

Town of Wilmington, Vermont *2020 Annual Report*

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020
(March 2, 2021 Town Meeting)



Wheeler Farm-Photo courtesy of Karen Wheeler

We proudly dedicate this report to all of the Essential Workers in our area who have stood firm during the current pandemic so that we remain safe and protected. Doctors, nurses, Rescue, police, fire, highway crews, administrative personnel, mechanics, postal workers, etc, to name a few. It is indeed a long list.

Essential Worker has become part of our vernacular and we hear the term ad nauseum in every facet of our daily lives. I find the term somewhat limiting because when I look at Wilmington, we see neighbor helping neighbor, neighbor feeding neighbor, neighbor volunteering for the betterment of other neighbors, and let us not forget all the moms and some dads who have become homeschool teachers, like it or not! Others continue working in grocery stores and pharmacies as well as other venues that offer vital services. In short, you are all ESSENTIAL to our community and we want you to share in this dedication. We thank each and every one of you. We are not out of the woods as yet but with the ever-present resolve of Wilmington residents we will prevail.

A huge "Thank you" to one and all!

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Town of Wilmington Information

Chartered April 29, 1751

Population 1,876 ~ Altitude 1,580 feet ~ Area 26,624 acres (41.6 sq. miles)

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Deerfield Valley Rescue
9-1-1 (24 hour emergency)
464-5557 (Business Office)

Fire Department
9-1-1 (24 hour emergency)
464-8022 (Business Office)

Police Department
9-1-1 (24 hour emergency)
464-8593 (Business Office - answered 24 hours, 7 days a week with Wilmington Police responding)
Lobby Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM
Lobby Staffed: 8-11 AM and 12-5 PM 7 days a week

Town Website:

www.wilmingtonvermont.us

Town Email:

jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us

Administrative Offices

464-8591 FAX 464-8477
MON - FRI 8 AM TO 4:30 PM

Board of Listers Office

464-8591 FAX 464-8477
MON - FRI 8 AM TO 3:30 PM
dkingsley@wilmingtonvt.us
Deborah Kingsley, Administrator

Highway Department

464-5515 (Town Garage)
Winter Hours: (November - March)
MON - THU: 6:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
FRI: 6:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
SAT - SUN: CLOSED
Summer Hours: (April - October)
MON - THU: 6:00 AM TO 4:30 PM
FRI - SUN: CLOSED

Library: Pettee Memorial 464-8557

Website: www.petteelibrary.org

Email: petteelibrary@yahoo.com

Sunday: Noon - 2PM
Monday: 10AM - 4PM
Tuesday: Noon - 6PM
Wednesday: Noon - 6PM
Thursday: Noon - 6PM
Friday: Noon - 4PM
Saturday: Noon - 4PM

Schools:

Twin Valley Elementary School 464-5177
Twin Valley Middle/High School 368-2880
Superintendent's Office 464-1300

Town Clerk's Office

464-5836
Email: tlounsbury@wilmingtonvt.us
MON - FRI: 8:30 AM - NOON AND 1 PM - 4 PM

Town Nurse 802-681-8740

jfnurse@yahoo.com
Or call the Town Office 802-464-8591

Transfer Station 464-5666

SUN AND FRI: 8 AM TO 3:30 PM
TUES: 12 NOON TO 3:30 PM

Recycling Facilities

Transfer Station (see hours above)

Wastewater Treatment Plant

464-3862 FAX 464-8348
jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us

Wilmington Water District 258-7445

Chris Lavoy, Commissioner
Christine Richter, crichter@wilmingtonvt.us
802-464-8591 ext 112

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Permits and Licenses

Application Forms are available at our website

www.wilmingtonvermont.us.

Look under “DOCUMENTS” on the top menu bar and go to “Applications”

Due to COVID-19, town buildings are locked, and departments are available by appt only.

Call to make an appt if needed. Masks are required in all buildings, at all times.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: 464- 8591

Transfer Station Permit for use of Transfer Station on Miller Road. Also available at the Transfer Station.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: 464-3862

Sewer Permit for capacity allocation and connection to municipal sewer system.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 464-8022

Burn Permits required for ALL open air burning of brush, weeds or grass!

Fire Department (M-F) 8am – 4:30pm. Call first 464-8022 (non-emergency #) to see if fire chief available.

After hours (reasonable please) call VT Forest Fire Warden Scott Moore at 802-780-9452 or Deputy Warden Michael Mannhaupt at 774-487-4882.

Burn Permits are also available at the Town Office Mon-Fri 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

Weekends- please check at the Wilmington Police Department to see if a Police Department dispatcher is available to issue permits.

Please pre- plan and thank you for your cooperation.

TOWN CLERK OFFICE: 464-5836

Dog Licenses for all dogs on or before April 1 of each year. Up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies required for licensing. Rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats, ferrets, and wolf hybrids.

Liquor and Tobacco Licenses required annually to sell liquor and tobacco products. Applications at Town Clerk’s office. Liquor licenses must be approved by Selectboard and State Liquor Control Board.

Marriage Licenses: Wilmington residents must acquire a license in Wilmington and may marry or unite anywhere in the state. Non-residents may acquire the license from any town clerk in the state and may marry or unite anywhere in the state.

ZONING DEPARTMENT PERMITS: 464-8591

Sign Permit for any new or altered sign.

Zoning Permit required for any land development, including new construction, structural alterations and new or additional uses as required by Ordinance.

Right-of-Way Permit for new driveways onto town roads or any construction work in town right-of-way.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL

REQUIRED FOR: Conditional Uses

Historic Review District Proposals for any land development, such as new construction, exterior changes, and signs for ALL properties located in the Historic Review District.

Flood Hazard Review

Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)

Rights of Way (in lieu of 150’ footage road frontage requirement for access)

Variances

2020 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp (Yrs)</u>		<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp (Yrs)</u>	
MODERATOR			CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		
Robert Fisher	2021	(1)	Richard Khachadorian	2023	(5)
TOWN CLERK			Walter F. White	2024	(5)
Susan Haughwout	2022	(3)	Donna D. Moore	2025	(5)
TOWN TREASURER			Richard Covey	2021	(5)
Christine Richter	2021	(1)	Scott Moore	2022	(5)
SELECTBOARD			SCHOOL MODERATOR		
Vincent Rice	2022	(3)	Robert Fisher	2024	(1)
John Gannon	2021	(2)	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		
Thomas Fitzgerald	2022	(2)	Rhea Clark	2021	(2))
Tony Tribuno	2023	(3)	Linda Green	2021	(2))
Sarah Fisher	2021	(3)	Thomas J. Fitzgerald	2021	(2))
BOARD OF LISTERS			Frederick W. Houston	2021	(2))
Kay Martin Schwader	2021	(1)	Elizabeth McEwen	2021	(2))
Leonard Chapman	2022	(3)	Thomas Consolino	2021	(2))
Gerald B. Osler	2021	(1)	Douglas Wheeler	2021	(2))
Diane Schipke	2023	(3)			
Lynne Matthews	2021	(3)			
FIRST CONSTABLE					
Peter D. Barton	2021	(1)			
SECOND CONSTABLE					
Gary Wax	2021	(1)			
GRAND JUROR					
Pat Johnson	2021	(1)			
TOWN AGENT					
Pat Johnson	2021	(1)			
TRUSTEE OF C.C. HAYNES FUND					
Carl M. Boyd	2021	(1)			
LIBRARY TRUSTEES					
Jason Staloff	2023	(5)			
Louis Clark	2024	(5)			
Michelle Suponski	2025	(5)			
Carolyn T. Palmer	2021	(5)			
Marie Paige	2022	(5)			

2020 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWN MANAGER			<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
Scott A. Tucker			WEIGHER OF COAL		
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT			Peter Morris	2021	(1)
Sheldon Brassor			SURVEYOR OF WOOD/SHINGLES		
POLICE CHIEF			Fred Skwirut	2021	(1)
Matthew Murano			DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD		
FIRE CHIEF			Cheryl LaFlamme	2021	(3)
Scott Moore			Diane Abate	2022	(3)
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF			Charles Foster	2021	(3)
William Spirka			Mary Brady	2023	(3)
FINANCE OFFICER			Vacant	2022	(3)
Christine Richter			DRB ALTERNATES		
HEALTH OFFICER			Fred Houston	2022	(2)
Michael Tuller			VACANT	2022	(2)
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER			VACANT	2022	(2)
Tom Fitzgerald			RECREATION COMMISSION		
ZONING/SIGN ADMINISTRATOR			Karen Molina	2023	(4)
Michael Tuller			Cindy Hayford	2024	(4)
DOG WARDEN			Randy Knaggs	2022	(4)
Debby Dorsett			Fred Salway	2021	(4)
			Vacant	2022	(4)
<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>	GREEN UP CO- CHAIRS		
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN			Kathryn Larsen	2021	(1)
Scott Moore	2024	(5)	Rebecca Sweeney	2021	(1)
TREE WARDEN			PLANNING COMMISSION		
Fred J. Skwirut	2021	(1)	Angela Yakovleff	2023	(4)
ENERGY COORDINATOR			John Lebron	2024	(4)
Chuck Clerici	2021	(1)	Cheryl LaFlamme	2022	(4)
SENIOR SOLUTIONS REP.			Meg Staloff	2021	(4)
Geri Kogut	2021	(1)	Tom Consolino	2023	(4)
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER			WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DIST. REP.		
Matthew Murano	2021	(1)	Merrill Mundell	2021	(1)
FENCE VIEWERS			SOLID WASTE ALTERNATE REP.		
Thomas Fitzgerald	2021	(1)		2021	(1)
Nicki Steel	2021	(1)			

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>	<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
TRAIL COMMITTEE			BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE		
Jake Roberts	2023	(4)	Alice Greenspan	2023	(4)
Robert Fisher	2023	(4)	Keith Herbert	2023	(4)
Crista Gannon	2024	(4)	Cheryl LaFlamme	2023	(4)
Joanne Yankura	2024	(4)	Katy Little	2023	(4)
Spencer Crispe	2021	(4)	Lee Schindel	2023	(4)
Jake White	2021	(4)	Fred Skwirut	2023	(4)
Gary Henry	2022	(4)	Mary Wright	2023	(4)
TRAIL COMMITTEE ALTERNATES			Melanie Lopez	2023	(4)
Tim Hunt	2021	(4)	Bev Butler	2023	(4)
Brian Hammill	2022	(4)			
Alan Baker	2022	(4)			
Ann Ottaviano	2022	(4)			
			BI-TOWN ECONOMIC DEV. COMM		
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS			Heidi Taylor		
Michael Tuller	2021	(1)	Gretchen Havreluk		
Ann Manwaring	2021	(1)			

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL ELECTION
WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021**

RACE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
TOWN MODERATOR -1 year	ROBERT M. FISHER
TOWN CLERK – 1 year remaining on 3 year term	THERESE M. LOUNSBURY
SELECTBOARD – 2 years	JOHN GANNON
SELECTBOARD – 2 years remaining on 3 year term	TONY TRIBUNO
SELECTBOARD – 3 years	SARAH H. FISHER
LISTER – 1 year (Vote for 2)	GERALD B. OSLER KAY MARTIN SCHWADER
LISTER – 3 years	LYNNE MATTHEWS
FIRST CONSTABLE – 1 year	GARY WAX
SECOND CONSTABLE – 1 year	GORDON E. BOYD
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – 5 years	RALPH C. STAIB
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 5 years 4 years remaining on 5 year term (Vote for 2)	CAROLYN PALMER MICHELLE (SHELLY) SUPONSKI
CC HAYNES FUND TRUSTEE – 1 year	CARL M. BOYD
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR – 1 year	KATHY LARSEN
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR – 3 years	(Write In)

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
WHITINGHAM & WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021**

RACE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
SCHOOL MODERATOR -1 year	ROBERT M. FISHER
SCHOOL CLERK – 1 year	THERESE M. LOUNSBURY
SCHOOL TREASURER – 1 year	CHRISTINE RICHTER

**2021 W A R N I N G
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Wilmington, Vermont Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Wilmington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Old School Community Center (OSEC) in said Wilmington, Vermont, from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 02, 2021, to vote by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law and all articles as set forth below.
- Article 2: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,393,291 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2021 (7/1/21 to 6/30/2022)?
- Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,447,593 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2021 (7/1/21 to 6/30/2022)?
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,765 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund?
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Fire House Capital Fund?
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund?
- Article 15: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Wilmington in an amount not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000) be issued for the purpose of making certain public safety improvements, namely, replacement of the current Public Safety Facilities for the Town Police and Fire Departments, with the construction of a new one, on Town owned lands, located at 40 Beaver Street, such improvements estimated to cost Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000)?
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to collect taxes on August 27, 2021 and February 25, 2022?

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 21st day of January 2021.

Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Tom Fitzgerald, Chairman

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Secretary

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ABSTRACT
MARCH 3, 2020**

- ARTICLE 1:** Elected all Town and Town School District Officers required by law and the vote of the town. (Australian Ballot – Polls open 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.)
- ARTICLE 2:** Voted to accept the Town Report.
- ARTICLE 3:** Voted to set the dates for the payment of taxes.
- ARTICLE 4:** Did not vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 VSA §2651e.
- ARTICLE 5:** Voted to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 VSA §2651f.
- ARTICLE 6:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,155,219 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 (7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021).
- ARTICLE 7:** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,518.452 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021).
- ARTICLE 8:** Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$1425, for a total of \$1500, to Groundworks Collaborative whose purpose is to provide ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities.
- ARTICLE 9:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000, to fund Wings Community Programs whose purpose is to actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults?
- ARTICLE 10:** Voted to allocate the state per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,765 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 11:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$175,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 12:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Account.
- ARTICLE 13:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Account.
- ARTICLE 14:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Fire House Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 15:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 16:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
- ARTICLE 17:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 18:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 19:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 20:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund.
- ARTICLE 21:** Voted to raise and appropriate \$221,000 to fund the Planning and Acquisition for Town Facilities Fund.
- ARTICLE 22:** Voted for the Town of Wilmington enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provisions of 30 VSA CH82.
- ARTICLE 23:** Transacted other non-binding business.



ATTEST: _____
SUSAN JOY HAUGHWOUT
WILMINGTON TOWN CLERK

DATE: MARCH 3, 2020

2020 Town Vehicle Inventory

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2016 Metro Star Rescue Truck
1997 International 2674 Pumper Truck
2001 International 2674 4x2 Pumper Truck
2011 Spartan Fire Truck
1998 14 foot Rescue Boat and Trailer
2015 Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/
Ambulance Sled and Trailer
2006 Bombardier ATV
2005 GMC Pickup
1998 Land Rite Boat Trailer
2008 SnowPro Snowmobile Trailer
2015 Triton CT 127S Trailer

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

1997 New Holland Tractor Model 4630DA5
2001 Load Rite Utility Trailer
2002 US Jetting Sewer Jetter
2014 Ford F-350

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018 Ford Explorer
2016 Ford Explorer
2016 Ford Explorer
2017 Ford Explorer
2019 Police Utility Vehicle
1999 Snowflow Snowmobile Trailer*
2008 Arctic Cat Snowmobile*
2016 Arctic Cat Snowmobile*
(*Property of So. VT Snowmobile Task Force)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Trucks

2016 International Truck #14
2018 Western Star Dump Truck #12
2015 Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #19
2019 International Dump Truck #11
2020 Western Star Dump Truck #18
2018 Dodge Ram Truck #13
2018 Dodge Ram Truck #20
2019 Dodge Ram Truck #10
2015 International Dump Truck #15

Equipment

2007 John Deere 410J Loader/Backhoe
1979 Joy Air Compressor
1989 Hudson Trailer
2014 Vermeer Chipper
2006 John Deere 450JLT Bulldozer
2015 Case 721F Loader
1999 Bomag Roller Model BW1420-2
2017 Exmark Mower
2004 Caterpillar M316C Wheeled Excavator
2017 John Deere 672 GP Motor Grader
2004 Karavan utility Trailer
2016 Message Board

TRANSFER STATION

1987 John Deere Backhoe

1% Local Option Tax Fund Usage

Expenditure Project	Detail	Committed FY19	Committed FY20	Committed FY21
Matching Grant Fund	Budgeted	100,000		
	E. Main St			64,334
	E. Main St #2			16,400
	South Main St			88,575
	Lake Raponda Greeter	4,523	1,763	500
	North Main St			55,000
Matching Total		4,523	1,763	224,809
Revolving Loan Fund	Budgeted	30,000		
	Loan #5	20,000		
Revolving Loan Totals		20,000		
COVID-19 Grants	Budgeted			
Red Mill				8,000
COVID-19 Grants Total				8,000
Events Fund	Budgeted	40,000	40,000	
	Fireworks	6,500	6,500	
	Wine & Harvest	3,500	3,500	
	Shop Local	2,757	2,770	5,000
	Shop Local Winter			4,000
	Blueberry Stroll	1,416	2,250	
	July Village Stroll	1,340	900	
	August Village Stroll		713	
	Fair	7,000	12,000	
	Twice Blessed		2,500	
	Apres Ski	500		
	Blueberry Splash	1500	1,500	
	Beer & Chili	500	750	
	Womens Weekend	650	1,100	
	Community Arts	300		
	Snowflake Saturdays		850	
Events Total		25,963	35,333	9,000
Programs	Budgeted			
	Bi-Town Marketing	28,250	18,250	35,750
	Wilmington Works	30,000	30,000	10,000
	SEVEDS	5,650	5,650	5,628
	Aging in Place	618		618
	Route 100 Barrel	8,000	8,000	8,000
	Trash removal	2,100	2,100	2,100
	Wi-fi Downtown	700		
	Gathering Place		30,000	20,000
	Friends Library	6,473		
	Bridge Ramp	37,117		34,875

	Trails Committee	742		1,124
	Trails Committee 2			3,802
	Old Home Week	30,000		
	Housing Analysis		10,000	
	Parking Committee	1,200		
	Waste Water Exp			23,000
	Police Fire Feasibility		39,362	
	FD/PD Facility Geo			9,400
	East Main 1 Sewer			80,000
	OSEC 2.20		40,000	
	WW Loans E Main			25,000
Programs Total		150,850	183,362	259,297

1% Local Option Tax Fund Balance

			FY19	FY20	FY21
Beginning Balance			720,552	820,638	753,051
State Payments			267,810	283,506	186,010
LGER GRANT					112,800
Interest			4,945	5,929	738
Total Expenditures			170,858	444,656	191,649
Balance as of 1/1/21			822,449	665,417	860,950
Encumbrances			364,476	447,267	323,129
Unspent Events Fund			16,800	0	0
Total after Encumbrances			441,173	218,150	537,821

Town Employees Proposed Salaries

FY 2022		
Employee	Position	FY2022 Estimated
Therese Lounsbury	Town Clerk	\$ 52,979.82
Patricia Johnson	Asst Town Clerk	\$ 37,690.63
Scott Tucker	Town Manager	\$ 102,649.74
Christine Richter	Finance Officer	\$ 68,416.50
Jessica DeFrancesco	Town Manager Assistant	\$ 42,572.25
Michael Tuller	Zoning Administrator	\$ 50,933.70
Michael Tuller	Health Officer	\$ 1,711.56
Deborah Kingsley	Lister Assistant	\$ 57,400.50
Brandon Brassor	Transfer Station/Bld Maint	\$ 41,366.71
Matt Murano	Police Chief	\$ 80,886.00
Shawn Hammond	Patrol Officer	\$ 55,141.20
Andrew Kirkman	Patrol Officer	\$ 48,524.26
Sasha Kondraski	Patrol Officer	\$ 48,524.26
Ryan O'Neil	Patrol Officer	\$ 47,572.80
Joseph Carcich	Patrol Officer	\$ 50,729.90
Susan Luchsinger	Dispatcher	\$ 35,420.11
Eric St Denis	Dispatcher	\$ 33,084.72
Scott Moore	Fire Chief	\$ 68,432.82
Roland Betit	Groundskeeper	\$ 7,555.43
Jennifer Fitzgerald	Town Nurse	\$ 18,021.36
Sheldon Brassor	Highway Superintendent	\$ 72,051.78
Bret Brown	Road Crew	\$ 61,736.52
Michael Stevens	Road Crew	\$ 55,097.95
Darby Howe	Road Crew	\$ 55,097.95
Doug Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 55,097.95
Travis Brassor	Road Crew	\$ 55,097.95
Travis Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 55,097.95
Marshall Dix	Road Crew	\$ 55,097.95
John Lazelle	Wastewater Chief Operator	\$ 68,893.86
Jeff Longe	Wastewater Operator	\$ 50,037.94

Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests FY 22

Organization	Amount Requested	Purpose
Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$2,550	provide heating assistance to working families and seniors throughout the valley
Deerfield Valley Cmty Partnership	\$2,500	provide alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention in youths
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$1,500	see that no one in the area go needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care
HCRS	\$155	assist and advocate for individuals, children and families who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.
Groundworks	\$1,500	provide ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities
Senior Meals	\$2,000	provide senior meals as well as a community gathering place
Valley Youth Sports	\$7,000	provide developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	\$6,000	provide hospice and home health services.
Windham County Humane Society	\$750	provide adoption services, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.
Women's Freedom Center	\$850	work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and children
Youth Services	\$300	provide programs in prevention, intervention, and development for young people and families living in difficult situations
SeVCA	\$2,000	enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty
Senior Solutions	\$350	promote successful aging
SASH	\$10,000	coordinates the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home.
WinDART	\$250	keep people and animals safe during times of crisis
Therapeutic Riding	\$500	enrich, educate and expand the lives of individuals with special needs through Equine Assisted Activities & Therapies.
Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$20,000	provide prehospital emergency medical care to residents in the Towns of Wilmington, Dover (East and West), Searsburg, Somerset and parts of Marlboro and Stratton.
Wings Community Program	\$10,000	actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults
Total	68,205	

GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATION & HIGHWAY						
TOTAL BUDGET EXCEPT SEWER						
		Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Proposed Budget FY 22	Change FY 21 to FY 22
1	Total Budget	5,196,416.00	4,902,732.77	5,241,315.00	5,385,075.00	143,760.00
2	Total Revenues	903,835.00	933,102.47	861,454.00	934,965.00	73,511.00
3	Amount to be Raised	4,292,581.00	3,969,630.30	4,379,861.00	4,450,110.00	70,249.00
4	Proposed Tax Rate	0.5692		0.5832	0.5908	
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6	General Fund Expenditures					
7	Moderator, Elect Off, Ball	1,200.00	925.00	2,500.00	1,200.00	-1,300.00
8	Selectboard	6,300.00	6,000.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
9	Town Clerk					
10	BCA Stipend/Exp	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	1,200.00	-5,800.00
11	Salary Town Clerk	50,923.00	56,489.94	51,941.00	53,999.00	2,058.00
12	Assistant Town Clerk	35,542.00	35,544.60	36,256.00	37,690.00	1,434.00
13	TC Supplies & Postage	1,800.00	1,459.76	2,800.00	2,000.00	-800.00
14	TC Training/Expenses	3,300.00	512.00	4,300.00	3,000.00	-1,300.00
15	TC Temp Help	0.00	0.00	18,750.00	9,000.00	-9,750.00
16	Taping Town Meeting	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
17	Recording Supplies/Materials	2,200.00	1,977.93	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
18	Copier/Computer/Office Eq	3,100.00	1,675.92	5,000.00	3,000.00	-2,000.00
19	Election Supplies/Postage	400.00	400.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
20	Animal Rabies Control Sup	400.00	340.51	400.00	400.00	0.00
21	Vote Tabulator prog/maint	2,000.00	773.00	3,200.00	1,500.00	-1,700.00
22	TC Cell phone	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	-600.00
23	Treasurer					
24	Town Treasurer	4,901.00	4,901.00	1.00	0.00	-1.00
25	Finance Officer	54,312.00	60,859.76	67,075.00	69,733.00	2,658.00
26	Listers					
27	Assistant Salary	55,172.00	61,322.03	56,275.00	58,504.00	2,229.00
28	Lister Training	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Appraisal Temp Help/Part time	3,750.00	1,707.39	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00
30	Lister's Salaries/Expense	20,000.00	13,428.27	22,600.00	22,600.00	0.00
31	Mapping	5,000.00	1,758.41	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
32	Grievance Costs/GMA	10,000.00	3,434.50	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
33	Yearly Grand List Main -	15,000.00	750.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
34	Reappraisal Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35	Appraisal Supplies/Comput/Proval	750.00	0.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
36	Reappraisal Comm - Everet	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
37	Town Manager					
38	Salary TM	98,664.00	98,663.76	100,637.00	102,650.00	2,013.00
39	Expenses TM	3,075.00	888.56	3,137.00	3,200.00	63.00
40	Postage/Supplies/Equipment	4,000.00	3,009.01	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
41	Mileage Reimbursement	2,000.00	139.90	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00

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42	Compensation Banding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Administrative Secretary	40,434.00	41,442.87	41,454.00	43,572.00	2,118.00
44	Zoning Administrator	48,956.00	46,858.95	49,935.00	51,946.00	2,011.00
45	Receptionist/Admin Assist	0.00	11.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
46	Reconciliation Analyst	250.00	298.95	400.00	400.00	0.00
47	Ads Non-Zoning	550.00	1,324.50	550.00	550.00	0.00
48	Comp.Support/Equipment	4,500.00	8,289.01	8,640.00	8,640.00	0.00
49	Telephone/Internet	6,000.00	9,795.32	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
50	Tax Bills printing/envelopes	4,100.00	2,241.49	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
51	Admin/SB Training/Expense	2,500.00	348.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
52	Copier - Administration	2,165.00	2,443.25	2,165.00	2,165.00	0.00
53	Cemetery Expenditures	38,000.00	38,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	0.00
54	Zoning, DRB, SBA					
55	Training/expense/mileage	1,400.00	849.85	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
56	Advertising	500.00	956.25	500.00	500.00	0.00
57	Postage/Materials	250.00	53.60	250.00	250.00	0.00
58	Police Department					
59	Chief	77,745.00	75,670.74	79,300.00	82,442.00	3,142.00
60	Sworn Payroll	255,052.00	199,199.37	276,540.00	287,907.00	11,367.00
61	Part-Time Payroll	6,500.00	351.50	6,630.00	6,630.00	0.00
62	Dispatchers	62,280.00	66,998.59	68,792.00	71,405.00	2,613.00
63	Overtime	18,000.00	42,923.39	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
64	Outside Employment	14,500.00	9,674.95	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
65	Cruiser Replacement	35,000.00	44,145.96	0.00	48,000.00	48,000.00
66	Cruiser Operation/Maint	25,500.00	25,418.98	27,500.00	27,500.00	0.00
67	Uniform Purchase	4,000.00	4,420.13	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
68	Uniform Maintenance	1,800.00	1,392.10	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
69	Firearms Ammunition	950.00	847.91	950.00	950.00	0.00
70	Radar	575.00	520.00	575.00	575.00	0.00
71	Telephone	6,000.00	5,191.69	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
72	Dispatch Fees - New	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,621.00	19,621.00
73	Postage	385.00	344.03	385.00	385.00	0.00
74	Office Supplies	1,150.00	1,355.09	1,150.00	1,300.00	150.00
75	Office Equipment	250.00	298.46	250.00	250.00	0.00
76	Equipment Maintenance	4,500.00	2,114.83	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
77	Computer Hard & Software	1,500.00	1,958.23	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
78	Statewide Record Database	9,350.00	7,320.33	9,350.00	9,350.00	0.00
79	Copier PD	1,500.00	1,155.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
80	Inservice Training	3,240.00	3,125.10	3,240.00	3,240.00	0.00
81	Training Aids & Materials	1,250.00	570.35	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
82	Community Awareness	400.00	1,193.17	400.00	400.00	0.00
83	Radio Maintenance	2,750.00	2,959.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
84	Equipment Replacement	1,950.00	1,628.42	1,950.00	3,500.00	1,550.00
85	Association Fees	750.00	640.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
86	Chief's Expenses	500.00	97.55	500.00	500.00	0.00
87	PD Safety Compliance	150.00	153.83	150.00	150.00	0.00

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88	Investigation costs	750.00	917.52	750.00	750.00	0.00
89	Prisoner Transport	1,500.00	985.85	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
90	PD Alarm	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
91	Towing	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
92	Applicant Advertising	550.00	382.69	200.00	200.00	0.00
93	GHS Equip Grant	6,000.00	4,496.12	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
94	Vest Grants	3,000.00	2,487.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
95	Fire Department					
96	Chief's Salary	65,776.00	65,775.84	67,092.00	69,749.00	2,657.00
97	Asst. Chief's Salary	2,388.00	2,388.00	2,436.00	2,485.00	49.00
98	Labor	32,782.00	32,589.00	33,438.00	34,106.00	668.00
99	Officers salary	2,308.00	1,846.56	3,000.00	3,060.00	60.00
100	Emerg Op Center Personnel	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
101	Emerg Op Center Setup	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
102	Electricity	2,375.00	1,511.85	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
103	Telephone	2,200.00	3,766.09	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00
104	Firefighter Assoc	700.00	510.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
105	Administrative costs	1,900.00	1,788.61	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00
106	Training/Incentives	3,500.00	420.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
107	FD Radio Maintenance	2,500.00	1,848.41	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
108	Code Compliance	500.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
109	Air Packs	2,500.00	1,217.80	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
110	Water Rent	1,200.00	1,256.00	1,200.00	1,365.00	165.00
111	Sewer Rent	500.00	466.00	500.00	600.00	100.00
112	Fire Alarm	250.00	422.50	250.00	250.00	0.00
113	Truck Maintenance	6,300.00	6,655.97	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
114	Gas & Oil	2,750.00	2,500.93	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
115	Building Maintenance	3,500.00	4,644.85	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
116	Extinguisher - Recharge	275.00	519.50	275.00	275.00	0.00
117	Equipment, New & Replace	4,000.00	2,274.99	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
118	Helmets, Boots, Coats	5,000.00	6,087.41	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
119	Hose	4,100.00	4,336.26	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
120	Foam	700.00	508.50	700.00	700.00	0.00
121	Heating Oil - Fire Dept	4,200.00	4,108.20	4,200.00	4,200.00	0.00
122	Fire Prevention	500.00	363.21	750.00	750.00	0.00
123	Travel Expenses	1,750.00	625.63	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
124	Fire Chief Uniform	250.00	241.85	250.00	250.00	0.00
125	Dispatch Assessment Wilm	44,150.00	44,154.00	44,154.00	44,154.00	0.00
126	Disp Assess Searsburg	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	5,850.00	0.00
127	PD/FD Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,820.00	8,820.00
128	Green Mountain Beach					
129	GMB Mowing	750.00	1,260.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
130	Maintenance & Improvement	900.00	439.69	900.00	900.00	0.00
131	Toilets	800.00	567.21	800.00	800.00	0.00

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132	Insurance					
133	Employment Practices	11,000.00	9,656.60	11,500.00	11,500.00	0.00
134	Liability, Prop & Auto	46,000.00	32,111.94	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00
135	Public Officials Liability	3,500.00	2,135.22	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
136	Firemens Disability	1,250.00	1,333.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
137	Workers Comp.	45,000.00	52,418.20	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
138	Health & Social Services					
139	Health Officer	1,645.00	1,423.76	1,678.00	1,712.00	34.00
140	Town Nurse/Mileage	17,322.00	17,448.04	17,668.00	18,021.00	353.00
141	Senior Solutions	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
142	Groundworks Collaborative	75.00	75.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
143	Health Care & Rehabilitation	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	0.00
144	Windham Cty Youth Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
145	Womens Freedom Center	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
146	V Nurse Alliance/W Crisis	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
147	Gathering Place	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
148	SEVCA	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
149	Deerfield Valley Comm Car	1,550.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	2,550.00	1,000.00
150	Windham Cty Humane Societ	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
151	Wings	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
155	DV Food Pantry	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
153	DV Community Parntership	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
154	Pool Learning Center	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
155	Senior Meals	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
156	SASH	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
157	WDART	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
158	SV Therapy Riding	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
159	Rescue	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
160	Employee Benefits					
161	Social Security	80,941.00	77,243.24	82,560.00	82,815.00	255.00
162	Health Care	253,000.00	255,352.93	337,548.00	427,755.00	90,207.00
163	Disability/Life Ins	4,822.00	3,586.54	4,822.00	4,822.00	0.00
164	Retirement	69,294.00	66,870.77	72,000.00	79,925.00	7,925.00
165	Employment Security	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
166	Uniforms	0.00	-162.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
167	Groundskeeper	8,016.00	6,672.25	8,177.00	7,555.00	-622.00
168	Transfer Station					
169	Operator/Build Maint	41,115.00	39,547.66	41,937.00	43,525.00	1,588.00
170	WCSW Assessment	13,000.00	12,893.78	12,350.00	12,350.00	0.00
171	Electricity/Heat	1,200.00	1,503.54	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00
172	Telephone	1,200.00	1,040.68	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
173	Post Closure Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
174	Tire Recycling	500.00	1,551.50	500.00	500.00	0.00
175	Disposal & Containers	72,000.00	80,781.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
176	TS Recycle	23,000.00	28,090.44	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00

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177	Recyc Cleanup	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
178	Maint/Improve/Supplies	1,250.00	723.86	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
179	Miscellaneous	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
180	Lega/Professional/Audit					
181	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	5,000.00	418.76	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
182	Legal-General Matters	22,000.00	31,425.78	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
183	Legal-Zoning enforcement	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
184	Legal-Human Resources	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
185	Zoning Appeals	100.00	181.50	100.00	100.00	0.00
186	Legal Reappraisal	0.00	7,926.50	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
187	Audit	15,650.00	15,650.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
188	Library	0.00	-124.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
189	Library Appropriation	130,500.00	130,500.00	133,100.00	137,500.00	4,400.00
190	Memorial Day	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
191	Memorial Hall					
192	Electricity	2,400.00	2,658.42	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
193	Water Rent	1,200.00	1,142.20	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
194	Sewer Rent	1,000.00	932.00	1,000.00	1,180.00	180.00
195	Maintenance	2,500.00	1,755.74	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
196	MH Grounds	900.00	1,018.50	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
197	Heat	2,500.00	2,020.44	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
198	Fire Alarm/Phone	600.00	1,236.02	600.00	600.00	0.00
199	MH Insurance	3,000.00	2,170.14	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
200	MH cleaning/janitorial	1,000.00	690.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
201	Planning Commission					
202	Municipal Planning Grant	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
203	Windham Regional Dues	4,275.00	4,269.95	4,275.00	4,275.00	0.00
204	Manuals/Resource material	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
205	Public Notices	450.00	204.00	450.00	450.00	0.00
206	Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
207	Training Expenses	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
208	Recreation Commission					
209	Elemen. Program Director	2,575.00	2,575.00	2,627.00	2,627.00	0.00
210	Elemen. Counselors	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,774.00	3,774.00	0.00
211	MS Program Director	3,090.00	2,700.00	3,152.00	3,152.00	0.00
212	MS Art Director	220.00	0.00	225.00	225.00	0.00
213	MS Counselors	2,200.00	3,379.55	3,610.00	3,610.00	0.00
214	Adult Rec Expense	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
215	Elemen. Programs	750.00	586.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
216	MS Supplies	500.00	76.81	600.00	600.00	0.00
217	DV Farmers Day Assoc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
218	Portable Toilets	2,800.00	1,482.44	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
219	Green-Up Day	75.00	34.11	75.00	75.00	0.00
220	Beautification Committee	2,900.00	743.88	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00
221	Flowers/Barrels	19,700.00	19,643.62	19,700.00	19,700.00	0.00
222	Tennis Courts	300.00	252.32	300.00	300.00	0.00

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223	Valley Youth Sports	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
224	Selectpersons Contingency					
225	Misc.	7,500.00	1,542.94	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
226	Economic Development	71,000.00	68,945.70	72,420.00	73,868.00	1,448.00
227	Street Lights	13,800.00	14,567.92	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
228	County Court	60,883.00	61,955.00	74,224.00	74,224.00	0.00
229	Town Hall					
230	Electricity	8,000.00	5,318.01	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
231	Heat	6,500.00	5,829.55	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
232	Supplies	1,500.00	1,947.06	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
233	Fire Alarm	600.00	1,258.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
234	Water Rent	1,300.00	1,444.11	1,300.00	1,480.00	180.00
235	Sewer Rent	1,300.00	1,234.90	1,300.00	1,534.00	234.00
236	Maintenance	5,000.00	5,454.01	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
237	Elevator	2,700.00	2,982.63	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00
238	Janitorial & Carting	8,000.00	9,016.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
239	Town Reports	850.00	775.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
240	Vermont League Dues	3,271.00	3,271.00	3,405.00	3,405.00	0.00
241	Wilmington School User Fe	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
242	Wilmington Water District	5,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00	-5,600.00
243	WWD Merger/Acquisition	1,000.00	5,265.22	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
244	Web Site	800.00	681.76	800.00	800.00	0.00
245	Total General Fund Expenditures	2,687,699.00	2,406,998.70	2,742,555.00	2,934,432.00	191,877.00
246	Capital, One-Time, Special					
247	Garage Bond	37,593.00	37,592.84	31,553.00	31,054.00	-499.00
248	Look Rd Bridge loan	95,460.00	0.00	93,240.00	91,020.00	-2,220.00
249	Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
250	Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
251	Reappraisal Fund	278,452.00	278,452.00	26,765.00	26,765.00	0.00
252	Public Lands & Fences	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
253	Police Equip Capital	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
254	Fire House Cap	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
255	Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
256	Library Capital	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
257	Fire Department Equipment	125,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00
258	Planning/Acquisition Capital	0.00	0.00	221,000.00	0.00	-221,000.00
259	Fire/Police Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,461.00	70,461.00
260	Total Capital, One-Time, Special	623,505.00	528,044.84	609,558.00	456,300.00	-153,258.00
261	Total General Fund and Capital	3,311,204.00	2,935,043.54	3,352,113.00	3,390,732.00	38,619.00
262						
263	Highway	Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Proposed Budget FY 22	Change FY 21 to FY 22
264	Highway Salaries	365,793.00	350,650.06	377,247.00	392,324.00	15,077.00
265	Highway Superintendent	69,254.00	72,405.85	70,639.00	73,438.00	2,799.00

		Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Proposed Budget FY 22	Change FY 21 to FY 22
266	Unscheduled Overtime	35,000.00	25,369.95	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
267	Administrative	0.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
268	Social Security	35,958.00	33,492.91	37,000.00	38,355.00	1,355.00
269	Health Insurance	172,000.00	162,102.51	227,036.00	245,500.00	18,464.00
270	Disability Insurance	2,500.00	380.21	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
271	Retirement	27,027.00	25,637.40	29,000.00	31,336.00	2,336.00
272	Uniforms	3,100.00	3,590.68	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00
273	Fire Alarm	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
274	Workers Comp	33,200.00	32,451.51	33,200.00	33,200.00	0.00
275	Municipal Parking Maint	2,500.00	8.89	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
276	Culverts	20,000.00	17,809.56	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00
277	Guardrails	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
278	Chloride	24,000.00	28,094.34	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
279	Gravel/Stone/Fabric-Misc	108,000.00	101,154.00	108,000.00	108,000.00	0.00
280	Resurfacing	290,000.00	300,733.66	290,000.00	290,000.00	0.00
281	Salt	79,000.00	68,338.12	79,000.00	79,000.00	0.00
282	Sand	75,000.00	70,006.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
283	Snow Removal	37,500.00	46,885.00	37,500.00	37,500.00	0.00
284	Sidewalks/Park n Ride	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
285	Signs	2,200.00	1,193.63	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
286	Crack Sealing	18,000.00	16,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
287	Stabilization/Fabric/Hay	7,000.00	4,506.36	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
288	Maintenance to Equipment	60,700.00	44,056.57	60,700.00	60,700.00	0.00
289	Fuel	57,500.00	42,068.02	59,000.00	59,000.00	0.00
290	Rental/Contracted	7,000.00	4,308.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
291	Training	100.00	25.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
292	Electricity	2,900.00	2,686.97	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00
293	Tools & Supplies	20,100.00	16,253.27	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00
294	Personal Protective Equip	1,500.00	924.67	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
295	Telephone	2,900.00	3,316.27	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00
296	Advertising	550.00	799.00	550.00	550.00	0.00
297	Insurance - Vehicles/Bldg	21,000.00	15,314.36	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00
298	Computer/Office Supplies	800.00	365.97	800.00	800.00	0.00
299	Sewer Rent	690.00	629.10	690.00	800.00	110.00
300	MRGP permit	2,190.00	1,350.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	0.00
301	Bldg/Maint/Improvements	20,000.00	29,866.19	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
302	Heating	5,000.00	3,180.20	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
303	Trans to Bridge Cap	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	100,000.00	65,000.00
304	Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
305	Class II Paving Grant	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
306	Transfer to TRE	230,000.00	230,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
307	Highway Expenditures	1,885,212.00	1,967,689.23	1,889,202.00	1,994,343.00	105,141.00

TOTAL REVENUES EXCEPT FOR SEWER						
		Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Proposed Budget FY 22	Change FY 21 to FY 22
	General Fund					
1	Interest Del Taxes	55,000.00	56,621.03	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
2	Penalty Del Taxes	52,000.00	78,170.25	52,000.00	70,000.00	18,000.00
3	Glebe Land	85,000.00	87,072.00	85,000.00	27,000.00	-58,000.00
4	GF Dog/Liquor Licenses	3,300.00	3,291.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
5	Zoning fees	12,000.00	6,711.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
6	Permit Recording Fees	250.00	138.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
7	Land Sales/Redemptions	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
8	Misc. Administ. Income	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
9	Misc Income	3,750.00	2,316.19	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
10	Act 60-Grand List Admin	3,156.00	3,152.00	3,156.00	3,156.00	0.00
11	PILOT Payment	10,000.00	13,227.40	10,000.00	13,000.00	3,000.00
12	State Education Fund	25,000.00	29,531.95	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
13	Reapp State/Parcel Paymen	26,500.00	0.00	26,765.00	26,500.00	-265.00
14	Land Use	42,000.00	44,432.00	42,000.00	44,000.00	2,000.00
15	Administrative WWTP	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,892.00	142.00
16	Administrative Water	0.00	0.00	4,750.00	4,892.00	142.00
17	Town Clerk Fees	30,000.00	51,209.60	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
18	POLICE REVENUE					
19	Fees & Fines - Police	25,000.00	26,198.91	41,000.00	41,000.00	0.00
20	Sale of Cruiser	4,000.00	4,567.50	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
21	Misc Police Income	0.00	1,866.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
22	PD Outside Employment Inc	12,000.00	7,432.14	12,000.00	7,500.00	-4,500.00
23	PD Alarm Registration Fee	3,600.00	4,465.00	3,600.00	4,400.00	800.00
24	DUI Enforcement Grant	5,000.00	4,064.41	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00
25	Governor's HW Safety Gran	10,000.00	6,491.70	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
26	GHSP Equip Grant	5,000.00	4,859.01	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
27	FIRE DEPT REVENUE					
28	Fees - Town of Searsburg	24,079.00	24,079.00	25,283.00	27,875.00	2,592.00
29	Somerset	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
30	Hazardous Cleanup Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	TRANSFER STATION					
32	Transfer Station Fees	73,000.00	91,993.50	79,000.00	79,000.00	0.00
33	Library repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	RECREATION REVENUE					
35	MHS Fees	600.00	667.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
36	Adult Rec Donations	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	Memorial Hall Rent	1,000.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
38	Interest GF	10,000.00	20,742.66	20,000.00	5,000.00	-15,000.00
39	Transfer from accounts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40	Surplus	233,000.00	0.00	130,000.00	140,000.00	10,000.00
41	Total General Fund Revenue	766,585.00	582,349.25	700,704.00	663,215.00	-37,489.00

	Highway Revenues	Budget FY 20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY 21	Proposed Budget FY 22	Change FY20 to FY 22
1	Permits	100.00	30.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
2	State Aid	136,500.00	140,464.80	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00
3	Grant Income	0.00	33,450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Paving Grant	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Misc. Income	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
6	Interest - Road	400.00	1,808.42	400.00	400.00	0.00
7	Surplus	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	131,000.00	111,000.00
8	Total Highway Revenue	137,250.00	350,753.22	160,750.00	271,750.000	111,000.00

Wastewater Budget				
2 Year Comparison				
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual to Date
	FY - 2020	FY-2020	FY - 2021	FY - 2021
Expenditures				
Wages	120,416.00	120,716.43	122,729.00	60,825.39
Employee Benefits	74,298.00	74,161.50	80,907.96	43,149.36
Plant	64,500.00	53,814.65	63,500.00	22,741.09
Supplies	8,000.00	6,624.45	8,000.00	2,787.84
New/Replacement Equipment	4,500.00	1,954.49	4,500.00	44.48
Sewer Testing	7,000.00	7,270.00	7,500.00	2,630.00
Truck/Tractor Maint	1,000.00	1,461.81	1,500.00	220.57
Sludge Maintenance	3,000.00	2,062.86	3,000.00	1,084.87
Capital Reserve Account	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	0.00
Sewer Bond Payment	73,494.00	73,494.00	73,494.00	36,747.00
Total Expenditures	356,208.00	341,560.19	400,130.96	170,230.60
	Budget	Actual to Date	Budget	Actual to Date
Revenues	FY- 2020	FY-2020	FY- 2021	FY-2021
Sewer Rents Income	321,608.00	312,258.96	387,630.96	207,992.07
Other Revenues	4,600.00	6,417.99	6,500.00	7,036.48
Surplus	30,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00

Capital Account

	Appropriation	Account	Proposed
	FY21	Balance 1/21	FY22 Approp
CAPITAL			
Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	55,945.00	20,000.00
Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	60,558.00	20,000.00
Public Lands and Fences	5,000.00	17,786.00	5,000.00
Library Capital	12,000.00		12,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	778,550.00	150,000.00
Fire House Capital	5,000.00	23,023.00	5,000.00
Planning, Aquistion, Moving	221,000.00	78,018.00	0.00
Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	14,227.00	5,000.00
Police Equipment Capital	20,000.00	50,406.00	20,000.00
Reappraisal	26,765.00	28,287.00	26,765.00
Highway Capital Accounts			
Bridge Capital	35,000.00	171,536.00	100,000.00
TRE Appropriation	175,000.00	225,901.00	175,000.00
Sewer Capital		56,559.00	35,000.00
Misc Funds			
Energy Efficiency Reserve Capital		8,948.00	
Animal Control		20,348.00	
Beautification		3,640.00	
Dry Hydrant		6,779.00	
Economic Development		211.00	
Green Mtn Beach Timber		3,645.00	
Municipal Records		68,841.00	
Revolving Loan		66,032.00	
	Original	Annual	No. of
Debt Load	Amount	Payment	Years
Garage Bond	200,000.00	37,593.00	5
Water Loan	4,951.00	990.00	5
Look Road Bridge Loan	444,000.00	97,680.00	5
Wastwater Bond	1,597,000.00	73,494.00	30
* Combine Playground, Housing, School Field into one account to be renamed Public Lands & Fences			

Wilmington's Contribution to the State Education Fund

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Payment to State</u>		<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Payment to State</u>
FY99	\$494,060		FY10	\$4,897,891
FY00	\$1,136,680		FY11	\$4,103,934
FY01	\$1,484,554		FY12	\$4,033,783
FY02	\$1,375,846		FY13	\$4,225,835
FY03	\$1,603,580		FY14	\$4,299,382
FY04	\$1,825,882		FY15	\$4,836,654
FY05	\$2,458,493		FY16	\$5,355,651
FY06	\$3,572,491		FY17	\$6,238,207
FY07	\$4,211,753		FY18	\$6,869,891
FY08	\$4,821,634		FY19	\$7,747,206
FY09	\$4,889,864		FY20	\$8,088,466
			TOTAL	\$88,571,737
*Total tax raised FY20 approximately \$ 18,260,350 of which \$8,088,466 was sent to the state				

Status of Revenue Sharing

January 1, 2021

Balance	\$996.98
Restricted Funds (Green Mountain Beach)	\$504.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$492.98

DELINQUENT SEWER POLICY

Town of Wilmington

Adopted January 24, 2007

Understanding that it can be difficult for people to pay their town sewer taxes, it is the responsibility of all to pay their required share or others have to pay higher sewer taxes to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and the steps the town of Wilmington will take if a taxpayer does not meet their obligations to the town and the other citizens.

Postmarks with date taxes are due are accepted as on-time payments.

Each month sewer taxes are delinquent the town will send a notice to the delinquent taxpayer. Interest is added on the fifteenth day of each month before the notice is mailed. An 8% penalty is added after the March installment.

If the taxpayer has two installments delinquent the town will notify the taxpayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. Expected tax sale costs once a tax sale process begins, and /or other methods' costs will also be included. It is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to respond to the notice or the town will initiate the steps to collect either by taking the property to tax sale or utilizing other statutory methods to collect payment. Payment arrangements may be agreed-to provided it will pay the bill in full within 1 year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in full as they become due. A signed contract must be filed with payment arrangements. Under this plan the partial payments will be applied proportionally to principal, interest, and penalty (if any).

If no arrangement is made by specified date or taxpayer defaults on contract then either tax sale proceedings will be started and/or the town will utilize other statutory methods to collect payment.

If the town utilizes a tax sale the town will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the delinquent tax, and fees:

The collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A., section 5252.

Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

All penalty and interest charges are used by town to defer cost of sending delinquent notices and other expenses related to collecting delinquent taxes.

Tax abatement is a process by which a taxpayer may ask to have his or her taxes lessened, moderated or diminished. Sewer tax abatement request goes to the board of selectmen. For information on abatement of sewer taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A., section 5147.

Delinquent Sewer Rents as of 1/20/21						
Name	Years	Amount Due		Name	Years	Amount Due
3-5 East Main St LLC	2019-20	1,146.96		39 Lisle Hill Rd LLC	2019-20	749.00
Timothy & Sharon Brissette	2019-20	749.00		Bernard Dwyer	2019-20	516.00
David Harrower	2019-20	649.83		LH VT House LLC	2019-20	4,793.64
Gerald & Sheila Osler	2018-20	20,326.95		Alexander Struzinski	2018-20	2,991.84
Kathleen Virginia	2019-20	749.00		Travis Wendel	2019-20	883.82
				TOTAL		33,556.04

*These taxpayers are on payment plans to payoff taxes in 1 year.

DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

Town of Wilmington

Understanding that it can be difficult for people to pay their town and state taxes, it is the responsibility of all to pay their required share or others have to pay higher taxes to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and the steps and methods the Wilmington Collector of Delinquent Taxes will take if a taxpayer does not meet their obligations to the town and the other citizens.

Postmarks are accepted as on-time payments.

Paying up-coming taxes by installment to avoid delinquency is acceptable.

Once taxes are delinquent a warrant is filed with the collector of delinquent taxes.

Each month taxes are delinquent the tax collector will send a notice to the delinquent taxpayer. Interest is added on the first day of each month before the notice is mailed. Town-approved interest rate is one per cent per month for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month starting from the due date of each installment. An 8% penalty is added after the February payment is missed. When a taxpayer is delinquent, unless he/she is on an agreed-to payment plan, any payment made will be applied first to outstanding interest and penalties. Any remaining payment will be applied to the principal.

If the taxpayer is 1 full year delinquent the collector will notify the taxpayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. Expected tax sale costs once a tax sale process begins, or other methods' costs will also be included. It is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to respond to the notice or the town will initiate the steps to collect either by taking the property to tax sale or utilizing other statutory methods to collect payment. Payment arrangements may be agreed-to provided it will pay the bill in full within 1 year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in full as they become due. A signed contract must be filed with payment arrangements. Under this plan the partial payments will be applied proportionally to principal, interest, and penalty (if any).

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All penalty and interest charges are used by town to defer cost of sending delinquent notices and other expenses related to collecting delinquent taxes.

Tax abatement is a process by which a taxpayer may ask to have his or her taxes lessened, moderated or diminished. Abatement request goes to the board of abatement, which is made up of the board of civil authority plus the listers and town treasurer. For information on abatement of taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A., section 1535.

Taxes Owed as of 1/20/21

Two or more payments delinquent

Name	Years	Amount		Name	Years	Amount
APTHORP NANCY	2019-20	475.98		MATHIEW, MICHAEL	2019-20	4,421.39
BJKB, LLC	2019-20	248.39		NORTHERN GETAWAYS	2018-20	5,789.49
BODNAR DAVID	2018-20	3,806.26		OLD ARK PROPERTIES	2018-20	13,799.60
BROWN, JEFFREY C	2019-20	12,138.17		PARAS, GEORGE	2019-20	6,461.84
BUYCE CROSSINGS	2019-20	5,972.72		PERITO, THOMAS	2019-20	17.73
CLARK, KENNETH B	2018-20	3,703.47		PINE TREE VT	2019-20	141.95
CLOSE CATHERINE M	2017-20	11,454.42		PZL, LLC	2019-20	283.86
COMTUCK LLC	2017-20	22,029.60		REILLY, WILLIAM	2017-20	34.27
DALEY JOHN	2018-20	7,428.51		RILLSTONE, KIMBERLE	2018-20	6,510.94
DOONEY VERMONT	2018-20	15,142.76		RIZIO, JESSICA	2019-20	4,489.28
DUFFY, BERNARD	2019-20	6,090.02		ROCHESTER, LEONARD	2018-20	196.06
EMPIRE LLC	2019-20	283.87		RODRIGUES, JORGE	2018-20	8,409.08
CUEVAS MARCIAL	2018-19	1,105.79		ROSS, LILLIAN	2019-20	2,665.02
FINKER SARALYN	2018-19	7,467.15		SEUMENICHT, KARL	2019-20	16.35
FARRINGTON, HARRY	2019-20	4,081.18		SOUSA, SHELLEY	2019-20	9,692.25
FLAIM, EDWARD	2019-20	9,769.03		SOUTHSHIRE HOLDING	2019-20	374.64
GRUBER CYRIL	2019-20	3,328.04		STEFANIAK, PHYLLIS	2019-20	2,123.31
GRUBER, JONATHAN	2019-20	2,749.30		STRUZINSKI, ALEXANDER	2019-20	1,340.59
HARROWER DAVID	2019-20	4,196.57		TRUDEAU, PAUL	2019-20	5,473.07
HITCHCOCK LANDS, LLC	2019-20	7,313.89		VALLIANATOS, AGATHI	2019-20	3,850.07
HONORA WINERY	2019-20	14,260.63		VENTURA, ARTHUR	2019-20	1,880.41
HUBBARD, ARTHUR	2019-20	17.73		WAGNER, GREGORY	2018-20	23.36
JACKSON, THOMAS	2019-20	770.33		WENDEL, TRAVIS	2019-20	6,000.39
JASNA, LLC	2019-20	13,147.68		WILKINSON, ROY	2018-20	584.31
LAMATTINA, PHYLLIS	2019-20	3,484.76		WM FOREST PRODUCTS	2019-20	354.88
LEMAY, BONNIE	2019-20	709.79		WOLFE, JAMES	2018-20	23.36
LIZANDRA	2018-20	143,978.30		Y CORNELIUS, LLC	2019-20	124.20
LYNCH, DOUGLAS	2019-20	333.19				
MATERN, RICHARD	2017-20	1,368.20		Total Taxes Due		388,996.26

Status of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes 1/1/20	\$410,996.13
Collections	<u>240,539.17</u>
Subtotal	170,456.96
Delinquents Added	<u>439,655.46</u>
Delinquent Taxes 1/1/21	\$610,112.42

C.C. Haynes Fund

The C. C. Haynes Fund was established with a bequest to the inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington from the late Clinton C. Haynes to be used "...for the benefit of agriculture in said town..." and, among other things, for "...such lectures as said trustee may deem advisable to improve the morals of the people of said town...". A trustee elected annually at Town Meeting manages the Haynes Hall building and the fund.

Every year the C. C. Haynes Fund offers two scholarships to any Wilmington resident. The William Poole scholarship is for \$1000, and the Ralph Howe scholarship is for \$500. Notification of the availability of the scholarships and the deadline for submitting a request are published in the Deerfield Valley News in May each year. This year the William Poole scholarship was awarded to Olivia Genella who is a sophomore at the University of Vermont. She is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, majoring in molecular genetics. There were no other applicants for scholarships.

To apply for either scholarship any person living in Wilmington may write a simple letter asking to be considered for financial assistance. The recipient may be anyone enrolled in a course of study beyond high school in an accredited institution. Applications are made in writing to the C. C. Haynes Fund Trustee, P O Box 217, Wilmington, VT 05363, stating school of choice, field of endeavor and financial need. Preference will be given to a person studying agriculture or related fields such as environmental studies.

During the year the C. C. Haynes Hall was used to house the Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Youth exhibits and storage for Saturday night auctions. Contributions from White Wolf Consulting for the use of the building for Saturday night auctions greatly help to fund the C. C. Haynes scholarships.

2020 C. C. Haynes Fund Financial Statement

Assets January 1, 2020		
Cash on Hand	7,661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,482.07	
Total Assets		62,144.01
Income		
Interest from CD	82.45	
Total Income		82.45
Expenses		
Scholarships	1,000.00	
Total Expenses		1,000.00
Assets December 31, 2020		
Cash on Hand	6661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,564.52	
Total Assets		61,226.46

Respectfully submitted,
Carl M. Boyd, Trustee

PETTEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY					
PROPOSED BUDGET					
FY JUNE 30, 2022					
Description	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Proposed Budget	% Increase
Expense					
Personnel:					
Payroll	\$ 80,638	77,948.53	81,290	84,450	3.9%
Payroll Taxes	6,169	5,960.42	6,220	6,460	3.9%
Staff Development & Travel	2,500	3,034.38	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Employee Benefits			1,470	1,500	2.0%
Subtotal	89,307.00	86,943.33	91,480	94,910	3.7%
Library Services:					
Acauisitions	17,000	12,654.11	17,000	17,000	0.0%
Library Supplies	2,500	2,445.79	3,000	2,500	-16.7%
Programs	5,500	2,681.19	4,000	3,000	-25.0%
Computer & Equipment	3,000	1,068.96	2,500	2,500	0.0%
On-line Services	3,500	5,681.33	3,500	5,000	42.9%
Telephone & Internet	1,600	1,154.11	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Postage & Shipping	1,700	1,652.33	2,500	3,050	22.0%
Memberships	200	350.00	250	400	60.0%
Professional Fees	1,100	481.50	1,000	1,150	15.0%
Advertising & Public Relations	1,000	1,207.90	1,000	1,200	20.0%
Fund Raising		920.33			
Miscellaneous		16.73			
Subtotal	37,100	30,314.28	36,750	37,800	2.9%
Building & Grounds					
Custodial	5,000	3,705.80	5,000	4,300	-14.0%
Electricity	2,200	2,037.53	2,475	2,950	21.6%
Elevator	2,500	3,804.38	2,500	1,000	-60.0%
Heating Oil	2,500	2,410.80	2,750	2,750	0.0%
Insurance	3,000	2,115.69	3,000	2,750	-8.3%
Repair & Maintenance	2,500	1,275.65	2,500	1,500	-40.0%
Security	450	505.00	550	550	0.0%
Water & Sewer	700	710.56	775	1,000	32.1%
Subtotal	18,850	16,565.41	19,550	16,800	-14.6%
Total Expense	\$ 145,257	\$ 133,823.02	\$ 147,780	\$ 149,510	1.2%
Income					
Town Appropriation	\$ 130,500	\$ 130,500.00	\$ 133,100	\$ 137,500	3.3%
Supplemental Income	14,757	3,692.88	14,680	12,010	-18.2%
Total Income	\$ 145,257	134,192.88	\$ 147,780	\$ 149,510	1.2%
Net Income		\$ 369.86			

Grand List 2020 Billed

(Taxable properties only-State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

	REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Total Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non-Residential Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
1	Residential I	1,654	427,074,830	80,588,343	346,486,487	427,074,830
2	Residential II	350	171,994,380	48,713,651	123,280,729	171,994,380
3	Mobile Homes-U	44	698,880	52,400	646,480	698,880
4	Mobile Homes-L	20	1,126,060	613,690	512,370	1,126,060
5	Seasonal I	48	3,941,110	0	3,941,110	3,941,110
6	Seasonal II	14	1,941,390	80,000	1,861,390	1,941,390
7	Commercial	139	56,267,515	1,403,431	54,864,084	56,267,515
8	Commercial Apts	9	2,312,850		2,312,850	2,312,850
9	Industrial	1	435,200	0	435,200	435,200
10	Utilities-E	4	17,409,189	0	17,409,189	17,409,189
11	Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farm	1	882,910	882,910	0	882,910
13	Other	201	53,406,350	1,530,720	51,875,630	53,406,350
14	Woodland	0	0	0	0	0
15	Miscellaneous	582	24,748,310	0	24,748,310	24,748,310
16						
17	TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE	3,067	762,238,974	133,865,145	628,373,829	762,238,974
18						
19	P.P. Cable	2	280,385		280,385	280,385
20	P.P. Equipment	1	587,606			
21	TOTAL LISTED P.P.	2	867,991		280,385	280,385
22						
23	TOTAL LISTED VALUE		763,106,965	133,865,145	628,654,214	762,519,359
24						
25	EXEMPTIONS					
26	Veterans 10K	12	120,000	100,000	20,000	120,000
27	Veterans >10K		360,000			
28						
29	Total Veterans		480,000	100,000	20,000	120,000
30	P.P. Contracts	2	280,385			
31	Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	348,360			
32	Owner Pays Ed Tax	0				
33	Total Contracts	4/2	628,745			
34	Current Use	46	6,689,840	2,089,090	4,600,750	6,689,840
35	Special Exemption	2		0	5,017,150	5,017,150
36	Partial Statutory	1/1	81,164		81,164	81,164
37	Total Exemptions		7,879,749	2,189,090	9,719,064	11,908,154
38	TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,552,272.16			
39	TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,316,760.55	6,189,351.50	7,506,112.05
40	NON-TAX		80 Non-Tax parcels are not included in 411			

2020 Current Use Exemptions

	Name	Assessed Value	Land Use Acreage	Land Use Exempt	Grand List
1	AMES ROBIN & STACEY A	205,690	30.61	96,010	1,096.80
2	BADURSKI CHARLES & LORRAINE	449,430	62.5	105,180	3,442.50
3	BAILEY ARTHUR H & ELLEN C	275,000	63.2	121,700	1,533
4	BEECHWOOD IRREVOCABLE TRUST	116,050	29.3	111,650	44
5	BERTLES JEANNETTE W	595,000	134.78	183,370	4,116.30
6	BLANC MICHAEL P	146,200	34.25	93,530	526.70
7	BOSSERT ELAINE S TRUST	693,510	126	171,710	5,218
8	BOYD CARL M	563,880	131.45	171,590	3,922.90
9	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET LEE	392,430	45.9	105,400	2,870.30
10	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET L	94,630	14.2	69,780	248.50
11	BRADBURN JUSTIN J	845,000	71	81,880	7,631.20
12	CARMON JOHN C TRUSTEE OF NAN	252,960	93.1	147,200	1,057.60
13	CHERNOSKY GAIL & SIROIS BENJAMIN ET AL	144,080	65.5	98,500	455.80
14	COLE BRUCE & BARBARA	419,380	72.78	130,080	2,893
15	COPELAND JULIA LAUREL & HILLARY	292,760	206.01	261,660	311
16	CORBAT FARMS LLC	1,150,000	180.4	210,300	9,397
17	DEMMO NICHOLAS G & TRACY	140,500	32.5	135,600	49
18	DOYLE MICHAEL J	432,140	58	119,200	3,129.40
19	FITZGERALD JENNIFER REVO TRUST	495,000	152.7	194,580	3,004.20
20	FORTE ROBERT P TRUSTEE OF REVOCA TR	960,000	28.81	93,410	8,665.90
21	FUHRMAN DONALD & LINDA	122,050	32.8	117,050	50
22	GRAUP SUSAN F	393,250	47.16	108,260	2,849
23	GRINOLD ROBERT	205,000	114	187,800	172
24	HALLAHAN WILLIAM L & ELLEN F	376,490	263	293,300	831.90
25	HARVEY N JR DN TR & JAMES & GROTE ANNE B	190,800	40.7	64,340	1,264.60
26	HEAVENRICH TED R	650,000	98	153,200	4,968
27	JANNEN KATRINA	231,000	123.1	212,500	186
28	KETTERER GORDON P & ANN B	375,000	124.34	175,540	1,994.60
29	LPVL19-239 STOWE HILL LLC	758,150	68.56	121,460	6,366.90
30	MACMONKUP LLC	174,300	59.8	102,700	716
31	MARUNAS P RAYMOND & CAROL	159,610	66.61	149,510	101
32	ON BEAVER POND LLC	128,200	23.6	124,600	36
33	PONITLLO RAYMOND & RAYMOND JR ET AL	906,980	91.22	146,920	7,600.60
34	SHAPIRO YOAV N	422,300	98.26	153,460	2,688.40
35	SPRAGUE MARTIN L & KAREN R	145,000	15.82	42,320	1,026.80
36	STEVENSON LAURA & STALOFF MARGARET G	372,820	59	117,900	2,549.20
37	STONE FAMILY TRUST	142,960	50.66	110,020	329.40
38	VON STEINWEHR RANDI	203,500	110.5	186,800	167
39	WEBER RUSSELL R & CAROL E	1,027,570	47.38	108,980	9,185.90
40	WHITE JACOB & WALTER	480,280	152.19	192,090	2,881.90
41	WHITE WALTER	288,320	27.1	93,000	1,953.20
42	WILKINSON ALICE S	35,000	21.2	14,370	206.30
43	WIMMELMAN FRIEDA REV TR & BINNICK A TR	1,770,000	331.9	338,760	14,312.40
44	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	1,510,000	431.72	413,060	10,969.40
45	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	248,400	96.4	127,270	1,211.30
46	WINDY WOODS LLC	900,000	87	132,300	7,677
	Total Residential Homestead			2,089,090	
	Total Non-Residential			4,454,740	
	GRAND TOTALS	12,139,780	4,315.01	6,593,830	141,908.80



January 7, 2020

Board of Selectmen
Town of Wilmington
P.O. Box 217
Wilmington, Vermont 05363

We are auditing the financial statements of the Town of Wilmington, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office (or on the Town's website @www.Wilmingtonvermont.us).

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Wilmington Narrative Reports

Town Departments, Boards, and Committees
Other Agencies - Local, Regional, and State



Flags hanging at River Bank Park

Wilmington Selectboard

The Selectboard ended 2019 with a full complement of police officers, Water District talks that we hoped would culminate in Town ownership, a surplus of the general fund, and fantastic volunteers that continue to allow for a smooth or smoother municipal operation.

Subsequent to that 2020 offered a host of opportunities for continued upgrade of infrastructure and revamping of long neglected items that may be deemed critical. Items like sidewalks on East Main St were scheduled to be replaced and sewer lines updated. Building usage and conditions were beginning to be assessed in hopes of creating housing for our workforce. Broadband was being discussed and a commission formed, referred to as CUD, to examine approaches to increase the overall effectiveness. Many surrounding towns have joined in this endeavor with the hopes of getting the much-needed service that will be required to make our area a viable link for Internet and related services.

We, the Town, were feeling good if not almost over-confident at the year's outlook in 2020. Yes, there were always concerns in local government but no one issue seemed insurmountable.

Town Meeting saw a surplus in the general fund. Memorial Hall was setting their spring and summer schedule. Block Parties were being formulated and we all looked forward to Old Home Week in the latter part of July in August. Big plans. Big year for Wilmington. Town Meeting was uneventful--some say harmony prevailed reinforcing 2020's positive outlook. A new Town Clerk was hired as retirement claimed another employee. She has worked very hard and has already distinguished herself in completing tasks that were not part of the duties of prior Clerks.

Reappraisal was another major hurdle in 2020. Whenever there is a town-wide appraisal there are appeals that are directed and coordinated by the Town Clerk adding many more hours to her daily routine. Make no mistake, the Clerk has come through with nothing but kudos from all of her peers.

Then came something called a pandemic. It arrived and our optimism was quickly challenged. All activities and projects were cancelled and we needed to learn a new vocabulary; Zoom, Team, social distancing, mandatory masks, outdoor dining only, curbside delivery, hand sanitizer, Covid-19, coronavirus, cluster, pod, bubble, quarantine, flattening the curve, sheltering-in-place, self-isolation, drive through testing, N95 respirator, ventilator, and vaccine.

The change has been shocking but our survivor instincts are strong and we need to be careful to stay safe. Your community has not missed a beat. All boards and commissions meet on Zoom via computers. Directions are printed on the agendas each week for those who may wish to follow. Volunteers continue to fill the many roles and we are eternally grateful for their dedication.

As this report is being written the second wave is upon us but we have strong resolve to weather the storm and perhaps emerge from this stronger and more resourceful than ever. We certainly hope so.

We thank all of you for your support.

Town Manager

In the beginning of Spring, yes, it looked like a fabulous year ahead. Budgets were passed with little fanfare and voters showed their support for a new Public Safety Facility (Police & Fire) by approving monies to be spent on the design phase of the proposed new building that will last over 50-years. But, ten days after Town Meeting Day the Governor announced safeguards under his first of many executive order(s) that closed restaurants, businesses and stores. Government offices were subsequently closed, too. The novel coronavirus or COVID-19 really shut us down economically. Several weeks later, two beloved brothers who grew up, married with children, worked and died of the coronavirus in the Deerfield Valley, showed us all how serious this disease would be.

As citizens of Wilmington, we are resilient and steadfast in our support for each other, especially during difficult times such as the novel coronavirus pandemic, and I wish to thank everyone for following the Selectboard's and Governor Scott's guidance to wear masks, maintain 6-foot distances, and frequently wash your hands helping to slow the spread of this deadly disease. Employees are to be commended as they continue to provide town services while working to stay healthy throughout this pandemic; all front-line workers, from police, ambulance and fire, to grocery and drug store employees, to restaurant and retail works, deserve our enduring support.

The Selectboard approved 16 business loans (interest free) to help get them through the initial months of the pandemic, before we knew what state and federal assistance (CARES Act) would be available. At the same time, we were initially concerned that more taxpayers might struggle to pay property taxes this year, but that has not been the case. Many taxpayers called to ask about our delayed billing and we thank everyone for their patience. The Hermitage was sold at auction by the Federal Bankruptcy Court of Vermont, and the "new owners", known as the Hermitage Members Club (HMC), expect to open the private resort for the 2020-2021 ski season. The Wilmington Water District Commissioners agreed with approval of the Selectboard to merge with the Town, and voters approved the merger on November 3rd. The Secretary of State received notice of the merger and will forward our request to the Vermont Legislature, then on to the Governor for final approval. We anticipate the merger will be in place by July 1, 2021.

In 2011-2015, the Selectboard first considered moving both the Fire and Police Departments out of the floodplain after Tropical Storm Irene. The chosen location was at the old Highway Garage site at 40 Beaver Street. In 2019, community members, along with Chiefs Murano and Moore, were appointed by the Selectboard to pursue their proposal to build a new Public Safety Facility out of the floodplain, meeting 21st century demands for first responders. The Selectboard approved initial feasibility monies to determine the best site, followed by a proposal that was passed by the voters to appropriate \$221,000 for a building design & construction request for proposals. We believe with the support of the Selectboard and voters, along with the hard work of the Public Safety Facility Committee, we hope to accomplish what we set out to do. As I write this report, we await construction bid submissions, and a subsequent bond vote at our next Town Meeting by Australian ballot.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement to each other and to town employees during these difficult times.

Respectfully,

Scott A. Tucker

Scott A. Tucker, Wilmington Town Manager

Wilmington Fire Department

The members of the Wilmington Fire Department responded to 170 calls in 2020.

The men and women of the Wilmington FD have proven once again what it means to be a Volunteer Firefighter. Our Firefighters take many risks when doing their job and now we add the COVID 19 Virus to that list. Our firefighters have been vigilant about using the proper PPE and disinfecting our equipment while in the firehouse and on calls. They know the risk and yet they still respond to help those in need. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers on the fire department and in our community.

The Fire Department has had to cancel many of our trainings, meetings and social events because of the COVID Pandemic. Although meetings can be held online, trainings are more difficult, as a lot of it requires a hands-on approach. We have had to adapt to these changes while still focusing on making sure our firefighters are ready to do the job and help our community when we get the call.

The Wilmington Fire Department has the privilege this year of hosting the Vermont Fire Academy Firefighter 1 Course which started in September 2020. This is a nationally certified course that is required to become an interior firefighter. The course started out with 35 students. Five (5) of the students are from Wilmington FD. The students will be State Certified Firefighter 1 when the class ends in late April 2021. We would like to thank the board at OSEC for the use of their facilities during this course.

Due to COVID-19, we had to cancel our annual Ladies Night Tribute normally held in December. We hold this event every year to thank our significant others for their support, which allows us to dedicate and volunteer our time to the Wilmington FD and continue helping the community.

We also present our department Length Of Service Awards. We hope to be able to hold this event at a later date. Our Length Of Service Awards for 2020 are presented to:

- Matt Somerville-5 Years of service
- Brian Wuoti- 5 Years of service
- John Tiddes-15 Years of service
- Scott Moore-30 Years of service
- Jeff Silverman-35 Years of service
- Brian Johnson- 50 Years of service

We would like to congratulate all of you and" Thank You" for your dedication and years of service to the Wilmington Fire Department.

The Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee and NBF Architects have been working hard on designing a building to fit the future needs of the Wilmington Fire and Police Departments. The present Fire Station, built in 1969, has served its purpose, but it is now woefully insufficient. Our building is out of space and will not fit modern fire equipment. It has none of the current safety elements that are required by NFPA and FEMA. Tropical Storm Irene severely exposed the flooding hazards of the current location. On March 2, 2021 we ask for your vote in support of the bond necessary to provide the Town of Wilmington a much needed, safe and essential building that will last for the next 50 years.

The Officers and Members of the Wilmington Fire Department would like to thank the Wilmington Police Dept, Wilmington Highway Dept, Wilmington Select Board Members, the Town Manager and Office Staff and the people of this great community for your continued support.

Stay Safe! STAY WILMINGTON STRONG!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Moore, Fire Chief
Robert Maynard JR, Captain
Jeremy White, Lieutenant

Bill Spirka, Assistant Chief
Keith Johnson, Lieutenant
Donald Wilson, Lieutenant

Highway Superintendent

The Wilmington town road network is comprised of 110 roads with total mileage of 67 miles. Paved road mileage is 20.02 miles and the remaining roads are gravel. The town also maintains more than 40 bridges along our roads.

Along with routine maintenance, which includes repairs to roads and streets, replacing failed culverts, and maintaining our parks, the following projects were completed during 2020;

The Town received a Better Back Roads Grant for Ballou Hill Road culvert #5 which was an old boiler tube and metal culvert combination. That combination was replaced by the highway crew with 16x7x40 box culvert.

Lake Raponda Road- The Four corners area of Lake Raponda was excavated, Geo-grid, 2"stone, road fabric and crushed gravel were installed.

Haystack Road - Three culverts were replaced the road was ditched and 4700ft was resurfaced.

Fairview Ave- The road was ditched, 4000 ft was reclaimed, 2.5" base installed and 1" Overlay over 4500ft,

Ballou Hill Road - One lane was excavated 400 ft long and road builder installed, ditched and 650 ft x 24 ft was resurfaced.

Sparrow Lane was ditched and 1200 x 22 ft was resurfaced

Charlie Forest Road was ditched and 325 ft resurfaced

Smith Road was ditched and 1500 ft was resurfaced

Lake Raponda Road was ditched and 3000 ft was resurfaced

Transfer Station- section down by compactor was excavated and Geo-Grid, 2"stone, road fabric and crushed gravel were installed. Also constructed a pad for toilet and ran conduit for power to pad.

I would like to thank the Road Crew for their hard work throughout the year. I also would like to thank the Town manager, Selectboard, and other departments for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted Sheldon Brassor, Road Supervisor



Road crew working on the Ballou Hill culvert replacement

Police Department

The Wilmington Police Department is comprised of six full time officers and two dispatchers. The six officers provide 24/7 coverage to the Town of Wilmington 365 days a year. The two dispatchers provide emergency dispatch to Wilmington Police Department from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM 7 days week. The dispatchers also handle citizen assists and the processing of requests for information.

2020 was a year unlike any other for everyone and certainly for the Wilmington Police Department. We entered into this year with only one vacant full time officer position and with an applicant ready to be hired. In February Officer Ryan O'Neil started his full-time academy training but due to the pandemic his training was suspended and he was sent home. During the following weeks the Vermont Police Academy moved portions of the training online to a remote learning environment but as you can image a lot of the skills needed to be a police officer require hands on, in-person training. Ultimately the academy worked out a program to safely bring the trainees back to their campus and Officer O'Neil was able to successfully graduate. Officer O'Neil has since completed a field training program here at Wilmington Police Department and is now working on his own. The full-time police officer training is no small undertaking for a trainee and certainly isn't easy on their families. The pandemic added a whole new set of obstacles to the training program and Officer O'Neil was able to professionally navigate them to become a certified police officer. So, for the first time in many years, I can write that the Wilmington Police Department has all full-time officer positions filled. However, with the mobility of employees in today's workplace and the ever-increasing demand for police officers, I know that it is a matter of time before we will be hiring again.

We were able to add some capabilities this year without increasing our budget which with the influx of visitors this summer was very timely. We purchased a F150 Responder police vehicle which enables us to have truck capabilities (purchased at a cost less than a SUV) and we were able to get a no-cost police boat from the State of Vermont which we have for our use in responding to emergencies and to help keep our lakes safe.

We continue to plan for the long term in replacing some of our aging and deficient equipment as it enables us to reduce the impact on our budget. Unfortunately, this year we had a sewer line break in the basement which is where we store a lot of equipment. This ruined a lot of our spare equipment that we use for replacements or to cannibalize for parts when needed to keep other equipment operational. This will put a strain on maintaining some of the older equipment as some of it is no longer supported by the manufacturer and parts are not available.

This year we partnered with HCRS to have a social worker assigned to the Wilmington Police Department. This social worker position is grant funded through the State of Vermont and is an employee of HCRS but assigned to us. We were fortunate enough to have a voice in the hiring process for this position and Knowles Wentworth was ultimately hired. Knowles has been working remote so introductions are difficult but he has been involved in many community groups and he has been finding ways online to start getting involved. We have a system set up where the officers send referrals to Knowles for members in our community who could use some additional attention that cannot always be provided by an officer. Knowles then follows-up with those persons to see if he can be of assistance to them. Ideally when the pandemic ends Knowles will work from Wilmington Police Department and deploy with officers directly to calls for service.

SLOW DOWN, messages will greet you now on Rt 9 when entering into the village area at too fast of a speed. These solar powered speed signs were purchased with a \$6000 grant we received. These signs will act as traffic calming measures for our congested village and will also track useful highway data. We conducted a traffic engineering study for Fairview Ave and working with residents and the select-board have reduced the speed limit to 25 MPH.

I am a firm believer in the idea that police should be in policing and not in law enforcement. We continue to engage our community in ways that improve the safety and quality of life for everyone. The addition of the social worker, a new emphasis on de-escalation training (including my commitment to having a trainer in de-escalation here) and our community safety programs are a part of that idea of policing. Body cameras have been a part of our long-term equipment purchase and this year we were able to receive a grant to cover 50% of the purchase of body cameras for all officers and will be receiving them soon. This grant is a great cost savings to the town for equipment that helps protect our officers and our community.

As you may know the select-board resurrected the police/fire facility committee and the town supported funding the design/architectural study for the project at the last town meeting. Now the design of the facility is nearly completed and I strongly encourage everyone to look at the plans on the Town of Wilmington website. This building design will be for a 50-year viable police/fire facility for our community. It is not a temporary repair or stop-gap approach but a comprehensive investment in

our communities' wellbeing. I do not have the space here to address the necessity of this project but encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions about it.

As of December 2020, with one month to go in the year the Wilmington Police Department will have handled approximately 1323 incidents this includes 88 persons who were arrested for a variety of offenses. We issued approximately 560 traffic tickets and 758 warnings. We investigated over 113 motor vehicle collisions. We started the year short staffed and with several officers still fairly new. We are slowly getting back to more proactive work.

Please post your 911 street addresses by the roadway. In an emergency if we cannot find you, we cannot help you. Report suspicious activity, if you see something, say something. I would encourage all residents to call WPD if they have any questions or concerns. Take a minute and sign up for emergency notifications at VT-Alert.

There is a lot more information I would like to share but space here is limited. Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding policing in Wilmington.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the officers and staff of the Wilmington Police Department,
Chief Matt Murano



Officers Hammond & Kirkman

Wilmington Beautification Committee

Our Town gardens under this group of very hard-working volunteers include: Gateway, Trebbe Memorial and tennis court area, Dixon parking lot, River's Edge, River Bank Park, Reardon's Crossing Bridge and land on both sides, Brissette property, Route 9 Trailhead, Oxbow and West Main Street parking lot. The Gateway garden has grown to amazing proportions and requires many hours of weeding and pruning which we would be unable to do without our dedicated volunteers from within our community who answer our call for help many times spring through fall.

Many thanks to Mary Pike-Sprenger for the amazing flowers she and her team plant and maintain under contract with the Town. We now have over 90 flower barrels and hayracks at the bridges, Welcome signs and Town Office building! I hope you have a chance to admire and appreciate these beautiful plants and take the time to smell the flowers!!

Beautification to look forward to: thousands of daffodils blooming in April in many locations in Town which were planted by the Committee and volunteers, the regrowth of Gateway and spring blooms and the amazing Flower Barrels returning the end of May. Flags and bunting Memorial Day through the Fourth of July and Veteran's Day which is coordinated by Len Chapman and Fred Skwirut with help from the American Legion.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair; Anne Saracino, Vice Chair; Mel Lopez, Secretary and Treasurer; Bev Butler, Alice Greenspan, Keith Herbert; Adele Mattern; Lee Schindel and Fred Skwirut

Town Clerk

I began my foray into the Town Clerk's Office on May 1, 2020. I expected it to be challenging, and eventful, and rewarding – and it has proved to be just that! I learn something new every day, and I have a growing admiration for the work done statewide by our amazing town clerks. Pat Johnson is a most worthy assistant, and has kept me on track with the variety of vital statistics and licensing that this office serves. Your team in the Town Offices has been very gracious in helping me to settle in. I continue to rely on a patient and kind network of local lawyers, town clerks, and state election officials to answer my queries and need for guidance. I was appointed by the Selectboard to complete one of two years remaining on the term that Susie Haughwout retired from. You will find my name on the ballot for this Town Meeting to complete the final year of the term, with your support.

The activities of the year have been monumental – 4 elections, a water district merger, a town-wide re-appraisal, and a surge in land records. I started my work inside Book 352 of the town records, and I have already filled four books! After a vote of the Board of Civil Authority, this office moved our elections polling station to the Old School Community Center to help keep our schools healthy and safe. In October, we were awarded a \$ 5,000 CTCL Grant to aid in additional election costs and needs created by the COVID19 virus. When I was thanked for answering our office phone amidst a time of automated voices and mailboxes and remote offices, I was reminded of how important personal service to community and neighbor can be during uncertain times. We may not always have the answers, but we do feel it is important to guide you to a solution, and to be a friendly voice.

On behalf of myself and Pat Johnson, it has been a pleasure to serve you this year. We thank you for all the support along the way. Let's find the adventure in every day, choose to have a few laughs, and to do our best work.

With sincere gratitude,
Therese Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

2020 Calendar Year Statistics

ELECTIONS

Floor Attendance on March 3rd for Annual Town Meeting: 75

Ballots Cast by Australian ballot for Town/School Officers & School Budget: 529 (46 by absentee)

Ballots Cast on August 11th Presidential Primary: 474 (316 by mail during COVID19 pandemic)

Ballots Cast on November 3rd General Election: 1192 (776 by mail during COVID19 pandemic)

Ballots Cast on November 3rd Water District Merger: 798 (428 by mail during COVID19 pandemic)

Total Registered Voters:	1718
New Registered Voters:	231
Transferred Voters:	85
Challenged Voters:	137
Purged Voters:	49 (four years idle, no response by mail)

LAND RECORDS

Documents Recorded: 1669 (1291 since new clerk seated on May 1st)

Documents Recorded last three years: 2019=1433; 2018=1432; 2017=1461

Property Transfer Tax Returns Recorded: 291

Surveys/PLATs/Plans Recorded: 10

VITAL STATISTICS

Resident Births: 14

Resident Deaths: 12

Resident Civil Marriages: 7

Resident Burials: 6

Non-Resident Deaths: 0

Non-Resident Civil Marriages: 11

Non-Resident Burials: 8

DOG LICENSES

207

LIQUOR LICENSES

28

CATERING & EVENT PERMITS

7

Zoning Department

The pandemic occurring in 2020 played a significant role in the operational demands for both the Zoning Administrator and Town Health Officer roles in Wilmington. Since the first quarter of the year, the office experienced a significant volume of inquiries related to land development initiatives at the parcel level. Projects ranging from new homes, additions, garages, decks, driveways, porches, etc. were permitted over the course of the year. The local real estate market experienced significant levels of transactional activity related to home sales and refinancing demands, where the Zoning Office was involved in these coordination activities related to parcel reviews and official documentation processing.

The Office has been working closely with area businesses and new owners in addressing permit-related concerns during this health crisis. The short-term impact of COVID-19 has placed an added strain on the Wilmington business community. The Planning Commission has been discussing the institution of Temporary Bylaw Amendments geared towards area businesses with a recent amendment speaking about the allowance for outdoor seating. Providing more administrative authority to the Zoning Administrator position helps promote a “business-friendly” platform within the community and recognizes the town needs to continue to provide a hand in allowing these businesses to move seamlessly through the permitting process over the next couple years.

The effort to start-up the Hermitage Members Club under new ownership could present some promising opportunities for the Deerfield Valley area. The original Master Plan for Haystack Mountain is likely to go through refinements from the vision established several years ago. The Office has worked closely with the state authorities and new ownership in permitting temporary resort amenities scheduled for an Act 250 review in 2021.

The Town Health Officer role has dedicated a significant amount of occupational time over the course of the year related to a diverse group of health-related categories, which included activities specific to early-phase COVID-19 coordination, water quality testing, renter-owner complaints, and addressing animal bites. Water quality both in our lakes and streams is becoming a greater concern in our region where our office has been working with state agencies in protecting our town waters.

During 2020, the Zoning Office focused on a social distancing orientation, where the majority of the transactions through the office were done by e-mail, scanning documents, screen shots with cell phones, etc., in order to get the information necessary to permit projects for local property owners. It was not a perfect approach, but it allowed Wilmington landowners to improve upon their homes during the downtime created by the pandemic. The town witnessed an increase in Zoning Permits from 58 last year to 68 in 2020. The projects included 8 new homes, and numerous accessory garages/sheds, signs, driveway projects, etc. that went through the administrative permitting process. The Development Review Board reviewed 10 separate development cases in 2020 related to a food trailer, window replacements, coffee roasting business, 5-unit short-term rental, repair garage, property subdivision, use changes, town sidewalk project, and the Wilmington Public Safety Facility going through the DRB’s public review process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Tuller, AICP
Zoning Administrator/Health Officer

Wastewater Department

For the calendar year 2020 we received, treated and discharged a total of 25,586,400 gallons of wastewater into the Deerfield River for a daily average of 69,900 gallons per day which represents a 13.4% decrease compared to 2019. The facility is permitted to discharge an annual average flow of 135,000 gallons per day. We recorded 42.14 inches of rain and 86.00 inches of snow for a total of 128.14 total inches of precipitation in 2020.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Avg. Daily Flow (gallons per day)	86,000	68,000	78,200	78,100	69,800	65,800	80,600	87,300	80,700	69,900
Rain (inches)	57.80	38.83	44.23	45.85	34.68	38.28	48.14	55.35	44.77	42.14
Snow (inches)	129.50	68.50	97.50	94.75	88.25	71.25	111.75	150.00	102.25	86.00
Total Precipitation (inches)	187.30	107.33	141.73	140.60	122.92	109.53	160.16	205.35	147.02	128.14

What a year! Due to the coronavirus, our staff alternated days during the months of April and May. We updated our Vulnerability Assessment plan and completed a Continuity of Operations Plan. We continue to follow all recommended guidelines to protect ourselves and the public. You may have heard that some Wastewater Facilities are testing and finding the coronavirus in their Wastewater, which means we have a potential added risk which requires an additional level of diligence for protection from the virus.

Throughout the year we assisted with 8 private sewer line problems ranging from blockages to broken pipes. We had two accounts relinquish wastewater allocation and one account increased their allocation. Our billing system is based on an Equivalent Connector Unit (ECU), for example a single-family house is one ECU and we have seen our total ECU count decrease from a high of 728 in 2015 to a low this year of 682. We continue to work very hard to keep our budget as low as possible while still providing a high level of service and making sure our assets are well maintained.

Unfortunately, the East Main Street Sidewalk and Sewer project planned for this past summer had to be postponed because of the Coronavirus and is planned to take place this coming summer or fall. We are nearly complete with the feasibility study to expand Sewer and Water service on Rt 9 East to the area of Ballou Hill and Rt 100 South just past the Health Center.

The treatment plant continues to operate very well and efficiently. In 2020 we removed 95.9% of the BOD (bad bugs) and 97.6% of the TSS (solids) that entered the plant.

If anyone has any questions about our facility, or would like a tour, please feel free to give us a call at 464-3862, email us at jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us or visit the Town's Website, click on Town Departments then Wastewater Treatment Plant. We would like to close by thanking the Residents, Selectboard, Town Manager and other Town Departments for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
 John Lazelle, Chief Operator
 Jeff Longe, Assistant Chief Operator

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Please don't flush anything down the toilet other than human waste and toilet paper! On January 18th we experienced a sewer main blockage that resulted in an overflow of approximately 20,000 gallons of untreated sewer into Beaver Brook. The blockage was caused by grease and so-called "flushable" wipes. These wipes do not break down like toilet paper and cause blockages and clogged pumps. Also, commercial grease traps need to be cleaned often and the grease removed. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Operator John Lazelle at 464-3862. Thank you for your help.

Development Review Board

2020 in Review

9 applications were heard in total

Number of development applications by year:

2012 – 32	2016 – 11
2013 – 16	2017 – 12
2014 – 19	2018 – 9
2015 – 17	2019 - 10

The Development Review Board (DRB) composition experienced changes in 2020.

- The one open Board position was filled by Mary Brady. We welcome Mary as valuable asset to the Board.
- We lost Wendy Manners-Seaman as she and Kevin moved toward snowbird status. We miss her incredible knowledge in guiding the DRB forward.

The role of the Board members is a substantial commitment for these Select Board appointed unpaid volunteers serving 3-year terms. Development Review Board hearings are held under oath and subject to the penalties of perjury. For each case heard the Board issues “finding of facts” and reaches “conclusions of law” for each Zoning Ordinance Standard. They approve or deny requests and determine those “Conditions” that must be met in order to proceed with proposed development in a way that is in conformity with the Zoning Ordinance. We had one denial which is currently in appear to the DRB and will be heard in January 2021.

Publicly warned Development Review Board hearings provide an important avenue for community members to be informed of and weigh in on proposed Conditional Use land development, such as commercial development or subdivisions of land. Applicants and Interested Parties, including abutters and neighbors, have the opportunity to provide input through sworn testimony and exhibits.

The Board would like to thank the community for their support of the DRB role; applying the requirement of the zoning ordinance and promoting sustainable and responsible economic development.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your Development review Board

Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair

Charles Foster, Vice Chair

Diane Abate

Mary Brady

Fred Houston – Alternate (2 Alternate positions remain open)

Board of Listers

All we can say it’s been one unbelievable year.

As you know Covid 19 really did a job on us as we were trying to finish our 2020 Town wide reappraisal. Yes, that set us back almost 3 months in finalizing the numbers.

We are looking at the inspections that we need to do for 2021.

Starting this past June, the sale market has been unreal. There have been 130 sales so far this year with an average sale price of \$401,683. At the time of this writing there are only 7 properties listed for sale under \$200,000.

Again, the Board of Listers appreciates your cooperation and understanding during these unusual times.

Board of Listers

Jerry Osler

Leonard Chapman

Diane Schipke

Kay Martin Schwader

Lynne Matthews

Public Safety Facility Committee

This committee meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, at 2pm and 6pm respectively.

In early 2020, the committee working with NBF Architects from Rutland, Vermont, submitted their findings of a successful feasibility study that was tasked to them by the Wilmington Selectboard. Shortly thereafter, at the Wilmington Town Meeting, voters moved the project from feasibility and concept drawings to the design phase with the approval of \$221,000, thus allowing the Committee and NBF Architects to further develop and create construction documents for the project.

During Spring, Summer and early part of the Fall months, the committee and NBF worked with structural, mechanical and electrical engineers in each of their respective areas.

During the Spring and Early Summer, the committee met and started laying out structural plans. It was decided, because of the grading at the former Wilmington Old Highway Garage, to use a concrete slab to form the base. This slab is needed due to the soil conditions and to support the weight of the vehicles housed in the sallyports. In this design, the Fire Department will be housed at the slab (base) level and the Police Department housed at an upper level supported by steel framing. During this time, mechanical and electrical engineers started working on the basics of a logical and efficient system for the facility.

In the Summer months, the committee and the design team worked with both police and fire departments on floor plans and facility layouts. The committee also consulted and worked with vendors on such systems as technology, safety and dispatch. During this time, external site considerations were explored and detailed such as grading, retaining walls, parking spaces and landscaping.

During the fall months, the committee worked on the zoning application. Three hearings were held with the Development Review Board (DRB), one of which was onsite. Various elements were discussed such as building exteriors, lighting, and landscaping. After discussion and reviews by the DRB, the zoning application was approved, a final push to complete a set of drawings and specifications began and was completed.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, the Committee put out a construction “Request For Proposal” (RFP), with a return date of December 24th at 10 a.m. to open the bids. After all RFPs have been gathered, the committee will then select the best company for this project. The committee will then hold a public meeting to discuss and present an article for voters to approve at the upcoming town meeting in March. For more detailed information, a hyperlink containing more detailed information can be found at:

<https://wilmingtonvermont.us/committees-minutes/public-safety-facility-committee/public-safety-facility-project/>

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Clerici, Chair
Scott Moore
Matthew Murano
Jeremy White
Melanie Lopez
Dennis Richter

DV Fiber

What is DVFiber?

DVFiber exists because of advocacy. For years, Vermonters around the state have decried the lack of reliable internet mixed with disinterested corporate provider response. Because Vermont is largely rural, financial incentives to serve every home and business simply do not exist for large or small corporate providers.

Communications Union Districts (CUDs) were first authorized under Vermont law in 2015. ECFiber became the first CUD in 2016, after operating as an association of towns since 2008. In June 2019, Gov. Scott signed H.513, which significantly expanded state support for CUDs, including planning grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance from the Public Service Department. At Town Meeting 2020, the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD) sprang to life after strong yeas in Halifax, Marlboro, Stratton, Whitingham, and Wilmington. Work began immediately. Since March, fourteen more towns have expanded the district. Across the State, eight other CUDs are functioning at this point.

Each town sends one representative and one or more alternates to the governing board, which meets monthly. The governing board oversees all development, plans, and operations. Three committees, comprised of board members and community residents, move the work forward. They are our Vendor, Finance, and Communications Committees. Everyone involved volunteers time and energy.

DVFiber is the name of the service organization that DVCUD is creating. DVFiber is a municipality that functions like a not-for-profit business that is rapidly transforming into a regional service organization to secure reliable, affordable high-speed access to the Internet. To date, DVFiber is powered by grants received from the Vermont Public Service Department, the federal government, Vermont Community Foundation, the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, and a number of private funders. We are guided by a business plan produced by the Windham Regional Commission. This plan includes an engineering plan, market analysis, sequence and schedule of work, finance models, and estimated construction costs, which will be considerable. Many who read this report may become disheartened when they understand the likely time it will take to bring broadband to their homes and businesses. But for the first time we have a path to the possible when there was none before.

Because DV Fiber cannot use tax money, we will undertake a continuous effort to fundraise, write grants, and advocate with State and Federal Legislatures for continued build-out financing until we are delivering high speed internet service to all home and business customers and our revenue streams are sufficient to offer municipal bonds.

Please visit our web site at dvfiber.net for a more complete description of our work. We are actively looking for volunteers to add to our already talented pool. If you have even a few hours per month and like to write, have a technology background, financial or organizational support experience, we would welcome you to join with me, your town representative, and alternates Sarah Fisher and Gretchen Havreduk to continue our work.

Thanks to everyone as we construct this increasingly essential service.

Ann Manwaring, Chair
Wilmington Representative
dvfiber.net

Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center

SVTRC participants include two Wilmington residents.

As you will no doubt hear from other organizations, 2020 has been a year like none other. Following the Governor's direction, we were closed from mid-March until early June, and collected no fees from participants during that time. The coronavirus pandemic also meant that we have postponed our 10th Anniversary Gala, which we had intended to host on Kentucky Derby Day at a local establishment, leaving us without a significant fundraising event. We cancelled our annual Horse Show (both an opportunity for fundraising and for participants to demonstrate their skills) as well.

We were inspired to find that individuals came forward to make donations. In addition, we received federal PPP funding to cover payroll for our sole employee, Amber Thibodeau. We are currently requesting forgiveness for that small loan. These contributions, as well as the appropriation from Wilmington and just a few other towns, have allowed us to remain open.

Each month, based on infection rates and recommendations from the state, we reevaluate our fundraising strategies. For example, we typically host a Volunteer Appreciation event with a silent auction; this year, we will do the silent auction on line, while preparing an Appreciation Meal for our volunteers with "no contact" delivery. The food and time necessary to prepare this meal is donated, primarily by Mrs. Thibodeau and our board members.

Youth Services

Youth Services was established in 1972. For over 48 years we have served the needs of youth, young adults and families in and around Windham County. We envision equitable communities where all people are thriving, working together to build resilience and be a catalyst for change with programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families. We believe in helping people learn how to grow, both as individuals and as a family, so they can learn to rely on themselves and their own networks to face future issues. We annually assist over 1,200 children, youth and families. Our broad array of program services include:

- Intervention and support services to teens running away from home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Substance use prevention, treatment and recovery including counseling services
- Therapeutic case management services for youth and young adults
- Workforce development programs with a career based mentoring focus
- Transitional living services
- Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program

This year, we respectfully request \$300 from the Town of Wilmington to help fund our agency's services. We served 16 residents from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2020 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services provided included Court Diversion, Justice Services, Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, and Case Management. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

Town of Wilmington 2020

Wilmington Trails Committee

The pandemic's stay home/stay safe order of the spring had the unexpected result of people flocking to Wilmington's super trail system. With people of all ages working from home, the trail system became a healthy outlet during a rather anxious time. As a result, the Trails Committee focused on maintaining the trail system rather than extending the system with new trails. The summer saw a continued effort to keep the trails neatly mowed so that residents and visitors alike could get outside. When stormy weather blew down branches, the trails committee and other volunteers were there to clear the trails and make repairs.

The Trails Committee continued to distribute its maps to the public. In addition, the Committee created a "Friends of the Wilmington Trails" for volunteers to help with trail bees, publicity and other supportive tasks. If anyone is interested in volunteering on an occasional basis, they should contact the trails committee at Wilmingtontrails@gmail.com. Other achievements of the Committee include: 1) collaborated w/WRC to publish a 5 year update of Wilmington Trails map, 2) completed mounting of "Wilmington Trails" sign at each kiosk, 3) redesigned WTC webpage layout and content including: updated and downloadable maps for different platforms, expanded trail descriptions, a listing of loop hikes, routes with connections to other trail systems, an extensive list of other trails in the region, a Google Drive for WTC and public sharing of documents, email link for "Friends of the Trails" members, 4) performed preliminary work on creating a separate WTC website, and 5) partnered with other entities to improve and promote Wilmington trails and support public health & safety including: Wilmington Works, various Town of Wilmington employees/departments, WRC, Moover staff, economic development specialists, and Chamber of Commerce.

The Trails Committee would like to extend its sincere thanks to all of the private landowners who graciously give permission for these trails to be constructed and maintained over their property. Only with these landowners' permission can the Town provide this trail network. The Trails Committee would like to remind all hikers and walkers to be respectful and to keep dogs leashed while using the trails and also to CLEAN UP after your dog and pack out any dog waste.

The Trails Committee loves public comment and suggestions. It plans on working on increased and more efficient signage of the trails, especially at trail junctions. Should members of the public have suggestions for new trails or for better signage, please contact us. Last, there are vacancies on the committee, so if you are interested in helping out in any way, please volunteer and contact us!

So, Go Take a Hike!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fisher, Chair

Jake White

Joanne Yankura Park

Geri Kogut

Alex Struzinski

Alan Baker

Jake Roberts

Brian Hammil

Ann Ottaviano



We had an early start to winter again this year. October brought some cold nights and many people were not prepared to start laying out money for heat that early. This seems to be more of a problem each year. When the early months of winter are cold, some people on state and federal fuel assistance programs (which don't kick in until mid-to-late November) are caught short. It is my hope that those families will think about this in the summer, and set aside some money to cover their heating needs for that first cold month. The DVCC was primarily designed to cover the needs of those people who fall between the cracks and do not qualify for any kind of public aid. It is only fair for these people, who have no safety net, to have first claim on help from a privately funded charity like ours.

From September 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020 the Deerfield Valley Community Cares fund spent \$87,457.00 on various types of fuel for families within the towns in this valley. Help was extended to 102 families. The breakdown as far as family numbers was as follows: Wilmington-30, Dover -18, Whitingham -18, Wardsboro- 8, Marlboro -8, Readsboro -6, Halifax -5, Jacksonville -5, and Searsburg -3. In addition to heating oil and propane, we furnished kerosene and firewood, and, in one case, paid for a furnace repair.

As you can imagine, the cold nights through April have kept the furnaces chugging. With many people without paychecks coming in, calls for help extended further into the spring than normal. This has been an expensive six weeks. Once again, the members of Propane Dover fuel buying group generously contributed the bulk of our financing for last winter. We are very grateful for their continued support. With people struggling to make ends meet during this pandemic, many members have already stepped up this year to help, knowing that not everyone will be able to donate for this coming winter.

I want to thank the Rotary Club again for their assistance in running the Best Dam Walk and in sending out our annual appeal letter. Without their help, these fundraising efforts would not be accomplished. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 problem, the Best Dam Walk scheduled for this August has been cancelled. We hope that those of you who usually participate will look forward to coming again in August of 2021.

Our thanks go out to all of you who either donated time or money to our fund to help your neighbors stay comfortable during the winter months. To those of you who may not be able to donate to the DVCC this year, we are grateful for your past support, and hope that next summer will find our country in a better place.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Spengler

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY20, HCRS provided 1,896 hours of services to 58 residents of the Town of Wilmington. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Wilmington.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce

Dear Community Members,

The Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to continue serving our Deerfield Valley businesses. This year's pandemic has illuminated the strength and connectedness of our Valley, the challenges we share continue to remind us that we are always stronger together. This sense of connectedness will be an important aspect of our Valley's resurgence from the pandemic.

The Chamber was not immune to the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to restrictions, the Chamber was unable to put on its usual array of events this year and was subsequently forced to close its doors for several months. With the invaluable help of business leaders, community members, volunteers and its Board of Directors, the Chamber re-opened its doors on October 29.

At present, the Chamber of Commerce is in a process of re-organization. Upon re-opening, The Board of Directors hired Ethan Schoonmaker as its new Executive Director. A revived and rejuvenated Board of Directors was established in the final months of 2020 and our monthly Board meetings will resume in January 2021.

The primary efforts of our Board of Directors in 2021 will focus on creating an attractive benefits package for our members as we aim to create a larger, more inclusive membership base that represents the wide majority of businesses in the Valley. We will also focus on continuing to grow our internal marketing and communication efforts, offer business development and training opportunities, and putting on events that will benefit the large majority of our members and the Deerfield Valley.

The Chamber has begun the exciting process of re-building our website, www.visitvermont.com. The new website will represent the Deerfield Valley in the best and most professional light possible. It will also support our members and residents while encouraging visitors to the Valley. Continued collaboration with the Bi-Town Marketing Committee, Wilmington Works, the Dover and Wilmington economic departments and other organizations will help us to accomplish this initiative.

The future is bright and we enter 2021 with renewed energy and enthusiasm in serving our members, supporting the business community, enhancing tourism, and brightening the quality of life in any way we can for the Deerfield Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Schoonmaker
Executive Director, Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/membersguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's Deerfield Valley Campus continues its commitment to serving the health care needs of residents and visitors to our community. As members of the Regional Advisory Board to Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), we are proud to serve as ambassadors to the health system for our community and to share this annual report with you.

SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus expansion and renovation project is complete, and the practice has been operating in the new space over the past year. The 6,000+ sq. ft. facility includes eight exam rooms (two bariatric rooms); a procedure room; consultation room for diabetes education, mental health counseling and nutrition counseling; a multi-purpose conference room; imaging and lab spaces; and a space designed specifically for physical therapy.

The benefits of SVHC's connection with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) continue to be instrumental in retaining outstanding personnel, including our two-family practice physicians, Dr. Peter Park and Dr. Dagmar Tobits, and Emma Boisvert, NP.

Our local medical campus is recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home that provides personal, effective, and efficient primary care. Our physicians, along with a highly skilled clinical and support staff, provide adults and children in our community with vital medical services. The community health team includes a diabetes educator, a registered dietician, a mental health and substance abuse counselor, and a nurse case manager. The SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus also provides laboratory and onsite imaging services, same-day care to the area (usually within 24-hours of a call to the office), and wellness programs such as smoking cessation.

During SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus's 2019-2020 operating year, there was an overall decrease in patients treated due to COVID-19. Patients were treated in person, as well as by telemedicine and telephone. The utilization of technology during the pandemic ensured safe and timely care. Overall, the practice:

- Treated 867 residents of Wilmington, recording 3,728 patient visits. The total number of all patient visits to the Deerfield Valley Campus this year is 12,009.
- Administered 799 flu shots. The Deerfield Valley Campus participates in a nationwide reporting program with the Centers for Disease Control for all influenza-type symptoms and illness.
- Provided additional support for the tourism base in Deerfield Valley through Mountain Medical Services (MMS), a walk-in care facility owned and operated by SVMC. Located at the base of Mount Snow on the Grand Summit Hotel access road, MMS treated 887 patients between November 2019 and March 2020.

The SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus is part of SVHC, a non-profit, integrated health system. The SVHC family includes: Southwestern Vermont Medical Center; The Centers for Living and Rehabilitation in Bennington; the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hoosick Falls, NY; the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center, and medical campuses in Manchester, Wilmington, and Pownal, VT and in Hoosick Falls, NY. Regional Advisory Boards representing the Northshire, the Deerfield Valley, the northern Berkshire area of Massachusetts, and the Hoosick area of New York are in place to assist in community outreach efforts.

Respectfully submitted by the Deerfield Valley Regional Advisory Board,

Crista Gannon, Chair & SVHC Foundation Board
Chad Bullock
Marv Neuman
Kristen Wallace
Mark Williams

Elizabeth Acquaviva, DVHC Director, MMS Director
Charles La Fiura, SVHC Foundation Board
Arlene Palmiter, SVHC Foundation Board
Mark Wallace

Historical Society of Wilmington

The Historical Society of Wilmington, is a duly organized nonprofit entity, dedicated to collecting, preserving, teaching, and displaying the history of Wilmington. The society is an independent group of volunteers that is funded by donations, memberships, and fundraisers.

The abrupt halt due to COVID-19 changed so many plans for the year 2020, with many of the planned events in the valley, statewide, and nationally being put on hold or canceled. Our museum was no exception, we were not open on Saturdays during the summer months as in previous years. Projects were worked on by individuals but for the most part the society was idle.

Presentations were canceled and very few meetings were held. The Annual Meeting was held in August with the election of officers but no potluck. Thank you to Mary Towne for her years as our treasurer and welcome to Laurie Boyd for taking on the position of treasurer. Also thank you to Paul Crosier for his years as trustee and welcome to Priscilla Lackey for joining the officers as a new trustee.

Even though we were not up and running, the monthly expenses continued to add up. Without the continued support of members, active or non-active, sending in their membership dues along with donations we would have had a much harder year. The society was also the recipient of the Shaws' "Give Back Where it Counts" program again this year. Thank you also goes to the donors who have signed up through the "AmazonSmile Foundation" who in turn donates part of all purchases to the society. If you have not already signed up and need help setting it up please contact the society.

Our greatest fundraiser this year was the release of the newly published book Images of America: Wilmington. Profits from the purchase of books made directly through the society stay with the society. If you have not already purchased a copy, please consider purchasing directly from the society to help fund the preservation of Wilmington history for future generations. Visit our website listed below for further information on how to purchase a book or call (802) 464-3004.

Even though 2020 seemed to be a bleak year we still received some fascinating artifacts. To mention a few: a large collection of artifacts pertaining to Parmelee & Howe along with the Howe family, photos relating to Wilmington, and items connected to the Congregational Church from the family of Lensey "Buzz" Cole.

On another positive note the museum exterior was painted in time for Old Home Week, although unfortunately OHW did not happen in 2020. Thank you to the donors who made this project feasible, the museum looks wonderful and we have had lots of comments about how nice it looks.

As far as monthly meetings and presentations for 2021 we will see how the pandemic treats us and whether people are feeling comfortable to travel. Old Home Week has been rescheduled to August 5th ~ 8th, the society will be open for visitors following the guidelines from the CDC. This may mean smaller gatherings, with social distancing outside. Information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

I would like to take this time to thank our dedicated officers and trustees, for their continued support and help with preserving Wilmington history. We look forward to once again being able to have the museum open for returning alumni and visitors during the summer months. Stay safe, and be well - thank you!

Please visit our website <http://www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.com> for the latest update on events at the society.

Julie Moore, President

William (Bill) Adams, Trustee

Sally Gore, Vice President

Donna Lackey, Trustee

Sharon Adams, Secretary

Priscilla Lackey, Trustee

Laurie Boyd, Treasurer

Vi Rafus, Trustee

Larry Chase, House Committee Chairman

Harriet Maynard, Curator

Respectfully submitted, Julie Moore, President

Economic Development

2020 will be a year in history books and unforgettable for us all. Many of our businesses, still recovering from debt of Tropical Storm Irene, have been challenged this year. I am so proud of our business community on how they rallied to figure out online sales, setting up for take-out orders, helping their neighboring businesses with technology issues, and the list goes on. Surprisingly, some businesses such as realtors and home improvement stores thrived. Below is some statistics according to the Vermont Department of Taxes:

- Retail Sales in the first quarter of 2020 saw a slight decrease from 2019, but clearly made up for in the second quarter with a 12.6% increase from 2019. July and August numbers proved a 59% increase from sales in 2019.
- Meals and alcohol tax were on target in the first quarter comparatively to last year than in the second quarter took a 46.7% decrease however, found improvement in the numbers for July and August with only a 16.5% decrease from 2019.
- Our lodging industry was hit significantly and will have a hard time coming back. (VT Dept. of Taxes numbers were not available at the time of publishing).
- 114 Residential properties sold with the average sale being \$411,404 between Jan 1st - Dec.10th in Wilmington. For the whole year in 2019 76 residential properties were sold with the average sale being \$250,876.

In April the Select Board approved the implementation of a Disaster Resiliency Revolving Loan Fund for Wilmington businesses. The Select Board expended loans in the total amount of \$120,800. These loans helped businesses until disaster federal loans were available.

The Deerfield Valley Resiliency Team was born out of collaboration work with the Town of Dover, Wilmington Works, and the Southern Vermont Chamber of Commerce. The Team contacted all businesses in both towns by phone and helped them to use available resources. We requested funding from both towns for professionals to present webinars with topics on website development, e-commerce, marketing, customer service during COVID-19, strategies for resiliency for sector specific businesses. These webinars were well attended with our largest attendance being 28; we got great feedback from businesses.

Partnering with the Wilmington Works Economic Development Committee we developed a Welcome Wagon. Using the Property Transfer information, we sent over 100 postcards to primary and secondary new homeowners. The postcard directs them to our new Welcome to Wilmington Page for e-newsletter sign-ups and valuable information for a new homeowner in Wilmington. Virtual Happy Hours have been organized and planned once per month for the newcomers to our community. If you are interested in attending please visit <https://www.wilmingtonworksvt.com/new-residents>. The Welcome Wagon Project will continue in 2021.

Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation is a tremendous help in coordinating weekly to monthly Zoom meetings, known as the Windham Economic Resiliency Team Meetings, these meetings also include our state delegation and Agency of Commerce and Community Development. They also held business assistance webinars and managed multiple grants. Windham Regional Commission continues to be a great resource to our town.

Priority Projects set by the Select Board in April of 2018

- A feasibility study for the Water and Wastewater Expansion on Route 9 East was completed. This project has great potential for redevelopment of multiple commercial properties. We leveraged state financial resources for the study and will leverage grant funding for the implementation.
- One of the East Main Street wastewater private lines will be upgraded during the construction of the sidewalk next summer.
- Currently serve as the Wilmington Alternate and on the Finance Committee of the Deerfield Valley Communication District. The work plan is to bring fiber to the home. Please find updates and minutes on the website: <https://dvfiber.net/>
- Sidewalks- Construction for the East Main Street north side project will be this summer. Grant funding has been secured for both sides of North Main Street; most likely construction will take place in the summer of 2022. These sidewalk projects are funded through large grants and matching funds come from the 1% Local Option Tax Fund.

My role is to promote economic and community development by assessing, advising, recommending, and implementing short and long-term strategies as well as, proactively pursue a broad range of initiatives and opportunities for Wilmington. If you are interested in starting a business; I have many resources to help you and I am also interested in your ideas regarding Wilmington's economy and development. Please feel free to contact me.

Submitted by

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SASH

Shires Housing is a nonprofit housing organization serving housing needs in Bennington County. We are the DRHO – Designated Regional Housing Organization that manages the Deerfield and Butterfield SASH panels. SASH coordinates the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home.

SASH provides wellness visits and/or calls upon request, for those residents that may not want to participate in SASH, but would benefit from an occasional call or visit. The Shires Housing SASH have collaborated with the VT Foodbank for a monthly drop location here in the valley for the past 6 years. We have recruited 5 volunteer drivers, who currently box up and deliver donated food items to over 40 community members who cannot get to the drop site to pick up for themselves.

This year we contacted the local police departments and assisted with regular contact with those most at risk. We have also collaborated with Wilmington Works for the VT Everyone Eats program. This program is to help our restaurant during the pandemic as well as help feed Vermonters. We are collaborating to distribute 780 meals a week throughout the valley, including those identified by the schools, the police and the health center. Shires Housing SASH also set up a Temporary Food Shelf in Dover for anyone in the valley from the end of March until the end of July. The temporary food shelf was opened weekly except for the week that the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry was opened. We set up many deliveries from this food shelf for those who could not get to it. Although we had set weekly hours, we opened up for appointments to meet anyone that contacted us outside of those hours. We assisted the Food for Kids program by ordering food at our cost, many weeks for free. We have also partnered with the VT Foodbank to bring Veggie Van Go to the valley. Monthly the truck sets up at Twin Valley High School to bring fresh fruit and produce to the residents of Deerfield Valley. This program is open to all towns in the valley. We held a Drive Through Health & Wellness Fair and had our October VT Foodbank drop at the Wilmington Flea Market. The space was generously donated to us from the Wilmington Antique & Flea Market. These are just a few benefits for the towns of the valley and their residents. This year, more than any year since 2014, when Shires Housing SASH came to the valley, we have been out in your community helping those in need as well as our SASH participants. With the pandemic happening, many are feeling socially isolated and we are trying to help combat that.

Green Up

Vermont Green Up Day 2020 was held on May 30. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it had a different look. Instead of the tradition of occurring on the first Saturday in May, it was postponed to the last Saturday.

In Wilmington, despite the pandemic, the day devoted to picking up roadside litter was still a success. We had contact-free bag distribution, social distancing was in place, and face masks and hand sanitizer were prevalent. Fifty-one people volunteered to help, filling over 100 Green Up bags as they covered nearly all of our town roads. Road Commissioner Sheldon Brassor reported that this amounted to nine yards of trash and that 11 tires were also collected.

As always, our local Green Up Day depended on teamwork. In addition to our hard-working volunteers, we had the assistance of town office employees and the highway department. There are also those who pick up litter all year along the roads where they live and along the town trails who make a significant difference. We need and appreciate each of you doing your part.

2020 was the 50th anniversary of Green Up in Vermont, an effort guided each year by greenupvermont.org. Since 1970, Green Up has played a major role in maintaining the natural beauty of our state and town.

Because we were more focused on health and safety this year, we couldn't have our usual lunch celebration. We hope the future will eventually allow us to gather again. In the meantime, we hope everyone will increase their efforts to prevent roadside litter. Please stay in touch. Feedback and reports of problem areas with excess litter are appreciated. Questions, suggestions and new volunteers are always welcome.

Thank you, one and all!

Sincerely,

Kathy Larsen (kdlarsen1948@gmail.com) and Rebecca Sweeney
Wilmington Green Up co-coordinators



Despite a promising start to the year, 2020 progressed differently than expected. Our normally packed summer schedule was replaced with socially distant programs on the library lawn. We missed helping to host Village Strolls and participating in the Blueberry Block Party. We missed our big Summer Reading Program kickoff at the school. But, most of all, we missed seeing all of our library patrons and friends over the course of the year. Your smiling faces are the reason we love to serve this community. We look forward to seeing them all again!

In March, the decision was made to close the library for in-person browsing. After a short hiatus, we reopened for curbside pickup service. Patrons were invited to reserve materials, which were then available for pickup. On June 20th, we reopened our doors with a slightly new look inside. During our closure, we took the opportunity to have work done inside the library. The first stage of our renovation project began with the removal of a partial wall and the reopening of a window that had been plastered over during a previous renovation. These changes opened up the space inside the library and created a grand entrance into a light, airy room. Another portion of this project was the restoration of the historic windows original to the building. Partially funded by a Historic Preservation grant through the State of Vermont, this rehabilitation made the library windows more energy efficient and safer to use. A full renovation of the elevator is scheduled to begin shortly. This will ensure that the library's elevator is always functional and the library will always be accessible to all of our community members.

The next step in the library renovation project is nearing. We have spent a busy year fundraising and applying for grants to help make this possible. During the second stage of the library renovation, the main stack room will receive a makeover to create a multipurpose room for both material browsing and for programming. We will also create a dedicated space for teens in our new Young Adult area. To help us with this renovation, please visit www.petteelibrary.org/ and click on the donate button.

Another grant that the library received has extended the reach of the fiber optic Wi-Fi the library provides. People with mobile devices can access the Wi-Fi for up to 400 feet from the library. This service is available 24 hours a day and is free for all to use.

Please join us for one of our library programs via Zoom. We are currently offering a weekly Craft Group, and monthly Book Club and Poetry Party. Check our website for more information. Our website also features information on how to access our many online services, such as e-books, reader's advisory services, and free continuing education classes.

We invite you to visit the library, or request materials for curbside pickup by calling, emailing, or reserving through our online catalog. You may also request materials to be delivered to your home.

We look forward to seeing you all again. We wish you and your families a safe and wonderful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Maynard,
Library Director

On behalf of the library staff: Jennifer Razee, *Assistant Librarian*; Angela Yakovleff, *Youth Librarian*; Linda Green, *Circulation Clerk*
On behalf of the Board of Trustees: Carolyn Palmer, *Chair*; Louis Clark, *Treasurer*; Marie Paige, *Secretary*; Jason Staloff and Shelly Suponski

Wilmington Works

As the designated downtown organization for the Town of Wilmington, Wilmington Works was hard at work throughout the past year in support of our mission “To build, improve, and support a vital downtown that benefits the entire Wilmington community.”

This year gave us many new challenges to meet! As businesses had to close their doors in the spring due to Covid-19 restrictions, we formed a ‘Deerfield Valley Resilience Team’ with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Departments of Wilmington and Dover. Wilmington Works sent out regular business information updates and provided technical assistance to businesses in accessing grant programs. We also planned webinars to help businesses chart a path to re-opening in a pandemic. Many Wilmington downtown businesses have referred to this work as a ‘lifeline’ that helped them survive, and even thrive, over the summer reopening.

While we missed popular community events like the Block Party this summer, we found new ways to do events, including a Valley Wide ‘Shop Local’ campaign this summer that let people know businesses were open. With support from the Towns of Wilmington and Dover, the help of local businesses, and volunteers staffing the Chamber Visitors’ Center, the event drove over \$86,000 of sales to independent small businesses. The event had another successful re-run for the Christmas season.

We also created an ‘Art and Landscape’ tour that showcased our beautiful region, as well as the work of local painters who have their work for sale in our downtown. This self-guided tour provided glimpses of some of the best views around Wilmington. If you missed it, there will be another chance, as we plan to put it up again for 6 weeks early in the summer of 2021.

From October-December, we partnered with Shires Housing and their SASH Coordinators, as well as other community volunteers, to coordinate a local branch of Vermont “Everyone Eats!”. This program, piloted in Brattleboro, paid local restaurants to prepare meals which were delivered to community members in need (with an emphasis on seniors and families). Making the meals gave much joy (as well as needed income) to area restaurants, and the meals provided a source of comfort and nutrition to the recipients.

This winter we also received a grant from AARP to create a space for community recreation on the Old School Playing fields. This winter getting outside has been more essential than ever, and we hope the project will provide ideas for years to come so we can continue to gather outdoors in the village and enjoy the winter.

Meanwhile, work continues on the Beaver Street Art Project, a Vermont Arts Council sponsored initiative to incorporate art into our built environment. In Spring 2020, the community chose metal workers Payne and Elise Junker, of Chester, to complete the project. Over the summer and fall we worked with an engineer and the artists on a final design which we look forward to beginning to install in the coming year, with community support.

You can learn more about Wilmington Works at www.wilmingtonworksvt.com, where you can also sign up to receive our newsletter, or follow our Facebook Page for frequent updates on community events and progress downtown.

In closing, we would like to thank the Town and the many people whose generous financial and volunteer support has played a key role in our ongoing success. In a year of uncertainty and upheaval, the benefits of being able to rely on each other as neighbors has been more important than ever. We have had so many opportunities this year to be grateful for our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Maynard & Diane Chapman, Co-Chairs

Windham Solid Waste Management

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 with eight member towns. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, which closed in 1995. A regional material recycling facility (MRF) was constructed adjacent to the closed landfill, and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. The recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to all of its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD, and the towns assumed responsibility for complying with state recycling mandates. The roll-off containers are currently on loan to member towns at no charge. Besides the WSWMD transfer station, there are 7 towns that operate their own transfer station, three towns that provide residential curbside trash and recycling, three towns with 24-7 recycling drop-off areas, and five towns with no municipal trash or recycling services.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2020 with a budget surplus of \$52,596, with total revenues of \$1,125,679 offsetting total expenses of \$1,025,025.

Transfer Station: The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides “essential services,” and has continued full-scale operation. A comparison of the six-months from January - June in 2019 versus 2020 documented \$49,000 more revenue in 2020.

The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation. The transfer station is a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$40/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$155/ton.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District’s recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are kept local are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 7th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps processed at the site in 2020 approached 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. The District is evaluating options to process additional quantities of organics. About 50% of the food waste is from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of “Brattlegrow” compost in 2020 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): Household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements, are mandated by State Law and contained in the District’s SWIP. Membership in WSWMD makes towns compliant with state recycling mandates. On behalf of member towns, WSWMD submitted an amended SWIP this fall, and once approved by VT Agency of Natural Resources, it will be valid for 5 years.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Due to the pandemic, WSWMD held just two household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in Brattleboro and in Wilmington on October 24th, with 230 households from 17 District towns participating.

New HHW Depot: Due to the high costs of HHW event collections, WSWMD applied for a state grant to construct a permanent HHW collection facility at Old Ferry Road, and following approval of a state permit, it will open in Spring of 2021 for certain hours each week to serve all District residents. Small businesses will also be able to use the site by appointment.

Backyard Composting Demonstration Area: A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating five different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District held an open house in October and will be offering workshops starting in the spring of 2021. The facility will be available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Vernon this fall.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

Special Event “Zero Waste” Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events “Zero Waste.”

Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been a success this year. With the new Carona Virus restrictions, we have been servicing our Seniors with curb side pick-up since March. This program services the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and Dover. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Jacksonville site on Tuesday’s and Thursdays for a suggested donation of \$4 for each nutritional meal. We provide approximately 45 meals on Tuesday and Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 175 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 4 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, and 6 regular volunteer drives that deliver Meals on Wheels.

We are asking the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$29,000 in State Aide, Seniors individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$30,000 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies.

Terrie Dumaine, Senior Meal Coordinator

Old Home Week

August 5-8, 2021

wilmingtonohw2020.com on Facebook: Wilmington Old Home Week

Not very many traditions last 130 years but in a few months, Wilmington will hopefully celebrate Old Home Week, a celebration that started in 1890 and has been held every ten years since - Except for this one which will be 11 years.

At our May, 2020 meeting the Committee voted to postpone the celebrations until August 5 - 8, 2021. As one member of the community said, "How can you have Old Home Week if you can't hug someone?"

Old Home Week is a special time for those who grew up here. It's a time to connect with family and friends and celebrate our history. For those who have moved here long ago or even recently and for those who have a second home here it is a time to become more familiar with Wilmington and its residents, past and present. It is scheduled to take place the second week of the Blueberry Festival so there will be something for everyone. Friday's main event will be the Village Night/Block Party. Saturday will feature a huge parade down West Main Street, a town photo, a fire department muster and activities on the Old School field, a house tour and a chicken barbecue. Other events throughout the weekend will be the Memory and Welcome to Wilmington Wall, historical displays, Largest Tree Contest, plenty of family and classes reunions and more.

The Committee started meeting in the fall of 2018 but was able to take a few months off as much of the groundwork has been done. In the first half of 2021 we will be up and running again to make it a wonderful event. It's a tremendous job to put on this event and there are many ways to help. Please consider volunteering. We have people who have stepped forward to head up events but we will need help for a few hours either before or during the Celebration. We are looking for individuals, families or businesses to sponsor events or bands. Purchasing memorabilia is a wonderful way to have a keepsake and help defray expenses. Or, enter a float into the parade! It's always more fun to be involved and not just stay on the sidelines.

Check out our website wilmingtonohw2020.com or our Facebook page Wilmington Old Home Week 2020. You can keep up-to-date on the calendar of events, volunteering opportunities or download an order form for the memorabilia. Also, we have set aside times on the schedule for reunions so they won't conflict with other events. If you are planning a reunion please let us know so we can add it to our schedule. If you would like to be added to our mailing list - either USPS or email - please let us know through the web site or by telling one of the Committee members.

We would like to thank Denise Childs Bartlett, Mary Towne and Carol Bogard for their time on the Committee Their dedication and energy will be missed. Both Mary and Carol also served on the OWH Committee 2010 and served as Treasurer and Secretary for us this time. We welcomed Mary Genella who also took over as Treasurer and Scott Olmstead as they joined in the second half of 2020.

It is our hope that we will be able to gather and celebrate in August and we hope to see you then.

Committee Members: Nicki Steel - Chair; DJ Boyd - Vice-Chair; Carol Bogard - Secretary; Mary Genella - Treasurer; Members-at-Large - Deb Boyd, Stacie Brooks, Scott Olmstead, Julie Moore, Carl Swanson

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 26th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following programming and activities in our schools and communities:

Community Activities:

**Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.

**Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), substance free community events.

**Social Norms Campaigns:* ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds– prescription drug misuse prevention campaign, Do Your Part statewide campaign.

**Trainings:* Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors and False ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers.

**Community Events:* Choose sNOW (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes). Note: annual events such as Blueberry Family Night, Parents Night Out, February Fun Event, Halloween Event were cancelled due to COVID-19.

**Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol to minors.

**Monthly Community Meetings on Addiction/Recovery:* Facilitated the start of the Opioid Task Force that evolved into the Voices of Hope Group and now participating as a partner. Work includes education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; information regarding addiction and opioids; support for those suffering from substance use disorder and their families, support for those in recovery, and access to resources.

School Activities:

**School Policy Work:* School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy.

**Youth Empowerment Programming:* High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), and middle school prevention group (Above the Influence).

**Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.

**Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.

**Smoking/Vaping Cessation:* Virtual program to support students to quit vaping or smoking.

**School Presentations/Speakers:* Virtual presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.

**School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

COVID-19 Response:

**Outreach to Families and Youth:* Connection and positive engagement including: sharing information on local resources; gathering and sharing information on healthy, fun family activities; sending information through school food delivery program; sending yoyos home with food delivery with a positive message: "Life is full of ups & downs. The trick is to enjoy the ups and have courage during the downs".

** Hello Campaign:* Hello signs to let folks know we are thinking of them.

**Community Service:* Mask making to distribute to the community and raising funds for the food pantry.

Most initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for our direct programming with youth and parents.

Prior to COVID-19, DVCP held meetings once a month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings included dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. We hope to start up meetings again soon! The office is located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

For more information: check our website at www.DVCP.org or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator



Wings' Vision Statement: Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

Wings' Mission Statement: Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 this year, Wings Community Programs had another successful year serving the youth within our communities. The Wings staff at both TVES and TVMHS, including site coordinators Shelley Park, Sage Myska, and Shannon Binford, as well as our dedicated and talented program leaders, have been remarkably flexible, adaptable, innovative and

creative. Wings was able to continue providing programming including virtual and remote, academic, enrichment, physical activity, &

wellness opportunities to the youth in our communities. Wings has found creative ways to engage all of our families through a wide variety of programming and outreach efforts.

In addition, we are incredibly grateful to Sage Myska for her three years of service as site coordinator at TVES. Sage always found unique ways to challenge students while keeping safety and student interest as a primary focus. Upon Sage's resignation this summer,

Shannon Binford joined the TVES Wings staff as site coordinator. Shannon and Shelley have worked hard to transition Wings back to

in-person programming this fall by offering new and engaging outdoor-based programs for the students.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 19-20 school year, students at TVES and TVMHS engaged in a wide variety of exciting, high-quality programs, such as maskmaking with special effects artist Adam Morrow, student-led Dungeons & Dragons, claymation, guitar lessons, robotics, Taekwondo, and so much more!
 - TVMHS' ten Jr. Iron Chef teams featured their mouth-watering, delectable dishes at the local Jr. Iron Chef competition in February 2020. Wings recognizes and appreciates Lonny Paige's dedication to the Jr. Iron Chef program- for initiating and growing this program, organizing the teams and local competition, and above all, providing this opportunity for the middle and high school students across our communities. Wings is also grateful for all our local coaches who mentor, teach, and guide our Jr. Iron Cheffers.
 - This spring, Jen Nilsen and Shelley Park recognized and celebrated the graduating seniors through "Project Warm and Fuzzy." They collected 240 letters from family members, friends, teachers, staff, and coaches to give to each of the graduating seniors!
 - During this spring's remote learning period, Wings reached out to families and youth across Whitingham and Wilmington by sending out birthday cards to students that were not able to celebrate their birthdays at school with friends; posting a "Hello" sign
- in each town and giving out free ice cream to youth who posed for a "hello" picture; as well as, sending out enrichment and creativity packs loaded with supplies for summer learning and recreation!
- This spring and summer, Twin Valley students had a blast traveling the world, dancing, juggling, acting, building with legos, video editing, writing & blogging creatively, building fairy houses, becoming trained babysitters through the Red Cross, and practicing leadership skills through our Virtual Student Leadership Team during our April Blast and Celebrate Summer virtual camps.
 - Thanks to Shelley Park, the Wings & DVCP Hike 100 Community Challenge was a tremendous success with over 200 participants. This program encouraged youth, families, and community members to get outside to explore, enjoy, and hike all summer long!

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, teachers, building support staff, and

the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own

talents and passions with the children of Whitingham and Wilmington.

TVES Site Coordinator - Shannon Binford TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shelley Park

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Stewart & Katie Boyd, Project Co-Directors



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively with them to address regional issues. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission is a political subdivision of the state composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. After Town Meeting each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for one-year terms. Wilmington is currently represented by Michael Tuller and Ann Manwaring. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests within a regional context before the Commission, brings information back and forth between the Commission and their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to open meeting law.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including developing and implementing town plans and bylaws; community and economic development planning and implementation; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; enhanced town energy planning enabled by Act 174; transportation, including traffic counts (vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure as a result of flooding to the state; redevelopment of "Brownfields" (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects applying for permits through state Act 250 (land use) and Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications) and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by the WRC.

We help towns, both individually and collectively, make the most of the financial and human resources they have, assisting with projects in and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on projects that are beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns may choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state programs (Designated Downtowns and Village Centers) and municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

In 2020 we were able to continue to function with minimal disruption, and transition to remote operations, to serve the towns and people of the Windham Region. As the realities of the pandemic became evident, we organized training for towns on continuity of operations planning. We worked with the legislature, state agencies, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to make changes to statute to enable towns to continue with their operations while still conducting business in a publicly transparent manner. We arranged for a regular conference call for town emergency management directors and Selectboard chairs with local Vermont Emergency Management, Department of Health, and Agency of Human Services staff. Our website hosts a comprehensive COVID-19 resource guide for individuals, which was developed and maintained by local service organizations and other volunteers. Municipal applications to the Local Government Expense Reimbursement program were and continue to be supported by the WRC. Performance of our normal responsibilities and projects never ceased. Among these was the development of a regional broadband feasibility study and subsequent business plan to provide broadband internet access to the unserved and underserved in the region. The Deerfield Valley Communications Union District organized itself to implement this plan. We are here to support the towns of the region to meet the needs of their residents, conduct their business, and engage in looking forward through and beyond the pandemic.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up approximately 5 percent of our total budget for FY 2021, and is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Each town's individual assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve all towns. The town's assessment for this year is \$4,367.05. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2021, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us." heading "About Us."

Old School Enrichment Council

It has been a busy year for the Old School Enrichment Council (better known as OSEC). We are an eight-member, volunteer board committed to creating a much-needed community center in the Deerfield Valley. We have accomplished a lot in the last three years since we have purchased the building, and in spite of the pandemic, we continue to move forward.

Prior to the pandemic, our gym and meeting room were bustling with activity. Pickleball, volleyball, Valley Youth Sports, Cub Scouts and the Wilmington Firefighter's training all took place in our gym. Many of these activities have been temporarily suspended as of this writing in November, with a surge of Covid cases causing people to stay home and stay safe. We have installed an air filtration system in the gym for when we are able to reopen. The meeting room has been used for Pettee Memorial Library's various groups – story hour, book club, crafting group and support group. The Old Home Week Committee, Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Wilmington Works and our board also utilized the meeting room before we were forced to go to Zoom meetings. We have eleven full time tenants in the building and that number has grown steadily. This includes Windham Southwest Supervisory Union, Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Wings, Cronin Company, White Fiber, Butter Mountain Bakery, Valley Fitness, TaeKwonDo, Suzuki Violin, 802 Fitness and, most recently, artist Barbara Bragg.

Our focus in renovations this year has been the cafeteria, thanks in part to the generosity of the Mark Dooley Foundation who donated \$10,000 towards this renovation. They use the cafeteria annually when they have the Mark Dooley road race. We are looking forward to the completion of this project.

There is much more to be done to the building. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 and we are continually applying for various grants to help us with renovations. We also fundraise whenever we can. Most recently, we had a very successful "Toast of the Valley" fundraiser. When it was determined last summer that the Boyd Farm to Table dinner had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, wineglasses were sold so people could toast the valley on the night the dinner would have been held. We raised over \$15,000 to put towards our renovations and repairs. We are also still selling bricks! Our walkway is complete but Phase II of the bricks will be the installation of bricks on a wall. Information on this fundraiser can be found on both our Facebook page and webpage.

We are excited and enthused to see our vision come to fruition and we are looking forward to having this pandemic behind us so the building will once again be bustling with happy activities. We would like to thank everyone who has given us support in so many ways, be it financial or in volunteer hours. This is your community center and we look forward to seeing it grow and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Goldfarb, Chair
Cindy Hayford
T. J. Sibilica

Meg Streeeter, Vice Chair
Janet Boyd
Janet Sherman

Cammie Swanson, Treasurer

Diane Chapman, Secretary



Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 with the merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter (having been in existence for 27 and 36 years respectively). Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities in the greater Brattleboro area. The following are our direct service programs:

FOODWORKS

Foodworks—Open Monday-Friday from 9am – 4pm for curbside pickup by appointment or to schedule a delivery, our food shelf program serves roughly 1000 individuals per month, and over 1900 households per year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Foodworks has been distributing twice as much food to our neighbors in need—offering a thoughtfully packed box of food every two-weeks.

HOUSINGWORKS

Groundworks Shelter—Our year-round 30-bed shelter for families and individuals offers an extended stay and provides all residents with intensive case management. The Shelter operates at capacity throughout the year and maintains a waiting list for entry.

Seasonal Overflow Shelter—Typically open from November – April, the SOS provides a warm place to sleep and a hot meal each night for those with nowhere else to go. Groundworks is currently building a new and permanent location for this shelter, which will continue to operate seasonally until funding becomes available to operate year-round.

Day Shelter—Groundworks' new building on South Main Street will be the new home for our community's Day Shelter, which provides a safe place where our neighbors experiencing homelessness can come in out of the weather and access services such as email, telephones, laundry, showers, coffee and snacks, lockers, and a kitchen to prepare a meal. The new building will allow adequate space to seat as many as 60 people at a time, in keeping with typical usage of the Day Shelter.

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management—Our team of supportive service case managers work with people who are currently and were formerly experiencing homelessness to help find and/or maintain stable housing. Our case management model includes weekly home visits (once housed) to ensure that clients are setting and meeting goals to address the challenges that led to homelessness. Additional site-specific case management services are available 40 hours per week to residents of Great River Terrace, the permanent supportive housing community on Putney Road in Brattleboro and will soon be available to residents of the Chalet (formerly Dalem's Chalet) in West Brattleboro under the same model.

Representative Payee Service—Groundworks' Rep Payee provides financial management by serving as an intermediary between those receiving Social Security disability payments and their benefits. The program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to clients, which keeps participants in good financial standing, thereby preventing future threat of homelessness.

HEALTHWORKS

Groundworks clients have direct access to a number of services available through our embedded provider partnerships, including:

- a full-time **Brattleboro Retreat Licensed Mental Health Clinician**, who works on-site at all of our locations, providing psychotherapy and critical early substance use recovery supports;
- a **Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor from HCRS** supports clients with on-site meetings; and
- the Vulnerable Populations Care Coordinator is an **RN from Brattleboro Memorial Hospital** who provides Groundworks clients with health screenings, wound care, and connection to primary care physicians, thereby reducing emergency room visits.

SeVEDS

SeVEDS, founded in 2007 as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), takes a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. Improving wages, attracting and keeping people in the region, and fostering a healthy regional jobs base are critical and beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together to build a vibrant regional economy. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.** We use municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To **fund implementation** of programs & projects.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners - last year we helped bring another \$2.7 Million directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits (not including COVID relief).
3. As **seed funding** to leverage bringing more money into the region (in FY20 we administered \$635,699 of federal and state funding for BDCC & SeVEDS programs and projects)

Our work is guided by the 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** The CEDS, available online at www.seveds.com, is developed by the regions people and businesses.

Background & Request

SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve at a rate of \$3.00 per person. In 2020, sixteen communities funded SeVEDS - 82% of Windham residents. **We've asked the Town of Wilmington to support SeVEDS at \$5,628.00 (based on a population of 1,876).**

2020 Pandemic Response

SeVEDS history includes leading regional economic development, and recovery, with strategy and insight. We took a leading role on charting the path for economic response and recovery for both Tropical Storm Irene and the closure of the VY Nuclear Plant. During the pandemic, BDCC adapted our regular programming to the current conditions, and to emerging needs. In March, we shift staff from full-time CEDS driven program work into the COVID-19 Impact team which provided support directly to regional establishments and entrepreneurs. We remain focused on ensuring pandemic relief for small businesses and non-profits is understood and accessed locally.

- **29** Wilmington businesses received liaison support from BDCC to help apply for federal and state relief.
- **1** Wilmington based business are part of the Restart Vermont Technical Assistance Program through BDCC (up to \$4,000 per business).
- **49** Wilmington businesses received \$1,611,873.21 in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans <\$150k. They employ 264 people. 3 additional firms received larger PPP loan between \$150,000 - \$300,000. These larger firms employ 53 people.
- As of October, the Windham region had received state relief the 2nd highest rate in VT. We await detail from the state on allocation by town.
- We helped over 400 businesses with COVID-19 relief, many located elsewhere, but owned by Wilmington residents or employing Wilmington residents.
- We have provided 13 webinars specific to **COVID-19 Business Resiliency**, along with How-to-Zoom webinars, municipal trainings on short- and long-term impacts of COVID-19.
- We convene twice monthly **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to ensure local people can be heard and get answers directly from legislators and state and federal officials.
- We convene twice monthly **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** so local officials have direct access to up-to-date information on economic recovery programs, direct access to their Windham and Federal delegations, and that needs for Windham County's COVID-19 economic recovery consistently heard.

We have asked the Town of Wilmington to include SeVEDS in your 2020 general fund budget. We ask every town in the Windham Region to contribute at the rate of \$3.00 per person. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Wilmington to appropriate \$5,628 (based on a population of 1,876) to support SeVEDS.**

The BDCC & SeVEDS FY20 Annual Report, online at www.brattleborodevelopment.com/bdcc-seveds-annual-reports/, offers detail on programs and projects including two new Hiring Needs Assessment reports highlighting careers for CDL Drivers and in manufacturing, and highlights from the High School Program, the Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3), which is preparing Wilmington students for careers.

Planning Commission Report

We finalized and voted to send to the Select Board clarification of the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to signs in windows of businesses. We are awaiting the Select Board setting a date for their hearing on this change.

We received approval of the Wilmington Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the next five years from FEMA.

We have been working on the Zoning Ordinance in conjunction with the Housing Analysis and Master Plan which was prepared for the Towns of Wilmington and Dover. This work will be continuing into 2021.

We welcome all residents to our meetings and hearings and look forward to your input.

Respectively submitted,
Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair
Tom Consolino
John LeBron
Meg Staloff
Angela Yakovleff

Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Wilmington and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Our mission and vision have guided us through the COVID crisis. All of our programs except group wellness and group dining activities have remained operational subject to reasonable precautions. When recommendations were made that older adults limit their contact with others, we immediately began to recruit volunteers and have been amazed at the outpouring of support. We rapidly built a new cohort of volunteers helping people with groceries, food distributions and other needs. We have been closely collaborating with local community and Mutual Aid groups to help assure needs are being met in local communities.

Most of our services are available to all older adults regardless of income, though we target our resources to those with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. We help them assess needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

The population of older adults is increasing, as are many costs associated with providing services. Unfortunately, our state and federal funding has not kept up. We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. Financial support from the towns we serve is critical.

We work to develop programs to meet evolving interests and needs. This past year our Friendly Visitor and Vet to Vet volunteer visitor programs grew significantly. We offered the HomeMeds program that screens older adults for medication problems such as drug interactions or harmful side effects and our popular aquatics program for arthritis. We train volunteer instructors in Tai Chi for falls prevention and counselors in our PEARLS home-based program for people with mild depression. We provide financial support for training of volunteers interested in teaching classes in their community or starting new evidence-based wellness programs. Wellness programs are available to anyone 60 and over in Wilmington or in our region.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of **Wilmington**.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

Senior Solutions Town Representative

The Advisory Council was established in accordance with the Older Americans Act. It is made up of community representatives and organizations mostly from Windham and Windsor counties. It meets monthly focusing on the Senior Solution Mission – *To promote the well-being and dignity of older adults*. At meetings, members share what is happening in communities for their senior members both positive events as well as any concerns. Speakers may also attend bringing information on different topics and resources which can then be shared in the communities. The Senior Solutions Board members listen to the Advisory Council members to be more aware of what is happening in the communities for older adults. Senior Solutions is a designated Area Agent on Aging and has been serving since 1973.

I am **Geri Kogut, the Town of Wilmington Representative**. I have had the privilege to represent this Town from 2019 taking on the position after our Town Nurse, Jennifer Fitzgerald, requested someone to replace her on the Council. I took the challenge knowing it would be difficult to meet her long-standing role on the Advisory Council with her many town experiences and wonderful ideas she had shared, and which benefitted our senior community members. Since then, I have attended monthly Advisory Council meetings, as well as conferences, webinars, and zoom meetings in order to be aware of best practices that could benefit our older adults, their families, caregivers and this town. A memorable event for me was being involved with a Tri-State, 9-month long grant known as **ECHO: Enhancing the Care and Health of Older Adults Living with Dementia**. Each month 3 selected community members from Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire met by zoom conferencing. Each session began with experts sharing information on a variety of topics such as “Creating Better Pathways of Care.” The second part of the session one anonymous case was presented each month from one of the communities including Wilmington. Attendees from the 9 communities then brainstormed to develop a safe & comprehensive plan of action. I hope to continue that type of community format in the Wilmington area for learning, sharing, brainstorm to fill gaps, address any concerns, prevent issues, ensure best practices as we all work for older adults to be safe, happy, healthy, involved and supported by their communities. I recently became the Chair of the Advisory Council which allows me a seat on the Board of Senior Solutions. My goal is to be informed, aware and involved with the Vision and Mission of Senior Solutions for every older adult and their supports. I also want to ensure people know of the many resources available through Senior Solutions. Any ideas, questions, or concerns, please call me at 802-464-3457.

Sincerely,

Geri Kogut

Representative for the Town of Wilmington

Deerfield Valley Transit Association

We celebrated our 24th anniversary in 2020. We’re so fortunate to have the support of the town of Wilmington, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we’d survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over five million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

As with everyone, the pandemic impacted our lives and services. Ridership was reduced to mostly locals from March-December. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in wearing a mask while on the bus and maintaining social distancing.

The MOOver provides direct service to Wilmington’s secondary students choosing to go to the Career Center, plus afternoon service from TVMS/TVHS to Wilmington. The students are great and we enjoy serving them.

For the past ten years, WWSU has provided \$8,000 in contributions to the MOOver for the services above. Combined with federal and state operating grants, we use this local match to operate these routes and save Wilmington \$48,000 annually.

We also appreciate the support from the Wilmington Select Board, the fire and police departments, the town administrators, and the highway crew who have always been there to help us.

We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support. Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOver!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Schoonmaker



The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team

In February, the Windham Disaster Animal Response Team's (WinDART) board chair Joanne Bourbeau was a featured presenter at a day-long *Emergency Animal Sheltering* workshop in Woodstock, hosted by the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society. Volunteers from across the state assembled for this mandatory training (including WinDART board member Lesley Pollitt). Attendees were trained in best practices for sheltering pets during emergencies using a real-life emergency situation, and broke out into groups to practice protocols for admitting and sheltering pets. Hands-on workshops on dog, cat and rabbit behavior were also popular features.

Thanks to generous donations of disaster supplies from our friends at State Farm, Greater Good Charities, and the Humane Society of the United States, WinDART assembled 200 starter "disaster go-kits" for cats and dogs to be distributed to pet families here in Windham County. The Windham County Humane Society will be providing these supplies to adoptive families, and WinDART also gave the kits away during food pantry events.



WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Newfane, Halifax, Wilmington, Whitingham and Dover, who each appropriated \$250 from their town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities.

In March, WinDART, along with other affiliated disaster animal response teams in Central Vermont, the Upper Valley, and Chittenden County, turned our full attention to helping pet families stay together through the pandemic. Because no one should ever have to choose between feeding themselves, and feeding their pets, WinDART's parent organization, the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) quickly created an Emergency Assistance Fund

and raised over \$10,000 through private donations and grants in order to provide pet food directly to families in need. Our volunteers went door-to-door in some cases, and hand-delivered thousands of pounds of pet food to local human food pantries and animal shelters. We worked in partnership with the Windham County Humane Society to deliver \$500 worth of pet food to the Vermont Food Bank initially, and later distributed another \$3,000 worth of pet food to local food pantries here in Windham County.



Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry continues to provide supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. Every month enthusiastic volunteers serve approximately 100 families, representing around 250-300 people from local towns. Supplying our desired offerings can be challenging, but we continue to provide our customers with at least a week's worth of foods, including non-perishable staples, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution.

Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds generously donated to us. All the behind-the-scenes efforts by the Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers are greatly appreciated. Volunteer staffing is well coordinated and shifts are as short or long as a person can commit to. Any interested volunteers are urged to contact a current Board Member to join.

Although we have had to temporarily suspend donated food collection due to the pandemic, we have received generous monetary donations and grants to help us supplement this loss. In addition, we have lost all three of our major fundraisers this year due to Covid 19. So, no Annual Bike Ride in August, no Holiday Concert at Memorial Hall and no Fill the Bus at Shaw's this year. Fortunately, our Valley neighbors have stepped up their financial contributions and we have received significant grants and donations from charitable foundations, local associations and businesses. Our website and Paypal account have helped to encourage this very welcome generosity!

Our last "normal" distribution took place in February of 2020. Then the pandemic dramatically changed our ways of distribution. A set of procedures was written to address Covid 19 and to prevent infection. No shoppers can enter the building now and instead have bags of food placed directly into their vehicles. Limited numbers of volunteers prepare for distributions in order to comply with social distancing directives. New bags have been purchased and are being used to give out food for sanitary reasons.

Using the additional monetary donations received as a result of the pandemic, we added a second monthly distribution for a few months to share those extra funds. This additional distribution started on May 30 and people were given meats, dairy products and fresh vegetables. As demand waned, we discontinued this extra event, but stand ready to implement it again if needed.

Local volunteers provide food to local needy customers each month. Your monetary support is needed as we continue this valuable service.

Respectfully submitted,
Evon Mack
On behalf of the Board of Directors

Windham County Humane Society

Description of Services:

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of the towns of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of WCHS is to ensure the safety and well-being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

Animal Intake numbers 1,592 animals were served by WCHS

- 785 animals were seen at our Wellness & Spay/Neuter clinics
- 268 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 37 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS
- 12 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 207 animals were brought in as strays
- 283 animals came as transports from regions of the country where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation

Outcomes

- 663 animals were adopted
- 85 animals were reunited with their owner
- 47 animals (6%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 30 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service
- 8 animals died in care
- 16 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 8 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 14 days. Total expenses were \$559,253.

Spay/Neuter

WCHS hosts spay/neuter clinics for income eligible residents of Windham County. A simple application is required. WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who can't afford the fees and provides spay/neuter at no charge for free-roaming, un-owned cats. All animals adopted out from WCHS are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on vaccines and microchipped. **In 2019-20, WCHS spayed/neutered 318 cats, 120 dogs and 7 rabbits owned by Windham County residents as well as un-owned feral cats.**

Pet Care Assistance

This program provides veterinary care at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Clients must apply and provide proof of financial need and of residency in Windham County. In 2019-20, **518 pet owners** received support in the form of vaccinations, surgeries, parasite control, diagnostic tests and pet food.

From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, WCHS served Wilmington residents as follows:

- Spay/neuter provided for 11 cats and 5 dogs, including nails trimmed and ears cleaned
- Distemper vaccines for 3 dogs and 11 cats
- Rabies vaccines for 15 pets
- 4 diagnostic tests
- 6 prescription medications
- 19 parasite control products
- 14 prescription diet foods
- 1 resident used the PCA program for humane euthanasia and cremation of a pet
- 7 cats and 1 dog were surrendered by 5 owners to WCHS
- 15 residents adopted 7 dogs and 8 cats

Town Nurse

Enhancing the Care and Health of Older People Living with Dementia, (ECHO-D for short), is the grant program I received last September, that I continued to convene through June. Three communities in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont met via Zoom following a facilitated format to learn about best practices, then one town/month presented a “case” introducing a challenging situation. The clarifying questions from participants began a rich dialogue to elicit what worked or needed further consideration, followed by a “faculty” critique and recommendations. The faculty education coupled with “dissecting” the case presented was an inclusive process that was practical, useful, insightful and encouraging for all participants. (My fear about using new technology actually helped me feel “ahead of the curve” when the pandemic changed our world!) All the sessions are available to view by applying for a free membership to the Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging (TSLCA) at <http://agefriendly.community>. Geri Kogut, an ECHO-D participant and Wilmington’s representative to the Senior Solutions Advisory Board and I have reached out to Alan Baker to help us refresh and update the Aging in Place website (dvaginginplace.org) by posting opportunities to inform/expand efforts to declare Wilmington a Dementia-Friendly community and so much more!

For two years I attended monthly meetings of the Opioid Prevention Task Force by the Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP). On January 29th a group of interested attendees voted to establish “Voices of Hope” and chose their vision to be a community that fosters connection, acceptance, creativity, recreation, health and safety. Their mission is to inspire hope and actively support people affected by substance use/misuse, to advocate to increase local resources, and raise awareness about substance use/misuse, and the importance of compassion in the Deerfield Valley. If you want to attend our scheduled meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 please contact Jeremy Kirk at PastorJeremykirk@gmail.com or call 802-257-2796 and leave your contact info to be invited to attend on Zoom (Just download the app) or to let him know what you need. Elizabeth McEwen is Wilmington’s representative to the Consortium on Substance Use (COSU) which offers free zoom education to people that live in the Deerfield Valley to learn about becoming a recovery coach, reducing stigma, harm reduction and more. Please contact Elizabeth at ecmcewen@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-275- 2246 for more information.

Making home visits remotely allows me to “see” any Wilmington resident, and I am always accessible by phone at 802-681-8740 to advocate for any caller, assess your situation, make referrals or advise about current resources to address your medical or health challenges. There is no such thing as a silly question. People are experiencing anxiety and depression over social isolation. But I am also finding that learning to zoom is making a difference and helping (as evidenced by our amazing and active Bone Builders groups in the valley), as is phone check-ins with family/friends and neighbors and are offered by SASH, Senior Solutions programs, the Windham County Sherriff’s Office long-time “Are You Okay” program. There is information for more formal help and resources by calling 2-1-1 from a landline or dialing 802- 861-0146 from your cell, or reading the Town of Wilmington Friday Newsletter, (sign up with Jessica DeFrancesco on the town web page or email her at jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us).

Thank you for your continued support of the Town Nurse Program. It is a privilege for me to help residents and others navigate the ever-changing and often confusing healthcare systems today.

Jennifer Fitzgerald, RN

Deerfield Valley Rescue

Deerfield Valley Rescue has been in existence for 47 years. Made up of 5 full time staff and 25 volunteers providing around the clock service to the Valley and covering over 35,000 miles. From October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020, DVR has responded to 753 Emergency calls and 8 Non – Emergency calls. Our well-trained Emergency Providers have committed to over 16,000 on-call hours so that we could make sure to give our Valley the best quality pre hospital care it deserves.

This past year has once again been a very challenging year for us. Although the volunteer ranks are shrinking, the current volunteers continue to rise to meet the many challenges, not only by putting in extra on-call hours but also putting extra training hours in as well. Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer? Do you think you have what it takes to become a volunteer? Now is the time to join our agency so that together WE can make a difference in the lives of others. We offer extensive in-house training for all positions including a Ride Along Program at no cost to you. DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED US, NOW HELP US HELP YOU!! Go to dvrescue.org to help make a difference TODAY or call the office at 464-5557 to set up a time to visit our new location at 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

Deerfield Valley Rescue moved to 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington in November 2017. Over the next several years we have continued our efforts to raise money for this location. We have sent out 10,000 letters for our Annual Appeal and Subscription Drive but have only received 700 in return. This does not help us reach our goal of \$625,000. The Annual Subscription Drive continues to be a large source of our funding. With your generous support we could easily meet our goal so please, if you HAVE NOT sent back your subscription letter, please do so soon and consider making an extra donation towards our new facility in Wilmington. WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, YOUR VOCAL SUPPORT AND YOUR PHYSICAL SUPPORT!!

Another way to help support DVR is through the Propane Dover Group. For an Annual donation of \$50.00, you can gain access to the negotiated group pricing with Suburban Propane. For more info on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

We would like to thank all those that support and continue to support us for It would not be possible for DVR to operate over the years without our local community. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of the Deerfield Valley and the visitors that come our way!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Deerfield Valley Rescue Board of Directors

Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope (VoH) was founded in 2018 in local response to the nationwide opioid epidemic. Our organization is open to all: parents, teachers, religious leaders, police officers, business owners, social workers, healthcare providers, and public servants are only some of our many active volunteers throughout the Deerfield Valley. Our respective vision and mission statements follow:

Vision: A community that fosters connection, acceptance, creativity, recreation, health, and safety.

Mission: To inspire hope and actively support people affected by substance use. We advocate to increase local resources and raise awareness about substance misuse and the importance of compassion in the Deerfield Valley.

In coalition with other organizations such as Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Consortium on Substance Use, the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (Deerfield Valley Campus), the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, and Turning Point of Windham County, our harm-reduction work includes the following examples:

- Many VoH volunteers underwent training in subjects such as the biochemistry of substance use, how to administer lifesaving Narcan (naloxone hydrochloride), and how substance users and those in recovery are affected by stigma.
- Working with the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley and Pettee Memorial Library, we curated an easy-to-read list of local, state, and national services ranging from local book delivery to a national mental health hotline. Distribution included posting flyers throughout the Valley as well as placing them in Deerfield Valley Food Pantry boxes.
- Our efforts to help local emergency response teams better connect with our community include working with the HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitation Services) Police Liaison and Crisis Clinician.

To maintain our mission and realize our vision, Voices of Hope strives to hear every voice in the Valley. Please contact us with your questions, concerns, and suggestions: voicesofhopevt@gmail.com

Women's Freedom Center

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 125 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,163 people** (711 women, 34 men, and 418 children) who had been abused. These figures include 16 survivors and 6 children from Wilmington. In addition, we provided 24 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 650 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is to *strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. In 2020, the **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 43 homeowners by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assisted 54 clients by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 135 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. Beyond these standard programs, the Homeownership department has acted quickly to administer the State's COVID Relief Funded Rehousing Recovery Program. This program granted funding for the rehab of 60 privately owned apartments which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to provide safe and affordable housing. The newly rentable apartments are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties.

Housing Development: In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. 2020 brought progress towards the planned development in downtown Bellows Falls. This project, the Bellows Falls Garage, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. In 2021, WWHT is planning the rehabilitation of 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these apartments will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades. Alongside these projects, with the help of COVID Relief Funds, the Housing Trust has purchased the former Dalem's Chalet in West Brattleboro. In partnership with Groundworks Collaborative, the Chalet will provide permanent supportive housing to people in our community experiencing chronic homelessness.

Property Management: WWHT owns 867 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments housing over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State. This year, over \$107,000 of rental relief was accessed. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org

68 Birge Street, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301
Ph/TTY: 802 254 4604 FAX: 802 254 4656



90 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156
Ph/TTY: 802 885 3220 FAX: 802 885 5811

www.w-wht.org

Recreation Committee

Sponsoring recreational activities during the pandemic of 2020 has proven to be a challenge. For over 40 years, the town of Wilmington has sponsored Summer Recreation Programs for the elementary and middle school aged students in our town. In addition, we have added several adult activities in the last several years. All of these programs have suffered due to the restrictions of COVID:19.

This is the seventh year that we have collaborated with Wings Community Afterschool Programs to sponsor the Celebrate Summer! (a 4-week summer day camp) for elementary students. Due to state and local restrictions in July, Wings was only able to provide virtual programs for elementary students, and we supported them financially in these programs.

We were unable to provide our normal Middle School program in July and hope to resume that popular program in July 2021.

Additionally, our adult volleyball, line dancing, and basketball programs had to be restricted at various time due to town and state guidelines. We hope to resume these indoor sports as soon as possible.

In May, we realized the importance of having outside recreational opportunities in our community in light of the pandemic, and thanks to the work of Randy Knaggs, Debby Dorsett, Dario Lussardi, and Brandon Brassor, the major cracks in the town tennis courts were temporarily repaired and the courts were repainted for our community's avid pickleball players. We recognize that major repairs are needed for our tennis and pickleball enthusiasts, and are looking into options for funding such work.

We were saddened to have longtime member Cindy Hayford leave our committee this year, but we look forward to working with her as a representative of the Old School Community Center. We were also sad to have Randy Knaggs and Sheila McConnell leave us due to relocation of domicile. The commission welcomes new members to join us. If interested, please contact Scott Tucker at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Molina
Dario Lussardi

The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro with a satellite location at 3 Mountain Park Plaza in West Dover. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Centers and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The Centers are open daily Monday through Friday.

TGP's services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- nursing oversight
- access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- daily exercise program
- recreation and social activities
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- outreach services
- companionship
- special events
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

For questions, additional information or to schedule a tour please contact TGP at 802-254-6559, email info@gatheringplacevt.org or visit us on the web at <https://gatheringplacevt.org>.

Twin Valley Youth Sports

Twin Valley Youth Sports is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre- Kindergarten through Grade 6. Programs currently offered include soccer, basketball, t-ball, baseball and softball.

Twin Valley Youth Sports is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. We have a full and operational website at www.twinvalleyyouthsports.com that is managed by our web designer, Fran Cunningham. This site offers all the information anyone would need about TVYS, as well as houses our registration forms for each season. We also continue to promote our programs through a Facebook group page. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, and umpires, which come from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school, parents, and other community members. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs.

Twin Valley Youth Sports continues to participation in the West River Valley Baseball League. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, our t-ball, baseball and softball seasons were cancelled in the Spring of 2020.

Our soccer program for our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade teams continues to participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League based in Arlington VT. This season was to be the first season that included grade 3 in the league. The JWYSL consists of 9 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, Cambridge, NY, Greenwich, NY, Taconic Valley, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and Twin Valley. The JWYSL is able to offer an all-girls soccer teams in grades 3-6 and the number of girls joining continues to grow! Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the JWYSL cancelled its fall 2020 season. However, we were able to offer an in-house program 3 days a week for our 1st-3rd graders and 4th-6th graders, with intrasquad scrimmage games played on Saturdays. Kindergarten expanded practices to 2 days a week and the Pre-Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. The number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2020 was 87.

The basketball program was a huge success. The purchase and installation of a new, digital basketball scoreboard for the OSEC gym was a great addition to the overall atmosphere of the game of basketball. The scoreboard installation was kindly donated by JC Electric and will be enjoyed for many years to come. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Chris Walling. The 1st & 2nd grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 2 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games against the towns of Bennington, Manchester, Arlington, and Hoosick Falls, NY. We were also able to create 2 all girls basketball team for grades 5 & 6, and found like soccer, at this age we saw an increase in the number of girls joining. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2020 was 91.

We are excited about the direction our program is headed. Our number of participants is growing, our programs are getting stronger, our coaches are dedicated and knowledgeable about the sport they are coaching, and TVYS is dedicated to creating an environment where athletes of all ages and skill levels can thrive through sports fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect. We hope to educate, motivate and inspire young athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field.

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to *empower and partner with individuals and communities to alleviate the hardships of poverty; provide opportunities to thrive; and eliminate root causes of poverty.* SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services (crisis intervention, fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-For-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar Program.

In the community of Wilmington, we have provided the following services during FY2020:

Weatherization: 1 home (2 people) was weatherized at a cost of \$19,966

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 1 household (1 person) received a heating System repair or replacement at a cost of \$4,475

Emergency Home Repair: 1 household (1 person) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$11,467

Micro-Business Development: 4 households (9people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$8,161

Tax Preparation: 1 household (1 person) received services valued at \$212

Family Services: 9 households (12 people) received 41 services, valued at \$405 (crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 7 households (10 people) received 22 assists valued at \$9,169

Solar Energy Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received \$323 in electric energy credits to reduce their energy burden

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

VISITING NURSES AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 1,057 homecare visits to 40 Wilmington residents. This included approximately \$26,280 in unreimbursed care to Wilmington residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 507 home visits to 26 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 12 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 443 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 95 home visits to 8 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Wilmington's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)

Rabies Clinics

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: 1) identifies your dog if lost, **2)** provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}, **3)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5) \$3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**" (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIIP, send a SASE to: VSNIIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a "DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC" for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you would like the paperwork we've developed to share with whomever usually does rabies clinics in your area, we'd be happy to share.

Thanks!

Sue Skaskiw, VVSA Director/ VSNIIP Administrator: 802-672-5302.

TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES: RABIES CLINICS FOR CATS & DOGS. CALL AHEAD TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT!

VERMONT

Bennington: 300 Depot St. 05201	802-440-9937	TIME: 5:00 – 7:30	12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25. 21 / 4.22.21
Middlebury: 476 Foote St 05753	802-382-9292	TIME: 9:30 – 11:00	12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21
Montpelier: 352 River St 05602	802-223-2246	TIME: 4:00 – 5:30	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21
Morrisville: 88 Center Rd 05661	802-888-2010	TIME: 1:00 -2:30	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 / 3.28.21
Newport: 124 Commerce Way 05855	802-334-2944	TIME: 9:30 – 11:00	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.20 / 2.28.21/ 3.28.21
No. Clarendon: 1177 US RTE 7 So. 05759	747-4759	TIME: 1:00 – 3:00	12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 / 4.22.21
St. Albans: 2636 Highgate Rd 05478	802-524-0705	TIME: 4:00 – 5:30	12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21
Shelburne: 3708 Shelburne Rd 05482	802-985-4092	TIME: 1:00 – 2:30	12.6.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 / 3.27.21

NOTES

Check out the town website at www.wilmingtonvermont.us. You can access a wealth of information including:

- Contact information and hours for Town Departments
- Town Departments and Boards
- Meeting Agendas and Public Notices
- Upcoming Events
- Documents including-Applications, Ordinances, Grand List, Tax Maps
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