed by Select board to fund town services					
	\$907,726.87	0.6786	\$678.60	\$1,017.91	\$1,357.21
Article 11 - Social Concerns Committee Recommendation					
	\$10,075.00	0.0096	\$9.58	\$14.36	\$19.15
Article 12 - Kellogg Hubbard Library					
	\$17,352.00	0.0165	\$16.49	\$24.74	\$32.98
Article 13 - July 4th Fireworks					
	\$6,000.00	0.0057	\$5.70	\$8.55	\$11.40
Total if all pass					
	\$941,153.87	0.7104	\$710.37	\$1,065.56	\$1,420.75



TOWN OF WORCESTER HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

FUND	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
BALANCE CARRIED OVER	\$ 1,824.41	\$ (7,639.39)	\$ 875.04	\$ (14,169.42)	\$ (24,213.88)	\$ (2,318.97)	\$ 9,575.94	\$ 29,430.94	\$ 74,430.94	\$ 119,430.94	\$ 179,430.94
CURRENT APPROPRIATION	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
TOTAL FUND	\$ 48,324.41	\$ 40,360.61	\$ 70,875.04	\$ 60,830.58	\$ 55,786.12	\$ 82,681.03	\$ 99,575.94	\$ 119,430.94	\$ 164,430.94	\$ 209,430.94	\$ 269,430.94
SMALL TRUCK											
LARGE PLOW	\$ (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	\$ (16,478.23)										
PICK UP TRUCK	\$ (12,546.20)	\$ (12,546.20)									
FUND BALANCE	\$ (7,639.39)	\$ 875.04	\$ (14,169.42)	\$ (24,213.88)	\$ (2,318.97)	\$ 9,575.94	\$ 29,430.94	\$ 74,430.94	\$ 119,430.94	\$ 179,430.94	\$ 269,430.94

TOWN OF WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

FUND	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
BALANCE CARRIED OVER	\$ 45,411.58	\$ 14,980.58	\$ 18,124.58	\$ 21,768.58	\$ 26,912.58	\$ 33,556.58	\$ 41,700.58	\$ 51,344.58	\$ 83,844.58	\$ 117,844.58	\$ 153,344.58
CURRENT APPROPRIATION	\$ 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	\$ 35,500.00
TOTAL FUND	\$ 68,411.58	\$ 39,480.58	\$ 43,124.58	\$ 48,268.58	\$ 54,912.58	\$ 63,056.58	\$ 72,700.58	\$ 83,844.58	\$ 117,844.58	\$ 153,344.58	\$ 188,844.58
FAST ATTACK TRUCK											
NEW											
TANKER	\$ (53,431.00)	\$ (21,356.00)	\$ (21,356.00)	\$ (21,356.00)	\$ (21,356.00)	\$ (21,356.00)	\$ (21,356.00)				
FUND BALANCE	\$ 14,980.58	\$ 18,124.58	\$ 21,768.58	\$ 26,912.58	\$ 33,556.58	\$ 41,700.58	\$ 51,344.58	\$ 83,844.58	\$ 117,844.58	\$ 153,344.58	\$ 188,844.58

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

Town Listed Value	94,751,099.00
Total Municipal Grand List (1% of Listed Property)	947,510.99
Municipal tax rate	<u>0.6298</u>
Town Tax Effort	596,742.50
Total Education Grand List	
Homestead Education Listed Value	683,839.86
Homestead Tax Rate	<u>1.6902</u>
Tax Effort	11,155,826.14
Non-Residential Education Listed Value	264,572.47
Non-Resi Tax Rate	<u>1.6172</u>
Tax Effort	427,866.63
Veteran's Exemption Listed Value	947,510.99
	<u>0.0009</u>
	852.69
Late Homestead Penalty	2,894.81
Total Adjusted Tax Effort as of 12/31/2022	2,184,182.77

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

	Current Taxes
Beginning Delinquents as of 1/1/2022	\$61,069.19
Total Tax Billings	\$2,184,182.77
Amount Owed by School	\$12,160.13
Payments Sent to the School	-\$1,264,085.61
School Taxes sent to School by State	-\$329,769.13
Property Taxes retained by Town	-\$570,832.87
Change in 2021 Est. Owed by School	\$284.72
Delinquent Taxes collected in 2022	-\$53,512.80
Totals	\$39,496.40
Total Per Delinquent List* reflects principal only	\$39,496.40
Difference	0

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

Beauregard, Carl	\$115.81
ESCROW	\$111.42
Brown, Iva	\$7,394.89
Chaplin, Daniel	\$541.28
ESCROW	\$53.41
Dyer, Richard	\$278.56
Dyson, Christopher	\$1,468.43
Harvey, Dermont	\$19.26
Nye, Krysta	\$92.05
Piazza, Frank	\$2,540.12
Quantum Corporation	\$11,712.06
Shover, Pamela	\$1,168.58
Stroup, Reed	\$1,132.73
Sweetser, Brian	\$4,001.09
Tatro, Bryan	\$1,364.92
Van Fossen, Ann	\$5,590.53
ESCROW	\$3.94
Young, Jason	\$1,907.32
TOTAL DUE reflects principal only	\$39,496.40

WORCESTER MOUNTAIN CEMETERY

WORCESTER VILLAGE CEMETERY

TOTAL Invested Funds	\$317,817.67
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CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) All trash should be placed in wooden boxes at the 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 the crematory or funeral home along with the burial fee.
- 6) All in-ground plantings (including trees and shrubs) must be maintained by the 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

Grave:	\$650
Two Graves:	\$1,100
Three Graves:	\$1,550
Four Graves:	\$2,000

Crematory Lots

\$440
\$680
\$920
\$1,160

Non-Residents

Full Lots

One Grave:	\$750
Two Graves:	\$1,300
Three Graves:	\$1,850
Four Graves:	\$2,400

Crematory Lots

\$485
\$770
\$1,055
\$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 payable to the Town of Worcester

2022 TOWN REPORTS

SELECTBOARD REPORT TO THE TOWN

2022 was a year definitely filled with challenges, problems and plans for the future. With the help of countless volunteers and dedicated employees, the select board managed to keep the town on solid financial ground.

Our first challenge was dealing with a proposed communications tower to be built on Norton Road. Public opinion gave the selectboard much to think about. Working with the Regional Planning Commission, the State Planning Commission and various other State agencies, we learned how important a solid town plan is and why it's needed. The lessons learned were many. First, the Town plan played a critical role by telling everyone who we are and what we want for our town. Secondly, we learned that a town ordinance can easily be overridden in the interest of the public good. We were very lucky to have the forward thinking volunteers that developed the current town plan. Thirdly, the biggest lesson learned is that we have much more to do if Worcester wants communication towers. In the end, the land owner decided not to renew the lease on the land to the tower developer and that project was stopped. There will be plenty of discussions on this subject in 2023.

The Federal Government passed the COVID American Rescue Plan Act and eventually \$300,000 came to the town. The selectboard developed an initial plan on how to use the monies:

#1: \$53,000 has been directed to CV Fiber for broadband services in Worcester. The selectboard requested that the money be used to help offset the cost of connecting to CV Fiber for those Worcester residents needing the service, but who need help in paying for the initial connection charges.

#2: \$100,000 dollars was allocated for repairs to the fire department floor, which was in danger of collapsing into the basement.

#3: \$10,000 has been allocated for the purchase of six A.E.D. machines for members of the fast squad, fire department, town hall and town office complex.

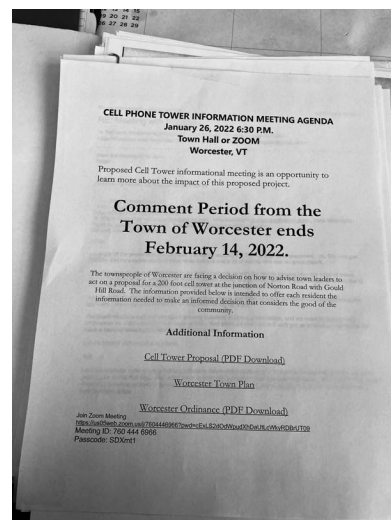
Discussions will continue on how the remaining funds should be used. The town has until the end of 2024 to decide how to spend the money. All the funds must be spent by the end of 2026.

Replacing aging equipment was another area for the selectboard to work through. In 2022 the final piece of fire department equipment was replaced, with the arrival of the new Freightliner tanker truck and it was put into the 25 year replacement schedule along with the other two fire trucks. The selectboard had hoped that the aging backhoe would last until payments on the excavator had ended but the Christmas storm of 2022 proved to be too much for the front axle drive assembly. It was costing too much to keep the backhoe going so the selectboard decided to stick with the original plan started in 2016. That plan was to replace the backhoe with a bucket loader or a new backhoe once the backhoe became too much of a financial liability. A final decision will be made probably in January 2023.

A recreation committee has been formed to oversee the operations of Ladd Field. They will also be working on developing public walking paths and recreational trails in and around the town. The committee will also be looking into the possibilities of building a public pavilion on Ladd Field.

Roger Strobridge

Worcester Selectboard Chair



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

2022 proved to be a challenging year for the highway department. It started off with a warmer than normal winter season. Also, a lot of rain, which brings ice and is always a challenge in the winter months. Quickly we went into a nasty mud season, back to winter for a good snow fall on top of mud, always fun! Once we got through all of the weather conditions, we were able to complete a \$20,000 Better Back Roads grant, on several segments of sub-standard areas on the face of Hampshire Hill Road. These areas have been brought back into compliance with MRGP (Municipal Roads General Permit). We had some equipment issues with the old backhoe that included some costly repairs and down time; however, we were still able to get our regular maintenance completed. As well as the box culvert job on Eagle Ledge Road. Eagle Ledge Road was also funded by a grant that was started back in 2019 and part was completed in 2019. While we were getting permits in place and design for the box culvert ready; Covid hit. Putting everything on hold. We filed for and were awarded an extension along with an amended amount to complete the job in 2022, which has been completed on time and in the amount of \$199,710.00.

So all in all, we had a successful year and improved our infrastructure by \$219,710.00 between these two grants. Moving forward, we have already been awarded a structures grant for 2023 for bridge repairs on Minister Brook Road and Calais Road.

We want to acknowledge our Selectboard, Town Clerk and Treasurer for working closely on these projects with the Highway department.

As always, please drive safely and slow down in our work zones to keep all safe.

Thank you

Worcester Highway



Our Highway Crew left to right: Road Foreman, Ernie LaPlant, Dean Utton and Road Commissioner, Mike Utton

LISTERS REPORT

RE-APPRAISAL NOTICE

As listers we are tasked with creating our town's grand list which is in turn used to determine the property taxes collected in our town. Since the last town reappraisal in 2006-07, property values have fallen well below fair market value and must be upgraded by state statute. Worcester will be undertaking a town wide reappraisal beginning in the summer of 2023. We estimate that the process will take 18 months.

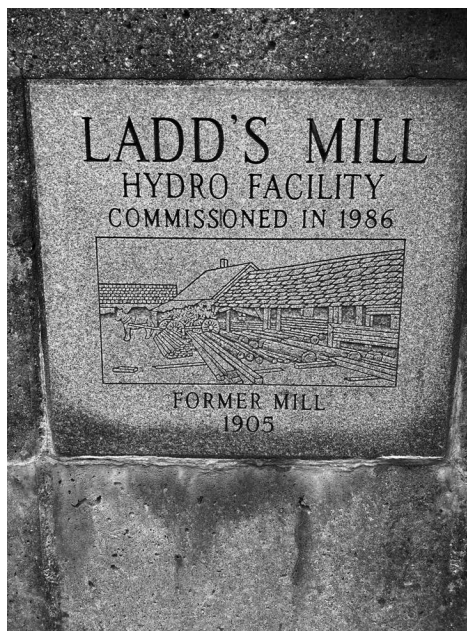
This is not necessarily an indication that everyone's taxes will go up. The tax rate is calculated to raise the funds needed to cover our town's budgeted spending. Our town and school budgets do not vary greatly from year to year so if the grand list (the total of all property values in the town) goes up, the tax rate will go down.

As an example, taxes on a \$300,000 homestead property this year were $3000 \times 2.3209 = \$6962.70$ (3000 is used for this calculation because the tax rate is per \$100 of value: $300,000/100=3000$)

If we assume the same budget and a 50% increase in value due to the reappraisal, property values go up, but the tax rate goes down, so taxes on the same property (now valued at \$450,000) would be $4500 \times 1.5473 = \$6962.85$, relatively the same as before reappraisal.

If the budget is adjusted, the estimated tax rate will change and, of course, not all property values will go up at exactly the same percentage after reappraisal.

The listers are working hard to prepare for this task, and hope to have it completed in time for the 2025 tax billing cycle.



2022 REPORTS FROM WORCESTER ORGANIZATIONS

WORCESTER CEMETERY COMMISSION

In spite of rather slow recovery to our investments, two projects we had hoped to do in 2021 saw the light of day this year.

Matt DeLorey of Cornerstone Edibles Landscapes followed through on two beautification proposals for the Mountain Cemetery. Last fall he planted two Fall Fiesta sugar maples near the entrance. The trees should form a welcoming arch as they mature. In early winter he prepared the ground and did a first sowing of wildflower seeds for a crescent shaped meadow in front of the cemetery sign on the ledges. In late winter Matt will sow more seeds and prune the maples. The varied flowers should bloom all summer and fall, get mown every fall, and reseed themselves annually.

We discovered that a couple of lots sold several years ago, as well as their cornerstones, had slowly gotten lost in the pucker brush at the edge of the Mountain Cemetery. One of them had to be cleared in a hurry for a burial this year. We will be making sure next year that all of them are cleared and their cornerstones visible.

Green burials are still of great interest. We're exploring ways that we might be able to find room for them without great expense, either on existing cemetery land or other areas that may be donated.

A reasonably priced new, three year contract with Kirkyard Services, and the sale of several new lots in the Mountain Cemetery, allowed us to keep prices for lots and burials the same for the time being.



WORCESTER COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND FOOD SHELF

We started off 2022 still only serving our community with our food shelf, it wouldn't be till April that we reopened doors to our community lunch, complete with fans for good air flow and a couple of air purifiers, purchased through grants awarded by the Food Bank. I won't be able to find the words to completely describe what it meant to meet again, neighbors, friends, family..it truly filled up our hearts. A few months back, we restarted with our Doty students again helping to serve our lunches, to have the students back meant so much to all of us! The Vermont Food Bank has been awesome during these last few years, offering several grants to keep us open and safe. One of the grants, Vermonters Feeding Vermonters, encourages food shelves to support local farmers, and we gladly supported our very own local farmers, Good Heart Farmstand. Another example of our grants was to obtain reusable tote bags. We wanted to enlist local children to design our logo. We had a winning drawing turned into custom bags!

We saw 1,920 visits to our food shelf, serving 3,046 individuals! We served 1,390 meals at community lunch and we created 54 holiday meal boxes, with support from Shaw's for our turkeys and Pike Industries for our Christmas boxes..

Of course, we would not have been as successful offering food each week without the dedication of our volunteers. Those who pick up food from food bank, Community Harvest, Hunger Mountain Coop, Price Chopper and Shaw's each week, to those who run our food shelf every Saturday and Wednesday through all kinds of weather and to those who come every Wednesday to cook, set up our fabulous weekly lunch...true local heroes....If you don't know Community Harvest, let me explain. They go into farms who have leftovers, and glean, pack, store, organize, then pass produce, meat, dairy, all from local farms to food shelves!

Everyone Eats continued through 2022, where restaurants were paid to provide meals to food shelves, a win win for everyone. We received 100 meals a week!

Our yearly fundraisers consisted of our clothing swap, which we brought outdoors, proved to be so much fun..our book sale, and fourth of July! All benefitting the food shelf.

Last February we were contacted by Shaw's Headquarters, to say our food shelf was chosen by Waterbury Shaw's as part of their Nourishing Neighbor Holiday Program. We received a very generous donation in gift cards. I don't think I have ever been so excited; what an opportunity to serve more folks, more food! Our good fortune continued as we were a recipient of Shaw's Holiday stuff-a-truck, which the National Guard delivered before the Holidays, along with a local Boy Scout troop who collected items and donated before the holidays.

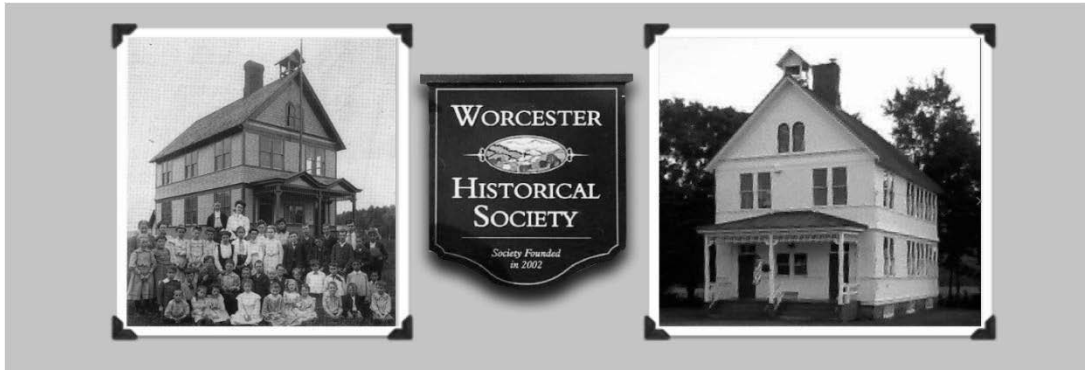
All year, we received donations from our local community members, including folks using their birthdays, holidays to ask/give donations in lieu of presents.....The generosity of so many is mind blowing.

I end this summary in gratitude and so much love for being part of this wonderful, giving group, surrounded by communities invested in one another.

May we all feel supported in 2023!



Amy Thornton, left, Karen Hoskey, and Ana Burtnett,



WORCESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

After several years of limited activity due to the pandemic, the Worcester Historical Society launched its soft re-entry into the world of public events. The results provided strong evidence of the viability and resilience of our community.

Each month, we opened our building and shared its exhibits with visitors. Memorial Day observances with Doty's fifth and sixth graders were held and last-day-of-school traditional bell ringing took place. July Fourth activities were very well attended with a parade, traditional games for the entire family, food vendors, duck race, Frederick Douglass reading, live music, a new Voices drama in the Village Cemetery, and the best fireworks display in Central Vermont, which drew hundreds from across the region to our little town. Due to rising costs, Worcester needed to raise an additional \$5,000 to fund those amazing pyrotechnics, and raise it we did!

Later in the summer thirty-five residents enjoyed an outing to Billings Farm and Museum, a concert at the Town Hall featuring Patti Casey and Tom MacKenzie, and historian Jill Mudgett's fascinating lecture about murder on Eagle Ledge. WHS volunteers continued to archive a growing collection of Worcester-related items, including an Edison Standard Phonograph the Ladd family donated, and a velocipede that the Maxham clan contributed. We continued to improve our building, completing exterior painting and renovating the restroom. Trees were thinned out in the rear of the building, which will allow sunlight to keep mold from damaging the siding. The year ended with the most successful Love Lights fundraiser in our history.

We are grateful to the Town of Worcester for its continuing support of our mission to preserve and conserve our history. We look forward to the events of 2023, beginning with a Spring Tea on May 13 and the first Worcester Arts Festival on June 10.

J. David Book, President

Lobster Dinner Fundraiser



courtesy of Josh and Linnea Ledwith



WORCESTER NEIGHBOR 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 (WNN) keeps our community aware of available resources, matches volunteers with people needing a hand, and creates or supports events that bring our community together.

This year, we have maintained our volunteer lists for those needing help with tasks like snow shoveling or running an errand. Our trash voucher program is also ongoing and self-sustaining with donations from the community. We continue to update our resource list, and we let people know about community resources with regular “do you know?” posts on Front Porch Forum. We also deliver welcome bags with small gifts and information about the town to people who move to Worcester.

WNN started work on creating a trail network in town and has passed that information to the new Recreation Committee. Now that town events are beginning to be held again, we are supporting those, such as the fall crafts fair. We are currently working on the possibility of building a pavilion in the Ladd Field that could be a space for outdoor events. As of this writing, we are arranging a tax information day in town, with the ability to sign up for help in preparing your taxes.

To find out more about our activities, to see the resource list, or to sign up to receive or offer help, go to our webpage in the Town of Worcester’s website. You can also get this information at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Contact Jennifer LeStat, Town Clerk at 802-223-6942



WORCESTER PLANNING COMMISSION

After years of work, in 2022 the Worcester Planning Commission made final revisions to the updated Town Plan, adopted it and sent it to the Selectboard for final adoption. The Plan lays out a vision for Worcester and strategies and actions to achieve the vision.

Worcester Town Plan Vision

We envision a future of Worcester as an affordable place to live, with vast forested hillsides anchored by a rural village center that supports residents with goods, amenities and services, and is alive with a mix of homes, small local businesses, community gathering places and well-preserved historical buildings still in use.

We foresee economic development suitable in size and character to the rural environment and reliant on an infrastructure of technology that connects Worcester to the larger region and beyond. A strong sense of community will continue to connect Worcester residents and extend to new members of our town.

Our shared clean environment, rural setting, transparent local government, and community networks form our vision of a future that is a combination of preservation, conservation and appropriate growth.

We have requested approval of the Town Plan from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. This will enable us to move forward with some priority actions including seeking “Village Center Designation”, and increasing options for grant funding to support priorities.

We offer deep gratitude to the many members of the Worcester community who contributed time, wise perspectives and expertise to the updated Town Plan. We look forward to continuing to work together in the coming years to explore how we can make this vision a reality.

2022 Planning Commission members: Toni Kaeding, Chani Waterhouse, Bill Arrand, Kate Spring, Phoenix Mitchell, Will Baker



WORCESTER RANGERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB



As of this writing (Jan 19th) trails have not opened. The season seems to be getting shorter each year. A great trail would be much snow cover, cold weather to freeze up the wet spots, more snow, and lots of grooming. Let's hope for that combination over the next few weeks. Groomers are ready to go, coming from three directions, meeting in our village.

Memberships with active participation are at an all-time low. We are in great need of able bodies to join us at meetings as well as help with trail work. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us.

We want to thank our many landowners who make this great sport enjoyable. Without them it would not be a possible sport, so please respect this privilege granted us.

Meetings are held at the church annex, the first Wednesday after the first Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Like us on Facebook!!

Susan Dodge

WORCESTER RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Worcester Recreation Committee (WRC) was created by the Worcester Selectboard in the Fall of 2022. Members of the committee are Caitlin Howansky, Chair; Gary "Tracker" Johnson, Secretary; Nancy Gore; Chris Eaton; and Michael Close.

The purpose of the WRC is to both oversee and manage the Ladd Field and Hay Meadow, and to work to identify and improve other outdoor recreational opportunities in the town of Worcester. The WRC has begun applying for grant funding for improvement of existing Ladd Field resources, and plans to further expand these efforts in 2023.

The WRC has a particular interest in Worcester trails. Work has begun to create an updated map of existing public and private trails in Worcester. Do you have a trail on private land you may want to include? Please email worcester-rec-committee@googlegroups.com

The WRC meets on the first Thursday of each month, in the Doty Music Room, 6:30 pm.

NORTH BRANCH GRANGE

The Grange is a rural/urban organization founded nationwide in 1867 and is open to the entire family. We sponsor programs for the public which are oriented to agriculture, health and wellness, home economics, legislation, and youth. In past years, we've sponsored 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 inside! We had over 103 costumed kids come to the hall this year!

The Grange supports the Lamoille County DCF Christmas party; where we make stockings and supply gifts and candy. We gather to meet at the Town Hall; with a potluck at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Anyone wishing to join us, call 802-223-7531 or 802-229-4697.

WORCESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

Worcester Volunteer Fire & Rescue Report

2022 was an eventful year for us at the Worcester V.F.D. We took delivery of our new Mid-West Fire tanker. The eighteen months wait for construction, fabrication, and 1,600 mile road trip was worth the journey to bring this apparatus to Worcester and the greater Central Vermont Mutual Aid community.

The Worcester Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department currently has the following vehicles: 2009 Engine/Pumper – E-1 2013 Engine/Pumper – E-2 2022 Tanker- W-1. We are in much better shape for our future.

Our membership is currently at ten (10) active Firefighters and 1 EMT.

Annual Call volumes are approximately: 30 Fire department, 60 Fast squad.

This year we are proposing again to mostly level fund the fire & fast squad departments budget, with some adjustments to cost due to inflation and the economy these days. We have a fair amount of equipment that requires annual servicing and repairs. Our firefighting apparatus is in much better shape now than in quite some time. However, we need to continue to fund the capital equipment fund so we are in good shape when apparatus replacement is needed.

The Mission of the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department and Fast Squad is to save lives, protect property, and preserve the tax base in the Town of Worcester at a reasonable and acceptable cost to the taxpayer. It is the vision of the Department that Worcester will be a safe community for people to live in, work in and visit, and a community where people will know their possessions and property will be protected from unnecessary loss or damage. This vision focuses on making Worcester a Fire Safe Town and providing Emergency Medical Services.

Fire Safety is attained through a combination of prevention activities reducing the number of fires and rapidly controlling any fires that occur. Despite the Department's efforts to prevent fires, some fires will always occur because of human error and mechanical breakdown. Day to day operations of the Department is coordinated by a core of Fire /Emergency Medical professionals. These firefighters and first responders maintain the department equipment, ensure personal capability through ongoing training, perform inspections, provide services to the public, present public education programs, and make the initial response to emergency incidents.

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 on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7pm at the Fire Station.



Fast Squad Report

First, please accept my thank you and appreciation for the support given to our Volunteer Fast Squad.

It has been an extremely busy year in Worcester EMS. Demand for the services of the Fast Squad remained on par with last year. The Worcester Emergency Services responded to 92.5% of our 911 calls for Worcester and our neighbors who called through the Mutual Aid System. We responded to a variety of 911 calls. These include cardiac events, car crashes, heavy equipment accidents, strokes, bleeding, broken bones to simple lift assists, anxiety attacks, and well-being checks.

The volunteers that comprise Worcester Fire and Rescue respond when called upon at any time of the day or night. We are all indebted to the Volunteer Fire Dept for their willingness to participate in emergency medical services. An important part of our prehospital care comes from Montpelier Ambulance Service and we appreciate them for their support as our primary ambulance service.

In the coming year, we will be purchasing several new AEDs to place in two prominent public use spaces - The Grange Hall and The Town Clerk's Office. Once installed, we encourage any and all to visit the department for instruction on the use of an AED.

Recruitment and retention of volunteers is a challenge for any EMS agency and we are no exception. Currently, two of our three members certified as Vermont Emergency First Responders are now enrolled in an EMT class, free of charge, having taken advantage of funding made available by the State of Vermont. We look forward to having them apply their skills as licensed EMTs.

If any Worcester resident is interested in learning more about EMS or is thinking of becoming a Vermont Emergency First Responder, EMT, or Advanced EMT please contact me. Help us help our neighbors by joining the Fast Squad today.

Sincerely,

G. Peter Fitz NRP

Worcester Fast Squad



Halloween Traditions at the FireHouse

REPORTS FROM ORGANIZATIONS SERVING WORCESTER

CENTRAL VERMONT HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association that provides intermittent, short-term medical care, education, and support at home to help Central Vermonters recover from an illness, surgery, or hospital stay and manage their chronic disease. We serve 23 communities in Washington and Orange Counties and care for people of all ages. Our services include home care, hospice, and maternal-child health care. We also offer public foot-care and flu vaccine clinics. In addition, we offer long-term care and private care services and free grief support groups.

CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all Central Vermonters regardless of a person's ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters' care needs are met. To learn more, visit www.cvhhh.org.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Worcester Jan 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	351
Hospice Care	132
Long Term Care	-
Maternal Child Health	-
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	483
TOTAL PATIENTS	29
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	30

**Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. These preliminary figures are prorated based on the number of visits from January 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022, and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding is imperative in ensuring that CVHHH will provide services in Worcester through 2023 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, President & CEO, or Kim Farnum, Director of Community Relations & Development at 223-1878.

COMMUNITY HARVEST OF CENTRAL VERMONT



CHCV Helps Everyone Eat Local Through Gleaning

Community Harvest of Central Vermont (CHCV) brings our community together through gleaning to recover surplus food grown on area farms. This produce is then delivered to sites that serve those with limited access to fresh, local food. In the process, the community has the opportunity to gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system, healthy eating, and waste reduction.

CHCV utilizes the generosity of local farmers and volunteers – many of whom are Worcester residents – to address hunger and reduce food waste in our community.

We work with over 55 local farms, growers, and food producers to glean the extra food that can't be sold and would otherwise go to waste, all with the help of hundreds of volunteers each season. CHCV serves as a connector between the charitable and local for-profit food systems, to enhance the health and well-being of the Central Vermont community. CHCV is the only local program helping farms donate their surplus food to help increase food security, and this gleaned food reaches more than 10,299 Central Vermonters.

Over the past nine years, CHCV has recovered and donated more than 661,890 pounds of fresh, nutritious food, equivalent to 2 million servings. Our 36 Washington County recipient site partners – food shelves, after school and early childhood programs, senior and community meal sites – tell us the demand for food has remained high due to increased economic stressors. Our year-round food collection and our weekly donation deliveries to our recipient site partners enables them to help meet the community's needs. We serve as a reliable source of free nutritious food for the Worcester Community Kitchen and Food Shelf, and donated more than 8,774 pounds to them in 2022.

CHCV is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer driven community service organization. All our work is funded by individuals, area towns, foundations, partner contributions, and local business sponsors. As a small regional organization, we have limited access to grants or other funding from outside our local service area. Continued town funding is critical to preserving the services we've developed in order to meet the increased need in Central Vermont and Worcester in 2023.

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information or to become involved with CHCV please visit our website or contact
Allison Levin, CHCV Executive Director.

CVFIBER

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipal entity governed by volunteer delegates who are appointed by our 20-member Central Vermont towns. Our aim is to provide access to fast, dependable, and affordable Internet service, with the first priorities being those who are unserved or underserved.

CVFiber will provide homes with speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to 2 Gigs, and businesses with speeds ranging from 1 Gig to 10 Gigs. Speeds will always be symmetrical, for example, 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload, for the best interactive experience for education, telemedicine, conference calls, business, gaming, and more. Providing rural Vermont with this level of service will enhance education, enable our workforce, create opportunities, and support the State's economy.

The 1,200-mile CVFiber community broadband network will cost an estimated \$60 million and take approximately three years to construct, provided funding, material, and labor are available. It is anticipated that Federal grants will fund 50% to 60% of the construction with the remainder funded through debt financing. CVFiber cannot receive town tax dollars and will support its ongoing operations with subscription revenues. Initial construction started in December 2022. CVFiber plans to construct up to 550 miles of its community broadband network in 2023.

To keep costs to subscribers down, 13 member towns have allocated \$833,000 of town American Rescue Plan Act funds to CVFiber. These funds are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) for a total contribution of \$1.67 million. Town allocations are used within the town and directly benefit residents. The VCBB is extending the dollar-for-dollar match through May 2023, providing each of our member towns the opportunity to allocate up to \$100,000 for a total contribution of \$200,000. Please contact me for more information (jdiamantides@cvfiber.net). Thank you for your support.

By providing symmetrical high-speed broadband access, CVFiber and the other Vermont Communication Union Districts are closing the rural digital divide by providing future generations with capabilities that we cannot imagine. The education and work opportunities made available by symmetrical high-speed broadband access will be as transformational to rural Vermont today as electrification was in the mid-twentieth century.

Connectivity is only the beginning. Please visit us at cvfiber.net.

Jerry Diamantides

Chair, CVFiber Governing Board

If you have questions about our work, there is more information on the CVFiber website, www.cvfiber.net; or, contact: Allen Gilbert, Worcester CVFiber delegate, agilbert@cvfiber.net



CVFIBER COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipality consisting of 21 towns, including Worcester, with the mission to build a public, reliable, and affordable high-speed Internet system focused on reaching those people with slow connections (speeds lower than 25 megabits per second for downloads and 3 Mbps for uploads). The CVFiber system will cover 1,200 miles at an estimated cost of \$60 million. We are one of 9 CUDs working to provide digital equity to all Vermonters in all areas of the state.

Construction of the CVFiber system began in December 2022, in Calais, right before wintry weather set in. It will ramp up in the spring, with multiple contractors working in the two start-up sectors – one of which includes Worcester. An entire sector must be built before it can be “lit” to tap into the Internet. We have enough materials to build the first 400 miles of our network; we’re trying to avoid materials shortages and supply chain delays by ordering ahead.

The work in Worcester is scheduled to begin this spring and summer. You can sign up now on the CVFiber website (cvfiber.net) to receive information on when connections will be available. Signing up for service will be done online. Connections will be free if overhead and within 400 feet from the nearest pole; there will be a per-foot charge after 400 feet. Underground connections will be at customer expense.

The cost to build the Worcester portion of the network is estimated at \$1.2 million. Last year the town designated \$53,000 of its federal ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to support CVFiber’s work. The state matched that amount, doubling the value of the allocation. Town, state, and federal grants all help to finance construction of our system. Grant funds are important because they enable faster development, and they lower the cost of subscription rates. As grant funds diminish, CVFiber will rely on the revenue from customers’ subscriptions, and on bonds that will be repaid as the system grows.

Being a public nonprofit, CVFiber is always looking for volunteers. People with any skills and experience are welcome; we are particularly seeking volunteers who have communications network operations experience. We have limited staff -- one person at the moment, an executive director, with the hiring of a second person, an operations manager, this spring.

CVFiber will work with the nonprofit organization, Equal Access to Broadband, to help eligible customers receive assistance to help pay for Internet service. Service plans will also include an option to add telephone service (known as VoIP, or Voice over Internet Protocol), with “porting” of your current phone number so the change won’t cause any disruption in your receiving calls at the number you may be using.

If you have questions about our work, go to the CVFiber website, www.cvfiber.net, or contact:

- Allen Gilbert, Worcester CVFiber delegate, agilbert@cvfiber.net
- John Russell, Worcester CVFiber alternate, classicjdr93@sover.net

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

Our mission, updated for 2022, is to empower community members to become lifelong learners by providing easy access to materials, online resources, programs and a welcoming place. Our vision is to be a resilient, inclusive and innovative library that continually learns and adapts to meet the changing needs of our community.

Library Lending was incredibly strong in fiscal year 2022 with 357,636 physical circulations (books, DVDs, CDs, magazines); and 35,612 digital circulations (e-books, audiobooks, streaming video and online magazines). We have 387 library patrons from Worcester who borrowed 8,143 items from our collection, plus digital library use, which we can't separate by town.

Library programs are still recovering from the pandemic; we offered 163 free programs for adults with 1,997 attendees and 136 free programs for children with 3,298 attendees. Check out our YouTube channel! You can find recordings of many of our programs there.

At the KHL you can borrow from our physical collection, our digital collection (available 24/7 online), and from libraries statewide. We deliver library materials to homebound patrons, outreach sites and daycare facilities in our member towns, including to Worcester. For many, the library is a warm (or cool) space, a public bathroom, and a place to feel welcome.

2022 feels closer to our "new normal". We circulated more items, both physical and digital, than ever before. We're back to pre-pandemic foot traffic, including a large number of after-school kids using our basement hang-out space, or attending chess club, or attending our other after school crafts and activities. Our public computers are packed every day. Community groups are back to using our meeting rooms, with hundreds of bookings this year. Thirteen children from Worcester completed our summer reading challenge. Our summer story times in Worcester have grown from 1 attendee at our very first program, to 21 parents and children last summer. We are over a year out from eliminating overdue fines for patrons and we've nearly finished our roughly 25 building updates and maintenance projects paid for by our last capital campaign.

We have a new strategic plan adopted by the trustees in September 2022, which you can read on our website (www.kellogghubbard.org). The plan frames our goals for the next three years, including our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. DEI is embedded in the work of a public library; we're actively working to make our collection more diverse, to make our board of trustees more broadly diverse and ensure that everything from our website to our policies are more accessible and equitable.

The Library is funded annually through tax support from the municipalities we serve (55%), income from our endowment (26%), private contributions and fundraisers (18%) and miscellaneous income (1%). Our funding requests are per capita based; the same way libraries across Vermont measure their municipal tax support. This year we are requesting level-funding from Worcester, \$17,352 or \$18 per capita. The state *average* per capita support for Libraries is \$37.60. Our total budget is \$1,012,289. The Worcester representative to our board of trustees is Sarah Davis and our Co-Directors are Jessie Lynn and Carolyn Brennan.

Please reach out to find out more and thank you for your continued support!

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC 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.

FY22 Worcester Activities

- ❖ Assisted in obtaining Grants in Aid funds to get new equipment and helped manage those funds.
- ❖ Provided guidance to support the Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) appointment process.
- ❖ Researched scenic roads requirements for benefits the program might bring to bear in Worcester.
- ❖ Provided information and guidance on ARPA project eligibility and prioritization process.
- ❖ Reviewed and submitted the 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan to Vermont Emergency Management.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ **Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
- ❖ **Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ **Transportation Planning:** Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning:** Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ **Climate and Energy Planning:** Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
- ❖ **Natural Resource Planning:** Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
- ❖ **Regional Plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ **Geographic Information System Services:** Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
- ❖ **Clean Water Service Provider:** Engage watershed and land conservation organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, Natural Resources Conservation Districts and municipalities to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorus reduction targets
- ❖ **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, and write grant applications.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
10 ELM STREET
MONTPELIER, VT 05602
W. Samuel Hill Sheriff
802-223-3001

November 01, 2022

Town of Worcester
Members of The Select Board

Re: Annual Report
July 01, 2021 – June 30, 2022

I began my career in public safety at the age of 15, when I became an active member of the Hardwick Rescue Squad. I was active with the Rescue Squad until I left for Champlain College. In May of 1984 I received a degree in Law Enforcement and was hired as a patrolman by the Barre City Police Department. My first day in Barre City was July 2nd, 1984. I worked for the Barre City Police Department for just over 20 years.

Having had a very rewarding career with the Barre City Police Department, I was appointed Washington County Sheriff, by Governor Douglas and was sworn in on July 12th, 2004, filling the vacant Sheriff's seat. My last day of my final term as your Sheriff will be January 31, 2023. I will have served for just over 18 ½ years as Sheriff, just over 38 ½ years in Law Enforcement in Central Vermont, and over 42 in Public Safety.

I am proud to have been serving the County and to have been the second longest serving Sheriff in the History of Washington County. Sheriff Henry C Lawson was the longest serving Sheriff, serving 24 years, from 1929 to 1953. I am also happy to have served in the office my uncle Harold Potter held as Sheriff, from 1960 to 1968. Sheriff Potter lived in the house which is now my office and ran the County Jail (which is now the County Offices).

I have enjoyed working with each town and with the Citizens of Washington County. Working through problems and issues and working towards solutions. I have had a very rewarding and memorable career working with the people in Washington County and throughout the State.

Your next Sheriff will be Marc Poulin, who is running unopposed. Marc, a long time Deputy and past Lieutenant with the Department, will serve you well and I will make myself available through his first year, if he needs any assistance with the transition.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you for the past 18 plus years.

Locally:

During the fall of 2021 we lost our full time Patrol Deputy. He left us to become a police officer in Nashville, TN. In the spring of 2022, we were able to fill that patrol position. We happy to once again able to fulfill our patrol contract with you.

County wide, our patrol efforts during fiscal year 2022 generated 1219 total incident reports, to include 862 Traffic Stops, 368 Vermont Traffic Citations and 486 Traffic Warnings.

Through all the issues we all deal with in todays world, we take pride in our efforts in making Washington County a safe place to live and work, for all of us.

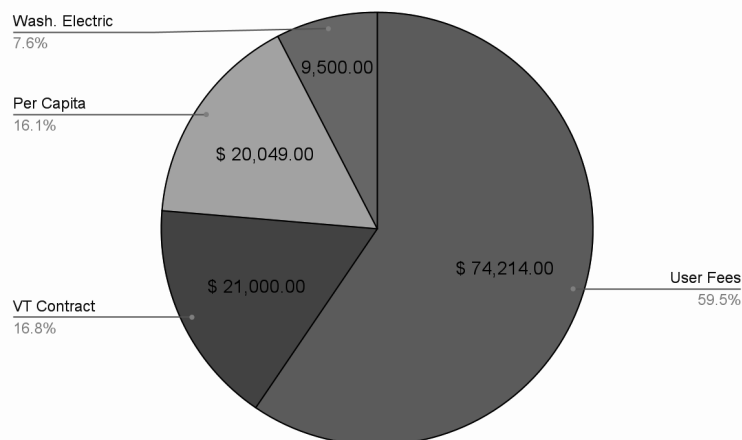
Professionally,

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W. Samuel Hill
Sheriff

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH RECREATION DISTRICT

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



Heatwaves in May seem to be the new normal, the rest of the season was comfortably warm, with minimal rain, pretty ideal. We sold 527 Season Passes, rented boats 961 times, and our group sites 162 times. We also provided residents of our 4 District towns \$3,643.00 in discounts off Season Passes, Boat & Group Site rentals. In 2022 the Beach District had over 17,000 user visits, and total revenue of ~\$123,750.00. \$74,214.00 from User Fees, the rest comes from the following three sources: \$1.50 Per Capita Assessment to the 4 District towns; Washington Electric Coop, and from the Vermont State Contract to maintain the Shady Rill Recreation Area, and the Boat Launch.

Beyond supporting our residents' physical & mental health, Wrightsville significantly impacts the region's economic vitality via: payroll; visits to retailers & restaurants by visitors from other Vermont communities, tourists, and through our supplies purchases from local businesses, and use of local contractors.

In an effort to keep up with growing Group Site demand, we created a 3rd Group Site, which was immediately popular. We also made improvements to the Large Shelter area to improve the site for use during rainy periods.

We greatly appreciate the support from area residents and specifically their purchasing of Season Passes. Our mission is to provide you with swimming and other recreation options, at a cost that everyone can afford. To accomplish the mission, we need your continued support. We will continue to operate responsibly, and provide the best recreational product possible to help you recreate outdoors.

For 2023 we will add more boats to enable them to be rented for off-site use.

Like last season all residents of the District towns get a 10% discount off Season Passes and Group Site rentals, and 25% off boat rentals. This means any Season Pass-holding District Resident gets 50% off boat rentals.

The following 5 volunteer Board Members donate their time to help Wrightsville operate. Their time is valuable, and we greatly appreciate them for using some of it for Wrightsville!

Carl Witke, Worcester, (Chair); Kim Kendall, (Secretary), East Montpelier; **Jon Copans, & Dan Currier (Treasurer), Montpelier;** George Longenecker, Middlesex.

Collin O'Neil, Beach Manager

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEETING RESIDENTS' NEEDS

The list below includes groups receiving funding and those not funded by the Town of Worcester 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 Community Action

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, such as volunteers to provide free income tax preparation assistance. Call to discuss volunteer opportunities: 802-479-1053 <https://www.capstonevt.org/>

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 <https://www.cvabe.org>

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- 479-0531

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 Nicole Dupont (volunteercoordinator@cvhhh.org) for Hospice and administration opportunities, and Kim Farnum (kfarnum@cvhhh.org) for events. Or call 802-223-1878. www.cvhhh.org

CIRCLE

Circle is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to ending gender-based violence and creating safer communities. 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 877-943-9498 (also our hotline number). <https://www.circlevt.org/>

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 Kim Bolduc kbolduc@U32.org or 802-223-7936 ext.305

Community Harvest of Central Vermont

Community Harvest of Central Vermont (CHVC) brings communities together through gleaning to recover surplus food grown on area farms to feed those with limited access to nutritious, fresh, local food, and so help the community gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system, healthy eating, and waste reduction. We connect charitable and local for-profit food systems, particularly benefitting those experiencing food insecurity. We currently partner with 40 farms and local growers, and annually glean with hundreds of volunteers from age 5 to 85. The food we glean is donated to 30 food shelves, after-school and early childhood programs, senior and community meal sites, and Farm to School programs. Please contact Allison Levin at CommunityHarvestVT@gmail.com or 802-229-4281. www.CommunityHarvestVT.org

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, as 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. <https://fcwcvt.org/>

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 802-279-3771.

Youth First Mentoring (formerly 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, <https://girlsboyzfirst.org/> or contact Kim Smith at kim@girlsboyzfirst.org 802-522-0249.

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 in Washington County, please contact us at (802) 262-6182 or DGallagher@RideGMT.com website: <https://ridegmt.com/>

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 website at www.greenupvermont.org or, contact us at greenup@greenupvermont.org.

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@mowlc.org <https://www.mowlc.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, and delivering meals. Contact Sarah Lipton slipton@montpelier-vt.org or 802-262-6284 Montpelier Senior Activity Center

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

Mosaic Vermont

Mosaic, formerly 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, 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. Mosaic 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 Jan at 802-476-1388 or email at info@mosaic-vt.org . <https://mosaic-vt.org/>

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 Houses's mission is to provide a safe and supportive setting for child victims of sexual abuse, their non-offending family members, and adult survivors of sexual assault. Due to the confidential nature of our work, we do not have volunteers. For more information, please send request to- ourhousebarredirector@gmail.com 802-622-0821

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. We strive to ensure a broad range of consistent, dependable health care and preventive health education for Central Vermonters. The services we provide are intended to strengthen and support our local community, and reduce costs otherwise borne by the local hospital and insurers. 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 802- 479-1229 for information, or check our website at www.phwcv.org

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 802-229-0501 or visit our website: www.vcil.org for more information about volunteering.

Vermont Family Network

The mission of Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those with disabilities or special health needs. <https://www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/>

Washington County Mental Health Services

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. 802-229-1399
<https://www.wcmhs.org/>

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 802-229-9151. All volunteers are interviewed and subject to background checks. <http://wcysb.org/>

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. <http://www.worcestervthistoricalsociety.org/>



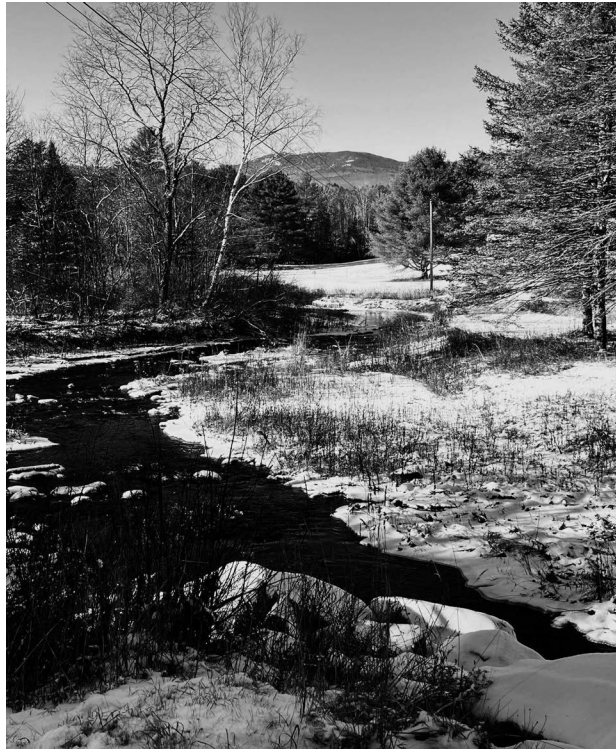
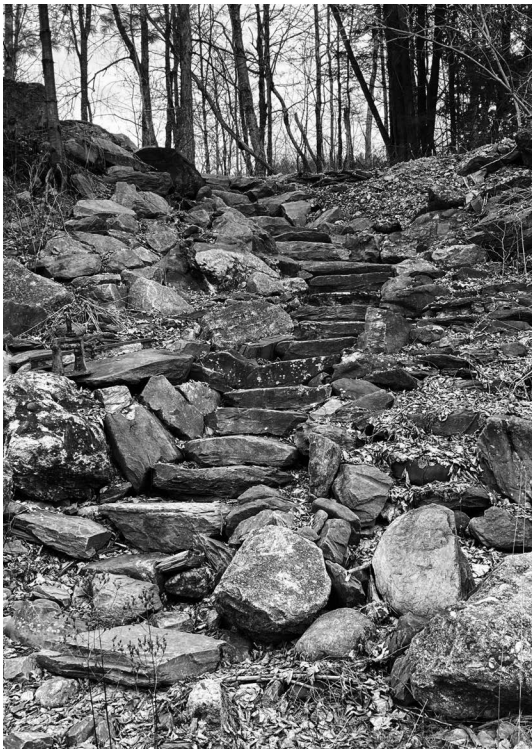
EXPLANATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

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
Youth First Mentoring	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 homebound	Elderly and disabled people
Montpelier Senior Activity Center	Programs & event promoting healthy aging and lifelong learning	Seniors 50+ years old
Montpelier Veterans 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
Mosaic Vermont	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



Rosie Close, Olivia Friot, and Kathryn Dodge are fundraising by selling water and lemonade for the 4th Of July.



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.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Worcester Fire/Fast Squad	911
Fire Fast Squad office	802-223-3850
Poison Center, Burlington	1-800-658-3456
State Police	911
State Police (non-emergency)	802-229-9191
Doty Memorial School	802-223-5656
U-32 Jr./Sr. High School	802-223-0321

State Representatives:

Avram Patt	802-223-1014
Saudia LaMont	802- 828-2228

State Senators:

Ann Cummings	802-223-6043
Andrew Perchlik	802-279-0471
Anthony Pollina	802-229-5809
Anne Watson	802-828-2228
State House	802-828-2228



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