

Town of Wilmington, Vermont *2021 Annual Report*

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020
(March 1, 2022 Town Meeting)



Old Home Week 2020+1-Photo Courtesy of Nicki Steel



Wilmington was introduced to a new couple that arrived in our community in 2004. Both pursued service with town committees and elected positions whereby they could make a difference without prompting. Tom and Dana Consolino were immediate game changers as they committed themselves to the town and with personal motivation took an active role in municipal matters.

Whether it was Dana serving as a Library Trustee or Tom on the Planning Commission dedication was remarkable. They were both members of the Beautification Committee while Dana was an elected Lister. Tom became a Justice of the Peace, alternate to the Solid Waste District as well as a representative to the Windham Regional commission. Tom was elected to the Selectboard and served as Chair during the tumultuous recovery from tropical storm Irene.

Their collective commitment knew no boundaries. If they saw a need they responded and as a community we were well served and benefitted greatly by their involvement and leadership. Two rare individuals that placed service to others as a life priority. We wish to acknowledge Dana Consolino's passing prior to this dedication. Tom has subsequently relocated to Illinois creating a void that we are attempting to fill.

Their efforts to improve our community has left an admirable legacy and a model for future community participation by its citizenry. For this we are forever grateful.

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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 - 2 PM

Monday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Tuesday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Friday: Noon - 6 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM

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

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, Chief Operator

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”

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 ext 115

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 ext 124

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

2021 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>		<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
MODERATOR				CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		
Robert Fisher	2022	(1)		Richard Khachadorian	2023	(5)
TOWN CLERK				Walter F. White	2024	(5)
Therese Lounsbury	2022	(3)		Donna D. Moore	2025	(5)
TOWN TREASURER				Ralph Staib	2026	(5)
Christine Richter	2022	(1)		Scott Moore	2022	(5)
SELECTBOARD				SCHOOL MODERATOR		
Vincent Rice	2022	(3)		Robert Fisher	2022	(1)
John Gannon	2023	(2)		JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		
Thomas Fitzgerald	2022	(2)		Rhea Clark	2023	(2)
Tony Tribuno	2023	(3)		Linda Green	2023	(2)
Sarah Fisher	2024	(3)		Thomas J. Fitzgerald	2023	(2)
BOARD OF LISTERS				Frederick W. Houston	2023	(2)
Kay Martin Schwader	2022	(1)		Elizabeth McEwen	2023	(2)
Leonard Chapman	2022	(3)		Patti Long	2023	(2)
Gerald B. Osler	2022	(1)			2023	(2)
Diane Schipke	2023	(3)				
Lynne Matthews	2024	(3)				
FIRST CONSTABLE						
Gary Wax	2022	(1)				
SECOND CONSTABLE						
Gordon Boyd	2022	(1)				
TRUSTEE OF C.C. HAYNES FUND						
Carl M. Boyd	2022	(1)				
LIBRARY TRUSTEES						
Chrystal Holt	2023	(5)				
Louis Clark	2024	(5)				
Michelle Suponski	2025	(5)				
Carolyn T. Palmer	2026	(5)				
Marie Paige	2022	(5)				

2021 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWN MANAGER			<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
Scott A. Tucker			SURVEYOR OF WOOD/SHINGLES		
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT			Fred Skwirut	2022	(1)
Sheldon Brassor					
POLICE CHIEF			DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD		
Matthew Murano			Cheryl LaFlamme	2024	(3)
FIRE CHIEF			Diane Abate	2022	(3)
Scott Moore			Charles Foster	2024	(3)
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF			Chrystal Holt	2022	(3)
William Spirka			Justin Linder	2023	(3)
FINANCE OFFICER			DRB ALTERNATES		
Christine Richter			Fred Houston	2022	(2)
HEALTH OFFICER			Vacant	2022	(2)
Michael Tuller			Vacant	2022	(2)
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER			RECREATION COMMISSION		
Tom Fitzgerald			Karen Molina	2023	(4)
ZONING/SIGN ADMINISTRATOR			Sara Molina	2025	(4)
Michael Tuller			Emily Beeman	2024	(4)
DOG WARDEN			Vacant	2026	(4)
			Vacant	2025	(4)
			GREEN UP CO- CHAIRS		
<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>	Kathryn Larsen	2022	(1)
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN			Rebecca Sweeney	2022	(1)
Scott Moore	2024	(5)	PLANNING COMMISSION		
TREE WARDEN			Angela Yakovleff	2023	(4)
Fred J. Skwirut	2022	(1)	John Lebron	2024	(4)
ENERGY COORDINATOR			Meg Staloff	2025	(4)
Chuck Clerici	2022	(1)	Brian Holt	2022	(4)
SENIOR SOLUTIONS REP.			Michelle Carlson	2023	(4)
Geri Kogut	2022	(1)			
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DIST. REP.					
Merrill Mundell	2022	(1)			
SOLID WASTE ALTERNATE REP.					
	2022	(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)
Geri Kogut	2024	(4)	Cheryl LaFlamme	2023	(4)
Carlotta Gladding	2022	(4)	Anne Saracino	2023	(4)
Alex Rioux	2024	(4)	Lee Schindel	2023	(4)
Julie Koehler	2025	(4)	Fred Skwirut	2023	(4)
Jeff Menges	2025	(4)	Adele Mattern	2023	(4)
TRAIL COMMITTEE ALTERNATES			Melanie Lopez	2023	(4)
Joanne Yankura	2024	(4)	Bev Butler	2023	(4)
Matt Danzico	2025	(4)			
Alan Baker	2022	(4)			
Smriti Keshari	2022	(4)			
			BI-TOWN ECONOMIC DEV. COMM		
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS			Heidi Taylor		
Michael Tuller	2022	(1)	Gretchen Havreluk		
Ann Manwaring	2022	(1)	Tom Fitzgerald		

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL ELECTION
WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022**

RACE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
TOWN MODERATOR -1 year	ROBERT M. FISHER
TOWN CLERK – 3 year term	THERESE M. LOUNSBURY
SELECTBOARD – 2 years	THOMAS FITZGERALD
SELECTBOARD – 3 years	VINCENT RICE
LISTER – 1 year (Vote for 2)	GERALD B. OSLER (Write In)
LISTER – 3 years	LEONARD CHAPMAN
FIRST CONSTABLE – 1 year	GARY WAX
SECOND CONSTABLE – 1 year	GORDON E. BOYD
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – 5 years	JANET L BOYD
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 1 year remaining on 5 year term	CHRYSTAL HOLT
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 5 years	MARIE PAIGE
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	JASON HARTNETT

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
WHITINGHAM & WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2022**

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

2022 W A R N I N G ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Wilmington, Vermont Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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 01, 2022, 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 \$2,679,221 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2023 (7/1/22 to 6/30/2023)?
- Article 3: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,531,250 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2023 (7/1/22 to 6/30/2023)?
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,792 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 establish a Highway Building Capital Fund for the purpose of building maintenance, and raise and appropriate \$5,000 for such fund?
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Fire House Capital Fund?
- Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund?
- Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund?
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to establish a Water Capital Fund for the purpose of maintaining water reservoirs, systems and equipment, and raise and appropriate revenue for such fund under the control and direction of the Selectboard, sitting as the Water Commission, to be funded by rate payers?
- Article 17: Shall the Town vote that water charges will bear interest at a rate of one percent per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of such charges pursuant to 24 VSA 5151(c)?
- Article 18: Shall the Town vote to expend \$260,000 from the FY21 surplus to fund the Planning & Acquisition Capital Fund for the purpose of the Public Safety Facility expenditures.
- Article 19: Shall the Town vote to discontinue its two additional elected Lister positions pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2650(c) so the number of elected Listers is reduced to three?
- Article 20: Shall the Town authorize cannabis retailers in town pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 863?
- Article 21: Shall the Town vote to add three Justice of the Peace positions for a total of ten, based on the population?
- Article 22: Shall the Town vote to collect taxes on August 26, 2022 and February 24, 2023?

Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Tom Fitzgerald, Chairman
John Gannon, Vice Chair
Vince Rice, Secretary
Sarah Fisher
Tony Tribuno

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CERTIFICATE OF VOTES
TOWN ARTICLES – ARTICLE 2 - 16
MARCH 2, 2021

CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT UNDER THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNINGS CALLED FOR MARCH 2, 2021.

- 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)? **YES 384 / NO 82**
- 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)? **YES 414 / NO 55**
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,765 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
YES 326 / NO 119
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$175,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund?
YES 415 / NO 57
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund? **YES 372 / NO 88**
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
YES 408 / NO 62
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Fire House Capital Fund? **YES 382 / NO 89**
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund? **YES 364 / NO 103**
- Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund? **YES 395 / NO 72**
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund? **YES 337 / NO 116**
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund? **YES 383 / NO 89**
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund? **YES 387 / NO 82**
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund? **YES 342 / NO 117**
- 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)? **YES 290 / NO 184**
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to collect taxes on August 27, 2021 and February 25, 2022? **YES 450 / NO 21**

WILMINGTON REGISTERED VOTERS: 1706

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 357
TOWN VOTES CAST AT POLLS: 158
TOTAL VOTES CAST: 515

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR TOWN MEETING ARTICLES ELECTED

MARCH 2, 2021

ATTEST:

THERESE M. LOUNSBURY, TOWN CLERK

PREPARED: MARCH 2, 2021

DATED: MARCH 3, 2021

2021 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

2021	Dodge Charger
2016	Ford Explorer
2020	Ford F150
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
2021	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
2020	Volvo Excavator
2017	John Deere 672 GP Motor Grader
2004	Karavan utility Trailer
2016	Message Board

TRANSFER STATION

1987	John Deere Backhoe
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WATER

1994	Karavan Trailer
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Putting Buoys out on Lake Raponda

1% Local Option Tax Fund Usage

Revenue		FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Projected	FY23 Projected
Beginning Balance		820,638	753,051	961,859	908,883
State Payments		283,506	508,702	425,000	325,000
Interest		6,061	1,207	1,000	1,000
Total Expenditures		357,154	301,101	478,976	35,628
Ending Balance		753,051	961,859	908,883	1,199,255
Expenditure Project	Detail	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	Committed FY22	Committed FY23
Matching Grant Fund	Budgeted				
Oct 7, 2015 meeting	E. Main St			96,000	
July 5, 2017 meeting	E. Main St #2			16,400	
	South Main St		88,575		
	Lake Raponda Greeter	1,763		1,900	
	North Main St			55,000	
Matching Total		1,763	88,575	169,300	
Revolving Loan Fund	Budgeted				
	Loan #4				
	Loan #5				
	Loan# 20			19,000	
Revolving Loan Totals				19,000	
Events Fund	Budgeted	40,000		40,000	
	Fireworks	6,500		4,500	
	Wine & Harvest	3,500		3,500	
	Shop Local	2,770	5,000		
	Shop Local Winter		4,000	4,000	
	Salsa Block Party				
	Blueberry Block Pty	2,250		1,641	
	July Village Stroll	900		1,419	
	August Village Stroll	713			
	Fair	12,000			
	Twice Blessed	2,500			
	Apres Ski				
	Blueberry Splash	1,500			
	Beer & Chili	750			
	Womens Weekend	1,100			
	Community Arts				
	Snowflake Saturdays	850			
Events Total		35,333	9,000	15,060	
Programs	Budgeted				
	Bi-Town Marketing	18,250		84,000	

	Wilmington Works	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	SEVEDS	5,650	5,628	5,628	5,628
	Aging in Place			618	
	Route 100 Barrel	8,000	8,000	10,000	
	Trash removal	2,100	2,100	2,100	
	Gathering Place	30,000	20,000		
	Bridge Ramp			34,875	
	Trails Committee		1,124		
	Trails Committee 2			3,395	
	Waste Water Exp		23,000		
	Police Fire Feasibility	49,200			
	FD/PD Facility Geo		9,400		
Feb 18, 2020 meeting	East Main 1 Sewer			80,000	
	OSEC 2.20	40,000			
Feb 18, 2020 meeting	WW Loans E Main			25,000	
	Daycare		40,000		
	Dog Friendly Downtown			1,010	
	Planning Commission			3,800	
	PSF Open House			8,500	
Programs Total		193,200	139,252	275,616	35,628

1% Local Option Tax Fund Balance

	FY20	FY21	FY22
Beginning Balance	820,638	753,051	961,938
State Payments	283,506	382,162	235,886
Reimbursements		126,540	22,709
Interest	5,929	1,207	537
Total Expenditures	444,656	301,101	60,996
Balance as of 1/1/22	665,417	961,859	1,160,074
Encumbrances	447,267	477,888	485,316
Unspent Events Fund	0	40,000	4,000
Total after Encumbrances	218,150	443,971	670,758

Town Employees Proposed Salaries

FY 2023		
Employee	Position	FY2023 Estimated
Therese Lounsbury	Town Clerk	\$ 55,363.91
Eithne Eldred	Asst Town Clerk	\$ 38,643.56
Scott Tucker	Town Manager	\$ 107,268.98
Christine Richter	Finance Officer	\$ 71,495.24
Jessica Defrancesco	Town Manager Assistant	\$ 44,673.61
Michael Tuller	Zoning Administrator	\$ 53,258.43
Michael Tuller	Health Officer	\$ 1,788.58
Deborah Kingsley	Lister Assistant	\$ 59,983.52
Brandon Brasseur	Transfer Station/Bld Maint	\$ 44,569.59
Matt Murano	Police Chief	\$ 84,525.87
Shawn Hammond	Patrol Officer	\$ 60,569.60
Andrew Kirkman	Patrol Officer	\$ 53,321.75
Kayla Healy	Patrol Officer (PT)	\$ 28,514.30
Ryan Oneil	Patrol Officer	\$ 52,276.22
Joseph Carcich	Patrol Officer	\$ 55,745.46
Susan Luchsinger	Dispatcher	\$ 37,531.95
Eric St Denis	Dispatcher	\$ 34,369.92
Scott Moore	Fire Chief	\$ 71,512.30
Roland Betit	Groundskeeper	\$ 7,746.45
Sheldon Brasseur	Highway Superintendent	\$ 75,294.11
Bret Brown	Road Crew	\$ 63,297.41
Michael Stevens	Road Crew	\$ 56,490.99
Darby Howe	Road Crew	\$ 56,490.99
Doug Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 56,490.99
Travis Brasseur	Road Crew	\$ 56,490.99
Travis Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 56,490.99
Marshall Dix	Road Crew	\$ 56,490.99
John Lazelle	Wastewater Chief Operator	\$ 71,994.23
Jeff Longe	Wastewater Operator	\$ 51,303.05
Christopher Lavoy	Water Operator	\$ 66,738.21

Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests FY 23

Organization	Amount Requested	Purpose
Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$2,000	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	\$67,655	

	GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATION & HIGHWAY					
	TOTAL BUDGET EXCEPT SEWER					
		Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
1	Total Budget	5,241,315.00	5,022,448.94	5,385,075.00	5,833,066.00	447,991.00
2	Total Revenues	861,454.00	1,034,369.12	934,965.00	1,073,803.00	138,838.00
3	Amount to be Raised	4,379,861.00	3,988,079.82	4,450,110.00	4,759,263.00	309,153.00
4	Proposed Tax Rate		0.5832		0.6272	
5						
6	General Fund Expenditures					
7	TOWN OFFICERS					
8	Moderator, Elect Off, Ball	2,500.00	1,750.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	600.00
9	Selectboard	6,300.00	5,100.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	-
10	BCA Stipend/Exp	7,000.00	1,975.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
11	Town Clerk					
12	Salary Town Clerk	51,941.00	51,941.24	53,999.00	55,364.00	1,365.00
13	Assistant Town Clerk	36,256.00	39,730.44	37,690.00	38,644.00	954.00
14	TC Supplies & Postage	2,800.00	3,639.95	2,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
15	TC Training/Expenses	4,300.00	117.99	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
16	TC Temp Help	18,750.00	8,514.00	9,000.00	15,000.00	6,000.00
17	Taping Town Meeting	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	-
18	Recording Supplies/Materi	2,200.00	1,927.04	2,200.00	2,200.00	-
19	Copier/Computer/Office Eq	5,000.00	4,205.09	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
20	Election Supplies/Postage	600.00	7,285.35	600.00	2,981.00	2,381.00
21	Animal Rabies Control Sup	400.00	498.94	400.00	400.00	-
22	CTCL Grant Exp	-	4,899.21	-	-	-
23	Vote Tabulator prog/maint	3,200.00	494.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
24	TC Cell phone	600.00	-	-	-	-
25	Treasurer					
26	Town Treasurer	1.00	-	-	-	-
27	Finance Officer	67,075.00	67,235.15	69,733.00	71,495.00	1,762.00
28	Listers					
29	Assistant Salary	56,275.00	67,788.87	58,504.00	59,984.00	1,480.00
30	Appraisal Temp Help	18,750.00	597.96	18,750.00	2,000.00	(16,750.00)
31	Lister's Salaries/Expense	22,600.00	17,084.47	22,600.00	10,000.00	(12,600.00)
32	Mapping	5,000.00	1,331.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
33	Grievance Costs/Appeals	20,000.00	18,930.71	20,000.00	15,000.00	(5,000.00)
34	Yearly Grand List Main -	25,000.00	3,422.50	25,000.00	5,000.00	(20,000.00)
35	Appraisal Supplies/Comput	1,000.00	3,425.50	4,000.00	6,050.00	2,050.00
36	Reappraisal Comm - Everet	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-	(1,500.00)
37	Appraiser				35,000.00	35,000.00
38	Town Manager					
39	Salary TM	100,637.00	100,637.16	102,650.00	107,269.00	4,619.00
40	Expenses TM	3,137.00	414.60	3,200.00	3,344.00	144.00
41	Postage/Supplies/Equipmen	4,000.00	4,837.66	4,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00

		Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
42	Mileage Reim	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
43	Administrative Secretary	41,454.00	40,902.75	43,572.00	44,673.00	1,101.00
44	Zoning Administrator	49,935.00	50,094.87	51,946.00	53,258.00	1,312.00
45	Receptionist/Admin Assist	-	2,372.82	-	7,825.00	7,825.00
46	Reconciliation Analyst	400.00	348.48	400.00	450.00	50.00
47	Ads Non-Zoning	550.00	641.75	550.00	600.00	50.00
48	Comp.Support/Equipment	8,640.00	19,126.64	8,640.00	8,640.00	-
49	Telephone/Internet	9,000.00	8,435.18	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
50	Tax Bills printing/envelo	4,100.00	2,183.15	4,100.00	4,500.00	400.00
51	Admin/SB Training/Expense	2,500.00	179.40	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
52	Copier - Administration	2,165.00	3,105.91	2,165.00	2,500.00	335.00
53	Cemetery Expenditures	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	-
54	Zoning,DRB, SBA					
55	Training/expense/mileage	1,400.00	1,207.36	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
56	Advertising	500.00	544.00	500.00	500.00	-
57	Postage/Materials	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	-
58	POLICE DEPARTMENT					
59	Chief	79,300.00	79,338.13	82,442.00	84,526.00	2,084.00
60	Sworn Payroll	276,540.00	238,134.95	287,907.00	328,495.00	40,588.00
61	Part-Time Payroll	6,630.00	480.00	6,630.00	28,514.00	21,884.00
62	Dispatchers	68,792.00	68,275.38	71,405.00	82,304.00	10,899.00
63	Overtime	20,000.00	27,700.20	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
64	Outside Employment	14,500.00	8,018.62	14,500.00	14,500.00	-
65	Cruiser Replacement	-	23,872.34	48,000.00	-	(48,000.00)
66	Cruiser Operation/Maint	27,500.00	26,360.07	27,500.00	28,500.00	1,000.00
67	Uniform Purchase	2,000.00	2,018.10	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
68	Uniform Maintenance	2,000.00	1,147.58	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
69	Firearms Ammunition	950.00	2,336.33	950.00	950.00	-
70	Radar	575.00	539.00	575.00	575.00	-
71	Dispatch Fees	-	-	19,621.00	-	(19,621.00)
72	Telephone	6,000.00	4,030.07	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
73	Postage	385.00	788.92	385.00	600.00	215.00
74	Office Supplies	1,150.00	1,566.94	1,300.00	1,500.00	200.00
75	Office Equipment	250.00	464.93	250.00	250.00	-
76	Equipment Maintenance	1,500.00	531.98	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
77	Computer Hard & Software	3,000.00	3,834.49	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,000.00
78	Statewide Record Database	9,350.00	4,574.85	9,350.00	9,350.00	-
79	Copier PD	1,500.00	906.37	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
80	Inservice Training	3,240.00	3,570.84	3,240.00	4,500.00	1,260.00
81	Training Aids & Materials	1,250.00	590.02	1,250.00	2,650.00	1,400.00
82	Community Awareness	400.00	272.58	400.00	400.00	-
83	Radio Maintenance	2,750.00	621.93	2,750.00	2,750.00	-
84	Equipment Replacement	1,950.00	(906.79)	3,500.00	5,000.00	1,500.00
85	Association Fees	750.00	580.00	750.00	700.00	(50.00)
86	Chief's Expenses	500.00	78.98	500.00	500.00	-
87	PD Safety Compliance	150.00	127.78	150.00	150.00	-

		Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
88	Investigation costs	750.00	967.17	750.00	8,000.00	7,250.00
89	Prisoner Transport	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
90	PD Alarm	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
91	Towing	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	-
92	Applicant Advertising	200.00	403.58	200.00	200.00	-
93	GHS Equip Grant	5,000.00	7,402.83	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
94	Vest Grants	1,000.00	194.10	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
95	PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY					
96	PSF Building Maint/Janitorial	-	-	8,820.00	35,760.00	26,940.00
97	Heat (propane)				16,000.00	16,000.00
98	Water				1,430.00	1,430.00
99	Wastewater (FD/PD)				1,196.00	1,196.00
100	Diesel (Bkup Generator)				460.00	460.00
101	Electric				11,200.00	11,200.00
102	Fire alarm				1,000.00	1,000.00
103	FIRE DEPARTMENT					
104	Chief's Salary	67,092.00	67,091.96	69,749.00	71,512.00	1,763.00
105	Asst. Chief's Salary	2,436.00	2,388.00	2,485.00	2,596.00	111.00
105	Labor	33,438.00	33,439.00	34,106.00	35,640.00	1,534.00
107	Officers salary	3,000.00	1,846.56	3,060.00	3,198.00	138.00
108	Emerg Op Center Personnel	750.00	-	750.00	750.00	-
109	Emerg Op Center Setup	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
110	Telephone/Cable	3,400.00	3,501.66	3,400.00	3,400.00	-
111	Firefighter Assoc	700.00	480.00	700.00	700.00	-
112	Administrative costs	1,900.00	2,629.61	1,900.00	2,600.00	700.00
113	Training/Incentives	3,500.00	1,070.55	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
114	FD Radio Maintenance	2,500.00	2,828.48	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
115	Code Compliance	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	-
116	Air Packs	2,500.00	241.06	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
117	Fire Alarm	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	-
118	Truck Maintenance	6,300.00	5,451.44	6,300.00	6,300.00	-
119	Gas & Oil Trucks	2,750.00	1,580.95	2,750.00	2,750.00	-
120	Extinguisher - Recharge	275.00	111.00	275.00	275.00	-
121	Equipment, New & Replacem	4,000.00	8,242.10	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
122	Helments, Boots, Coats	5,000.00	5,194.86	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
123	Hose	4,100.00	-	4,100.00	4,100.00	-
124	Foam	700.00	-	700.00	700.00	-
125	Fire Prevention	750.00	-	750.00	750.00	-
126	Travel Expenses	2,000.00	142.40	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
127	Fire Chief Uniform	250.00	133.54	250.00	250.00	-
128	Dispatch Assessment Wilmi	44,154.00	45,479.00	44,154.00	47,000.00	2,846.00
129	Disp Assess Searsburg	5,850.00	6,026.00	5,850.00	6,500.00	650.00
130	OLD FIRE HOUSE					
131	Electricity	2,000.00	1,789.44	2,000.00	2,000.00	-

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132	Fire Alarm	-	-	-	250.00	250.00
133	Water Rent	1,200.00	1,243.20	1,365.00	1,300.00	(65.00)
134	Sewer Rent	500.00	566.00	600.00	600.00	-
135	Building Maintenance	3,500.00	5,136.56	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
136	Heating Oil - Old Fire House	4,200.00	2,696.23	4,200.00	3,500.00	(700.00)
137	Janitorial				1,000.00	1,000.00
138	GREEN MOUNTAIN BEACH					
139	GMB Mowing	750.00	850.00	750.00	850.00	100.00
140	Maintenance & Improvement	900.00	715.29	900.00	900.00	-
141	Toilets	800.00	67.05	800.00	800.00	-
142	INSURANCE					
143	Employment Practices	11,500.00	8,348.42	11,500.00	9,000.00	(2,500.00)
144	Liability, Prop & Auto	46,000.00	34,203.86	46,000.00	50,000.00	4,000.00
145	Public Officials Liabilit	3,500.00	2,238.79	3,500.00	2,500.00	(1,000.00)
146	Firemens Disability	1,250.00	1,287.00	1,250.00	1,300.00	50.00
147	Workers Comp.	45,000.00	49,807.90	45,000.00	50,000.00	5,000.00
148	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES					
149	Health Officer	1,678.00	1,678.04	1,712.00	1,788.00	76.00
150	Town Nurse/Mileage	17,668.00	17,602.79	18,021.00	-	(18,021.00)
151	Senior Solutions	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	-
152	Groundworks Collaborative	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
153	Health Care & Rehabilitat	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	-
154	Windham Cty Youth Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	-
155	Womens Freedom Center	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	-
156	V Nurse Alliance/W Crisis	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	-
157	Gathering Place	3,000.00	-	-	-	-
158	SEVCA	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
159	Deerfield Valley Comm Car	1,550.00	1,550.00	2,550.00	2,000.00	(550.00)
160	Windham Cty Humane Societ	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	-
161	Wings	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
162	DV Food Pantry	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
163	DV Community Parntership	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
164	Senior Meals	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
165	SASH	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
166	WDART	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
167	SV Therapy Riding	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
168	Rescue	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
169	Vermont Bar Foundation	-	-	-	600.00	600.00
170	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
171	Social Security	82,560.00	82,825.98	82,815.00	87,240.00	4,425.00
172	Health Care	337,548.00	346,963.83	427,755.00	427,755.00	-
173	Disability/Life Ins	4,822.00	3,635.08	4,822.00	3,700.00	(1,122.00)
174	Retirement	72,000.00	74,624.89	79,925.00	93,200.00	13,275.00
175	Employment Security	500.00	512.97	500.00	500.00	-
176	Uniforms	-	(182.79)	-	-	-

		Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
177	Groundskeeper	8,177.00	7,022.96	7,555.00	7,746.00	191.00
178	TRANSFER STATION					
179	Operator/Build Maint	41,937.00	42,594.13	43,525.00	44,570.00	1,045.00
180	WCSW Assessment	12,350.00	13,489.10	12,350.00	14,200.00	1,850.00
181	Electricity/Heat	1,600.00	1,652.10	1,600.00	1,700.00	100.00
182	Telephone	1,200.00	1,006.85	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
183	Post Closure Expense	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
184	Tire Recycling	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
185	Disposal & Containers	75,000.00	94,327.33	75,000.00	95,000.00	20,000.00
186	TS Recycle	27,000.00	52,499.24	27,000.00	53,000.00	26,000.00
187	Maint/Improve/Supplies	1,250.00	1,589.40	1,250.00	1,600.00	350.00
188	Miscellaneous	300.00	100.00	300.00	300.00	-
189	Legal/Professional/Audit					
190	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	5,000.00	15,348.05	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
191	Legal-General Matters	24,000.00	20,687.50	24,000.00	24,000.00	-
192	Legal-Zoning enforcement	750.00	-	750.00	750.00	-
193	Legal-Human Resources	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	-
194	Zoning Appeals	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	-
195	Legal Reappraisal	40,000.00	2,473.10	40,000.00	5,000.00	(35,000.00)
196	Audit	16,500.00	16,100.00	16,500.00	25,100.00	8,600.00
197	LIBRARY					
198	Library	-	-	-	-	-
199	Library Appropriation	133,100.00	133,100.00	137,500.00	140,000.00	2,500.00
200	Memorial Day	400.00	-	400.00	400.00	-
201	MEMORIAL HALL					
202	Electricity	2,400.00	1,564.38	2,400.00	2,000.00	(400.00)
203	Water Rent	1,200.00	1,068.80	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
204	Sewer Rent	1,000.00	1,132.00	1,180.00	1,200.00	20.00
205	Maintenance	2,500.00	2,978.91	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
206	MH Grounds	1,200.00	1,113.74	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
207	Heat	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
208	Fire Alarm/Phone	600.00	736.92	600.00	800.00	200.00
209	MH Insurance	3,000.00	2,230.66	3,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)
210	MH cleaning/janitorial	1,000.00	185.00	1,000.00	10,000.00	9,000.00
211	Planning Commission					
212	Municipal Planning Grant	-	7,564.00	-	-	
213	Windham Regional Dues	4,275.00	4,298.28	4,275.00	4,400.00	125.00
214	Manuals/Resource material	400.00	-	400.00	400.00	-
215	Public Notices	450.00	123.25	450.00	450.00	-
216	Postage	100.00	57.40	100.00	100.00	-
217	Training Expenses	250.00	-	250.00	250.00	-
218	RECREATION COMMISSION					
219	Elemen. Program Director	2,627.00	2,627.00	2,627.00	2,745.00	118.00
220	Elemen. Counselors	3,774.00	3,026.08	3,774.00	3,943.00	169.00
221	MS Program Director	3,152.00	-	3,152.00	3,545.00	393.00
222	MS Art Director	225.00	-	225.00	300.00	75.00

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223	MS Counselors	3,610.00	-	3,610.00	3,910.00	300.00
224	Elemen. Programs	750.00	700.00	750.00	750.00	-
225	MS Supplies	600.00	600.00	600.00	750.00	150.00
226	Rec projects/programs				4,000.00	4,000.00
227	Portable Toilets	2,800.00	491.22	2,800.00	2,800.00	-
228	Green-Up Day	75.00	24.96	75.00	175.00	100.00
229	Beautification Committe	2,900.00	982.14	2,900.00	2,900.00	-
230	Flowers/Barrels	19,700.00	19,700.00	19,700.00	20,626.00	926.00
231	Tennis Courts	300.00	912.86	300.00	4,000.00	3,700.00
232	Valley Youth Sports	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
233	SELECTPERSONS CONTINGENCY					
234	Misc.	2,500.00	1,002.40	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
235	Economic Development	72,420.00	71,721.85	73,868.00	77,195.00	3,327.00
236	Street Lights	15,000.00	15,012.29	15,000.00	15,100.00	100.00
237	County Court	74,224.00	74,224.00	74,224.00	74,224.00	-
238	TOWN HALL					
239	Electricity	8,000.00	6,026.63	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
240	Heat	6,500.00	3,322.10	6,500.00	6,500.00	-
241	Supplies	1,500.00	884.15	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
242	Fire Alarm	600.00	370.00	600.00	600.00	-
243	Water Rent	1,300.00	1,425.00	1,480.00	1,480.00	-
244	Sewer Rent	1,300.00	1,499.90	1,534.00	1,600.00	66.00
245	Maintenance	5,000.00	9,716.65	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
246	Elevator	2,700.00	2,469.37	2,700.00	2,700.00	-
247	Janitorial & Carting	8,000.00	8,808.00	8,000.00	18,720.00	10,720.00
248	Town Reports	850.00	796.15	850.00	850.00	-
249	Vermont League Dues	3,405.00	3,405.00	3,405.00	3,660.00	255.00
250	Wilmington Water District	5,600.00	20,719.67	-	-	-
251	WWD Merger/Acquisition	1,000.00	5,728.72	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)
252	Web Site	800.00	751.65	800.00	800.00	-
253	Total General Fund Expend	2,742,555.00	2,671,933.00	2,934,432.00	3,098,885.00	164,453.00
254	Capital, One-Time, Special					
255	Garage Bond	31,553.00	31,552.80	31,054.00	-	(31,054.00)
256	Look Rd Bridge	93,240.00	-	91,020.00	-	(91,020.00)
257	Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
258	Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
259	Reappraisal Fund	26,765.00	26,792.00	26,765.00	26,792.00	27.00
260	Public Lands & Fences	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
261	Police Equip Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
262	Old Fire House Cap	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
263	Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
264	Library Capital	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
265	Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	-
266	Planning/Aquisition Capit	221,000.00	221,000.00	-		-
267	Public Safety Bldg Bond	-	-	70,461.00	375,639.00	305,178.00

		Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
268	Total Capital, One-Time, Spec	609,558.00	516,344.80	456,300.00	644,431.00	188,131.00
269	Total General Fund and Capit	3,352,113.00	3,188,277.80	3,390,732.00	3,743,316.00	352,584.00
270	Highway	Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
271	Highway Salaries	377,247.00	381,197.45	392,324.00	402,244.00	9,920.00
272	Highway Superintendent	70,639.00	69,959.66	73,438.00	75,294.00	1,856.00
273	Unscheduled Overtime	37,000.00	26,248.94	37,000.00	37,000.00	-
274	Social Security	37,000.00	35,418.36	38,355.00	39,365.00	1,010.00
275	Health Insurance	227,036.00	208,554.39	245,500.00	245,500.00	-
276	Disability Insurance	2,500.00	2,273.22	2,500.00	2,300.00	(200.00)
277	Retirement	29,000.00	28,590.33	31,336.00	34,732.00	3,396.00
278	Uniforms	3,100.00	2,922.17	3,100.00	3,100.00	-
279	Fire Alarm	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
280	Workers Comp	33,200.00	30,680.75	33,200.00	33,200.00	-
281	Municipal Parking Maint	2,500.00	1,432.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
282	Culverts	21,000.00	23,139.96	21,000.00	21,000.00	-
283	Guardrails	10,000.00	6,625.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
284	Chloride	22,000.00	19,714.38	22,000.00	22,000.00	-
285	Gravel/Stone/Fabric-Misc	108,000.00	129,658.06	108,000.00	130,000.00	22,000.00
286	Resurfacing	290,000.00	283,427.18	290,000.00	340,000.00	50,000.00
287	Salt	79,000.00	46,046.72	79,000.00	79,000.00	-
288	Sand	75,000.00	62,081.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
289	Snow Removal	37,500.00	29,180.00	37,500.00	37,500.00	-
290	Signs	2,200.00	2,931.32	2,200.00	2,200.00	-
291	Crack Sealing	18,000.00	21,914.04	18,000.00	18,000.00	-
292	Stabilization/Fabric/Hay	7,000.00	5,257.76	7,000.00	9,000.00	2,000.00
293	Maintenance to Equipment	60,700.00	45,784.65	60,700.00	60,700.00	-
294	Fuel	59,000.00	36,679.26	59,000.00	59,000.00	-
295	Rental/Contracted	7,000.00	2,003.75	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
296	Training	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	-
297	Electricity	2,900.00	2,715.03	2,900.00	2,900.00	-
298	Tools & Supplies	20,100.00	16,945.27	20,100.00	20,100.00	-
299	Personal Protective Equip	1,500.00	442.25	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
300	Telephone	2,900.00	3,249.47	2,900.00	3,300.00	400.00
301	Advertising	550.00	246.50	550.00	550.00	-
302	Insurance - Vehicles/Bldg	21,000.00	15,855.73	21,000.00	21,000.00	-
303	Computer/Office Supplies	800.00	703.53	800.00	800.00	-
304	Sewer Rent	690.00	764.10	800.00	825.00	25.00
305	MRGP permit	2,190.00	1,590.00	2,190.00	2,190.00	-
306	Bldg/Maint/Improvements	5,600.00	1,434.14	5,600.00	5,600.00	-
307	Heating	5,000.00	3,462.37	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
308	Bridge Cap	35,000.00	35,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
309	Better Back Roads Grant	-	74,792.40	-		-
310	Town Road Equip	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	-
311	Garage Capital				5,000.00	5,000.00
312	Total Highway Expenditures	1,889,202.00	1,834,171.14	1,994,343.00	2,089,750.00	95,407.00

	TOTAL REVENUES EXCEPT FOR SEWER					
		Budget FY21	Actual FY21	Budget FY22	Proposed Budget FY23	Change FY22 to FY23
1	General Fund Revenue					
2	Interest Del Taxes	55,000.00	111,501.51	55,000.00	60,000.00	5,000.00
3	Penalty Del Taxes	52,000.00	136,371.56	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
4	Misc Grants	-	42,492.32	-	-	-
5	Municipal Planning Grant	-	7,564.00	-	-	-
6	Glebe Land	85,000.00	27,301.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	-
7	GF Dog/Liquor Licenses	3,300.00	3,811.00	3,300.00	3,800.00	500.00
8	Zoning fees	12,000.00	11,328.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
9	Permit Recording Fees	250.00	163.00	250.00	250.00	-
10	Land Sales/Redemptions	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
11	Misc. Administ. Income	-	179.00	100.00	-	(100.00)
12	Misc Income	3,750.00	37,026.10	3,750.00	3,750.00	-
13	Act 60-Grand List Admin	3,156.00	3,152.00	3,156.00	3,156.00	-
14	PILOT Payment	10,000.00	13,932.40	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
15	State Education Fund	30,000.00	29,652.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
16	Reapp State/Parcel Paymen	26,765.00	26,792.00	26,500.00	26,792.00	292.00
17	Land Use	42,000.00	45,379.00	44,000.00	45,000.00	1,000.00
18	Administrative WWTP	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,892.00	5,040.00	148.00
19	Administrative Water	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,892.00	5,040.00	148.00
20	Town Clerk Fees	35,000.00	98,049.50	35,000.00	40,000.00	5,000.00
21	CTCL Grant Rev	-	5,000.01	-	-	-
22	POLICE REVENUE					
23	Fees & Fines - Police	41,000.00	50,016.33	41,000.00	50,000.00	9,000.00
24	Sale of Cruiser	-	-	4,500.00	-	(4,500.00)
25	Misc Police Income	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	-
26	PD Outside Employment Inc	12,000.00	6,423.95	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
27	PD Alarm Registration Fee	3,600.00	3,300.00	4,400.00	4,000.00	(400.00)
28	DUI Enforcement Grant	5,000.00	900.15	4,000.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
29	Governor's HW Safety Gran	5,000.00	5,249.91	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
30	GHSP Equip Grant	5,000.00	7,402.38	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
31	FIRE DEPT REVENUE					
32	Fees - Town of Searsburg	25,283.00	25,283.00	27,875.00	27,875.00	-
33	Somerset	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	(3,000.00)
34	Misc Fire Department	-	-	-	-	-
35	Transfer Station Fees	79,000.00	116,388.02	79,000.00	100,000.00	21,000.00
36	MHS Fees	600.00	-	600.00	600.00	-
37	Memorial Hall Rent	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
38	Interest GF	20,000.00	2,820.03	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
39	Surplus	130,000.00	-	140,000.00	240,000.00	100,000.00
40	Total General Fund Revenue	700,704.00	829,978.17	663,215.00	795,303.00	132,088.00

	Highway Revenue	Budget FY 21	Actual FY 21	Budget FY 22	Proposed Budget FY 23	Change FY 22 to FY 23
1	Permits	100.00	460.00	100.00	100.00	-
2	State Aid	140,000.00	142,776.28	140,000.00	143,000.00	3,000.00
3	Grant Income	-	23,255.03	-	-	-
4	Better Back Rds Grant	-	-	-	-	-
5	Misc. Income	250.00	37,551.64	250.00	-	(250.00)
6	Interest - Road	400.00	348.00	400.00	400.00	-
7	Surplus	20,000.00	-	131,000.00	135,000.00	4,000.00
8	Total Highway Revenues	160,750.00	204,390.95	271,750.00	278,500.00	6,750.00

Wastewater Budget				
2 Year Comparison				
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual to Date
	FY - 2021	FY-2021	FY - 2022	FY - 2022
Expenditures				
Wages	122,729.00	121,812.92	127,444.00	67,178.41
Employee Benefits	80,907.96	86,337.09	96,503.00	44,145.88
Plant	63,500.00	57,444.63	63,000.00	25,126.37
Supplies	8,000.00	7,624.48	8,500.00	3,232.37
New/Replacement Equipment	4,500.00	1,081.36	4,500.00	1,188.00
Sewer Testing	7,500.00	8,982.00	7,500.00	2,520.00
Truck/Tractor Maint	1,500.00	751.72	1,500.00	3,203.90
Sludge Maintenance	3,000.00	1,441.68	3,000.00	1,876.83
Capital Reserve Account	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Sewer Bond Payment	73,494.00	73,494.00	73,494.00	36,747.00
Total Expenditures	400,130.96	393,969.88	420,441.00	220,218.76
	Budget	Actual to Date	Budget	Actual to Date
Revenues	FY- 2021	FY-2021	FY- 2022	FY-2022
Sewer Rents Income	387,630.96	371,171.23	407,941.00	273,948.98
Other Revenues	6,500.00	14,307.44	6,500.00	7,674.44
Surplus	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
Total Revenue	400,130.96	385,478.67	420,441.00	281,623.42

Capital Account

	Appropriation FY 22	Account Balance 12/21	Proposed FY 23 Approp
CAPITAL			
Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	76,009.09	20,000.00
Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	76,972.59	20,000.00
Public Lands and Fences	5,000.00	22,459.57	10,000.00
Library Capital	12,000.00		12,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	881,304.21	150,000.00
Fire House Capital	5,000.00	28,025.55	5,000.00
Plan, Aquistion, Moving (Public Safety)	0.00	27,406.66	0.00
Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	26,900.73	5,000.00
Police Equipment Capital	20,000.00	60,899.80	20,000.00
Reappraisal	26,765.00	55,127.50	26,792.00
Highway Capital Accounts			
Bridge Capital	100,000.00	241,583.06	100,000.00
Town Road Equip Appropriation	175,000.00	218,562.33	175,000.00
Garage Capital	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Sewer Capital	35,000.00	114,809.73	35,000.00
Water Capital	35,000.00	35,770.00	35,000.00
Misc Funds			
Animal Control		20,582.28	
Beautification		3,743.85	
Dry Hydrant		6,786.60	
Green Mtn Beach Timber		3,645.37	
Municipal Records		91,188.47	
Revolving Loan		21,572.10	
ARPA		268,536.72	
Trails		590.29	
	Original Amount	Annual Payment Amount	No. of Years
Debt Load			
Garage Bond	200,000.00	30,527.00	Paid
Water Loan	4,951.00	990.00	Paid
Look Road Bridge Loan	444,000.00	91,020.00	5
Wastewater Bond	1,597,000.00	73,494.00	30
Water Bond 113	811,486.75	74751.45	17
Water Bond RF3-316	723,610.00	24120.33	30
Public Safety Facility Bond	5,500,000.00	376464	20

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 12/15/21						
Name	Years	Amount Due		Name	Years	Amount Due
David Harrower	2020-21	845.02		Red Hen & Grey Goose	2020-21	5,190
Mary Suddell	2020-21	1,513.75		Travis Wendel	2019-21	1,570.58
				TOTAL		9,119.35
*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).

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

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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. 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 1/12/22

Two or more payments delinquent

Name	Years	Amount		Name	Years	Amount
BODNAR DAVID	2020-21	4,876.28		RODRIGUES JORGE	2018-21	6,042.50
BROCHIN NATHANIEL	2020-21	248.39		ROSE CON	2020-21	3,278.59
CLARK KENNETH B	2018-21	4,218.08		SEPKO ALEXANDER	2020-21	2,933.25
FAY CANDACE	2020-21	17.05		SOUSA SHELLEY	2020-21	5,203.64
HARROWER DAVID	2020-21	2,976.50		SWEENEY PETER	2020-21	1,967.17
JASNA LLC	2019-21	16,995.80		TRUDEAU PAUL	2020-21	3,321.60
NORTHERN GETAWAYS	2020-21	4,495.64		VALLIANATOS AGATHI	2020-21	2,836.43
OLD ARK PROPERTIES	2018-21	17,244.49		WENDEL TRAVIS	2019-21	9,450.91
				Total Taxes Due		92,612.99

Status of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes 1/1/21	\$610,112.42
Collections	<u>510,605.90</u>
Subtotal	99,506.52
Delinquents Added	<u>151,220.83</u>
Delinquent Taxes 1/1/22	\$250,727.35

Status of Revenue Sharing

January 1, 2022

Balance	\$997.22
Restricted Funds (Green Mountain Beach)	\$504.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$493.22

Grand List 2021 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	1,660	429,720,248	78,628,462	351,091,786	429,720,248
2	Residential II	347	172,096,158	47,033,789	125,062,369	172,096,158
3	Mobile Homes-U	44	698,880	52,400	646,480	698,880
4	Mobile Homes-L	21	1,221,060	613,690	607,370	1,221,060
5	Seasonal I	48	3,851,900	0	3,851,900	3,851,900
6	Seasonal II	13	1,812,750	80,000	1,732,750	1,812,750
7	Commercial	138	56,064,125	1,363,937	54,700,188	56,064,125
8	Commercial Apts	9	2,312,850	0	2,312,850	2,312,850
9	Industrial	1	435,200	0	435,200	435,200
10	Utilities-E	4	18,185,701	0	18,185,701	18,185,701
11	Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farm	1	760,000	760,000	0	760,000
13	Other	204	51,940,810	1,954,450	49,986,360	51,940,810
14	Woodland	0	0	0	0	0
15	Miscellaneous	580	24,491,180	142,690	24,348,490	24,491,180
16						
17	TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE	3,070	763,590,862	130,629,418	632,961,444	763,590,862
18						
19	P.P. Cable	2	341,261	0	341,261	341,261
20	P.P. Equipment	1	587,606	0	0	0
21	TOTAL LISTED P.P.	3	928,867	0	341,261	341,261
22						
23	TOTAL LISTED VALUE		764,519,729	130,629,418	633,302,705	763,932,123
24						
25	EXEMPTIONS					
26	Veterans 10K	11	110,000	100,000	10,000	110,000
27	Veterans >10K		330,000	0	0	0
28						
29	Total Veterans		440,000	100,000	10,000	110,000
30	P.P. Contracts	2	341,261	0	0	0
31	Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	348,360	0	0	0
32	Owner Pays Ed Tax	0	0	0	0	0
33	Total Contracts	4/2	689,621	0	0	0
34	Current Use	52	7,468,420	2,212,670	5,255,750	7,468,420
35	Special Exemption	2	0	0	5,017,150	5,017,150
36	Partial Statutory	1/1	81,164	0	81,164	81,164
37	Total Exemptions		8,679,205	2,312,670	10,364,064	12,676,734
38	TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,558,405.24			
39	TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,283,167.48	6,229,386.41	7,512,553.89
40	NON-TAX		80 Non-Tax parcels are not included in 411			

2021 Current Use Exemptions

	NAME	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACRES	LAND USE EXEMPT	GRAND LIST
1	AMES ROBIN & STACEY A	\$205,690	30.61	\$95,910	\$1,098
2	BADURSKI CHARLES & LORRAINE	\$449,430	62.5	\$105,080	\$3,444
3	BAILEY ARTHUR H & ELLEN C	\$275,000	63.2	\$121,400	\$1,536
4	BEECHWOOD IRREVOCABLE TR	\$116,050	29.3	\$111,550	\$45
5	BERTLES JEANNETTE W	\$595,000	134.78	\$183,070	\$4,119
6	BLANC MICHAEL P	\$146,200	34.25	\$93,330	\$529
7	BOSSERT ELAINE S TRUST	\$693,510	126	\$171,110	\$5,224
8	BOYD CARL M TRUST	\$563,880	131.45	\$170,390	\$3,935
9	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET L	\$97,430	14.2	\$60,420	\$370
10	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET LEE	\$392,430	45.9	\$105,000	\$2,874
11	BRADBURN JUSTIN J	\$845,000	71	\$81,680	\$7,633
12	CAPLAN RICHARD A	\$907,370	61.89	\$128,220	\$7,792
13	CARMON JOHN C TRUSTEE OF NAN	\$252,960	93.1	\$146,900	\$1,061
14	CHERNOSKY GAIL & SIROIS BENJAMIN ET AL	\$144,080	65.5	\$30,000	\$1,141
15	COPELAND LAUREL TR & JULIA & HILLARY	\$292,760	206.01	\$261,360	\$314
16	CORBAT FARMS LLC	\$1,150,000	180.4	\$208,800	\$9,412
17	DEMIMO NICHOLAS G & TRACY	\$140,500	32.5	\$135,500	\$50
18	DOYLE MICHAEL J	\$432,140	58	\$119,200	\$3,129
19	FORTE ROBERT P TRUSTEE OF REVOCA TR	\$960,000	28.81	\$93,210	\$8,668
20	FUHRMAN DONALD & LINDA	\$122,050	32.8	\$117,050	\$50
21	GILFOND SANTIAGO E & MEGAN B	\$495,000	152.7	\$193,980	\$3,010
22	GORE TIMOTHY TAYLOR	\$196,800	93.67	\$163,250	\$336
23	GRAUP SUSAN F	\$393,250	47.16	\$108,060	\$2,852
24	GRINOLD ROBERT	\$205,000	114	\$187,600	\$174
25	HALLAHAN WILLIAM L & ELLEN F	\$376,490	263	\$292,900	\$836
26	HARVEY N JR DN TR & JAMES & GROTE ANNE B	\$190,800	40.7	\$64,240	\$1,266
27	HEAVENRICH TED R	\$650,000	98	\$153,100	\$4,969
28	JANNEN KATRINA	\$231,100	123.1	\$212,300	\$188
29	KETTERER GORDON P & ANN B	\$375,000	124.34	\$175,340	\$1,997
30	KILMURRAY DANIEL	\$1,008,520	47.5	\$107,800	\$9,007
31	KING ERIK A & CARLA C	\$419,380	72.78	\$129,880	\$2,895
32	LEWIS SCOTT & GROSS ANNE B	\$35,000	21.2	\$14,370	\$206
33	LOOK GAIL M	\$491,150	102.2	\$185,940	\$3,052
34	LPV19-239 STOWE HILL LLC	\$758,150	68.56	\$120,760	\$6,374
35	MACMONKUP LLC	\$174,300	59.8	\$102,400	\$719
36	MARUNAS P RAYMOND & CAROL	\$159,610	66.61	\$149,410	\$102
37	NESBITT M B & BEEMAN EMILY H	\$498,490	22.5	\$80,900	\$4,176
38	ON BEAVER POND LLC	\$128,200	23.6	\$124,600	\$36
39	PONTILLO RAYMOND & RAYMOND JR ET AL	\$919,540	91.22	\$146,720	\$7,728
40	SHAPIRO YOAV N	\$422,300	98.26	\$153,260	\$2,690
41	SPRAGUE MARTIN L & KAREN R	\$145,000	15.82	\$41,920	\$1,031
42	STEVENSON LAURA & STALOFF MARGARET G	\$372,820	59	\$117,600	\$2,552
43	STONE FAMILY TRUST	\$142,960	50.66	\$109,920	\$330
44	VON STEINWEHR RANDI	\$203,500	110.5	\$186,700	\$168
45	WARE RD LLC	\$1,026,630	149.31	\$146,950	\$8,797
46	WEBER RUSSELL R & CAROL E	\$1,023,350	47.38	\$167,470	\$8,559
47	WHITE JACOB & WALTER	\$480,280	152.19	\$191,190	\$2,891
48	WHITE WALTER	\$288,320	27.1	\$93,000	\$1,953
49	WIMMELMAN FRIEDA REV TR & BINNICK A TR	\$1,770,000	331.9	\$338,450	\$14,316
50	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$1,510,000	431.72	\$411,060	\$10,989
51	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$248,400	96.4	\$127,170	\$1,212
52	WINDY WOODS LLC	\$900,000	87	\$131,000	\$7,690
	Total Residential Homestead			\$2,212,670	
	Total Non-Residential			\$4,504,740	
	GRAND TOTALS	\$25,020,820.00	\$4,792.08	\$7,468,420.00	\$175,524.00

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
			FY21	8,533,453
			TOTAL	\$97,105,190

*Total tax raised FY21 approximately \$ 18,488,379 of which \$8,533,453 was sent to the state

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 junior 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.

Ownership of the C. C. Haynes Hall was Quitclaimed to the Town of Wilmington after the voters approved a bond to construct a joint police and fire facility on the town owned land.

2021 C. C. Haynes Fund Financial Statement

Assets January 1, 2021		
Cash on Hand	6,661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,564.52	
Total Assets		61,226.46
Income		
Interest from CD	43.67	
Total Income		43.67
Expenses		
Scholarships	1,000.00	
Total Expenses		1,000.00
Assets December 31, 2021		
Cash on Hand	5661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,608.19	
Total Assets		60,270.13

Respectfully submitted,
Carl M. Boyd, Trustee

**PETTEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PROPOSED BUDGET
FY JUNE 30, 2023**

Description	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Proposed Budget	% Increase
Expense					
Personnel:					
Payroll	\$ 81,290	77,855.29	84,450	85,025	+0.7%
Payroll Taxes	6,220	5,955.93	6,460	6,505	+0.7%
Staff Development & Travel	2,500	238.46	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Employee Benefits	1,470		1,500	2,000	+33.3%
Subtotal	91,480.00	84,049.68	94,910	96,030	+1.2%
Library Services:					
Acquisitions	17,000	12,964.62	17,000	17,000	0.0%
Library Supplies	3,000	2,465.88	2,500	2,750	+10.0%
Programs	4,000	1,854.36	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Computer & Equipment	2,500	869.96	2,500	3,000	+20.0%
On-line Services	3,500	3,217.35	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Telephone & Internet	2,000	1,830.64	2,000	2,500	+25.0%
Postage & Shipping	2,500	1,826.49	3,050	3,100	+1.6%
Memberships	250	490.00	400	600	+50.0%
Professional Fees	1,000	955.03	1,150	1,750	+52.2%
Advertising & Public Relations	1,000	443.87	1,200	1,000	-16.7%
Subtotal	36,750	26,918.20	37,800	39,700	+5.0%
Building & Grounds					
Custodial	5,000	3,705.00	4,300	4,300	0.0%
Electricity	2,475	1,682.38	2,950	2,500	-18.2%
Elevator	2,500	654.45	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Heating Oil	2,750	1,729.00	2,750	2,750	0.0%
Insurance	3,000	2,175.46	2,750	2,750	0.0%
Repair & Maintenance	2,500	1,460.47	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Security	550	589.00	550	650	+18.2%
Water & Sewer	775	774.80	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Subtotal	19,550	12,770.56	16,800	16,450	-1.8%
Total Expense	\$ 147,780	\$ 123,738.44	\$ 149,510	\$ 152,180	+1.8%
Income					
Town Appropriation	\$ 133,100	\$ 133,100.00	\$ 137,500	\$ 140,000	+1.8%
Supplemental Income	14,680	3,561.71	12,010	12,180	+1.4%
Total Income	\$ 147,780	136,661.71	\$ 149,510	\$ 152,180	+1.8%
Net Income		\$ 12,923.27			



January 10, 2022

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, 2021.

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



Town Clerk Staff-Deb Boyd, Leo Sanzone, Therese Lounsbury, Eithne Eldred

Wilmington Selectboard

2021 rolled in with a focus on vaccines and the hope of ending the siege of the Corona Virus. While hopes were peaked reality dictated otherwise. The threat remains as we continue to work around the crisis and move the Town of Wilmington forward. Volunteers, citizens, employees and some state agencies have allowed us to maintain a somewhat even keel thereby keeping us on course. We thank you all for your perseverance and resolve and look for your continued support.

Selectboard had a busy year in 2021. Town meeting was “virtual” and voting done by mail via Australian Ballot. Kudos to the Town Clerk who has negotiated many obstacles and has managed to pull all of this off in her first year on the job! Utterly remarkable—many thanks to Therese Lounsbury for oversight on the annual event as well as conducting and overseeing all appeals filed due to reappraisal as well as mastering the multiple tasks that come with her office.

But what else occurred this past year? Well, after an eight-year negotiation the Town has assumed the reins of the Wilmington Water District. Negotiations did not occur the entire period but sporadically with the end result having to be approved by the legislature and Governor. Old Home week was delayed from 2020 only to be met with enthusiastic revelry in 2021. The well attended reunion went off without a hitch as the assigned committee did an outstanding job of bringing it all together. Many thanks to Nicki Steel, et al, for their dedication to the continued celebration held once every decade. Again, volunteers carried the day!

Feasibility studies are being done with the hopes of expanding water and sewer access to other parts of town. We are going to receive funds from the ARPA as part of the recovery act from Congress and will be seeking citizen input on priorities and or projects that would benefit our community. This year a new day care center has opened, several new businesses have joined our village keeping the businesses somewhat diverse and viable.

And, I cannot conclude this without mention of the new Public Safety Building which is going up as I write. The facility will address the long outstanding complaint from FEMA that we relocate out of the flood plain. The building will be ready for occupancy in late spring and the Building Committee is planning an open house which will include tours of the facility.

The many people that sit on committees, volunteer at multiple scheduled events, run for elected office cannot be thanked enough. You are encouraged to participate in the positions available in the community and we cannot do the job without you!

Again, thank you Wilmington!!

Town Manager

This is our fifth budget being presented to voters that I have had the pleasure of developing with department heads and the Selectboard. It is always a challenging effort to advance a budget that both meets service needs, yet still tries to keep the lid on tax rates. In previous years, we were successful in keeping expenses in check, with modest annual increases. This year, inflationary pressures are back, not seen in over 30-years, with consumer prices over 6%; we are all feeling the pinch, with increasing prices at the gas pump, in our grocery bills, at restaurants, in housing, and retail. In addition, the town is in the process of constructing a new building which will also impact the FY-2023 budget.

This past Annual Meeting (March 2021), voters approved the Selectboard and Public Safety Facility Committee's request to build the new Wilmington Public Safety Facility, now under construction at 40 Beaver Street, due to be completed in April 2022. This decision by voters to move both Police and Fire Departments out of the floodplain, supports the hard work of our volunteer firefighters and police professionals working to meet 21st Century standards. The town is now able to complete two significant goals proposed by FEMA in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene (August 2011), and identified in both the Wilmington Town Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to "Protect town infrastructure from flood damage to ensure uninterrupted commerce during a flood" (LHMP, page 51).

A third town goal that has been on the table for many years was the merger of the Wilmington Water District with the Town of Wilmington. That goal was accomplished on June 30, 2021, with the hard work, collaboration and perseverance of both boards, staff, legal and legislative team(s). The Water Operator, Chris Lavoy, transferred to the town and continues to serve in this capacity, which means a continuity of services for customers.

This year, actually the past 24 months, have likely brought us all to a new understanding with each other and this "once-in-a-lifetime" pandemic. Like it or not, we have had to learn more about the science behind vaccination developments to protect us against COVID-19, and other variants. Although, everyone has their own theory about vaccinations and masking-up in public places, the Selectboard, staff and I would like to thank everyone for their courtesy and patience exhibited throughout this pandemic. The Police, Fire, Highway and Health personnel met with residents and visitors as needed throughout the pandemic. The most in-person contact by citizens was with police officers and dispatchers, while office workers, Water and Wastewater departments interacted primarily through telephone, email, and an occasional appointment. You can rest assured that our staff worked very hard on your behalf throughout this difficult period, and continue to do so as the pandemic shows no sign of letting up.

Thank you for your continual support. Stay safe in the coming year.

Scott A. Tucker, Town Manager

Respectfully,

Scott A. Tucker

Scott A. Tucker, Wilmington Town Manager

Wilmington Fire Department

The Wilmington Fire Department responded to 203 calls in 2021.

Despite the continuing COVID 19 Pandemic the Members of Wilmington Fire Department are always ready to help people in need taking extra precautions to keep themselves and our community safe.

The members of Wilmington FD would like to take this time to say thank you to the Voters of the Town of Wilmington for voting in support of the bond to provide a much-needed Public Safety Facility for our Fire and Police Departments, as you probably have noticed construction is well under way with estimated completion of the building sometime in early May.

Wilmington Fire department hosted a Vermont Fire Academy Firefighter 1 course That allowed Firefighters from surrounding Departments to become nationally certified firefighters. The training started in December of 2020 and ended in April 2021, Wilmington fire had two members that completed the training, Firefighter Craig Goodell and Firefighter James Perry, we congratulate them both for a job well done.

Last year we had to cancel our annual Ladies night because COVID 19 but we were fortunate enough to be able to have it this year and were able to present our length of service awards for 2020 and 2021.

Awards were presented to.

- Matt Somerville 5 years 2020
- Brian Wuoti 5 years 2020
- John Tiddes 15 years 2020
- Scott Moore 30 years 2020
- Jeff Silverman 35 years 2020
- Brian Johnson 50 years 2020
- Mark Tiddes 5 years 2021
- DJ pike 10 years 2021
- Dan Elliott 10 years 2021
- John Hescocock 15 years 2021
- John Lazelle 25 years 2021
- Jeremy White 20 years 2021
- Donald Wilson 20 years 2021
- Leigh Thomson 30 years 2021
- Marc Lipson 35 years 2021

The Wilmington Firefighter of the year Awards went

- Brian Johnson 2020
- Bill Spirka 2021

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Moore, Fire Chief
Bill Spirka, Assistant Chief
Robert Maynard JR, Captain
Keith Johnson, Lieutenant
Jeremy White, Lieutenant
Donnie 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, and maintaining our parks, the following projects were completed during 2021;

The Town received a Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid, for 2021. Ditching and stone lining the ditches was completed on Sun & Ski Road, Larson Rd, and Turner Rd.

The Town received a Better Roads Grant for Stearns Ave, which included tree cutting, replacing two road culverts and four driveway culverts, ditching and stone lining all the ditches, adding gravel to the road and grading to create a crown in the road.

On Lake Raponda Road, another 800 ft of road was rebuilt. 18" of material was removed, a new 18" culvert was installed, 12" of Geo Grid 12" was installed as well as 2" of ballast stone, road fabric and 6" of crushed gravel.

A combination of road and driveway culverts were changed out this year, totaling 30 culverts.

Resurfacing was done on the following roads;

Haskell Hill 1,150 x 21ft 1" overlay
Ray hill Rd 3,750ft x 22ft 1.5 overlay
Shearer Hill Rd 8,000ft x 21ft 1.5 overlay
Haystack Rd 1,675ft x 24ft 1.5 overlay
South main St 680ft x 26ft milled and filled
Shafter St 640ft x 17ft milled and filled

2015 Dodge was traded towards 2021 Dodge 5500

2004 Cat excavator was traded towards a 2021 Volvo rubber-tired excavator

I would like to thank the Road Crew for their hard work though-out the year. I would also like to thank the Town Manager, Selectboard, and other departments for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted Sheldon Brassor, Road Supervisor

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 assist citizens with various requests; provide administrative and clerical support for the department.

In 2021 WPD continued to operate short one full-time officer. We are continuing recruiting efforts to fill this remaining position but the applicant pool is significantly depleted given the extremely competitive job market. Filling the position is made even more difficult by the dramatic decrease in people interested in working in policing. We will continue to recruit for this position and will not rush to hire as finding the right person for our community is critical to being a successful police officer here at WPD. In 2021 WPD hired Officer Kayla Healy as a part-time officer. Officer Healy is full-time certified and brings several years of experience with her.

We continued to see an increase in motor vehicle complaints this year throughout our community. Wilmington has seen an increase in the use of second homes which brings a considerable amount of traffic to our roadways. We are working with our traffic safety partners at VTtrans to have a safety study completed on West Main Street in the near future. In addition, we have increased our presence and enforcement on our local roads to work to reduce speeding and aggressive driving issues. Several local roadways are in the process of having their speed limits reviewed. Following one such study the speed limit for Fairview Avenue was reduced to 25 MPH. Another ongoing study has resulted in Ray Hill Road from Route 9 to its intersection with Mann Road being designated as a No-Thru Traffic section of roadway. This designation will enable WPD to request that this section of roadway not be used in navigation route calculations. This should result in a reduction in traffic on Ray Hill Road, Haystack Road and Mann Road. Additional benefits to this change will be a reduction of traffic entering the main intersection from Ray Hill Road (reducing traffic congestion in the center,) reduction in collisions (as it will keep drivers on the main roadways) and should make those local roads safer for all users.

WPD applied for a Connect to Protect Department of Justice Grant which if awarded, will be used to hire a Substance Use Disorder Counselor for the Deerfield Valley. This community asset would work in collaboration with WPD's embedded crisis worker. I expect to hear by the end of this calendar year (2021) if we have been awarded the grant.

Our imbedded crisis worker, Knowles Wentworth, continues to work within the police department and our community. This year over 53 individuals and families were referred to Knowles for additional assistance. These are referrals from WPD and do not include referrals from direct connections that he generates within our community. We have found that the program continues to adapt to the needs of our community. If you have not met Knowles yet, please stop by and say hello.

This year has been a year of challenges in policing and every one of our staff has excelled at meeting these new challenges. One of these challenges has been a new statewide record management system which during its implementation phase has challenged dispatcher and officers alike. We are aware of changes the state would like to make to emergency dispatching services in the future and are working on possible solutions. We are also seeing a decrease in services from the state for police agencies and this has led to an increase in agency assist calls mostly in our surrounding communities and has in some instances made it difficult for us to request assistance. The officers and staff continue to train to meet the increasing requirements for police officers and continue to prepare for the ever-increasing array of services that WPD provides to our community.

As of this writing, the new Wilmington Public Safety Facility is being constructed. The project will provide much needed improvement to WPD's work spaces and further increase our ability to provide quality, professional services to our community. Please join us at the opening ceremony which is tentatively planned for June 25, 2022.

As of December 2021, with one month to go in the year, the Wilmington Police Department will have handled approximately 1391 incidents. This includes 79 persons who were arrested for a variety of offenses. We issued approximately 652 traffic tickets and 758 warnings. We investigated over 87 motor vehicle collisions.

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 Healy, O'Neil, Chief Murano, Carcich, Kirkman, Hammond and Dispatcher St. Denis

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 Oxbow. 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. We have worked on pruning and clearing the Trebbe Memorial Garden with the expectation of better beautifying this area once we have the completed Safety Building.

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!! It was with great regret the Town accepted the resignation of Lee Schindel who was one of our founding members. Lee and Andy gave many hours of volunteer time planting, weeding and pruning all of our gardens.

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. We are looking forward to the completion of the Safety Building and landscaping and flower barrels. Flags and bunting Memorial Day through the Fourth of July 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, and Fred Skwirut



Public Safety Facility Groundbreaking

Town Clerk

It was challenging to sit down to a fresh sheet of paper to encapsule the activities of another year in your Town Clerk's office. I wish I was able to report that the COVID19 pandemic was under control and close to eradication, but we can only hope that it will be part of the news for next year. As for 2021, you will recall that the annual Town Meeting was conducted by Australian Ballot to keep everyone safe and healthy. I encourage you to give my office a call to be sure that your voter information is current. Early mail in and absentee voting will continue to be a part of our election process. For any election, you may contact my office to request a ballot to be mailed to your home, or to vote here in the Town Clerk's Office. The 2022 Congressional Primary and General Election will be mailed directly from the Secretary of State's office, and we would like to make sure it all goes smoothly. You can also go online to olvr.vermont.gov to double check your address, date of birth, etc., or to register to vote.

This serves as a reminder that the Town Clerk's Office takes care of your land records; licensing for civil marriages, liquor, and dogs; conducts your elections; and houses the town's Vital Records. I refer you to the Wilmington Statistics for 2021 found on a subsequent page.

We mourned the loss of several long time Wilmington residents this year, many that served this town in a variety of capacities. The newest census data reports an increase in the population of Wilmington to 2,255. Real estate transactions are continuing at a steady pace as you will see by the Land Record Statistics. If you are new dog resident to Wilmington, please stop in to register your pet (6 months or older on April 1). It is important for public health safety, and to allow us to reunite you and your pet should they wander off.

At the end of June, we celebrated Pat Johnson, and her 12 years of service to the Town Clerk's Office, as she headed into retirement. She was an essential guide to my rapid immersion into all things Town Clerk, and I thank her for her patience, good humor, and willingness to share. She remains a valuable resource and friend. Eithne Eldred was able to train under Pat to take over the role of Assistant Town Clerk on July 1, 2021. Her skill set fits well with this office, and she has quickly been able to respond to your calls and visits for help with land records and licensing. We are open to serve you Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm, we do not close for lunch.

On behalf of myself and Eithne Eldred, it has been a pleasure to serve you this year. Let's find adventure in every day, choose to sprinkle it with laughter, and do our best work.

With sincere gratitude,
Therese Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk



Boyd Family; Old Home Week Parade-Courtesy of Nicki Steel

Wilmington Statistics for 2021

ELECTIONS

Annual Town Meeting was not held as a floor vote (COVID19 pandemic), all voting was by Australian Ballot for all town business, and town/school officers & school budget.

Total Ballots Cast: 515 (357 by early mail in / absentee) (158 at the polls)

Total Registered Voters: 1620

New Registered Voters: 120

Transferred Voters: 33

Challenged Voters: 158

Purged Voters: 193 (idle for two election cycles, no response by mail)

LAND RECORDS

Documents Recorded: 2960

Documents Recorded last three years: 2020=1669; 2019=1433; 2018=1432

Property Transfer Tax Returns Recorded: 381

Property Transfer Tax Returns last three years: 2020=291; 2019=213; 2018=209

Surveys/PLATs/Plans Recorded: 10

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 12

Deaths: 16

Resident Burials: 4

Non-Resident Burials: 22

Civil Marriages: 29

DOG LICENSES

190

LIQUOR LICENSES

31

CATERING & EVENT PERMITS

19

Wilmington Statistics for 2021

BIRTHS

February	Logan William Wismann
April	Hadlee Ann Sullivan
July	Ellie Rose Pye-Struzinski Sylvia Liisa Summerall
August	Stella Cameron Prue-Colburn Elliott Reed Summerall
September	Eva Lee Cooney
October	Cyrus Arthur Rogers John Allen Hescocock Jr.
November	Emily Lynn DeGray
December	Logan Peter Burrows Miah Marie-Lois Hescocock

MARRIAGES

April	Eugene P. Gates & Christine I. Willette
May	Craig M. Green & Morgan N. Pease
June	Brian C. Ingall & Erin K. Sprandel
August	Christopher C. Domerecki & Miranda J. Fitzsimons Julie E. Koehler & Alexander L. Rioux
October	Larry J. David Jr. & Casey L. LeBlanc Jeremy D. Dix & Heather A. Pease
December	Megan Joy Kehoe & Ethan Matthew Fox

DEATHS

January	Robert K. Overton, Doris L Meadowcroft, Arleen R. Songailo
February	Nancy Riley Childs, Maria C. Schneider
March	Donna Lee Williams, Priscilla J. Streeter, Francis J. Harris, Kai F. Tadlock
April	Susan K. Sweeney, Alan Greenspan, Mary E. Brady, Jeffrey E. LaRhette
May	Albert G. Wurzbarger, Gerard M. Costello
June	Lensey Allen Cole, Richard C. Covey, Jacob L. White, Harold Noyes Patch
July	Lawrence D. Mill, Laura M. Rinaldi, Janice E. Batchelder, Harold I. Rice
August	Marielle M. Lallier, Frank P. Sherwood, Diana Gusz
September	Joan H. Manley, Caroline B. Wheeler, Janet M. Ackert
October	Peter W. Morris, Harriette R. Hamilton
November	Jessie E. Classon
December	Megan L. Bratton

Zoning Department

The pandemic continued to impact the Wilmington community in 2021, related to both the town's role in Zoning and Health Officer disciplines within our municipality. Though the impact of COVID-19 was significant in our community, it did not discourage permitting new construction projects in residential districts of Wilmington. There was a significant increase in the number of new homes planned for construction during 2021, as well as planned improvements to existing residences specific to sheds, garages, decks, mudrooms, and related additions to principal dwellings.

The local real estate market exploded in 2021, coupled by low interest rates nationally and increased demand for primary and second homes in Wilmington. A typical trend in Vermont, where the second homes are predominantly unoccupied through the year changed due to the pandemic, where these residences were occupied by homeowners who would typically be living in urban areas during the year. Similarly, the health crisis highlighted the impact of short-term rentals in Wilmington, which become an increasing concern from an enforcement perspective. This uptick in complaints was in part attributed to where homes that would typically be vacant, now had tourists residing in these residential properties throughout the year.

In 2021, it marked the year the Hermitage Members Club under new ownership brought three Development Review Board proposals through a public review process. The improvements included updating their Master Plan, resurrecting two previously zoned subdivisions within the resort, adding a new maintenance garage, permitting temporary exterior buildings around the base lodge area, and improving necessary infrastructure for increased snowmaking operations. In 2022, we will likely see land use decisions for related properties acquired by Hermitage in years previous, coming back as new use development scenario in Wilmington.

The Town Health Officer maintained an active presence within the community during the COVID-19 crisis addressing renter-owner complaints, unsafe living conditions, failing wastewater systems, water infiltration/mold, short-term rental complaints, and water quality testing dictates. A significant amount of time was dedicated to inspecting rental properties where the dwellings were challenged with septic tank issues, water infiltration, and mold growth within the premises.

Wilmington witnessed an increase in Zoning Permits from 68 last year to 95 as of November 15, 2021. The projects included 26 new homes, 17 garages/shed projects, 12 deck/porch projects, signs, new driveways, etc. going through the administrative permitting process. The Development Review Board reviewed 15 separate development cases in 2021 related to a Hermitage Master Plan and Projects, food truck, vacant motel/inn uses, day spas, and six setback encroachment variance cases.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Tuller, AICP
Zoning Administrator/Health Officer

Wastewater Department

For the calendar year 2021 we received, treated and discharged a total of 29,496,200 gallons of wastewater into the Deerfield River for a daily average of 80,800 gallons per day which represents a 16.6% increase compared to 2020. The facility is permitted to discharge an annual average flow of 135,000 gallons per day. We recorded 63.08 inches of rain and 84.25 inches of snow for a total of 147.33 total inches of precipitation in 2021.

	<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>	<u>2021</u>
Avg. Daily Flow (gallons per day)	68,000	78,200	78,100	69,800	65,800	80,600	87,300	80,700	69,900	80,800
Rain (inches)	38.83	44.23	45.85	34.68	38.28	48.14	55.35	44.77	42.14	63.08
Snow (inches)	68.50	97.50	94.75	88.25	71.25	111.75	150.00	102.25	86.00	84.25
Total Precipitation (inches)	107.33	141.73	140.60	122.92	109.53	160.16	205.35	147.02	128.14	147.33

We continue to keep very busy at the treatment plant. We responded to 18 alarms, attended 8 training events, cleaned 13,700 feet of sewer line, and performed many hours of routine and preventative maintenance related work. We assisted 2 customers with the replacement of their private sewer lines and had four accounts that changed their wastewater allocation with one of them being a new connection that will take place in the spring. At the treatment plant we had some issues with one of our RBC's (rotating biological contactors) that was installed in 2016 which required the unit to be shut down for a day and a contractor had to come in and make some emergency repairs.

There are several projects that we continue to work on. They are East Main 1 (area near Peoples Bank), East Main 2 (just West of Beaver Brook bridge), West Main (near VT House) and the Route 9 Water and Sewer extension project that would extend water and sewer service to the Ballou Hill Rd area and South on Rt 100 just past the Health Center. East Main 1 is scheduled to be completed in 2022 which will include extending our sewer main to eliminate a very long shared private sewer line and is a part of the much-anticipated sidewalk improvement project from the intersection of Beaver Street to the Beaver Brook bridge. The East Main 2 and West Main projects have not been scheduled but are in our 5-year plan. We continue to look for funding for the Route 9 water and sewer expansion project. We are also in the process of re-writing and updating our facilities Operation and Maintenance manual.

Chief Operator John Lazelle attended the 2021 Waterpro Conference in Milwaukee in September, representing the Town and Vermont Rural Water Association with whom he serves on the Board of Directors. This was a great conference to network with fellow Water and Wastewater professionals. There were many beneficial sessions and some great presenters.

The treatment plant continues to operate very well and efficiently. In 2021 we removed 97.7% of the BOD (bad bugs) and 95.8% 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! We experienced one blockage that 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

2021 in Review

14 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
2020 -- 9	

The Development Review Board (DRB) composition experienced changes in 2021: We welcomed two new DRB members – Chrystal Holt and Justin Linder and unfortunately lost Mary Brady.

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 “findings 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.

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

Chrystal Holt

Justin Linder

Fred Houston – Alternate (2 Alternate positions remain open)

Board of Listers

Four years ago Vermont Property and Review recommended that the Wilmington Board of Listers reappraise all town properties to bring them up to fair market values. We are delighted to report that despite the challenges of the pandemic including difficulties with interior inspections we are at 100% CLA.

At this March Town Meeting 2022, we are asking you the taxpayers to vote on reducing the Lister Board back to three members in a winding down process and eventually being replaced by a Town Assessor and Assistant.

Lynne Matthews and Kay Martin Schwader will be stepping down this year. Their services and vast knowledge of the real estate market were invaluable for many years.

Looking forward the Town hopes to hire a Town Assessor and assistant sometime during the 2022–2023-time frame to replace the last members of your Lister Board: Diane Schipke, Leonard Chapman and myself, Jerry Osler.

On a final note, we would like to thank Debby Kingsley for her guidance, expertise, strength and patience. Debby's direction, knowledge and skills have been invaluable. It's impossible to express our thanks for all the some 38 years she has worked for your Town.

WILMINGTON BOARD OF LISTERS

Water Department

The Wilmington Water District is the newest department created in the town of Wilmington. Before there was a water district it was the Village of Wilmington's water supply and first started serving customers in 1904. In the mid 1950's the water district was created when the Village of Wilmington became the Town of Wilmington. The water system has served the village or the district for over 116 years, until July 1 2021 when the town took over. I look forward to working with the town to develop a sustainable system, both financially with developing a general fund and the addition of a second operator. I hope you can support your new water system; it has great water quality and history as well.

Chris Lavoy, Chief Operator

Public Safety Facilities Committee

As of the writing of this report the new Wilmington Public Safety Facility is on track to be completed in May 2022. The committee would like to thank the Wilmington voters for their support throughout this project. We would also like to thank the town manager, administrative assistant, finance officer, police chief, fire chief and selectboard for their unwavering support and cooperation throughout this process.

The new building is being built on Beaver Street to modern requirements for police, fire and energy efficiency and will serve the Town of Wilmington for many years ahead.

The selectboard recently approved funds to celebrate the grand opening of the building, currently scheduled for June 25, 2022. We hope you can all join us in the celebration.

Respectfully,

Chuck Clerici
Dennis Richter

Mel Demock
Jeremy White

Matt Murano
Scott Moore

What is DVFiber?

2021 Year in Review

DVFiber has grown to include 24 towns in three counties, has selected its private sector vendor partner, and has obtained substantial grant funding to begin work on a fiber optic cable network.

We have collectively accomplished much in this past year with the incredible work of representatives and alternates appointed by the Select Boards of our member towns, plus additional volunteers — some 60 people in all — who have applied technical, financial, and communications skills to keep us moving forward. We are ready to design and construct the fiber optic network that will make Internet access at gigabit speeds a reality for nearly 8,000 homes and businesses on the grid that do not have it now.

What are CUDs?

Communications union districts (CUDs) are special purpose municipalities, just like water, fire, or sewer districts. Vermont had been struggling for many years through several governors of both parties to find a way to bring high-speed Internet service to the most rural parts of our state, areas that commercial providers have found unprofitable to serve.

Beginning in 2015 and continuing through this past year, the Vermont legislature enacted legislation setting out the framework for the formation of municipal districts and giving them the tools to deliver service for all where there was none before. DVFiber is now one of nine CUDs in Vermont.

Significant Events

Early on, our governing board, composed of representatives and alternates from all of our member towns, decided that the best path to achieve the required results would be to form a public/private partnership in which DVFiber, the public partner, would own the network, manage it for the benefit of our customers, and pay a private sector partner to construct and operate it on our behalf. To that end, through an RFP process, the governing board of DVFiber selected Great Works Internet (GWI) of Biddeford, Maine, a B Corporation, as our partner. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GWI and began to negotiate the full details of our partnership agreement.

Next Steps

The Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) has just awarded DVFiber a \$4.1 million grant of federal funds to finance pre-construction work. This work includes a high-level design for all 24 member towns and a detailed engineering design for the six Phase I towns — the ones with the largest concentrations of poorly served homes and businesses. In addition, the grant pays for necessary work by utility companies to prepare their poles for the attachment of our fiber next year.

DVFiber will apply for additional federal funds to finance the actual network construction. We expect these funds to become available for awards in early 2022. We are grateful for federal funding that will greatly speed up the construction schedule.

Our Thanks

We would like to thank all of our Select Boards for their support, for their appointments of such highly skilled delegates to our board, and for their patience while we roll out this technically complex and expensive — but essential — network and service. We are working as fast as we can to deliver on the promise of a community-owned, fiber optic broadband network that provides affordable, world-class service to everyone in our member towns.

Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center

As the Wilmington selectboard considers our appropriations request for the coming fiscal year, we would like to share some highlights and data from the past year. SVTRC participants include three Wilmington residents, and another resident serves as a volunteer.

As the pandemic continues, we have closely followed the state's DOH and CDC recommendations regarding vaccinations, social distancing, and use of masks when indoors or in close proximity to others. We have changed the format of many of our fundraising events, shifting to an online silent auction, offering a "take-away" volunteer appreciation meal, and adjusting the format of our annual horse show, which offers participants the opportunity to demonstrate their progress to their family members. We have yet to reschedule our 10th Anniversary Gala (which will now celebrate our 11th and 12th years of operation!).

We've again been fortunate that individuals have made contributions that allow us to continue to serve our mission.

Once again, thank you so much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information.

Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults in our region. 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.

Wilmington residents received one or more of these services in year ending 6/30/2021: Information & Assistance (109 calls or office visits), Medicare assistance (29 calls/visits), Caregiver support, Grant Assistance, In-home Case Management/support (23 clients received 177.75 hours of services), Visits/errands/phone calls by our volunteers (5 clients, 114.45 hours), and/or meals provided in collaboration with The Dumaine House and the Municipal Center.

We financially support local meal providers by distributing federal and state funds to them which help them operate senior meal programs. However, these funds do not cover the full cost of providing meals, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support senior meals, nor do we benefit from any funds that the town might give to local meal sites.

We also provide transportation, mental health services, exercise programs, and many other services, often in partnership with other organizations.

Financial support from towns and individuals is very important to us, and we are enormously grateful for your contributions.

To get help or learn more about us, visit www.seniorsolutionsvt.org or call 1(866)673-8376.

Submitted by Mark Boutwell, Executive Director

Youth Services

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and restorative justice services for young people, individuals and families in Windham County communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services available include:

- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Restorative justice-based programming with the Brattleboro Community Justice Center and Windham County Court Diversion & Pre-Trial Services. Program services engage with community members and referred individuals to repair harm caused by conflict and crime as an alternative to the traditional court system.
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Workforce and career development programs with one-on-one and group meetings for high school students and young adults
- Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program-substance use prevention for youth and young adults
- Counseling services for young adults including Assessment, Intervention and Recovery
- Youth-led screen printing business start-up named DemoGraphiX

This year, we respectfully request \$300 from the Town of Wilmington to help fund our agency's services. We served 9 residents from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2021 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

Wilmington Trails Committee

The Trails Committee was hard at work this year! Here are some of the things the committee worked on:

1. Maintained trails as needed, including new trailhead signs, directional signs, and maps
2. Drafted and submitted “charge” statement (Mission statement) to Town Manager
3. Successfully recruited new WTC members and additional Friends of the Trails
4. Rerouted short section of Valley Trail to accommodate new landowner request
5. Created three trail hikes for Old Home Week: story book walk, geocache hike, tree walk and staffed display table in Memorial Hall with maps and hiking information handouts
6. Partnered with Jeff Nugent, WRC to revive and review 2007 HT&W Scoping Study and explored upgrading HT&W trail with Town Manager, SB, and economic development specialist. Explored grant and other funding sources for project. Initiated collection of supportive letters from town business owners and community stakeholders/residents. Obtained SB support for and issued an RFP for HT&W design phase upgrades. Met with Great River Hydro and Vermont Land Trust to assure support with scope of HT&W project.
7. Collaborated with White family to establish and install a memorial plaque at the Haystack Mountain trailhead in 2022 honoring Jake White’s community and WTC service
8. Collaborated with additional private, public, and town committees and departments throughout the year (and not already mentioned above) on issues related to Wilmington Town trails including: OHW Committee, Recreation Commission, Wilmington Works, Wilmington Road Supervisor and crew, Native Fish Coalition, Society of American Foresters
9. Explored the possibility of graveling the remainder of Beaver Brook trail as well as altering the current path to create a loop instead of terminating on Main Street.

In memory of Jake White, 10/13/1950 – 6/28/2021. A true trailblazer and devoted community and Trail Committee member. He shared his energy and hard work to create and maintain our beautiful trails for all to enjoy. May he rest in peace!

D.V.C.C.
Deerfield Valley Community Cares

The Deerfield Valley Community Cares fund was started in September of 2004. Our mission is to provide heating assistance to working families and seniors throughout the valley when they run short and can't make ends meet during the winter months. We offer help to people in the valley who have made every effort to provide for themselves, and who do not qualify for State or Federal aid. We do not give money to individuals, but pay the fuel companies directly.

From September 2020 through May 2021, the DVCC spent \$48,013. on various types of fuel for people in the valley. Thirty-six families were helped, and of that total, eight families were from the Town of Wilmington. Surprisingly, this was far fewer people than we normally need to help during a winter. For many of our neighbors, lack of work posed financial problems in their households. This problem was made worse by the Covid 19 virus that closed down many of the business opportunities in the valley for the remainder of the winter. However, most people were able to get by because of the pandemic relief checks that were sent out.

I expect this fuel prices this year will be higher, and government checks coming will be fewer – so many of our neighbors will be affected. We will likely be back to helping much higher numbers of families than last year.

For the past couple of years, we have been given an enormous amount of help from the Propane Dover fuel buying group. We are very grateful for their help, but we also need help from each town within the valley to be able to have money on hand to take care of all who need assistance. Our major fundraiser, the Best Dam Walk/Run was cancelled both of the past two years by the Rotary Club because of the Covid concerns. It has been a tough summer to ask for money from people when they are struggling to keep their own heads above water.

We are grateful for the help that the Town of Wilmington has given us in the past and we hope that you will continue to aid us in our efforts. This year your help will be especially necessary. Thank you for your past generosity.

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 2,136 hours of services to 79 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

On behalf of the Southern Vermont Chamber of Commerce Board, we would like to thank you for your support over the last year. With the support of our members, community members & towns, as well as Recovery grants from the State, the Chamber was able to keep the Visitor's Center in Wilmington open, promote our member businesses, and guide the organization through a successful year.

As COVID-19 event restrictions were lifted in May, Chamber associates and board members started right in on planning events. We were happy to be able to host the majority of our annual events! With a short planning period, the Chamber was able to host the Annual Independence Day fireworks at Mount Snow, and we hope to bring this event back to Baker Field in 2022. In July, we hosted a sold-out Annual Golf Tournament at Haystack Golf Club. We ended our event season with the return of the Vermont Wine and Harvest Festival, with the Soup & Wine Stroll in downtown Wilmington and the Grand Tasting event at Mount Snow. Despite a smaller event due to COVID-19, we were still happy to welcome 2,500 guests at Mount Snow for an outdoor event on a beautiful Fall day.

We were also happy to move forward with marketing plans in conjunction with the Bi-Town Marketing Committee. We worked together to design & launch a new website at, www.visitvermont.com. The new site is designed with ease of finding information in mind. It provides access to all local businesses, with special features available to Chamber members. The Chamber Board looks forward to continued work with the Bi-Town Marketing Committee as they execute a strategic plan for expanded marketing efforts for the valley.

As we move into 2022, the primary efforts of the Board of Directors will be concentrated on developing benefits offered to our members. We will also work on expanding marketing opportunities for our members & continue to develop a roster of events that will attract more visitors to the valley.

Thank you again for your support & we look forward to another successful year supporting the businesses of Wilmington and the Deerfield Valley.

In the Spirit of Hospitality,

Charlie Foster
SVDVC President

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 is a facility that includes seven exam rooms (including two bariatric rooms); a procedure room; consultation rooms for diabetes education, medication management, and nutrition counseling; a multi-purpose room; and spaces for physical therapy, imaging, and lab services. It has 12 employees.

Our local medical campus is 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. Appointments via telemedicine offer an alternative to in-person visits.

The SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus offers the Pfizer vaccine for initial or booster immunizations, for approved ages, to existing patients with an appointment. The practice also performs COVID testing for existing patients who present symptoms.

During the 2020-21 operating year, the SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus:

- Treated **810 residents** of Wilmington, recording **3,313** patient visits. The total of all patient visits to the Deerfield Valley Campus this year was 12,525.
- Administered **797 flu shots** to patients at the Deerfield Valley Campus through a drive-thru clinic for existing patients. 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 facility owned and operated by SVMC. Located at the base of Mount Snow on the Grand Summit Hotel access road, MMS treated **415 patients** between November 2020 and March 2021. This 50% decrease from the prior year can be attributed to COVID.

The SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus is part of SVHC, a non-profit, integrated health system serving communities in Bennington and Windham Counties in Vermont, northern Berkshire County in Massachusetts, and eastern Rensselaer and Washington Counties in New York. 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, the SVHC Foundation, 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 of SVHC

Crista Gannon, *Chair & SVHC Foundation Board*

Elizabeth Acquaviva, *SVHC Practice Manager*

Chad Bullock

Charles La Fiura, *SVHC Foundation Board*

Marv Neuman

Arlene Palmiter

Kristen Wallace

Mark Wallace

Mark Williams

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.

Old Home Week 2021 - a tradition since 1890 held every 10 years was abruptly halted thanks to COVID-19 making this year's reunion 11 years since the previous OHW. The society volunteers were busy with hostessing at Memorial Hall for registration, providing village walking tours, and opening the museum and carriage shed for all to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who helped the society and / or stopped by for a visit.

The museum was open to the public by appointment only, throughout the summer months and into the fall with monthly officer/trustee meetings. Thank you to Will Melton for sharing his presentation about O. O. Ware during our September meeting.

Currently we are raising funds for the rebuild of our stone wall that runs along the society's property and Lisle Hill Road. This past spring two sections of the wall started sliding down the bank into the ditch. We were in hopes of having the wall repaired in time for OHW but that was way out of line with timing. The project needs more than just a repair, the entire wall will be rebuilt from the bottom up with drainage, helping to support the knoll that the museum house has stood on since 1806. Needless to say this is going to be a costly project and we have just started fund raising for it. We look forward to having the work completed late spring of 2022.

The society would like to take this time to thank each and every donor, whether a precious artifact, generous monetary donation, and / or yearly membership dues. Without this continued support the society would not be able to continue to preserve the rich history of Wilmington, dating back to the beginning in 1751.

For more information about the history of Wilmington please contact the society for a copy of "Images of America: Wilmington," published in 2020 to help support the society with yearly expenses.

As far as monthly meetings and presentations for 2022 we will see how the pandemic continues to unfold. The museum will continue to be open by appointment starting in May and going through October. To make an appointment leave a message at either (802) 464-3004 or (802) 464-0200.

A tremendous thank you goes to our dedicated officers, trustees, and volunteers for their continued support and help with preserving Wilmington history ~ 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

Mary Towne, Trustee

Larry Chase, House Committee Chairman

Harriet Maynard, Curator

Respectfully submitted, Julie Moore, President

Economic Development

Our community is at turning point in our recovery from the pandemic. According to the 2020 census our population increased by 20.2% with a total of 2,255; with the state only increasing by 2.8%. Due to this increase we may see more participation in our community boards, workforce, shoppers, and diners resulting in a more stable economy.

Some retail businesses and restaurants were able to recover more quickly from the pandemic, but not without true Vermont ingenuity. Finding employees and a housing crisis in The Valley brought difficulty to businesses with having to forego a meal service or closing midweek due to the lack of workers. Below is a few statistics:

- Retail Sales in the first and second quarters of 2021 produced a **58% increase from 2019!**
- Meals Sales were up in the first two quarters comparatively to **2019 by an increase of 9.5%!** Alcohol sales has not recovered from our high in 2018; decreased by 48% compared to the first two quarters of 2021.
- Our lodging industry was hit significantly with a **37.5% decrease in sales from 2019.**
- 142 residential properties were sold in Wilmington this year with the average sale being \$420,000 with a median price of \$286,000. Eight sales were between \$1M-\$3M which brought the average sale price to the higher number. **This is over a 25% increase in sales from 2020.**

The Deerfield Valley Resiliency Team continued to meet throughout the first half of the year providing guidance and sharing resources on recovery to our businesses.

As a partner with the Wilmington Works Economic Development Committee, we sent over 200 Welcome Wagon postcards this year compared to 100 in 2020. Hikes and a bring your own picnic to Wards Cove were organized events for the newbies to town. Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) continued to coordinate monthly Zoom meetings, known as the Windham Economic Resiliency Team Meetings, these meetings also included our state delegation and Agency of Commerce and Community Development through the first half of the year. The BDCC continues to help nonprofits and businesses with technical assistance in grant writing, business loans, and training. Windham Regional Commission continues to be a great resource to our town and our Bi-Town Housing Committee.

Priority Projects set by the Select Board in April of 2018

- I have been researching grant funding for the Water and Wastewater Expansion on Route 9 East. With the Feasibility Study completed last December we are in place for American Rescue Plan Act funds as well as other opportunities. This project has great potential for redevelopment of multiple commercial properties.
- One of the East Main Street wastewater private lines will be upgraded during the construction of the sidewalk next summer.
- DVFiber has made great strides this year in securing many grants; the largest being \$4.1 million which enabled us to hire Great Works Internet for design and engineering for high-speed fiber to unserved and underserved homes and businesses within the 24-town district. I currently serve as the Wilmington Alternate and on the Finance Committee of the Deerfield Valley Communication District. 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 2023. 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 4 volunteer drivers, who currently box up and deliver donated food items to over 38 community members who cannot get to the drop site to pick up for themselves.

Last year we contacted the local police departments and assisted with regular contact with those most at risk. We were making sure older residents had what they needed to remain isolated if they wished. We continued to partner with Wilmington Works for the VT Everyone Eats program. This program helped our restaurant during the pandemic as well as help to feed Vermonters. We, as a group, distributed 750 meals a week throughout the valley, including those identified by the schools, the police and the health center through the end of June 2021. We continue to partner 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. From January until present, we have distributed 37,817 lbs of produce and fruit. This program is open to all towns in the valley.

We have been very vocal about getting transportation to Butterfield Commons. The Moover listened. Randy Schoonmaker has approved an hourly stop at that location, daily year round. This is exciting news not only for the residents of Butterfield Common but the valley.

These are just a few benefits for the towns of the valley and their residents. We never could have predicted that this pandemic would still be here. Since the start, 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 any way we can.

Becky Arbella

Shires Housing /SASH Implementation Manager becky.arbella@shireshousing.org



Barker and Carl-Courtesy Nicki Steel

Green Up

Vermont's Green Up Day is traditionally held the first Saturday in May and celebrated at the town level. This year Green Up was May 1. Despite the continuing pandemic, the day devoted to picking up roadside litter was a success for us. 71 people volunteered. Face masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer kept us all safe.

Wilmington's volunteers filled over 200 Green Up bags as they covered nearly all of our town roads. A few public parking lots and riverbanks also received the Green Up treatment this year. There was also a major effort in Searsburg by some of the new residents there. No one had ever done Green Up in Searsburg so we were glad to welcome them.

As always, the success of our local Green Up Day depended on teamwork. In addition to our hard-working volunteers, we had the assistance of town office employees to help us prepare. The town and state highway departments picked up all the full trash bags as well as some tires and larger objects that were found. There are also those volunteers who pick up litter all year along the roads where they live and along the town trails as they hike. They make a significant difference. We need and appreciate everyone doing their part. Since 1970, Green Up has played a major role in maintaining the natural beauty of our town.

Because we were still focused on safety this year, we couldn't have our usual lunch celebration. Local donations did allow us to offer a few goodies. 1a Coffee Roasters gave away free coffee and Shaws contributed water and snacks. The Deerfield Valley News provided publicity. Many thanks to all of them for their support of Green Up

Green Up 2022 will be on May 7. We hope to see you then. In the meantime, we hope everyone will continue their efforts to prevent roadside litter.

Feel free to contact us. Feedback and reports of problem areas with excess litter are appreciated. Questions, suggestions and new volunteers are always welcome locally. For more information about the state organization, go to greenupvermont.org

Thank you, one and all!

Sincerely,

Kathy Larsen (kdlarsen1948@gmail.com) and Rebecca Sweeney

Wilmington Green Up co-coordinators



Public Safety Building Groundbreaking



Wilmington's most valuable resource is its people. Pettee Memorial Library exists because the people of Wilmington recognize the importance of literacy and lifelong learning. Because of this support, we are able to better serve our community. When we reopened at our seven-day-a-week schedule, we also increased the number of hours that we have historically been open. It seems that these expanded hours are a better fit to our needs.

When we talk about all of the valuable resources that Pettee Library provides to our community, the one that I find the most important is often the least discussed. We brag about our fantastic collection and engaging programs, but our most priceless assets are often behind the scenes, curating collections and brainstorming presenters. Our wonderful staff is the reason that Pettee is such a welcoming space. Beyond being friendly and warm, our staff members are deeply dedicated to helping everyone who comes through our doors. I am so grateful to work with these intelligent, devoted, truly exceptional women. If you haven't been to the library to meet them, please stop by, if only just to say hello.

In the face of almost two years of challenging situations, our library staff has worked hard to adapt and overcome. At times, it has seemed like everything can change from minute to minute. While we embraced outdoor programming in the warmer months, fall of 2021 also brought a return to our in-person programming inside the library. We were excited to participate in the Blueberry Block Party once again, holding our annual book sale with the aid of our dedicated Friends of the Library. A special thanks goes out to the OSEC board, who let us squirrel away two years of books in their building. Being able to celebrate Old Home Week this year was a joyous occasion! In addition to hosting programs - a Poetry Walk along the Hoot, Toot, & Whistle trail, and a StoryWalk during the weekend - we also marched in the parade with our Book Worms, handing out new books to 250 children.

Sadly, we lost our dear friend and former Assistant Librarian Harriette Hamilton in 2021. Harriette spent almost thirty years at the circulation desk and was a Wilmington institution. She is greatly missed. Donations made in her memory will be put toward one of our new bookshelves that will be the focal point of our renovation project.

One of areas that we have refocused on is grant writing. With a great deal of effort by staff and trustees, we have been lucky enough to receive several grants in 2021. These grants will help fund upcoming projects, such as our Lego Makerspace and our permanent StoryWalk around the outside of the library. We also received a USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant for more than \$35,000. This grant will help us complete the library renovation project that we have been planning for several years. In 2015, we led community discussions about what the people of Wilmington wanted and needed from their library. From that feedback, we developed a strategic plan that concentrated on making the library even more welcoming and useful. During the following years, we worked with consultants, designers, and an architect to help make our vision of a warm, multifunctional space a reality. We were able to start our project in the spring of 2020, when a wall was removed and a window that had previously been covered was restored. In 2021, we also completed a badly needed upgrade to our elevator, which now ensures users a smooth and safe ride.

Although we have always worked hard to fundraise, in 2021, we kicked it up a notch with new giving opportunities. We hope that this work will prepare us to see the library renovation finally come to fruition. There is still time to support this project – donations can be made at petteelibrary.org or at the library.

Thank you, Wilmington, for another great year!

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Maynard

On behalf of Library Trustees: Carolyn Palmer, *Chair*; Louis Clark, *Treasurer*, Marie Paige, *Secretary*, Chrystal Holt, and Shelly Suponski

On behalf of Library Staff: Jennifer Razee, *Assistant Librarian*; Angela Yakovleff, *Youth Librarian*, and Linda Green, *Circulation Clerk*

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.”

Throughout the first half of 2021 we partnered with Shires Housing and their SASH Coordinators, as well as community volunteers from St. Mary's and the Deerfield Valley Lions, to be the coordinators for a local branch of Vermont “EveryoneEats!”. This program, piloted in Brattleboro, paid local restaurants to prepare meals to be delivered to community members in need (with an emphasis on seniors and families). Making the meals brought participating restaurants much joy as well as needed income: in excess of \$100,000 was distributed for the over 10,000 meals produced. The meals were not only a source of nutrition, they provided a sense of community, combating isolation during a long pandemic winter. Thanks to The Maple Leaf Tavern, Jezebel's Eatery, the Nutmeg, North Star Pizza, the Anchor and La Casita in Wilmington, as well as Dover Forge, Tony's Pizza and Deli, Betsy's Dots of Dover, and Shital's Indian Vegetarian Food in Dover for the many, many delicious meals!

One of our greatest joys this year was being able to plan community events again. From outdoor winter activities at Winterplace, to a July Village Stroll featuring the talents of local musicians and performers, the Block Party that was at the center of this year's delayed Old Home Week, and another successful Eat, Sleep, Shop Local holiday shopping program - these events were truly a highlight of the year. What a delight it was to see folks literally out dancing in the streets!

In December 2021, Wilmington Works once again received a grant from AARP to build on creating a space for community recreation at “Winterplace,” our pop-up park installation on the Old School Playing fields. We hope our new winter programming will plant seeds for ongoing community winter events as well as creating community space for all ages.

Meanwhile, work continues on the Beaver Street Art Project, a Vermont Arts Council sponsored initiative to incorporate art into the built environment. In March 2021, we received a “Better Places” grant award for the construction and installation of the metal sculpture planned for the retaining wall along the Richards Group property. Along with generous community support, the grant made construction and the first phase of installation possible. The fabrication of the piece continues in the Chester studio of Payne and Elise Junker, and the rest of the work will be installed as soon as the weather permits this spring. We thank all our sponsors, as well as The Richards Group, for their ongoing partnership and are thrilled to see this beautiful artwork becoming a reality!

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.

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 materials 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. Seven towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Stratton, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations, and their trash and recycling haulers now collect recyclable materials for processing, primarily at the Casella MRF in Rutland. Three towns, Brookline, Halifax, and Marlboro provide 24-7 drop-off sites for recyclables. Three towns, Brattleboro, Vernon, and Westminster provide residential curbside trash and recycling collection. Five towns, Dummerston, Guilford, Newfane, Putney, and Somerset do not provide any trash or recycling services. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town. This year, WSWMD also prepared a summary of solid waste and recycling services for each member town to post on its website.

Roll-Off Containers Donated to Towns: When the MRF closed in 2017, the recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD. In 2017 WSWMD loaned the containers to towns that wanted them, and in 2021 WSWMD transferred ownership of the roll-off containers, at no charge, to Brookline, Halifax, Jamaica, Marlboro, Readsboro, Townshend, and Wilmington. This saves those towns the cost of renting containers from their contract hauler.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2021 with a budget surplus of \$79,534, and total revenues of \$1,293,227, offsetting total expenses of \$1,213,693. The annual assessment to member towns was kept the same as the prior year, although each town's respective assessment varied due to population changes using the new census figures. The annual budget now includes a capital reserve fund for equipment replacement.

Transfer Station: The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides "essential services," and has continued full-scale operation. The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation in 2020 but re-opened in May 2021 with new safety protocols.

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, generating approximately \$100,000 of revenue per year.

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 reused locally are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 8th 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 have increased each year, and in 2021 were projected to exceed 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. 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. In April, Vermont Bread Company closed its manufacturing facility in Brattleboro, and WSWMD diverted Keene State College to another composting facility, and as a result the permit capacity will not be exceeded in 2021.

The District is evaluating technologies and costs to meet state permit requirements for a larger capacity permit. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2021 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): 2021 was the second year of the five-year term of the current 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.

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.

New HHW Depot: WSWMD opened its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot on May 1, 2021. The facility is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. This year 326 households were served by the facility, up from an average of 260 households per year in the previous five years. The facility startup costs were paid for in part by a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and operational costs are covered by a separate grant from the DEC. The Depot provides a convenient and cost-effective way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste. In addition to the HHW Depot, the District provided a one-day HHW collection event on July 24th in Readsboro in collaboration with a neighboring solid waste district.

Backyard Composting Demonstration Area: A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District conducted three workshops in the demonstration area during 2021. The facility is available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Newfane, Halifax, and Vernon.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion. In 2021, WSWMD aided about 50 businesses.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion. In 2021, WSWMD aided 10 schools.

Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 sorting stations for special events that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festivals, weddings, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help events reduce their waste.

Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been a challenge this year as we transitioned back to in person dining. With Carona Virus restrictions lifting and many of our seniors having been vaccinated we have been servicing our Seniors with indoor dining. Some still feel unsure, and for those we still offer pick up. 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 170 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 7 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, and 5 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 \$31,000 in State Aide, Seniors individual contribution and Town support. The cost to run the program was approximately \$33,500 in utilities, raw food cost, and supplies.

Terrie Dumaine, Senior Meal Coordinator

Old Home Week

Old Home Week 2020+1 had to be put off a year but it was well worth the wait! The weather was perfect and the celebration went off without a hitch.

Thursday started the festivities with a Family Night as part of the Blueberry Festival, followed by a great gathering of about 350 people at Adams Farm. People who grew up in Wilmington came from as far away as Alaska and Sweden to reconnect with family and friends.

Friday saw South Main Street closed down for a Village Night/Block Party where, again, old-timers, newcomers, families and visitors had a great time. Laughter, dancing and hugs were the order of the day! The After Party at the Old Red Mill continued the fun into the night.

Saturday's big event is always the parade which has been a highlight of every Old Home Week since 1890. Route 9 was closed for over an hour as floats and bands delighted the crowds. The parade was led by recent Twin Valley High School graduates and 3 elementary students whose families have long ties to Wilmington. Jake and Walt White were honored as Grand Marshals for their long commitment to the town. After the parade people came down to the Old School field for a town photo and a town dinner. Sunday's closing event was a pancake breakfast at the Twin Valley Elementary School.

Besides the events, the Wilmington Wall displays at the Old School highlighted our past and present citizens and our history. The displays brought back so many memories. The Silent Auction showcased the talents of local artists and crafters as well as raising money for OHW.

Old Home Week was also a time for class and family reunions and celebrations of life and this year was no exception with many setting aside time to get together.

All of these activities could not have happened without time and money. In the fall of 2018, the Selectboard contributed monies from the 1% Fund to get us started. Local businesses and individuals were incredibly generous in their donations and sponsorships. Because of their generosity, the final cost to the Town was under \$7000. Many locals gave hundreds of hours over three years to plan and put on this important and unique town celebration.

Old Home Week is so much more than a fun-filled event. It is a time when people reconnect to each other and our town. It is about old friends, shared experiences, community and a 131-year tradition. Those who did not grow up here gain an appreciation of our small town and what makes it special.

The Committee wants to thank the many, many people who helped in so many ways and all the people who came to celebrate. We are already looking forward to Old Home Week 2030!

Committee: Deb Boyd, DJ Boyd - Vice Chair, Stacie Brooks, Mary Genella - Treasurer, Julie Moore, Scott Olmstead - Secretary, Nicki Steel - Chair, Carl Swanson, Barker Willard.

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 27th 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), Parenting During the Pandemic, and Lock Your Meds—prescription drug misuse prevention campaign.

**Trainings:* Annual Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors.

**Community Events:* Choose snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes); Summer Family Fun Frenzy Event; and partnered with Wings Community Programs on Hike 100 and Winter Place.

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

**Partnering with Voices of Hope:* Provided funding. Work included education on stigma around substance abuse disorders; Narcan education to businesses and community members; information regarding addiction and opioids; 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.

**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.

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

DVCP holds meetings once a month with all (adults and youth) encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds. The DVCP 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.

Wings Community Programs continues to serve Wilmington youth and families through the provision of after-school and summer programming. The TVES and TVMHS Wings staff, including site coordinators Jill Sachs, Sage Myska, and Shannon Binford at TVES and Shelley Park at TVMHS, as well as our dedicated and talented program leaders, have worked hard to maintain safety in light of COVID-19 while striving to meet the needs of our community. Wings has been able to offer engaging, high-quality programs through a variety of formats including virtual, remote, and in-person throughout 2021. We are incredibly grateful to Shannon Binford for her service as site coordinator at TVES. Upon Shannon's resignation this spring, long-standing program leader, Jill Sachs, joined the TVES Wings staff as site coordinator. Plus, we are thrilled to have Sage Myska return to Wings as co-site coordinator at TVES this fall!

Program highlights include:

- Wings Community Programs focused efforts on providing opportunities for all students to safely connect, learn, and grow through a blend of in-person, remote, and virtual after-school programs across the 2020-2021 school year, with in-person, nature and outdoor-based programs prioritized during the summer and fall of 2021.
- Families and community members joined us around the "virtual kitchen table" every Wednesday evening for Wings Virtual Neighborhood, another successful virtual program featuring local experts willing to share a talent, hobby, skill, or interest! Veterinarian, Dr. Sue Kelly, shared about pet care with Joanne Bourbeau of the Windham County Humane Society; Angel Colford led participants in painting beautiful landscapes while sipping hot cocoa; Lonny Paige cooked some family-friendly "Alonzo favorites" with us; and we even enjoyed two lovely winter and spring concerts where students, families, and community members joined us to share their musical talents in an open mic format!
- Moving into summer 2021, Wilmington youth had a wide array of Wings in-person summer camp options, including: Theater in the Park, Outdoor Adventures, Celebrate Summer, Readsboro Summer Fun, and Kindergarten Kick-Off, to fill their summer with fun, joy, and connection! In total, Wings had 76 TVES students participate in Celebrate Summer, 19 TVES/TVMHS students participate in Readsboro Summer Fun camp, and 12 incoming TVES kindergarteners attend the Kindergarten Kick-off camp. Plus, 25 TVMHS students participated in Theater-in-the-Park, 19 TVMHS students participated in Outdoor Adventures, and 6 TVMHS students were hired as Wings summer camp counselors.
- Wings and DVCP partnered again to offer a winter rendition of the Hike 100 program: Winter Wander, which proved to be just as popular as the summer Hike 100 program with 200+ participants across the supervisory union getting outside, enjoying nature, playing in the snow, snowshoeing, ice skating, cross country skiing, building snowmen, and more! Thanks to Darn Tough® of Vermont many of our participants even won free pairs of Darn Tough® socks! Hike 100: Summer Steppin' was also offered again across the summer of 2021.
- TVMHS students are thriving on student-generated programs, such as Chess-on-the-Green, Dungeons & Dragons, Four Square, and Book Club. Chess Club first began as a virtual program and has expanded into a community-wide, in-person program. Students meet up at the Pettee Memorial Library after school every Wednesday with Coach Scott Salway to hone their strategy. They enjoy challenging library-goers, avid chess players, and other community members to a game of Chess.
- Wings offered the Red Cross Babysitting Certification course in the Fall of 2021. Three TVMHS students and one Readsboro student will complete the program as a Red Cross certified babysitter!
- TVES students are thoroughly enjoying the great outdoors in programs like Woods Adventure, Nature Arts and Crafts, and Outdoor Exploration! Plus, students are excited to be involved in setting up the brand new Disc Golf course at TVES.

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 Wilmington and Whitingham.

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Jill Sachs & Sage Myska

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, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for a one-year term. 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 from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law. Committees and meeting schedules can be found on our website www.windhamregional.org.

We assist towns with a wide variety of activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; Act 174 town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, 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 to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), 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, between, 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 a project that is 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 town plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory, but is a requirement of some state municipal grant programs. The regional plan, which was readopted in 2021, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

2021 has been a busy year. We began a collaboration with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) to assist towns with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). VLCT is helping explain the ARPA use and reporting policies, and the WRC is helping towns think strategically about how to make the most of this once in a generation direct funding from the federal government. Among other potential uses, the opportunity exists for communities to invest in infrastructure to support the retention of existing businesses and homes, and create the capacity necessary to encourage the development of new housing. In July we assisted towns as they reported damage associated with the most severe flooding event since Tropical Storm Irene 10 years ago, and sped up the local hazard mitigation plan update process for several towns in anticipation of the federal disaster declaration. We have new capacity to support local energy plan implementation and planning, the ability to convene the region's town energy committees, and to advance climate adaptation and resilience initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 7 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 \$5,435 and is based upon 2020 Census data. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2022, visit our website, www.windhamregional.org, and click on the heading "About Us."

Old School Enrichment Council

It has been another busy year for the Old School Enrichment Council (better known as OSEC). We operate as a volunteer board with eight members committed to creating a much-needed community center in the Deerfield Valley at the former Twin Valley/Wilmington High School building.

We just completed 4 years of ownership of the building which dates from 1899 with the most recent update being done in 1981. We have many renovation projects in front of us with the most urgent being new boilers for the hot water heating system. With 52,000 square feet of heated space to maintain, we continue to offer rental space to a wide variety of tenants.

Our newest tenant is the Beaver Brook Children's School which fills the essential community need for infant/toddler daycare and a preschool program for children ages 3-5. Licensed educator Julie Koehler and her staff renovated the former science lab and office in record time and have created a welcoming environment for up to 30 children.

We have 12 full time tenants in the building: Wilmington Police Department's social worker program, Windham Southwest Supervisory Union, Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Wings, Butter Mountain Bakery, the fitness room shared by Valley Fitness, Tae Kwon Do and Bamboo Martial Arts, Suzuki Violin, 802 Fitness, NY Life office, Dragon Fly Fibers and TribuCast.

Although the Covid pandemic limited the number of organizations using our meeting room, the gym is always busy with local pickleball, volleyball and basketball hours open to all in addition to Valley Youth Sports teams' very busy basketball season. The Lions Club is about to start their annual Christmas food drive using our meeting room which is also in use by Wilmington Works, the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union and other community groups.

Our focus in renovations this year has been the ground floor bathrooms which are nearing completion now in December 2021. We are a non-profit 501(c)3 and we are continually applying for various grants. A successful effort resulted in a USDA grant and also a technical assistance grant from Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation. Thanks to the generosity of the Anstatt family in memory of Bruce Anstatt, we held a successful Jeep raffle that brought us \$22,000 (with an equal amount going to the Guy Hawkins Fund). The Boyd Family Farm's Farm to Table Dinner was held again in early August with substantial funds generated. 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. Sibilia

Meg Streeter, 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 Mondays (11-4), Wednesdays (1-6), and Fridays (Noon-4)—plus the last Saturday of the month 9-Noon—for curbside pickup or to schedule a Tuesday delivery, our food shelf program provides an average of 1,200 2-week supplies of food each month—serving nearly 3,200 people in FY21. 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.

Groundworks Day Shelter & Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main—Groundworks’ new building on South Main Street is the new home for our community’s Day Shelter and the overnight shelter that previously operated as the “Seasonal Overflow Shelter (SOS)”. As funding allows, the overnight shelter will remain open year-round (rather than the 6-month season the SOS used to operate). 54 South Main 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 has space to seat as many as 60 people at a time, in keeping with prior use of the former Drop-In Center.

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 (with clients housed in the community after one or more periods of homelessness) to ensure that clients are setting and meeting goals to address the challenges that may have 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 to residents of The Chalet in West Brattleboro under the same model. Groundworks continues to provide case management services to households sheltering in Brattleboro motels through the State’s emergency motel voucher program.

Representative Payee Service—Groundworks’ Rep Payee provides financial management—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;
- an **Alcohol & Drug Case Manager from HCRS** supports clients on-site at Groundworks; and
- the Vulnerable Populations Care Coordinator is a **Registered Nurse 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 Impact Statement for Wilmington Town Report March 2022

Improving wages, creating jobs, attracting and keeping people in the region, all of this is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together as a region to build a thriving economy. Since 2007 when SeVEDS was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), we have taken a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.**

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It is available online at www.seveds.com. SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve to support the work and in 2021, eighteen communities, representing 82% of Windham residents invested in SeVEDS. We use this municipal funding in three key ways:

1. To directly **fund implementation** of programs & projects serving local communities, businesses and people.
2. For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs (see pg2), conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners – in FY21 we helped bring another **\$4.2 Million** directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs so every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding. In the last five years municipal funding has helped to launch programs for high schools, workforce recruitment and retention, small business succession planning, and community leaders and volunteers.

Background & Request

SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Wilmington to appropriate \$5,628 (based on a population of 1,876) to support SeVEDS.**

2020 Pandemic Response

SeVEDS guides regional economic development and recovery, with strategy and insight. We took a leading role in economic response and recovery for Tropical Storm Irene and the closure of the VY Nuclear Plant. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BDCC adapted programs, and stretched to meet emerging needs through relief efforts:

- BDCC conducted extensive outreach, as we do in any disaster, to collect and compile information about how businesses and employers were impacted, share the information with policymakers, and enact a local response.
- 684 businesses in the Region received liaison support and technical assistance from BDCC staff to help apply for federal and state relief, and in many cases to develop a “pivot” strategy to move forward. **30 Wilmington organizations received liaison support from BDCC to help apply for federal and state relief.**
- 1,549 loans went to businesses and non-profits in the Region through the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and EIDL, totaling \$130,059,813. **95 Loans totaling \$4,380,706 Million were made to Wilmington organizations employing 443 people.**
- 143 Windham Region business received Restart Vermont Technical Assistance (ReVTA) through BDCC. 54 of these local businesses received grants (up to \$4000). They employ 1,125 people. **5 Wilmington organizations participated in Restart Vermont Technical Assistance Program through BDCC (grants up to \$4000).**
- **We launched a new round of ReVTA grants to help businesses pivot toward the future (winter 2021-22).**
- BDCC provided technical assistance and grants (up to \$10,000) to 133 sole proprietors through CDBG-CV. **2 Wilmington Sole Proprietors received Round 1 awards.**
- We provided dozens of webinars like a COVID-19 Business Resiliency series, municipal trainings on short and long term impacts of COVID-19, **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to deliver technical assistance around ever-changing conditions and relief programs, and **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** to ensure local legislators and state and federal officials consistently heard from local people about recovery needs.

As the pandemic abates, we are shifting focus from relief, to resilience. Please see our program offerings and find out how we support working Vermonter, small businesses, and communities: www.brattleborodevelopment.com

SeVEDS-Led Programming

For an overview of FY21, please check out the BDCC & SeVEDS Annual Report at www.brattleborodevelopment.com or call to receive a copy 802-257-7731 x230. Our web site features upcoming events or trainings, programs and resources. Sign up for an e-newsletter for updates on state and federal economic and community development resources. To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects, or Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit www.sovermontzone.com. Staff attend at least one Selectboard meeting each year, in addition to supporting local initiatives. We are always happy to visit other committees to talk about specific programs, projects or services.

Programs and Services – Recent Updates:

- The **Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** connects students in Windham County high schools with career awareness and preparedness opportunities to help every senior graduate with a solid plan for success, whether college or workforce-bound. BDCC's full time P3 staffer works with every high school teaching classes, supporting faculty, facilitating workplace experiences, and creating education-employment connections.
- **BDCC's Business Assistance Program** is a newly expanded 3 person team providing technical assistance and lending to businesses at all stages – startups to growth to owner successions – all at no cost.
- BDCC is expanding our **lending products** portfolio to help more entrepreneurs. Low fee, low interest loans from \$750 to \$90,000 are available even to businesses that need to build credit.
- **Workforce development:** BDCC convenes regional partnerships, facilitates the Vermont Training Program which helps fund employee upskilling, and brings new training and development programs to the region.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** We launched the Southern Vermont Welcome Wagon chapter which helps new and returning Vermonters connect with local hosts in their new communities. We've partnered with Wilmington local organizations to help welcome newcomers to the valley. We also help employers secure the talent they need to grow their organizations here with recruitment services and support.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** helps people in their 20s to 40s advance their careers and deepen connections in the region, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs. Check out events every month including family friendly offerings, homebuyer classes and financial wellness.
- **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** is designed to help qualified projects and applicants with project development and management, and with becoming successful applicants to USDA Loan & Grant Programs. From fire stations and childcare centers, to town garages and medical centers, this helps stretch local dollars. We work with Wilmington's Old School project and So. VT Therapeutic Riding Center.
- We support local initiatives and the people who lead them through the **Southern Vermont Economy Project**. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants, plus 43 online webinars to help solve problems, build local capacity and find resources. We are helping local organizations and towns with everything from connectivity to non-profit fundraising.
- **Welcoming Communities:** BDCC leads a regional partnership working to build an inclusive local immigration system to support foreign-born community members, and welcoming workplaces. This winter, as a result of BDCC's efforts, Brattleboro will begin to welcome refugees with the help of ECDC (one of 9 national refugee resettlement agencies) and the local Community Asylum Seekers Project (CASP).
- **Supporting the regional job base:** In FY21 we supported employers that provide 25-30% of the jobs in this region, and dozens of local sole proprietors.
- **Providing economic research and data:** We conduct research to understand what's happening in the economy, and to share this understanding with the communities and organizations we serve. This year a BDCC & SeVEDS Regional Data Report has been shared with your selectboard. The report is on our web site, or contact us to request a copy jstromsten@brattleborodevelopment.com
- **We advocate daily for the needs of the regional economy, from ensuring very small businesses aren't left out of relief programs to pushing to expand programs that help your community achieve your goals.**



Public Safety Building Construction

Planning Commission Report

This year, we bid farewell to former Chair Cheryl LaFlamme, as well as member Tom Consolino. We thank them for their service and wish them well in their continuing endeavors. In their place, we welcomed Brian Holt and Michele Carlson, two newer residents of Wilmington with an interest in Planning, to our Commission.

In 2021, housing has been a major focus for the Planning Commission. 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 in 2019. The Commission began by investigating changing zoning regulations to allow for development of needed housing for seniors, and crafted proposed changes to introduce a new “Senior/ADA Compliant Housing/Adult Living Community” conditional use to our Zoning Code. As we write this, in December, those proposed changes are awaiting a hearing by the Select Board in early January. We also received approval from the Select Board to apply for a Bylaw Modernization Grant through the Vermont Agency of Housing and Community Development. The application has been sent and we are waiting to hear if the project is funded. If it is, we will have the opportunity to have several community-wide facilitated meetings in 2022-23. The goal of those meetings would be to seek out community desires and priorities in order to develop changes to our zoning code that might help us to attract developers to create new housing that is in scale for the community, in and around the village center. The emphasis is in creating housing that is appropriate for our workforce and seniors in the community.

Regardless of whether we receive the grant, we will be continuing to focus on this important issue in the coming year. We have also reviewed some work we did in 2018 around a vacant building ordinance. The Planning Commission, working with our Zoning Administrator and the Town’s legal counsel, decided to recommend that the Select Board take up the matter as an ordinance separate from the zoning code.

We continue to review the Town of Wilmington Zoning Ordinance to make sure it is clear and correct, and will be adding provisions around the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the coming year.

As always, we welcome all residents to our meetings, scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 4 pm in the Town Office Meeting Room, as well as our hearings, and look forward to your input.

Respectively submitted,
Meg Staloff, Chair
John LeBron, Vice Chair
Angela Yakovleff, Secretary
Michele Carlson
Brian Holt

Deerfield Valley Transit Association

We celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2021. 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 eleven 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



WinDART continued to focus on pet food distribution to food insecure pet families here in Windham County. Partnering with local food banks across our service area (and beyond into Bennington County), we donated and delivered approximately \$3,300 in cat and dog food in the first 9 months of 2021, with more donations planned through the remainder of the year. Our volunteers also manned the monthly Deerfield Valley Food Pantry distribution events in Wilmington, and had lots of grateful customers, both two- and four-footed alike!

WinDART distributed free “disaster go-kits” and disaster preparedness information for pets

during a tabling event at the Wilmington Flea Market in August, thanks to generous donations from State Farm, Greater Good, and the Humane Society of the United States. The kits were a big hit with both local and visiting pet owners! And the event was a great chance to help people incorporate their pets into their family’s disaster preparedness plan.



WinDART is grateful to voters and municipal officials in Newfane, Halifax, Wilmington, Whitingham and Dover, who once again

appropriated \$250 from their annual town budgets at Town Meeting Day to support our vital programs and activities. Funding from 2021 is being used to retrofit our response trailer (seen here during a pet food drive at Shaw’s Supermarket last December) so that we can better



organize and store our equipment, and be ready to deploy at a moment’s notice. WinDART had its team on standby as Hurricane Henri made its way to the Northeast, with severe flooding predicted for southern Vermont. Although our services weren’t ultimately needed to set up a pet-friendly shelter, this was a good test of our activation protocols, and demonstrated our ability to respond quickly and effectively when the need arises.

Lemon’s Hope Farm Animal Sanctuary in Brattleboro hosted our team for its 3rd quarter meeting and training in September as we started to get back to in-person events. Volunteers toured the facility and discussed important elements of a disaster plan for large animal facilities.



The Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (VDART) organized another day-long *Emergency Animal Sheltering* workshop for our volunteers in Barre, hosted by our Central Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team (CVDART). Volunteers from teams across the state, including WinDART, assembled for this mandatory training in best practices for sheltering pets during emergencies.

To learn more about our work go to VermontDART.org

Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry remained open with the use of a “curbside delivery” distribution method for 17 months of the COVID-19 pandemic before resuming our normal distributions in August of 2021. We continue to provide a week’s worth of supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. Additional distributions provided more food as needed.

All customers are given at least a week’s worth of foods, including non-perishable staples, meats, eggs, dairy items, fresh produce and bread at every distribution. All families get essentially the same foods, and their family size determines the amount. Special offerings round out the distributions when available and include items like strawberry shortcake, baked goods, barbeque items and turkeys for the holidays.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in an increase in monetary donations. Although we agreed not to accept donations of food, thankfully, we have had enough funds to purchase all the items on the pick list for our customers. Our many sources of foods allow us to be very efficient in the spending of the funds donated to us.

The Board of Directors is unsure of when Fundraising activities will resume. Former events included an August Motorcycle Ride, a Fill The Bus event in the fall and a Holiday Concert. For this reason, donations from all available sources are greatly appreciated.

In November of 2020 we served 127 families, representing 325 people from local towns. Our family numbers decreased during the pandemic to approximately 80 families and 225 people served. We attribute this change to the many other food resources made available through federal pandemic-related funding and realize that it may end. We have always been busy and open to serve those who need us.

Local dedicated Volunteers distribute the food to our customers. We do our best to have a friendly atmosphere, clean, safe buildings to work in and welcome any interested person to contact a member of our Board of Directors to join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Evon Mack, President

Deerfield Valley Rescue

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 16 volunteers, five full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 786 calls as of December 1ST 2021 of which 308 were in the town of Wilmington.

This past year has once again been a very challenging year for us. Our volunteer ranks are shrinking and the cost of operating continues to rise. The nation’s EMS system is facing a crippling work force shortage. We would like to see all employers encourage workers to become members of Deerfield Valley Rescue and then make every effort to make the employee available to respond to emergency calls when practical.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire and Police departments, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank Wilmington Fire, and Wilmington Police Department crew for the all the help they provide us throughout the year.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal. 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 information on this, go to <https://propanedover.com>.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deerfield Valley Rescue 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 2,208 animals were served by WCHS

- 1,627 animals were seen at our Wellness & Spay/Neuter clinics
- 196 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 15 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS
- 9 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 209 animals were brought in as strays
- 152 animals came as transports from regions of the country where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation

Outcomes

- 393 animals were adopted
- 76 animals were reunited with their owner
- 37 animals (7%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 51 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service
- 6 animals died in care
- 6 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 5 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 16 days. Total expenses were \$506,679

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 2020-21, WCHS spayed/neutered 718 cats, 176 dogs and 21 rabbits owned by Windham County residents as well as 52 un-owned community cats.**

Pet Care Assistance

This program provides veterinary care at low-to-no cost to income eligible pet owners. During COVID-19, we extended this service to pet owners who could not get into a full-service veterinary clinic. Clients must apply and provide proof of financial need and of residency in Windham County. In 20120-21, **1,082 pet owners received veterinary care for their pets at the Windham County Humane Society.**

From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, WCHS served 29 residents and 43 pets as follows:

- Spay/neuter provided for 21 cats and 5 dogs
- Distemper vaccines for 8 dogs and 22 cats
- Rabies vaccines for 30 pets
- 7 diagnostic tests
- 1 resident used the PCA program for humane euthanasia and cremation of an elderly pet
- 1 dog and 5 cats were surrendered to WCHS
- 1 resident was reunited with their lost dog
- 9 residents adopted 2 dogs and 10 cats
- Parasite prevention products, free pet food, prescription food and medications

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, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 2,000 hotline calls, sheltered 70 adults and their 45 children and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **523** survivors and their **344** children who had been abused. These figures include 7 survivors and their 8 children from Wilmington. In addition, we provided 51 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to 545 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. The **Homeownership**'s Home Repair Program assisted 42 homeowners by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assist 46 new homeowners in 2021 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 134 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 79 privately owned units which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to absorb the need for safe and affordable housing. The units are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties. Our new Housing Retention Program has assisted 80 renters and homeowners impacted by Covid in stabilizing their housing with access to relief funding.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meets the diverse housing needs of a community. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. At the close of 2021, the Bellows Falls Garage project broke ground. This project will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. The Putney project entered the design phase in 2021, creating 27 new homes within the village. In 2022, 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 units will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

Property Management: WWHT owns 878 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments with 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. We have accessed nearly \$500,000 of rental relief for tenants. In 2021 we brought on a full Supportive Services Department focused on increasing the wellbeing of our residents by building community, accessing resources, and empowering and engaging residents. 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

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Recreation Committee

The Wilmington Recreation Commission is pleased that we have been able to reinstate the in-person programming at the elementary level, middle school level, and adult level.

We again collaborated with Wings Community Programs to offer the full day, 4 week Celebrate Summer! recreation program at Twin Valley Elementary School for children in grades K-5. Julie Moore served as the director for this educational program that offered outdoor activities, and other teacher-led sessions in dance, fabric movement, etc.

In addition, we offered our Middle School Summer Recreation Program for 4 weeks in July from 8:30 to 12:30 including free supervised breakfast and lunch provided by Vermont Summer Food Program. The Recreation Program staff included Jennifer Nilsen, director, and high school counselors Alyssa Bird and Aspen Willard. Attendees enjoyed challenge activities, outdoor games, and community service. The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership again collaborated with the Recreation Commission by sponsoring 3 afternoon programs including a hike to Town Hill, then on to White's Road and ending at Wahoo's; bowling/miniature golf at North Star Bowl; and an afternoon exploring spots around Wilmington Center. In addition, we coordinated with Wings Community Programs to provide transition to their afternoon outdoor programming, thus allowing students an all-day experience Monday through Friday. We thank the Old School Enrichment Council for allowing us to again use the Old School Community Center and fields for our program.

Adult programming has resumed this winter with Volleyball playing at the Old School Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30pm, and Basketball playing on Mondays at 6:30pm there as well. We thank Jesse Trudeau and Matt Innarelli for acting as our volunteer liaisons for these activities.

In the spring, please look for the addition of a backboard at the tennis courts for an additional practice spot and the installation of a temporary volleyball net at Buzzy Towne Park.

We are presently looking for two additional members for the Recreation Commission. If you are interested in providing more recreational activities for our population, please notify the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Molina
Emily Beeman
Sara Molina

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 participates in the West River Valley Baseball League. During the Spring of 2021, baseball and T-ball were back after a year's absence due to COVID-19. With limited girls participating, we were unable to field a softball team, however, several girls participated in the baseball program. Our 5th/6th grade baseball team went undefeated and under the direct supervision of coach Justin Corey, exceeded all expectations on the field. The field at TVES saw a major upgrade this past spring. Several tons of red clay infield baseball material were purchased and put in place in the infield. In addition to this major upgrade, an outfield portable fence was also purchased for the field. The field condition got rave reviews from various towns visiting, as well as taxpayers in town. The baseball program had 50 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the West River Baseball League, which included Dummerston, Townshend, Wardsboro, Dover, Putney, and Newbrook.

The basketball program was a success given the strict protocols that needed to be followed for indoor play. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We continued with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturday mornings with Chris Brown and Fran Cunningham. The 1st & 2nd grade program included some smaller court games as well. Our grades 3 through 6 teams were able to play competitive games amongst themselves, as well as weekly scrimmages against Bennington teams. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2021 was 45.

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 the first season played that included grade 3 in the league. The JWYSL consists of 8 clubs- Arlington, Southshire, Manchester, West River, 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, as well as do our boys teams. This fall, TVYS fielded a girls 3rd/4th grade team, a boys 3rd/4th grade team, a 5th grade team and a co-ed 6th grade team. Due to the lack of girls at the 5th and 6th grade level, we were unable to field any girls teams at this level. However, the girls that did play were able to play on the 6th grade co-ed team. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten program continued with the Saturday morning clinics, which provides our youngest athletes with the opportunity to learn the foundational skills of soccer. Our 1st and 2nd graders were also divided by gender and these teams continued to build on their skills learned in Pre-k and Kindergarten and practiced 2 days a week and played intra-squad games. The number of athletes participating in soccer in the fall of 2021 was 123.

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 FY2021:

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 3 households (3 people) received heating System repair or replacement, at a cost of \$3,166.

Micro-Business Development: 5 households (10 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$ 8,433.00

Vermont Match Savings and Financial Fitness: 1 household (3 people) saved a total of \$781, and received counseling and instruction for the Vermont Match Savings asset building and financial literacy program, valued at \$1,073.00.

Family Services: 17 households (29 people) received 50 services, valued at \$ 951.00 (crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 13 households (20 people) received 21 assists valued at \$ 6,124.00.

Housing Assistance: 3 households (5 people) received 3 assists valued at \$ 550.00. (rental or mortgage payment assistance).

Solar Energy Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received \$342 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, 2020 and June 30, 2021 VNH made 717 homecare visits to 51 Wilmington residents. This included approximately \$24,311 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- Home Health Care: 286 home visits to 28 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Hospice Services: 78 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- Long Term Care: 16 home visits to 3 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- Skilled Pediatric Care: 48 home visits to 5 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

VNH serves many of Wilmington's most vulnerable citizens – the frail elderly and disabled, at-risk families, people with terminal illnesses, children with chronic medical needs, and the uninsured and underinsured. We are dedicated to delivering outstanding home health and hospice services that enrich the lives of the people we serve.

Over the past year this has included many telehealth visits for which we did not receive reimbursement. It is with your help that we are able to provide services like this to those in need. 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)

Department of Health

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

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
- Sign up for our weekly E-Newsletter; <https://wilmingtonvermont.us5.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b8244a9922cae4dcb1afa2310&id=60de4dd487>



Old Home Week Parade-Courtesy Nicki Steel



Wilmington Public Safety Facility