

Town of Wilmington, Vermont *2023 Annual Report*

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
(March 5, 2024 Town Meeting)



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We know all good things come to an end and the longevity of our critical staff is not immune to such time limitations. In October of 2023 Deb Kingsley called it a career after almost forty years in position.

Deb oversaw the Listers office as the administrator but serviced other areas such as the Zoning Board, Design Control and adviser to the Planning Commission during her tenure. When hired in 1984 she was assigned where needed and she responded with enthusiasm and due diligence until the task(s) were completed.

She worked for six Town Managers, three Town Clerks and multiple Chief Listers during her four-decade employment. She oversaw four major reappraisals done by the Town and sat through countless appeals of individual property assessments in order to stay in compliance with State law. She was a wealth of knowledge and mentored elected listers on the inspection and valuation process.

Her daily contribution to the workings of our community will be sorely missed as her interaction with the State Valuation Board and the Vermont Tax Department will be difficult to duplicate. We all wish Deb a very happy retirement and thank her for her dedication to Wilmington as she set the bar high for future generations that occupy her office.

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Town of Wilmington Information

Chartered April 29, 1751

Population 2,255 ~ Altitude 1,580 feet ~ Area 26,624 acres (41.6 sq. miles)

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Deerfield Valley Rescue

9-1-1 (24-hour emergency)

802-464-5557 (Business Office)

Fire Department

9-1-1 (24-hour emergency)

802-464-8022 (Business Office)

Police Department

9-1-1 (24-hour emergency)

802-464-8593 (Business Office - answered 24 hours, 7 days a week with Wilmington Police responding)

Lobby Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM

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

Assessors Office

802-464-8591 FAX 802-464-8477

MON - FRI 8 AM TO 3:30 PM

skociela@wilmingtonvt.us

Sarah Kociela, Assessor Clerk

Highway Department

802-464-5515 (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 802-464-5177

Twin Valley Middle/High School 802-368-2880

Superintendent's Office 802-464-1300

Town Clerk's Office

802-464-5836

Email: tlounsbury@wilmingtonvt.us

MON - FRI: 9 AM - 5 PM

Transfer Station 802-464-5666

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

802-464-3862 FAX 802-464-8348

jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us

Wilmington Water District 802-258-7445

Chris Lavoy, Chief Operator

Christine Richter, Billing

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: 802-464-8591

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

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: 802-464-3862

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 802-464-8022

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

Fire Department (M-F) 8am – 4:30pm. Call first 802-464-8022 (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: 802-464-5836 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: 802-464-8591 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

2023 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp (Yrs)</u>		<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp (Yrs)</u>	
Moderator			Cemetery Commissioners		
Robert Fisher	2024	1	Richard Khachadoorian	2028	5
			Walter White	2024	5
Town Clerk			Donna Moore	2025	5
Therese Lounsbury	2025	3	Ralph Staib	2026	5
			Janet Boyd	2027	5
Selectboard					
Vincent Rice	2025	3	Justice of the Peace		
John Gannon	2025	2	Thomas Fitzgerald	2025	2
Thomas Fitzgerald	2024	2	John Lebron	2025	2
Tony Tribuno	2026	3	Philippe Sweda	2025	2
Sarah Fisher	2024	3	Bonnie Lorimer	2025	2
			Margaret Streeter	2025	2
First Constable			Vacant	2025	2
Gary Wax	2024	1	Vacant	2025	2
Second Constable			Trustee of C.C. Haynes Fund		
Gordon Boyd	2024	1	Carl Boyd	2024	1
Library Trustees					
Chrystal Holt	2028	5			
Louis Clark	2024	5			
Monique Johnson	2025	5			
Carolyn Palmer	2026	5			
Marie Paige	2027	5			

2023 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Town Manager				Energy Coordinator		
Scott Tucker				Robert Bois	2024	1
Highway Superintendent				Senior Solutions Rep		
Marshall Dix				Vacant	2024	1
Police Chief				Surveyor of Wood/Shingles		
Matthew Murano				Fred Skwirut	2024	1
Fire Chief				Development Review Board		
Scott Moore				Cheryl LaFlamme	2024	3
Assistant Fire Chief				Diane Abate	2025	3
William Spirka				Charles Foster	2024	3
Finance Officer				Chrystal Holt	2025	3
Christine Richter				Justin Linder	2026	3
Health Officer				DRB Alternates		
Jessica Roberts				Paul Lockyear	2024	2
Dog Warden				John Gannon	2024	2
Vacant				Sarah Fisher	2024	2
				Recreation Commission		
Town Forest Fire Warden				Jason Hartnett	2026	4
Scott Moore	2024	5		Sara Molina	2025	4
Tree Warden				Emily Beeman	2024	4
Fred J Skwirut	2024	1		Vacant	2027	4
Windham Solid Waste Dist Rep				Vacant	2025	4
Merrill Mundell	2024	1		Green-Up Co-Chairs		
Solid Waste Alternate Rep				Kathryn Larsen	2024	1
Vacant	2024	1		Anthony Martino	2024	1
Windham Regional Commission				Planning Commission		
Robert Bois	2024	1		Matthew Moore	2027	4
Ann Manwaring	2024	1		John Lebron	2024	4
				Erik King	2025	4
				Brian Holt	2026	4
				Michelle Carlson	2027	4

Trail Committee				Beautification Committee		
Robert Fisher	2027	4		Alice Greenspan	2027	4
Joanne Yankura	2024	4		Keith Herbert	2027	4
Alex Rioux	2024	4		Cheryl LaFlamme	2027	4
Julie Koehler	2025	4		Anne Saracino	2027	4
Jeff Menges	2025	4		Elaine Ahnell	2027	4
Vacant	2024	4		Fred Skwirut	2027	4
Vacant	2026	4		Adele Mattern	2027	4
Trail Committee Alternates				Kathleen Comeau	2027	4
Matt Danzico	2025	4		Bev Butler	2027	4
Alan Baker	2026	4		Bi-Town Economic Dev Comm		
Vacant	2026	4		Heidi Taylor		
Vacant	2024	4		Gretchen Havreluk		
Town Hall Re-Location Committee				Thomas Fitzgerald		
John Gannon	2026	3		Energy Committee		
Sarah Fisher	2026	3		Robert Bois	2024	1
Christine Richter	2026	3		Jessica Roberts	2026	3
Jessica Roberts	2026	3		Scott Moore	2026	3
Therese Lounsbury	2026	3		Marshall Dix	2026	3
Bonnie Lorimer	2026	3		Matthew Cole	2026	3
Alice Greenspan	2026	3		Keith Johnson	2026	3
Sheila Osler	2026	3		Deerfield Valley Fiber		
				Ann Manwaring		
				Gretchen Havreluk		
				Alan Baker		

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTION
WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2024**

RACE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
TOWN MODERATOR 1-year term (Vote for One)	ROBERT M. FISHER
SELECTBOARD 2-year term (Vote for One)	THOMAS FITZGERALD RALPH STAIB
SELECTBOARD 3-year term (Vote for One)	SARAH H. FISHER JOHN LEBRON
FIRST CONSTABLE 1-year term (Vote for One)	GARY WAX
SECOND CONSTABLE 1-year term (Vote for One)	GORDON "JOE" BOYD
TRUSTEE OF CC HAYNES FUND 1-year term (Vote for One)	CARL M. BOYD
LIBRARY TRUSTEE 5-year term (Vote for One)	LOUIS CLARK
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 5-year term (Vote for One)	WALTER F. WHITE
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR 3-year term (Vote for One)	JASON M. HARTNETT
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR 2-years remaining (Vote for One)	WRITE-IN

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
WILMINGTON, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2024**

RACE - TERM	CANDIDATE NAME
SCHOOL MODERATOR 1-year term (Vote for One)	ROBERT M. FISHER
SCHOOL CLERK 1-year term (Vote for One)	THERESE LOUNSBURY
SCHOOL TREASURER 1-year term (Vote for One)	ALMIRA AEKUS

2024 W A R N I N G

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wilmington, Vermont Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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, at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, March 05, 2024, to consider and act on the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot. (Voting for all Australian Ballot articles will be held at the OSEC in said Wilmington, Vermont, on March 5, 2024, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.)

- Article 1: To elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law AND to authorize that the Town obtain either a general obligation bond or a loan, for the purpose of extending water and sewer infrastructure along Route 9 East. (Australian Ballot -Polls open 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.)
- Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Report.
- Article 3: Shall the Town adopt all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c)?
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,113,981 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2025 (7/1/24 to 6/30/2025)?
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,625,039 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2025 (7/1/24 to 6/30/2025)?
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to Beaver Brook School whose purpose is to provide year-round childcare for 0-2 year-olds, and multiple preschool programs for 3-5 year olds.
- Article 8: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$1,500, for a total of \$2,500, to fund Grace Cottage whose purpose is to provide acute and rehabilitative care.
- Article 9: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$250, for a total of \$1,000, to fund SafePlace whose purpose is to help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse and conduct investigations.
- Article 10: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$200, for a total of \$1,000, to fund Senior Solutions whose purpose is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults, helping them to age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$11,000, to fund Wings Community Programs whose purpose is to actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$5,000, for a total of \$15,000, to SASH whose purpose is to coordinate the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home.
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,792 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$160,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund?
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Highway Building Capital Fund?
- Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$215,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to fund the Old Fire House Capital Fund?
- Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to fund the Police Equipment Capital Fund?

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund?

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund?

Article 25: Shall the voters authorize payment of real property taxes in two installments, with the due dates being August 30, 2024 and February 28, 2025 by delivery to Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. on the due date or postmarked on or before the due date?

Article 26: To transact any non-binding business.

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 25th day of January 2024.

Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Tom Fitzgerald, Chairman

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Secretary

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno

**The following Articles are to be voted by Australian Ballot on
Town Meeting Day on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.**

Article 2: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Wilmington be issued in an amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) for the purpose of making certain infrastructure improvements, namely, extending water and sewer infrastructure along Route 9 East, with new construction not to exceed beyond Ballou Hill and 100-feet south of the Health Center on Route 100 South, such improvements estimated to cost a total of Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000)?

Article 3: As an alternative option to general obligation bonds, shall Town of Wilmington enter into a loan agreement with United States Department of Agriculture, but only if such a loan is offered by the United States Department of Agriculture, and acknowledging that such a loan has not been formally offered by the United States Department of Agriculture at the time this article is voted on, in amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000) for the purpose of making certain infrastructure improvements, namely, extending water and sewer infrastructure along Route 9 East, with new construction to Ballou Hill and 100-feet beyond the Health Center on Route 100 South, such improvements estimated to cost a total of Five Million One hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000) over a period not to exceed 30 years?

ABSTRACT TOWN OF WILMINGTON 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING March 7, 2023

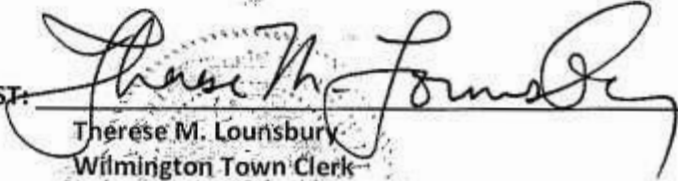
The legal voters of the Town of Wilmington met at the Old School Community Center (OSEC) in said Wilmington, Vermont, at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, March 07, 2023, and acted on the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot. (Voting for all Australian Ballot articles was held at the OSEC in said Wilmington, Vermont, on March 7, 2023, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.)

- Article 1: Voted to elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law and the vote of the Town by Australian Ballot.
- Article 2: Voted to accept the Town Report.
- Article 3: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,626,218 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2024 (7/1/23 to 6/30/2024)?
- Article 4: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,499,549 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2024 (7/1/23 to 6/30/2024)?
- Article 5: Voted to raise and appropriate \$750 to fund SafePlace whose purpose is to help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse; conduct quality investigations; reduce stress and trauma to the victim; and protect the victim in the community.
- Article 6: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to fund Grace Cottage whose purpose is to provide acute and rehabilitative care.
- Article 7: Defeated amended motion to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to fund SVMC and to allocate those funds to the Deerfield Valley Health Center Campus for the purpose of acute and rehabilitative care.
- Article 8: Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to Gathering Place whose purpose is to serve the elders and adults with disabilities of the Windham County, helping to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement.
- Article 9: Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$450, for a total of \$800, to fund Senior Solutions whose purpose is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults, helping them to age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.
- Article 10: Voted to raise and appropriate an additional \$10,000, for a total of \$30,000, to fund Deerfield Valley Rescue whose purpose is to provide prehospital emergency medical care to residents in the Towns of Wilmington, Dover (East and West), Searsburg, Somerset and parts of Marlboro and Stratton.
- Article 11: Voted to raise and appropriate \$7,000 to Kids in the Country Childcare whose purpose is to provide before and after school care, a morning preschool program for children aged 3-5 with the option of extended hours for working families, an infant and toddler program, as well as summer enrichment activities for all age groups.
- Article 12: Voted to allocate the State per parcel payment estimated to be \$26,792 to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund?
- Article 13: Voted to raise and appropriate \$180,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 14: Voted to raise and appropriate \$160,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund?
- Article 15: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund Highway Building Capital Fund?
- Article 16: Voted to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund?
- Article 17: Voted to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to fund the (old)Fire House Capital Fund?
- Article 18: Voted to rename the Fire House Capital Fund to Old Firehouse Capital Account, for the purpose of maintaining the building at 18 Beaver St?
- Article 19: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund?
- Article 20: Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
- Article 21: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund?

- Article 23: Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Transfer Station Capital Fund?
- Article 24: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Public Lands and Fences Capital Fund?
- Article 25: Authorized the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c(b)(1) and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provision of Title 32?
- Article 26: Voted to expend \$260,000 from the FY21 surplus to fund the Planning and Acquisition Capital Fund for the purpose of a new Town Hall?
- Article 27: Voted to exempt from town and school taxes, Social Lodge #38 F. & A.M. pursuant to the provisions of Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 32, Section 3840?
- Article 28: Voted to exempt from town and school taxes, Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. at 22 Stowe Hill Rd, pursuant to the provisions of Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 32, Section 3840?
- Article 29: Voted to collect taxes on August 25, 2023, and February 23, 2024?
- Article 30: Defeated the adoption of all budget articles by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(c)?
- Article 31: Defeated to vote on all public questions by Australian ballot pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(d)?
- Article 32: To transact any non-binding business.

PREPARED MARCH 7, 2023

ATTEST:


Therese M. Lounsbury
Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: March 7, 2023

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
 CERTIFICATE OF VOTES
 TOWN OFFICERS – ARTICLE I
 TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS – ARTICLE I
 MARCH 7, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN AND TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT UNDER ARTICLE 1 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN AND TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNINGS CALLED FOR MARCH 7, 2023.

ARTICLE 1: TOWN & TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

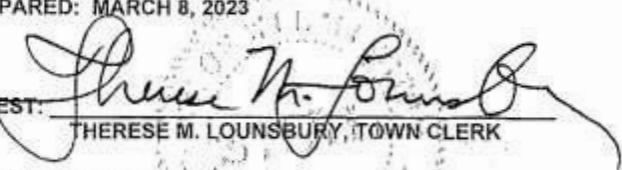
<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
TOWN MODERATOR	1 year	ROBERT M. FISHER	182
SELECTBOARD	2 years	JOHN GANNON	145
SELECTBOARD	3 years	TONY TRIBUNO	168
LISTER	1 year	GERALD "JERRY" OSLER	157
LISTER	3 years	DIANE SCHIPKE	161
FIRST CONSTABLE	1 year	GARY WAX	158
SECOND CONSTABLE	1 year	GORDON "JOE" BOYD	165
TRUSTEE CC HAYNES FUND	1 year	CARL M. BOYD	177
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	2 years remaining on 5-year	MONIQUE JOHNSON	180
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	5 years	CHRYSTAL HOLT	170
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	5 years	RICHARD "KAPPA" KHACHADOORIAN	174
TVUU SCHOOL DIRECTOR	3 years	MARK J. TIDDES	146
TVUU SCHOOL DIRECTOR	3 years	CHAD BULLOCK	157

WILMINGTON REGISTERED VOTERS: 1678

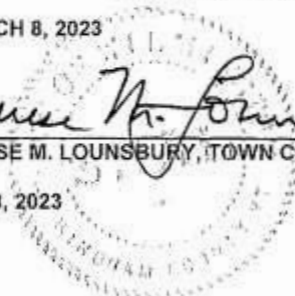
**ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 12
 TOWN VOTES CAST AT POLLS: 174
 TOTAL VOTES CAST: 186**

A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF VOTES FOR TOWN AND TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED MARCH 7, 2023.

PREPARED: MARCH 8, 2023

ATTEST: 
 THERESE M. LOUNSBURY, TOWN CLERK

DATED: MARCH 8, 2023



2023 Town Vehicle Inventory

FIRE DEPARTMENT		Replacement Year	HIGHWAY		Replacement Year
2016	Metro Star Rescue Truck	2029	2024	Western Star Truck #15	
1997	International 2674 Pumper Truck	2024	2021	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #19	2028
2001	International 2674 4X2 Pumper Truck	2028	2020	Western Star Dump Truck #18	
2011	Spartan Fire Truck	2037	2019	International Dump Truck #11	2028
1998	14-foot rescue boat/trailer		2019	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #10	2027
2006	Bombardier ATV		2018	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #20	2024
2023	Dodge 3500 Brush Truck		2018	Dodge Ram Truck #13	2025
1998	Land Rite Boat Trailer		2018	Western Star Dump Truck #12	2027
2008	SnowPro Snowmobile Trailer		2016	International Truck #14	2025
2015	Triton CT 1275 Trailer		EQUIPMENT		
2015	Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ ambulance sled/trailer		2017	John Deere 672 GP Motor Grader	
			2017	Exmark Mower	2027
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT			2020	Volvo Excavator	
1997	New Holland Tractor Model 4630DA5		2024	Kaufman Trailer	
2001	Load Rite Utility Trailer		2015	Case 721F Loader	2028
2002	US Jetting Sewer Jetter		2015	John Deere 320 Skid Steer	
2014	Ford F-350		2016	Message Board	
			2014	Vermeer Chipper	
POLICE DEPARTMENT			2007	John Deere 410J Backhoe	
2021	Dodge Charger	2030	2006	John Deere 450JLT Bulldozer	
2021	Dodge Durango	2031	2004	Karavan Utility Trailer	
2020	Ford F-150	2029	1999	Snowflow Snowmobile Trailer	
2019	Police Utility Vehicle	2027	1999	Bomag Roller	
2017	Ford Explorer	2026	1989	Hudson Trailer	
2016	Ford Explorer	2024	1979	Joy Air Compressor	
2022	Nitro Snowmobile Trailer*				
2016	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*		TRANSFER STATION		
2008	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*	2024	1987	JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	
*Property of SoVT Snowmobile Task Force			WATER DEPARTMENT		
			1994	Karavan Trailer	

1% Local Option Tax Fund Usage

		FY23 Actual	FY24 Projected	FY 25 Projected
Revenue				
Beginning Balance		1,215,904	1,447,111	1,417,978
State Payments		550,000	500,000	500,000
Reimbursement (OHW)				
Interest		14,586	15,000	4,000
Total Expenditures		333,379	544,133	30,000
Ending Balance		1,447,111	1,417,978	1,891,978
Expenditure Project		Committed FY23	Committed FY24	Committed FY25
Matching Grant Fund	Budgeted			
Oct 7, 2015 meeting	E. Main St		96,000	
July 5, 2017 meeting	E. Main St #2		16,400	
	Lake Raponda Greeter	3,024		
	North Main St		55,000	
Feb 16,2023 meeting	Lake Raponda Greeter	2,500	3,500	
Matching Total		5,524	167,400	-
Revolving Loan Fund	Budgeted			
Revolving Loan Totals				
Events Fund	Budgeted		40,000	
	Fireworks	1,500	9,000	
	Wine & Harvest	4,000	5,000	
	Shop Local Winter	3,000	4,000	
	Blueberry Block Pty	1,884	1,804	
	Summer Stroll	2,000	2,000	
	Fair	13,000		
	Blueberry Splash	2,600	4,000	
	Beer & Chili Stroll	2,500		
	Beaver St Art	1,424		
Events Total		45,908	25,804	-
Programs	Budgeted			
	Bi-Town Marketing	72,153	107,548	
	Wilmington Works	30,000	30,000	30,000
	SEVEDS	5,628	5,628	
	Route 100 Barrel	15,039	10,000	
	Trash removal	1,441	2,100	
	Bridge Ramp	2,734		
	Trails HTW	15,735		
	Trails HTW Permit		35,000	
	Trails Maint	3,170	13,171	

Feb 18, 2020 meeting	East Main 1 Sewer		80,000	
Feb 18, 2020 meeting	WW Loans E Main		25,000	
	Planning Commission		3,800	
	PSF Open House	236		
	Friends Of MH	5,000		
	Greeter Porta	616		
	Pettee Library	65,000		
	VYS - Baskets	15,195		
	Veteran's Mem Park	50,000		
	I Love Art Space		4,289	
	Town Signs		15,250	
	Estate		17,943	
	Holiday Lighting		1,200	
Programs Total		281,947	350,929	30,000

1% Local Option Tax Fund Balance

	FY22	FY23	FY24
Beginning Balance	961,938	1,215,903	1,457,193
State Payments	505,261	551,840	306,636
Reimbursements	22,709		
Interest	1,046	16,299	19,078
Total Expenditures	275,153	276,182	209,952
Balance as of 12/31/23	1,215,801	1,507,860	1,572,955
Encumbrances	457,224	380,758	396,471
Unspent Events Fund	27,846	40,000	27,196
Total after Encumbrances	730,731	1,087,102	1,149,288

Town Employees Proposed Salaries

FY 2025		
Employee	Position	FY2025 Estimated
Therese Lounsbury	Town Clerk	\$ 62,783.00
Eithne Eldred	Asst Town Clerk	\$ 43,816.00
Scott Tucker	Town Manager	\$ 121,890.00
Christine Richter	Finance Officer	\$ 79,574.00
Jessica DeFrancesco	Town Manager Assistant	\$ 50,490.00
Jessica Roberts	Zoning Administrator	\$ 59,277.00
Jessica Roberts	Health Officer	\$ 1,990.00
Sarah Kociela	Assessor Assistant	\$ 43,100.00
Brandon Brassor	Bld Maint/Water Operator	\$ 52,875.00
Matt Murano	Police Chief	\$ 94,077.00
Shawn Hammond	Patrol Officer	\$ 67,414.00
Andrew Kirkman	Patrol Officer	\$ 59,358.00
Sasha Kondraski	Detective	\$ 63,377.00
Joseph Carcich	Patrol Officer	\$ 62,043.00
Ryan O'Neil	Patrol Officer	\$ 58,177.00
Kayla Healy	Part-time Patrol Officer	\$ 31,739.00
Elizabeth Goldsmith	Dispatcher	\$ 49,140.00
Eric St Denis	Dispatcher	\$ 51,000.00
Scott Moore	Fire Chief	\$ 79,593.00
Marshall Dix	Highway Superintendent	\$ 83,803.00
Bret Brown	Highway Supervisor	\$ 70,447.00
Michael Stevens	Road Crew	\$ 62,876.00
Darby Howe	Road Crew	\$ 62,876.00
Doug Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 62,876.00
Travis Brassor	Road Crew	\$ 62,876.00
Travis Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 62,876.00
Lorne Betit	Road Crew	\$ 62,876.00
John Lazelle	Wastewater Chief Operator	\$ 80,130.00
Jeff Longe	Wastewater Operator	\$ 59,252.00
Christopher Lavoy	Water Operator	\$ 81,250.00

Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests FY 25

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
Gathering Place	\$3,000	serve the elders and adults with disabilities of the Windham County, helping to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement.
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	\$1,000	promote successful aging
SASH	\$15,000	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
Beaver Brook School	\$12,000	provide year-round childcare for 0-2 year-olds, and multiple preschool programs for 3-5 year olds. Frequently work with children who have disabilities or mental health needs, and support multiple families who foster local children. The program also runs high-quality summer camps for school aged children in June, July, and August.
Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$30,000	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	\$11,000	actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults
SafePlace	\$1,000	help children and their families begin the process of healing after a child has been a victim of sexual abuse or egregious physical abuse; conduct quality investigations; reduce stress and trauma to the victim; and protect the victim in the community
VT Bar	\$600	Provide legal services community, is laser-focused on increasing access to justice for Vermonters who are low-income, underserved, or marginalized.
Grace Cottage	\$2,500	provide acute and rehabilitative care.
Kids in the Country	7,000	provide before and after school care, a morning preschool program for children aged 3-5 with the option of extended hours for working families, an infant and toddler program, as well as, summer enrichment activities for all age groups.
Total	\$109,905	

GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATION & HIGHWAY						
TOTAL BUDGET EXCEPT SEWER AND WATER						
		Budget FY 23	Actual FY 23	Budget FY 24	Proposed Budget FY 25	Change FY 24 to FY 25
1	Total Budget	6,093,066.00	5,877,222.27	6,100,207.00	6,682,199.00	581,992.00
2	Total Revenues	1,333,803.00	922,865.05	1,288,098.00	1,158,679.00	-129,419.00
3	Amount to be Raised	4,759,263.00	4,954,357.22	4,812,109.00	5,523,520.00	711,411.00
4	Tax Rate Estimated		0.6188	0.6120	0.6487	
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6	General Fund Expenditures					
7	Moderator, Elect Off, Ball	1,800.00	120.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
8	Selectboard	6,300.00	6,200.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
9	BCA Stipend/Exp	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
10	Town Clerk					
11	Salary Town Clerk	55,364.00	57,809.12	59,793.00	62,783.00	2,990.00
12	Assistant Town Clerk	38,644.00	39,052.63	41,730.00	43,816.00	2,086.00
13	TC Supplies & Postage	3,000.00	1,956.94	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
14	TC Training/Expenses	3,000.00	1,501.57	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
15	TC Temp Help	15,000.00	15,273.75	19,000.00	12,000.00	-7,000.00
16	Taping Town Meeting	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
17	Recording Supplies/Materi	2,200.00	1,807.90	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
18	Copier/Computer/Office Eq	3,000.00	2,137.79	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
19	Election Supplies/Postage	2,981.00	902.80	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
20	Animal Rabies Control Sup	400.00	273.82	400.00	400.00	0.00
21	Vote Tabulator prog/maint	2,000.00	747.00	1,500.00	2,250.00	750.00
22	Finance Officer	71,495.00	71,494.80	75,785.00	79,574.00	3,789.00
23	Assessor's Office					
24	Assistant Salary	59,984.00	64,722.58	40,000.00	43,100.00	3,100.00
25	Appraiser	35,000.00	0.00	70,000.00	45,000.00	-25,000.00
26	Appraisal Temp Help	2,000.00	108.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Assessor Office Expense	10,000.00	10,720.92	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
28	Mapping	5,000.00	2,807.75	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
29	Grievance Costs	15,000.00	5,179.38	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
30	Yearly Grand List Main -	5,000.00	4,575.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Appraisal Supplies/Comput	6,050.00	3,215.68	6,050.00	3,500.00	-2,550.00
32	Reappraisal Comm - Everet	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
33	Town Manager					
34	Salary TM	107,269.00	109,769.24	113,705.00	121,890.00	8,185.00
35	Expenses TM	3,344.00	2,665.27	3,444.00	3,444.00	0.00
36	Postage/Supplies/Equipmen	5,000.00	8,617.16	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
37	Mileage Reim	2,000.00	167.50	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00
38	Administrative Secretary	44,673.00	46,379.87	48,140.00	50,490.00	2,350.00
39	Zoning Administrator	53,258.00	53,402.68	56,454.00	59,277.00	2,823.00
40	Receptionist/Admin Assist	7,825.00	5,163.42	8,450.00	8,873.00	423.00
41	Reconciliation Analyst	450.00	442.05	450.00	0.00	-450.00

		Budget FY 23	Actual FY 23	Budget FY 24	Proposed Budget FY 25	Change FY 24 to FY 25
42	Grounds/Bldg Maint	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,500.00	26,500.00
43	Ads Non-Zoning	600.00	1,295.25	600.00	600.00	0.00
44	Comp.Support/Equipment	8,640.00	12,864.55	8,640.00	82,150.00	73,510.00
45	Telephone/Internet	9,000.00	8,941.18	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
46	Tax Bills printing/envelo	4,500.00	2,813.28	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
47	Admin/SB Training/Expense	2,500.00	812.42	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
48	Copier - Administration	2,500.00	3,020.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
49	CEMETERIES					
50	Cemetery Expenditures	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	61,250.00	19,250.00
51	Zoning,DRB, SBA					
52	Training/expense/mileage	1,400.00	1,255.61	1,400.00	1,500.00	100.00
53	Advertising	500.00	939.25	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
54	Postage/Materials	250.00	197.71	250.00	800.00	550.00
55	Bylaw Modernization Grant	0.00	18,830.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
56	POLICE DEPARTMENT					
57	Chief	84,526.00	84,090.90	89,597.00	94,077.00	4,480.00
58	Sworn Payroll	328,495.00	295,484.53	328,495.00	368,920.00	40,425.00
59	Part-Time Payroll	28,514.00	7,426.28	30,228.00	31,740.00	1,512.00
60	Dispatchers	82,304.00	85,227.40	104,522.00	103,043.00	-1,479.00
61	Overtime	20,000.00	38,592.79	30,000.00	35,000.00	5,000.00
62	Employee Wellness	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
63	Outside Employment	14,500.00	18,243.38	14,500.00	18,125.00	3,625.00
64	Cruiser Replacement	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	-60,000.00
65	Cruiser Operation/Maint	28,500.00	30,355.94	30,000.00	32,400.00	2,400.00
66	Uniform Purchase	2,000.00	2,816.40	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
67	Uniform Maintenance	2,000.00	686.79	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
68	Firearms Ammunition	950.00	1,017.88	950.00	1,950.00	1,000.00
69	Radar	575.00	893.75	575.00	875.00	300.00
70	Telephone	6,000.00	13,174.99	10,800.00	13,800.00	3,000.00
71	Postage	600.00	754.69	600.00	800.00	200.00
72	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,960.82	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
73	Office Equipment	250.00	535.95	250.00	250.00	0.00
74	Equipment Maintenance	1,500.00	20.89	4,306.00	4,306.00	0.00
75	Computer Hard & Software	4,000.00	1,404.31	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
76	Statewide Record Database	9,350.00	7,545.08	9,350.00	9,350.00	0.00
77	Copier PD	1,500.00	1,460.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
78	Inservice Training	4,500.00	5,224.12	5,000.00	6,500.00	1,500.00
79	Training Aids & Materials	2,650.00	860.98	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
80	Community Awareness	400.00	539.32	400.00	600.00	200.00
81	Radio Maintenance	2,750.00	1,017.95	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00
82	Equipment Replacement	5,000.00	5,519.67	2,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00
83	Association Fees	700.00	475.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
84	Chief's Expenses	500.00	558.11	500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
85	PD Safety Compliance	150.00	792.32	150.00	250.00	100.00
86	Investigation costs	8,000.00	15,816.34	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00
87	Prisoner Transport	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00

		Budget FY 23	Actual FY 23	Budget FY 24	Proposed Budget FY 25	Change FY 24 to FY 25
88	PD Alarm	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
89	Towing	200.00	0.00	200.00	400.00	200.00
90	Applicant Advertising	200.00	177.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
91	GHS Equip Grant	5,000.00	5,247.25	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
92	Vest Grants	1,000.00	970.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
92	Public Safety Facility					
94	PSF Electric	11,200.00	23,402.40	21,000.00	24,000.00	3,000.00
95	PSF Heat	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00
96	PSF Fire Alarm	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
97	PSF Water	1,430.00	1,475.39	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
98	PSF Sewer	1,196.00	972.02	972.00	1,000.00	28.00
99	PSF Building Maint	36,220.00	37,727.42	35,000.00	38,000.00	3,000.00
100	OLD FIREHOUSE					
101	OFH Electricity	2,000.00	1,320.49	2,000.00	1,750.00	-250.00
102	OFH Water Rent	1,300.00	935.70	1,300.00	1,000.00	-300.00
103	OFH Sewer Rent	600.00	607.50	600.00	620.00	20.00
104	Fire alarm/Internet	250.00	1,650.02	1,180.00	1,180.00	0.00
105	OFH Bldg Maint	3,500.00	9,487.97	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
106	OFH Heating Oil	3,500.00	4,050.00	4,000.00	3,500.00	-500.00
107	Janitorial	1,000.00	3,215.00	1,100.00	2,160.00	1,060.00
108	FIRE DEPARTMENT					
109	Chief's Salary	71,512.00	71,511.96	75,803.00	79,593.00	3,790.00
110	Asst. Chief's Salary	2,596.00	2,595.96	2,752.00	3,500.00	748.00
111	Labor	35,640.00	34,747.00	37,779.00	50,000.00	12,221.00
112	Officers salary	3,198.00	2,451.80	3,390.00	5,000.00	1,610.00
113	Emerg Op Center Personnel	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
114	Emerg Op Center Setup	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
115	Telephone	3,400.00	5,817.55	6,133.00	6,133.00	0.00
116	Firefighter Assoc	700.00	512.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
117	Administrative costs	2,600.00	5,410.20	6,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
118	Training/Incentives	3,500.00	3,901.99	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
119	FD Radio Maintenance	2,500.00	2,170.60	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
120	Code Compliance	250.00	258.62	250.00	250.00	0.00
121	Air Packs	2,500.00	1,564.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
122	Fire Alarm	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
123	Truck Maintenance	6,300.00	5,122.48	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
124	Gas & Oil	2,750.00	4,188.25	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
125	Building Maintenance	0.00	103.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
126	Extinguisher - Recharge	275.00	58.50	275.00	275.00	0.00
127	Equipment, New & Replace	4,000.00	3,956.25	4,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00
128	Helments, Boots, Coats	5,000.00	4,294.11	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
129	Hose	4,100.00	3,309.13	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
130	Foam	700.00	0.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
131	Fire Prevention	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00

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132	Travel Expenses	2,000.00	904.38	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
133	Fire Chief Uniform	250.00	237.82	250.00	250.00	0.00
134	Dispatch Assessment Wilmi	47,000.00	48,947.00	51,000.00	51,500.00	500.00
135	Disp Assess Searsburg	6,500.00	6,485.00	6,700.00	6,815.00	115.00
136	HMGP Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
137	GREEN MOUNTAIN BEACH					
138	GMB Mowing	850.00	528.75	750.00	750.00	0.00
139	Maintenance & Improvem	900.00	564.80	900.00	900.00	0.00
140	Toilets	800.00	615.53	800.00	800.00	0.00
141	Lake Raponda Dam	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
142	INSURANCE					
143	Employment Practices	9,000.00	6,372.88	9,200.00	9,520.00	320.00
144	Liability, Prop & Auto	50,000.00	45,469.44	56,000.00	67,910.00	11,910.00
145	Public Officials Liabilit	2,500.00	1,633.40	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
146	Firemens Disability	1,300.00	2,630.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
147	Workers Comp.	50,000.00	29,709.33	50,000.00	56,300.00	6,300.00
148	HEALTH & SOCIALSERVICES					
149	Health Officer	1,788.00	1,513.83	1,896.00	1,990.00	94.00
150	Senior Solutions	350.00	350.00	800.00	1,000.00	200.00
151	Vermont Bar Foundation	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
152	Groundworks Collaborative	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
153	Health Care & Rehabilitat	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	0.00
154	Windham Cty Youth Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
155	Womens Freedom Center	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
156	V Nurse Alliance/W Crisis	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
157	Gathering Place	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
158	SEVCA	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
159	Deerfield Valley Comm Car	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
160	Wind Cty Humane Socie	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
161	Wings	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00
162	DV Food Pantry	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
163	Kids Country Day Care	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
164	Beaver Brook Daycare	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
165	DV Community Parntership	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
166	Senior Meals	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
167	SASH	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	5,000.00
168	WDART	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
169	SV Therapy Riding	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
170	Rescue	20,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
171	Safe Place	0.00	0.00	750.00	1,000.00	250.00
172	Grace Cottage	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00
173	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
174	Social Security	87,240.00	96,579.62	94,646.00	100,442.00	5,796.00
175	Child Care tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
176	Health Care	427,755.00	330,457.54	360,000.00	440,000.00	80,000.00

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177	Disability/Life Ins	3,700.00	3,280.53	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
178	Retirement	93,200.00	90,013.26	103,398.00	109,000.00	5,602.00
179	Employment Security	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
180	Uniforms	0.00	-57.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
181	Groundskeeper	7,746.00	8,360.38	8,366.00	8,800.00	434.00
182	TRANSFER STATION					
183	Operator	44,570.00	46,148.39	47,960.00	24,400.00	-23,560.00
184	WCSW Assessment	14,200.00	14,146.40	15,557.00	16,200.00	643.00
185	Electricity/Heat	1,700.00	2,134.55	3,000.00	2,500.00	-500.00
186	Telephone	1,200.00	1,038.61	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
187	Post Closure Expense	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
188	Metal Recycling	0.00	-113.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
189	Tire Recycling	500.00	1,006.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
190	Disposal & Containers	95,000.00	96,371.95	95,000.00	108,000.00	13,000.00
191	TS Recycle	53,000.00	58,385.75	58,000.00	58,000.00	0.00
192	Maint/Improve/Supplies	1,600.00	4,475.04	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
193	Miscellaneous	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
194	Legal/Professional/Audit					
195	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	5,000.00	8,418.75	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
196	Legal-General Matters	24,000.00	28,265.63	25,000.00	28,000.00	3,000.00
197	Legal-Zoning enforcement	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
198	Legal-Human Resources	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
199	Zoning Appeals	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
200	Legal Reappraisal	5,000.00	5,668.75	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
201	Audit	25,100.00	26,100.00	18,500.00	24,700.00	6,200.00
202	LIBRARY					
203	Library	0.00	-154.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
204	Library Appropriation	140,000.00	140,000.00	154,000.00	161,000.00	7,000.00
205	Memorial Day	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
206	MEMORIAL HALL					
207	Electricity	2,000.00	1,729.09	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
208	Water Rent	1,200.00	1,577.47	1,400.00	1,600.00	200.00
209	Sewer Rent	1,200.00	1,216.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	150.00
210	Maintenance	3,000.00	11,299.09	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
211	MH Grounds	1,200.00	1,258.50	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
212	Heat	2,500.00	7,174.16	2,500.00	3,000.00	500.00
213	Fire Alarm/Phone/Internet	800.00	2,658.09	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
214	MH Insurance	2,500.00	1,738.57	2,200.00	4,200.00	2,000.00
215	MH cleaning/janitorial	10,000.00	5,090.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
216	Planning Commission					
217	Municipal Planning Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,650.00	8,650.00
218	Windham Regional Dues	4,400.00	4,432.56	4,400.00	6,070.00	1,670.00
219	Manuals/Resource material	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
220	Public Notices	450.00	59.50	450.00	450.00	0.00
221	Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
222	Training Expenses	250.00	20.00	250.00	250.00	0.00

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223	RECREATION COMMISSION					
224	Elemen. Program Director	2,745.00	2,745.00	3,020.00	3,500.00	480.00
225	Elemen. Counselors	3,943.00	3,943.00	3,943.00	4,500.00	557.00
226	MS Program Director	3,545.00	3,545.00	3,900.00	4,300.00	400.00
227	MS Art Director	300.00	0.00	300.00	500.00	200.00
228	MS Assistant Director	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
229	MS Counselors	3,910.00	2,204.62	3,910.00	4,210.00	300.00
230	Adult Rec Expense	0.00	183.39	0.00	200.00	200.00
231	Elemen. Programs	750.00	750.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
232	MS Supplies	750.00	726.50	850.00	850.00	0.00
233	Rec Projects/Programs	4,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	14,000.00	-2,000.00
234	Portable Toilets	2,800.00	1,744.90	1,700.00	1,800.00	100.00
235	Green-Up Day	175.00	26.27	175.00	175.00	0.00
236	Beautification Committe	2,900.00	1,656.87	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
237	Flowers/Barrels	20,626.00	20,626.00	22,157.00	0.00	-22,157.00
238	Tennis Courts	4,000.00	6,339.00	4,000.00	6,400.00	2,400.00
239	Valley Youth Sports	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
240	SELECTPERSONS CONTINGENCY					
241	Misc.	2,500.00	2,418.91	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
242	Economic Development	77,195.00	75,853.55	81,826.00	85,900.00	4,074.00
243	Street Lights	15,100.00	15,675.46	15,100.00	15,800.00	700.00
244	County Court	74,224.00	64,297.00	70,000.00	98,000.00	28,000.00
245	TOWN HALL					
246	Electricity	8,000.00	4,607.98	8,000.00	6,500.00	-1,500.00
247	Heat	6,500.00	9,386.60	7,000.00	7,500.00	500.00
248	Supplies	1,500.00	1,851.85	1,500.00	1,750.00	250.00
249	Fire Alarm	600.00	793.75	600.00	800.00	200.00
250	Water Rent	1,480.00	1,726.14	1,840.00	2,000.00	160.00
251	Sewer Rent	1,600.00	1,609.93	1,600.00	1,800.00	200.00
252	Maintenance	5,000.00	17,206.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
253	Elevator	2,700.00	3,320.00	2,700.00	3,320.00	620.00
254	Janitorial & Carting	18,720.00	18,826.22	16,000.00	19,000.00	3,000.00
255	Town Reports	850.00	1,053.08	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
256	Vermont League Dues	3,660.00	3,660.00	3,935.00	4,053.00	118.00
257	Web Site	800.00	523.43	800.00	800.00	0.00
258	Total General Fund Expenditu	3,098,885.00	2,972,439.25	3,291,482.00	3,608,054.00	316,572.00
259	Capital, One-Time and Special					
260	Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
261	Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
262	Reappraisal Fund	26,792.00	26,775.00	26,792.00	26,792.00	0.00
263	Public Lands & Fences	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	-15,000.00
264	Police Equip Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00	30,000.00
265	Old Fire House Cap	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00	25,000.00
266	Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
267	Library Capital	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00

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268	Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	215,000.00	65,000.00
269	Planning/Aquisition Capital	260,000.00	260,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
270	Public Safety Bldg Bond	375,639.00	375,639.00	373,934.00	372,064.00	-1,870.00
271	Total Capital, One-Time and Special	904,431.00	904,414.00	657,726.00	760,856.00	103,130.00
272	Total General Fund & Capital Expenditures	4,003,316.00	3,876,853.25	3,949,208.00	4,368,910.00	419,702.00
273	Highway Expenditures					
274	Highway Salaries	402,244.00	393,161.09	426,386.00	447,705.00	21,319.00
275	Highway Superintendent	75,294.00	69,282.10	79,812.00	83,803.00	3,991.00
276	Unscheduled Overtime	37,000.00	23,456.55	37,000.00	37,000.00	0.00
277	Administrative	0.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
278	Social Security	39,365.00	30,835.04	41,555.00	43,491.00	1,936.00
279	Child Care Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,350.00	2,350.00
280	Health Insurance	245,500.00	195,099.81	185,000.00	236,000.00	51,000.00
281	Disability Insurance	2,300.00	1,959.22	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
282	Retirement	34,732.00	31,561.45	36,666.00	39,796.00	3,130.00
283	Uniforms	3,100.00	3,601.58	3,100.00	4,000.00	900.00
284	Fire Alarm	250.00	446.60	250.00	250.00	0.00
285	Workers Comp	33,200.00	21,574.76	33,200.00	35,945.00	2,745.00
286	Municipal Parking Maint	2,500.00	1,970.55	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
287	Culverts	21,000.00	14,750.42	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00
288	Guardrails	10,000.00	9,301.70	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
289	Chloride	22,000.00	15,187.92	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00
290	Gravel/Stone	130,000.00	128,361.13	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00
291	Resurfacing	340,000.00	343,834.98	340,000.00	360,000.00	20,000.00
292	Salt	79,000.00	75,556.77	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00
293	Sand	75,000.00	61,549.99	95,000.00	95,000.00	0.00
294	Snow Removal	37,500.00	47,297.00	37,500.00	40,000.00	2,500.00
295	Signs	2,200.00	1,775.18	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
296	Crack Sealing	18,000.00	17,583.52	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
297	Stabilization/Fabric/Hay	9,000.00	5,507.70	7,000.00	25,000.00	18,000.00
298	Maintenance to Equipment	60,700.00	62,955.21	60,700.00	60,700.00	0.00
299	Fuel	59,000.00	91,309.12	59,000.00	70,000.00	11,000.00
300	Rental/Contracted	7,000.00	5,335.56	9,000.00	11,000.00	2,000.00
301	Training	100.00	148.99	100.00	100.00	0.00
302	Electricity	2,900.00	3,107.07	2,900.00	3,500.00	600.00
303	Tools & Supplies	20,100.00	19,967.95	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00
304	Personal Protective Equip	1,500.00	1,789.09	1,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00
305	Telephone	3,300.00	3,757.36	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
306	Advertising	550.00	624.75	550.00	550.00	0.00
307	Insurance - Vehicles/Bldg	21,000.00	13,774.51	21,000.00	23,779.00	2,779.00
308	Computer/Office Supplies	800.00	808.45	800.00	800.00	0.00
309	Sewer Rent	825.00	820.17	880.00	920.00	40.00
310	MRGP permit	2,190.00	1,765.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
311	Bldg/Maint/Improvements	5,600.00	12,895.08	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00

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312	Heating	5,000.00	7,583.65	8,000.00	5,000.00	-3,000.00
313	Trans to Bridge Cap	100,000.00	100,000.00	160,000.00	160,000.00	0.00
314	Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
315	Grants in Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
316	Transfer to Town Road Equip	175,000.00	175,000.00	180,000.00	200,000.00	20,000.00
317	Trans to HW Bldg Cap	5,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
318	Total Highway Expenditures	2,089,750.00	2,000,369.02	2,150,999.00	2,313,289.00	162,290.00

TOTAL REVENUES EXCEPT FOR SEWER AND WATER						
		Budget FY23	Actual FY23	Budget FY24	Proposed Budget FY25	Change FY24 to FY25
1	General Fund Revenues					
2	Interest Del Taxes	60,000.00	43,047.05	60,000.00	50,000.00	-10,000.00
3	Penalty Del Taxes	70,000.00	76,045.55	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00
4	Misc Grants	0.00	47,252.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Glebe Land	27,000.00	30,877.00	27,000.00	31,000.00	4,000.00
6	GF Dog/Liquor Licenses	3,800.00	3,620.00	3,300.00	3,500.00	200.00
7	Zoning fees	12,000.00	26,979.00	15,000.00	17,000.00	2,000.00
8	Permit Recording Fees	250.00	417.00	300.00	400.00	100.00
9	Land Sales/Redemptions	2,000.00	22,325.22	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
10	Misc. Administ. Income	0.00	54.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Misc Income	3,750.00	284.81	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
12	Act 60-Grand List Admin	3,156.00	3,150.00	3,156.00	3,156.00	0.00
13	PILOT Payment	13,000.00	16,228.15	13,000.00	16,000.00	3,000.00
14	State Education Fund	30,000.00	26,328.94	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00
15	Reapp State/Parcel Paymen	26,792.00	26,775.00	26,792.00	26,792.00	0.00
16	Land Use	45,000.00	46,286.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00
17	Administrative WWTP	5,040.00	5,039.00	5,190.00	5,450.00	260.00
18	Administrative Water	5,040.00	5,039.00	5,190.00	5,450.00	260.00
19	Town Clerk Fees	40,000.00	53,891.75	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
20	Fees & Fines - Police	50,000.00	45,465.80	50,000.00	45,000.00	-5,000.00
21	Sale of Cruiser	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	-4,500.00
22	Misc Police Income	500.00	5,552.70	500.00	500.00	0.00
23	PD Outside Employment Inc	7,500.00	19,554.18	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
24	PD Alarm Registration Fee	4,000.00	3,450.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
25	DUI Enforcement Grant	2,000.00	5,974.70	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
26	Governor's HW Safety Gran	5,000.00	8,434.09	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
27	GHSP Equip Grant	5,000.00	1,355.98	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
28	Old Firehouse Rent	0.00	5,900.00	3,600.00	6,100.00	2,500.00
29	FD Fees - Town of Searsburg	27,875.00	27,875.00	29,270.00	30,731.00	1,461.00
30	Misc Fire Department	0.00	530.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Hazardous Cleanup Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Insurance Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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33	LF Metal Recycling	0.00	145.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	Transfer Station Fees	100,000.00	112,686.75	100,000.00	112,000.00	12,000.00
35	Library repayment	0.00	3,393.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	MHS Fees	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
37	Memorial Hall Rent	1,000.00	1,900.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
38	Interest GF	5,000.00	48,042.15	5,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
39	Surplus	500,000.00	0.00	428,000.00	250,000.00	-178,000.00
40	Total General Fund Revenues	1,055,303.00	723,901.86	996,648.00	850,429.00	-146,219.00

	Highway Revenue	Budget FY 23	Actual FY 23	Budget FY 24	Proposed Budget FY25	Change FY 24 to FY 25
1	Permits	100.00	87.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
2	State Aid	143,000.00	146,724.40	146,700.00	146,700.00	0.00
3	Grant Income	0.00	23,500.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
4	Grants In Aid Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Better Back Rds Grant	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Misc. Income	0.00	4,020.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
7	Interest - Road	400.00	4,631.79	400.00	1,200.00	800.00
8	Surplus	135,000.00	0.00	114,000.00	130,000.00	16,000.00
9	Total Highway Revenues	278,500.00	198,963.19	291,450.00	308,250.00	16,800.00

Water Budget				
2 Year Comparison				
Revenues	Budget FY23	Actual FY23	Budget FY24	Actual to Date FY24
Water Rents Income	299,277.00	327,140.67	312,645.00	128,673.42
Misc Revenue	6,200.00	6,038.72	0.00	2,435.67
Interest Income	1,815.00	3,042.60	1,400.00	2,171.78
Surplus	0.00	0.00	39,000.00	0.00
Total Revenue	307,292.00	336,221.99	353,045.00	133,280.87
Expenditures				
Labor	77,777.00	80,071.60	107,865.00	57,260.28
Benefits	47,414.00	44,588.96	56,000.00	27,841.99
Utilities	9,455.00	6,973.79	7,555.00	3,331.65
Contract Services	7,200.00	5,666.66	7,200.00	1,049.40
Operation & Maintenance	43,375.00	30,907.05	37,385.00	25,035.56
Bond Payments	87,071.00	87,069.57	87,040.00	76,844.60
Capital Account	35,000.00	35,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	307,292.00	290,277.63	353,045.00	191,363.48

Wastewater Budget				
2 Year Comparison				
	Budget FY23	Actual FY23	Budget FY24	Actual FY24
Revenues				
Sewer Rents Income	417,895.00	419,207.06	419,256.00	245,947.17
Investment Interest	100.00	1,285.20	100.00	1,920.43
Penalties	3,000.00	3,042.87	3,000.00	416.73
Interest on Delinq. Rent	5,000.00	2,449.39	5,000.00	1,099.26
Surplus	0.00	0.00	61,500.00	0.00
Total Revenues	425,995.00	425,984.52	488,856.00	249,383.59
Expenditures				
Wages	130,631.00	129,805.40	140,229.00	75,454.99
Employee Benefits	95,820.00	86,382.27	97,233.00	50,285.56
Plant	73,050.00	64,068.50	73,900.00	34,811.81
Sludge Maintenance	18,000.00	17,005.35	25,000.00	11,915.35
Capital Reserve Account	35,000.00	35,000.00	79,000.00	0.00
Sewer Bond Payment	73,494.00	73,494.00	73,494.00	36,747.00
Total Expenditures	425,995.00	405,755.52	488,856.00	209,214.71

Status of Revenue Sharing

January 1, 2024

Balance	\$1,001.82
Restricted Funds (Green Mountain Beach)	\$504.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$497.82

Status of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes 1/1/23	173,226.25	
Collections	165,718.96	
	7,507.29	
Delinquents Added	182,909.82	
Delinquent Taxes 1/1/24	190,417.11	

Capital Accounts

	Appropriation FY24	Account Balance 12/23	Proposed FY25 Approp
CAPITAL			
Town Hall Cap	20,000.00	31,566.00	20,000.00
Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	110,491.00	20,000.00
Public Lands and Fences	20,000.00	49,347.00	30,000.00
Library Capital	12,000.00		12,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	443,717.00	215,000.00
Old Fire House Capital	10,000.00	681.00	35,000.00
Plan, Aquisition, Moving	0.00	325,350.00	0.00
Transfer Station Capital	5,000.00	23,857.00	5,000.00
Police Equipment Capital	20,000.00	71,179.00	50,000.00
Reappraisal	26,792.00	111,703.00	26,792.00
Highway Capital Accounts			
Bridge Capital	160,000.00	114,876.00	160,000.00
Town Road Equip Appropriation	180,000.00	247,664.00	200,000.00
HW Bldg Capital	20,000.00	15,539.00	20,000.00
Sewer Capital	79,000.00	173,714.00	35,000.00
Water Capital	50,000.00	48,856.00	45,000.00
Misc Funds			
Animal Control		21,983.00	
Beautification		3,855.00	
Dry Hydrant		6,835.00	
Green Mtn Beach Timber		3,662.00	
Municipal Records		116,236.00	
Revolving Loan		71,845.00	
ARPA		402,928.00	
Trails		647.00	
Energy Efficiency Reserve		1,142.00	
	Original	Annual	No. of
Debt Load	Amount	Payment Amount	Years
Wastewater Bond	1,597,000.00	73,494.00	30
Water Bond 113	811,486.75	62,886.00	17
Water Bond RF3-316	723,610.00	24,120.33	30
Public Safety Facility Bond	5,500,000.00	372,064.00	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 1/15/24						
Name	Years	Amount Due		Name	Years	Amount Due
Timothy Brissette	2021-23	\$1,273.47		Twin Properties	2021-23	\$3,630.78
Bernard Duffy	2021-23	\$1,214.74				
				TOTAL		\$6,118.99

DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

Town of Wilmington

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

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

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

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

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

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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 1/09/24

Two or more payments delinquent

Name	Tax	Amount		Name	Tax	Amount
53 MAIN PROPERTIES	2022-23	10,054.46		LEMAY BONNIE	2022-23	463.53
BROCHIN KATHLEEN	2022-23	6,437.80		MESITE ROBERT	2022-23	6,920.68
CAMPO GEORGE W III	2022-23	4,445.00		NAPOLI DOMENIC G	2022-23	17.09
CARUSO RODNEY HOLLY	2022-23	938.00		ONETTI FABIAN	2022-23	18,136.77
CENTRAL APPLIANCE	2022-23	3,976.25		RODRIGUES JORGE M	2022-23	1,707.17
CUEVAS ALEXANDER	2022-23	1,740.42		SCHULZ BARABARA	2022-23	68.85
DUFFY BERNARD J	2022-23	5,226.85		SEUMENICHT KARL H	2021-23	22.59
IVES JACKSON W	2022-23	179.25		TWIN PROPERTIES	2022-23	7,533.66
KOMERZAN IGOR	2022-23	3,212.94		Total Taxes Due		71,081.31

Grand List 2023 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	1,685	446,833,488	77,033,175	369,800,313	446,833,488
2	Residential II	350	177,161,340	43,712,972	133,448,368	177,161,340
3	Mobile Homes-U	44	717,330	52,400	664,930	717,330
4	Mobile Homes-L	21	1,222,820	529,240	693,580	1,222,820
5	Seasonal I	47	3,430,670	0	3,430,670	3,430,670
6	Seasonal II	14	2,045,630	71,770	1,973,860	2,045,630
7	Commercial	136	56,200,615	1,121,701	55,078,914	56,200,615
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	16,014,500	0	16,014,500	16,014,500
11	Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farm	1	759,600	598,230	161,370	759,600
13	Other	206	61,098,120	2,560,700	58,537,420	61,098,120
14	Woodland	0	0	0	0	0
15	Miscellaneous	552	26,306,290	60,000	26,246,290	26,306,290
16						
17	TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE	3,070	794,538,453	125,740,188	668,798,265	794,538,453
18						
19	P.P. Cable	2	342,308	0	342,308	342,308
20	P.P. Equipment	1	587,606	0	0	0
21	TOTAL LISTED P.P.	3	929,914	0	342,308	342,308
22						
23	TOTAL LISTED VALUE		795,468,367	125,740,188	669,140,573	794,880,761
24						
25	EXEMPTIONS					
26	Veterans 10K	10	100,000	90,000	10,000	100,000
27	Veterans >10K		300,000	0	0	0
28						
29	Total Veterans		400,000	90,000	10,000	100,000
30	P.P. Contracts	2	342,308	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	690,668	0	0	0
34	Current Use	60	9,230,460	2,922,830	6,280,630	9,203,460
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		10,375,292	3,012,830	11,388,944	14,401,774
38	TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,850,930.75			
39	TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,227,273.58	6,577,516.29	7,804,789.87
40	NON-TAX		90 Non-Tax parcels are not included in 411			

2023 Current Use Exemptions

	NAME	ASSESSED VALUE	LAND USE ACRES	LAND USE EXEMPT	GRAND LIST
1	AMES ROBIN & STACEY A	\$205,690.00	30.61	\$96,110	\$1,096
2	BADURSKI CHARLES & LORRAINE	\$449,430.00	62.50	\$105,380	\$3,441
3	BAILEY ARTHUR H & ELLEN C	\$275,000.00	63.20	\$122,100	\$1,529
4	BEECHWOOD IRREVOCABLE TR	\$116,050.00	29.30	\$111,750	\$43
5	BERTLES JEANNETTE W	\$595,000.00	134.78	\$184,070	\$4,109
6	BLANC MICHAEL P	\$146,200.00	34.25	\$93,930	\$523
7	BOSSERT ELAINE S TRUST	\$693,510.00	126.00	\$172,710	\$5,208
8	BOYD CARL M TRUST	\$581,590.00	131.45	\$172,990	\$4,086
9	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET L	\$97,430.00	14.20	\$61,120	\$363
10	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET LEE	\$392,430.00	45.90	\$105,900	\$2,865
11	CAPLAN RICHARD A& LAURIE	\$907,370.00	61.89	\$129,120	\$7,783
12	CARDOZA MARIE ET AL	\$919,540.00	91.22	\$147,420	\$7,721
13	COPELAND LAUREL TR & JULIA & HILLARY	\$292,760.00	206.01	\$262,560	\$302
14	CORBAT FARMS LLC	\$1,150,000.00	180.40	\$212,200	\$9,378
15	CORSE WAYNE & VERMONT SUGAR WOOD LLC	\$401,370.00	36.20	\$158,470	\$2,429
16	CORSE WAYNE & JENNIFER	\$158,000.00	10.80	\$6,900	\$1,511
17	DEMMO NICHOLAS G & TRACY	\$140,500.00	32.50	\$135,700	\$48
18	DOYLE MICHAEL J	\$456,670.00	58.00	\$119,000	\$3,377
19	FUHRMAN DONALD & LINDA	\$122,050.00	32.80	\$117,250	\$48
20	GILFOND SANTIAGO E & MEGAN B	\$496,280.00	150.70	\$193,880	\$3,024
21	GORE TIMOTHY TAYLOR	\$196,800.00	97.00	\$163,850	\$330
22	GRAUP SUSAN F	\$393,250.00	47.16	\$108,660	\$2,846
23	GRINOLD ROBERT	\$205,000.00	114.00	\$188,300	\$167
24	HALLAHAN WILLIAM L & ELLEN F	\$376,490.00	263.00	\$294,500	\$820
25	HARPER JACOB & SUNY KUN	\$871,090.00	71.00	\$116,480	\$7,546
26	HARVEY N JR DN TR & JAMES&GROTE ANNE B	\$190,800.00	40.70	\$64,440	\$1,264
27	HEAVENRICH TED R	\$615,390.00	98.00	\$153,600	\$4,618
28	JANNEN KATRINA	\$231,100.00	123.10	\$213,100	\$180
29	KETTERER GORDON P & ANN B	\$375,000.00	124.34	\$176,140	\$1,989
30	KILMURRAY DANIEL	\$1,090,880.00	47.50	\$108,500	\$9,824
31	KING ERIK A & CARLA C	\$419,380.00	72.78	\$130,680	\$2,887
32	LEWIS SCOTT & GROSS ANNE B	\$35,000.00	21.20	\$14,470	\$205
33	LONDON SUSAN L & CUTLER BRIAN T	\$453,570.00	32.27	\$94,850	\$3,587
34	LOOK GAIL M	\$491,150.00	102.20	\$187,440	\$3,037
35	LPV19-239 STOWE HILL LLC	\$768,940.00	68.56	\$122,360	\$6,466
36	MACMONKUP LLC	\$174,300.00	59.80	\$103,100	\$712
37	MARUNAS P RAYMOND & CAROL	\$159,610.00	66.61	\$149,810	\$98
38	MCGOWAN KURT	\$252,960.00	93.10	\$148,100	\$1,049
39	NESBITT M B & BEEMAN EMILY H	\$498,590.00	108.30	\$158,700	\$3,399
40	ON BEAVER POND LLC	\$128,200.00	23.60	\$124,700	\$35
41	SCHNEEBERGER G & K TRUST	\$1,484,200.00	68.81	\$290,880	\$11,933
42	SHAPIRO YOAV N	\$422,300.00	98.26	\$153,860	\$2,684

43	SIROIS BENJAMIN ET AL	\$187,010.00	65.50	\$95,050	\$920
44	SPRAGUE MARTIN L & KAREN R	\$145,000.00	15.82	\$42,620	\$1,024
45	STEVENSON LAURA & STALOFF MARGARET G	\$372,820.00	59.00	\$118,400	\$2,544
46	STONE FAMILY TRUST	\$331,970.00	50.66	\$110,220	\$2,218
47	VON STEINWEHR RANDI	\$203,500.00	110.50	\$187,300	\$162
48	WARE RD LLC	\$1,026,630.00	149.31	\$147,850	\$8,788
49	WEBER RUSSELL R & CAROL E & JUSTIN	\$1,023,350.00	47.38	\$168,070	\$8,553
50	WHEELER JOHN & ELIZABETH	\$56,330.00	80.30	\$33,830	\$225
51	WHEELER ROBERT & JOHN & ELIZABETH	\$759,600.00	188.10	\$374,970	\$3,846
52	WHEELER ROBERT D	\$446,910.00	74.49	\$257,690	\$1,892
53	WHITE IRA & JACQUELINE	\$688,420.00	75.71	\$295,420	\$3,930
54	WHITE JACOB & WALTER	\$480,280.00	152.19	\$193,390	\$2,869
55	WHITE WALTER	\$288,320.00	27.10	\$93,100	\$1,952
56	WIMMELMAN FRIEDA REV TR & BINNICK A TR	\$1,770,000.00	331.90	\$342,350	\$14,277
57	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$1,510,000.00	431.72	\$416,260	\$10,937
58	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	\$248,400.00	96.40	\$127,770	\$1,206
59	WINDY WOODS LLC	\$923,630.00	87.00	\$133,700	\$7,899
60	ZHRINGER III GEORGE	\$702,630.00	35.00	\$90,390	\$6,122
	Total Residential Homestead			\$2,922,830.00	
	Total Non-Residential			\$6,280,630.00	
	Grand Totals	\$29,595,670.00	5452.08		\$203,922

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		FY12	\$4,033,783
FY00	\$1,136,680		FY13	\$4,225,835
FY01	\$1,484,554		FY14	\$4,299,382
FY02	\$1,375,846		FY15	\$4,836,654
FY03	\$1,603,580		FY16	\$5,355,651
FY04	\$1,825,882		FY17	\$6,238,207
FY05	\$2,458,493		FY18	\$6,869,891
FY06	\$3,572,491		FY19	\$7,747,206
FY07	\$4,211,753		FY20	\$8,088,466
FY08	\$4,821,634		FY21	8,533,453
FY09	\$4,889,864		FY22	\$7,090,083
FY10	\$4,897,891		FY23	\$7,556,888
FY11	\$4,103,934			
			TOTAL	\$111,752,161

*Total tax raised FY23 approximately \$ 17,124,755 of which \$7,556,888 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 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 there were no applicants.

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.

To substantially improve the administration of the trust, the Trustee is proposing to petition the Probate Court to have the Pettee Memorial Library Board of Trustees be appointed by the Court to replace the annually elected Trustee.

2023 C. C. Haynes Fund Financial Statement

Assets January 1, 2023		
Cash on Hand	4,661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,643.91	
Total Assets		59,305.85
Income		
Interest from CD	16.39	
Total Income		16.39
Expenses		
Scholarships	0	
Total Expenses		0
Assets December 31, 2023		
Cash on Hand	4,661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,650.30	
Total Assets		59,322.24

Respectfully submitted,
Carl M. Boyd, Trustee

**PETTEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PROPOSED BUDGET #2
FY JUNE 30, 2025**

Description	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Budget	FY 2025 Proposed Budget	% Increase
Expense					
Personnel:					
Payroll	\$85,025	\$85,239.30	\$93,500	\$97,000	+3.7%
Payroll Taxes	6,505	6,517.65	7,155	7,420	+3.7%
Staff Development & Travel	2,500	1,750.77	500	1,000	+100.0%
Employee Benefits	2,000	2,000.00	1,650	6,000	+263.6%
Subtotal	96,030.00	95,507.72	102,805	111,420	+8.4%
Library Services:					
Acquisitions	17,000	19,709.92	20,000	20,500	+2.5%
Library Supplies	2,750	3,886.97	3,500	4,000	+14.3%
Programs	3,000	2,814.86	3,000	3,500	+16.7%
Computer & Equipment	3,000	1,385.20	2,500	2,000	-20.0%
On-line Services	5,000	2,779.41	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Telephone & Internet	2,500	1,866.11	2,500	3,000	+20.0%
Postage & Delivery	3,000	2,336.08	3,000	2,750	-8.3%
Memberships	600	460.00	500	500	0.0%
Professional Fees	1,750	976.53	2,500	1,500	-40.0%
Advertising & Public Relations	1,000	227.50	750	500	-33.3%
Miscellaneous	-	21.04	-	-	
Subtotal	39,600	36,463.62	41,250	41,250	0.0%
Building & Grounds					
Custodial	4,300	2,730.00	3,500	5,200	+48.6%
Electricity	2,500	1,830.98	2,500	2,250	-10.0%
Elevator	1,000	925.71	1,250	1,250	0.0%
Heating Oil	2,750	3,623.71	3,150	3,750	+19.0%
Insurance	2,750	4,469.36	4,500	4,700	+4.4%
Repair & Maintenance	1,500	3,355.99	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Security	650	275.00	500	500	0.0%
Water & Sewer	1,000	919.63	1,000	1,200	+20.0%
Subtotal	16,450	18,130.38	17,900	20,350	+13.7%
Total Expense	\$152,080	\$150,101.72	\$161,955	\$173,020	+6.8%
Income					
Town Appropriation	\$140,000	\$140,000.00	\$150,000	\$161,000	+7.3%
Supplemental Income	12,080	11,437.05	11,955	12,020	+0.5%
Total Income	\$152,080	151,437.05	\$161,955	\$173,020	+6.8%
Net Income		\$1,335.33			

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January 10, 2024

Selectboard
Town of Wilmington
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We are in the process of auditing the financial statements of the Town of Wilmington, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Office.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

Wilmington Narrative Reports

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



TVMHS Job Fair- Chief Moore, Heidi Taylor of DVR, Chief Murano

Wilmington Selectboard

The Selectboard launched the 2023 session(s) by calling to order the first local meeting of the Wilmington Cannabis Board. Although authority is severely restricted and applies only to retail licensing, two dispensaries were granted permission to open and transact business. Times, they are a changing!!

The town is faced with yet another property appraisal due to the serious decline in the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal). The new appraisal will be done statistically by our new assessor's office (as the town voted to end the appointment of Listers) but the cost will be significantly less.

The Board has enacted a Noise Ordinance, hired new auditors (our last one retired), completed surveys on Town Meeting attendance, been inspected by OSHA, approved the design and room for a Veterans Park, upgraded the Town Office with an exterior paint job, and yes, the flood markers/indicators were put back on the building. Our tax sale for 2023 was cancelled as remittance was strong and the need to engage in legalities was thus diverted.

The Board has explored options to expand recreational offerings even before they were besieged by a very active pickleball group. The search continues for all interests. A committee search is also underway attempting to identify a satisfactory site that may accommodate the Town Office. It will be a long process, as the possibilities appear somewhat limited, but we will push on in hopes of satisfying FEMA.

Wilmington dodged a major bullet this past summer as the flood waters that devastated our neighboring towns did not rise to the level of Irene, thereby limiting major damage.

With the retirement of Deb Kingsley after almost forty years with the town, new occupants are manning her office as Assessors not Listers. All are acclimating to their mission and have made great strides with the changeover.

Volunteers are always needed if anyone has the time or commitment to get involved. We say each year that without such individuals we would not function at the level expected by the voters, State or County. To all those currently involved, we give a heartfelt thanks and ask that you thank them when you meet them on the street.

Thank you for your continued support!

Town Manager

The consumer price index for the northeast region was below 3% in June 2023, after seeing a rise in NE CPI-U to 7.6% the previous June, decreasing over 12-months. While inflation was a deep concern with a 9.1% rate a year ago, it seems that the nation and Vermont dodged a recession. Despite these changing conditions, consumer costs have increased 3.1% in the past year: food costs remain high, as gas prices declined, electricity costs increased, mortgage rates rose to over 7%, while rentals, motor vehicle purchases, construction and general labor costs have increased. A tighter labor market led to significant increases in wages and concessions from national businesses such as UPS, American Airlines, nurses, school workers, auto makers, and others across the nation, with the message that pay has trailed inflation since 2008 (The Guardian, Tue 24 Oct 2023). This is the context in which we live and there is an inevitable trickle-down effect to state and local government, as we work hard to support and retain staff while meeting taxpayer expectations for public service.

The Town continues to show overall financial stability. Over the past year, property sales declined because of reduced inventory, but real estate values remain high. We anticipated that increased property values would lower our CLA (common level of appraisal), a number used to equalize education taxes statewide, and it has triggered a statistical reappraisal, although a town wide reappraisal was completed in 2020. Other towns throughout the state are in a similar situation, with 2/3 of towns that will reappraise over the next few years.

As mentioned last year, it should be understood that Deerfield Valley remains challenged with a lack of affordable workforce housing and rentals, a condition that we hope will change over time. One Selectboard goal over the past 10-years is to provide sewer and water services by extending existing lines east along Route 9/East Main Street from the White House Inn (sewer) or Walgreens (water) leading to Ballou Hill and 100-feet beyond the Health Center, along Route 100 S. The total project is estimated to cost \$5.1M, funded with \$2M in grants, with the balance funded with voter approved bonds or loans. This goal meets Town Plan outcomes to achieve increased economic and community development, which may lead to additional housing development.

Department Heads and their staff work hard in various departments covering highway, fire, police, sewer, water, town clerk, finance, assessor, and zoning services on your behalf. We are grateful for our dedicated staff and many volunteers without whom we could not meet the needs of our town.

Thank you for your continuing support and read-on to learn more about each department, committee, board, and commission.

Respectfully,

Scott A. Tucker

Scott A. Tucker, Town Manager

Wilmington Fire Department

The Wilmington Fire Department has had another busy year responding to 223 calls, making it another record year. Add in our 2 monthly trainings, numerous meetings and work details, you end up with well over 2,500 hours that the department members and their families have given up their time for. We currently have 36 members and 3 juniors Firefighters. At our annual Fire Department party, we presented 8 members with Length of Service Awards,

- James Perry- 5 Years of Service
- Mike Mannhaupt- 10 Years of Service
- Shawn Hammond- 10 Years of Service
- Lieutenant Craig Goodell- 10 Years of Service
- Melissa Hammond- 20 Years of Service
- Sam Hall-35 Years of Service
- Captain Robert Maynard JR- 35 Years of Service
- Assistant Chief William Spirka- 50 Years of Service
- Lieutenant Donald Wilson-2023 Wilmington FD Firefighter of the year

We completed the final round of purchasing our new Gear now all the members have new coats, boots, helmets, gloves and hoods so we are compliant with Federal Regulations. We also purchased new Class A Uniforms for our Members. We put our new Dodge Ram 3500 brush truck in service in February. This truck is not only used for Wildland Firefighting, it is also used for hauling our offroad rescue equipment and transporting personnel when needed. The replacement for our 1996 International Engine 1 has been ordered and we should be taking delivery of a new Pierce Fire Engine sometime in September 2024.

I would like to thank the Officers of the Wilmington Fire Dept for the extra hours they put in to make sure our members are trained and our equipment is ready to go.

Thank you to our members for what you do. It's an honor to work with such dedicated men and women. It's you that makes this Department what it is!

I would also like to thank the Selectboard, the Town Manager, the Office Staff, Wilmington Police Department and the Wilmington Highway Department.

Most of all a huge thank you to the people of this great community for your support over the years.

Respectfully submitted
Fire Chief, Scott Moore
Assistant, Chief Bill Spirka
Captain, Bobby Maynard
Lieutenant, Keith Johnson

Lieutenant, Donnie Wilson
Lieutenant, Craig Goodell
Lieutenant, Matt Somerville

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 2023.

The Town received a Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid for 2023 for ditching and stone lining. Ditching was completed on the following roads; Sills RD and Shapiro RD. Trees were taken down along Green RD, the road was widened and culverts were changed.

The Town received a Better Roads Grant for Fairview Ave to replace 5 culverts and headers, ditch the road and hydro seed the side of the road.

The Town received a Class 2 Structures Grant to repair Bridge #B7 on East Dover Rd.

On Lake Raponda RD, another 1000 ft of road was rebuilt. There was 18" of material removed, and installed an 18" culvert, 12" of Geo Grid, 2" of ballast stone, road fabric and 10" of crushed gravel.

Installed under drainage on Ballou Hill Rd and Chimney Hill Rd.

A total of 15 culverts, both road and driveway, were changed in town this year.

On Parsons Road we have cut trees and started to widen the roadway and improve visibility.

Resurfacing was done on the following roads;
2" of base and 2" of top coat -600 Ft Whites Rd
2" of base and 2" of top coat-740 Ft Gallup Pitch Rd
2" of base and 2" of top coat-425 Ft Hall Rd
1.5" overlay-all of Beaver St
1.5" overlay-all of Castle Hill
1.5" overlay 400 ft at the start of Chimney Hill Rd

The Town purchased a 2024 Western Star dump truck, replacing a 2015 International dump truck. We ordered a new F600, but do not expect to see this until November 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted Marshall Dix, Road Supervisor

Police Department

The Wilmington Police Department is comprised of six full-time officers, a part time officer 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 per week. The dispatchers assist citizens with various requests; provide administrative and clerical support for the department.

I am pleased to report that WPD remains fully staffed and has been for the last four years. This is an extremely challenging time to recruit and retain good officers and much of this success is owed to the overwhelming community support that WPD receives. We are one of the very few police agencies that are not facing staffing challenges. This saves the town a considerable amount of money as recruiting, screening, testing and training new officers is a resource intensive and costly endeavor.

The full-time officers consist of Detective Sasha Kondraski, Officer Shawn Hammond, Officer Joseph Carcich, Officer Andrew Kirkman and Officer Ryan O’Neil. Officer Kayla Healy continues to work as our part-time officer. Dispatcher Eric St. Denis continues as one of our full-time dispatchers and WPD had a dispatcher leave this past year for a position with another town. We hired Dispatcher Elizabeth Goldsmith to fill the vacancy in dispatch. Knowles Wentworth is our imbedded social worker funded by a grant through HCRS (please see Knowles’ year-end report). HCRS is actively hiring for a replacement for Knowles as he is now assigned to Brattleboro PD and only able to spend one day a week in our community.

Officer Hammond and Officer Kirkman are both Drug Recognition Experts and continue to be part of the state wide DRE program. WPD has received FAA certification for UAS drone flight operations and anticipate having a drone for search and rescue and collision/crash scene mapping operational in early 2024. The catalyst for this equipment was a search and rescue mission where police officers were searching the ice-covered reservoir for an overdue person. It became apparent very quickly that the ice shelf was unstable and unsafe in areas. Officers were able to locate the person on the ice but unfortunately, they were found deceased. The use of the drone for the search would have greatly reduced the risk to searchers. Technology continues to play an ever-increasing part in policing and Detective Kondraski is a fully trained and certified digital forensic examiner. This allows WPD to analyze and forensically recover digital evidence of crimes. We coordinate this program with the Brattleboro PD as they utilize a different forensic analysis program. This allows both departments to utilize one another when they find a digital device that cannot be forensically analyzed on their respective equipment. This kind of partnership increases our capabilities but helps control costs.

We continue to seek and apply for grants that help us reduce the cost of our operations. We received grants for highway safety enforcement and related equipment (totaling nearly \$20,000), for the purchase of body armor, new rescue life jackets and rescue ropes, a grant for a replacement snowmobile trailer, funds for snowmobile patrols and equipment and a new AFIS fingerprint system. In addition, we received over \$1900 to help pay for training costs.

Drug problems continue to persist in our community and in our state. The drug problems we are seeing are the cause or a factor in many crimes that take place in our community. Vermont needs to do more to address those individuals who victimize members of our community and bring these life destroying drugs into our state. Current testing shows that Heroin in Vermont is now only about 3% Heroin. The rest is Fentanyl and a large percentage of the remaining is Xylazine or a combination thereof. I would encourage everyone to reach out to their local representatives and ask them what they are doing to address the drug and related crime issues in our communities. More needs to be done at the state level to make sure that those responsible are held accountable.

WPD continues to work with our partners within our community, regionally, statewide and federally to improve our capabilities and responses to our community’s problems. We are a small but capable and professional organization.

As everyone who is reading this knows, there is no “quiet season” here in Wilmington anymore. Our visitors and guests seem to be here year-round and we have a lot of new full-time residents. This has resulted in an increase in traffic and related safety concerns. During 2023 the average ticketed speeds were noted in the following zones;

48.05 MPH	53.50 MPH	53.73 MPH	60.30 MPH	71.21 MPH
AVG FOR	AVG FOR	AVG FOR	AVG FOR	AVG FOR
25 ZONE	30 ZONE	35 ZONE	40 ZONE	50 ZONE

The top five calls for service in 2023;

1. Suspicious Person/Situation
2. Citizen Assist
3. Crash- Property Damage
4. Fingerprinting
5. Agency Assist

The top five offenses (with an arrest made);

1. DUI (drugs/alcohol) 36
2. Arrest Warrant 9
3. Domestic Assault 8
4. Assault 8
5. Disorderly Conduct 7
6. Larceny 7
7. Driving Criminally Suspended License 7

The following information was in last year's report but I believe it cannot be repeated enough; *Policing in Vermont is changing (and needs to change) and we are seeing a reduction in assistance both (direct and indirect assistance) from State agencies. However, we have seen no approach to fixing how public safety is funded in Vermont. Currently some 65-70% of Vermont's population is policed by municipal or county agencies however 100% of Vermont pays for the public safety for the other 30-35%. What that means is that 65-70% of municipal tax payers in Vermont are essentially being taxed twice for public safety. If you add in the county tax, taxpayers are taxed three times for public safety. This inequitable system of public safety funding reduces the ability of local communities to properly fund public safety and makes it impossible to offer wages that are competitive with state agencies. In addition, local communities are under pressure to end use of state dispatch resources which will further strain local budgets.*

In 2023 the Wilmington Police handled approximately 1754 incidents, up 226 from 2022 which was up 137 from 2021. From 2021 to 2023 this is a 26% increase in incidents handled by WPD. WPD arrested 101 individuals for a variety of offenses in 2023, up 9 from 2022 which was up 13 from 2021. WPD conducted 1,063 motor vehicle traffic stops resulting in the issuance of 718 tickets and 675 written warnings.

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

Police Social Work Program 2023 Year End Report

The police social work (PSW) program had another active year with 42 referrals in 2023. Contact was made with 76% of these referrals and engagement ranged from minimal (1-2 phone calls for support) to extensive (seen multiple times with referrals to other local social service supports).

Though 2022 saw an increase in community referrals, 2023 saw a decrease. All 42 referrals came from WPD. This would most certainly be linked to the limited availability of the PSW in 2023. The PSW dropped to once weekly in March of 2023 as he transitioned to Brattleboro PD, and then dropped to every other week in November of 2023. His lack of availability and limited visibility would undoubtedly be the reason for this shift. It could be expected that when a new PSW is rehired for this position in the Valley, the trend towards community referrals that was seen in 2022, would resume.

In conclusion, the PSW program, despite the decreased capacity of the PSW himself, saw another year of increased utilization and robust referrals. It will continue to become notably more viable when a PSW returns to a three-day work week and finds themselves out in the community creating visibility. The program saw another year of enhanced collaborations with Senior Solutions, SASH, Recovery Coaches from Voices of Hope and Turning Point, SEVCA and its Weatherization Program in particular, and the Women's Freedom Center to support victims of domestic violence. As was stated last year, for the vulnerable, aging, homebound, homeless, and folks with mental health and substance use disorders, it is clear that the PSW program is, and will continue to be, a beneficial and valuable resource to the people of the Deerfield Valley.

Knowles Wentworth PSW 802-952-9686 wwentwor@hcrs.org



Hans delivers donuts to WPD

Wilmington Beautification Committee

It was with great regret that the Selectboard accepted the retirement of Mary Pike Sprenger and cancellation of the third-year of her contract with the Town for supplying, planting and maintaining our award-winning flowers throughout Wilmington. Mary, with her incredible team of Melanie Boyd and Julie Moore, has provided our residents and visitors with the charm, fragrance and beauty of hundreds of flowers from May until October for many years. The Town has a Request for Proposal and is actively looking for a new contractor.

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 the dedicated volunteers from within our community.

Our final thanks to Mary Pike-Sprenger for the beautiful 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 in Town. I hope you have a chance to admire and appreciate these beautiful plants and take the time to smell the flowers!

Beautification to look forward to: thousands of daffodils blooming in April in many locations in Town which were planted by the Committee and volunteers, the regrowth of Gateway and spring blooms and the amazing Flower Barrels returning the end of May along Route 9 and 100 and in the center of Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair; Anne Saracino, Vice Chair; Elaine Ahnel, Bev Butler, Kathleen Comeau, Alice Greenspan, Keith Herbert, Adele Mattern and Fred Skwirut

Town Clerk

It was another busy year caring for land records; licensing for civil marriages, liquor, and dogs; conducting elections; and housing the town's vital records. Please review the Wilmington Statistics for 2023 found on a subsequent page.

At the start of the year, I joined the Vermont Municipal Clerks & Treasurers Association (VMCTA) Education Committee. I co-presented a land record training workshop at the Spring Training for New Clerks and Treasurers in April and May. Both Eithne Eldred and I attended the VMCTA Annual Conference in Fairlee, Vermont, in September, as the July flooding in the state forced us to move our destination away from Montpelier. I hope to visit and tour our state capital at another time. The annual conference is an important networking and training time for clerks, treasurers, and assistants across Vermont. I was sworn in as a member-at-large of the Executive Board. Eithne participated in Voter Accessibility Training in October, and I participated in Tabulator Training – both were sponsored by the Secretary of State's Office.

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) met for the first time with the newly elected Justices of the Peace as their term began February 1. We are still in need of additional Justices of the Peace – please reach out for what that entails and how to get appointed. The BCA met for tax appeals and helped with the 2023 Town Meeting elections.

We observed a short delay in processing land records at the start of the year because of a cyber-attack received by our online service. This was a good learning experience, and our online service has improved efficiency and security while we have created additional indexes to help when systems are down, or the power is out. Cleanup work on Wilmington's online Land Record Index continues to be a priority. Many hours are spent each week adding details and improving the digital images that have been captured from our 378 Land Record books. A new file case for PLATs/plans/surveys holds more items in a smaller space.

This office adjusted to changes from the Vermont Tax Department on processing Vermont Property Transfer Tax Returns (PTTR), a move from eSearch to RecordHub for our online Land Records, increased Marriage License Fees, and a change from a Board of Listers to an Assessor's Office. We continue to work with the Cemetery Commission, the Town Hall Relocation Committee, and the Selectboard to attract more registered voters to Town Meeting.

Once again, I joined other town clerks from around the state to paddle on Lake Champlain in the Dragon Boat Festival. This event raises monies to benefit the Cancer Patient Support Foundation, and DragonHeart Vermont. I hope to participate again in 2024.

Upcoming Elections:

Town Meeting Day & Twin Valley Unified Union Annual Meeting, March 5, 2024

Presidential Primary, March 5, 2024

Statewide Major Party Primary, August 13, 2024

General Election (includes Presidential), November 5

Your Town Clerk Office is open 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 in 2023. 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

Wilmington Statistics for 2023

ELECTIONS

Annual Town Meeting was accomplished with the return of the floor vote on March 7, 2023, and by Australian Ballot for town/school officers & school budget.

Total Australian Ballots for Annual Town Meeting: 186 (12 by early mail in)

Total Voters Present for the Floor Voting: 60

Total Registered Voters: 1662 (at year end)

New Registered Voters: 93

Transferred Voters: 43

Challenged Voters: 144

Purged Voters: 51 (happens on odd year cycle) (no participation/no response)

LAND RECORDS

Documents Recorded: 1591

Documents Recorded last three years: 2022=2246; 2021=2960; 2020=1669

Property Transfer Tax Returns Recorded: 292

Property Transfer Tax Returns last three years: 2022=334; 2021=381; 2020=291

Surveys/PLATs/Plans Recorded: 17

VITAL STATISTICS

Births: 8

Deaths: 21

Marriages: 17

DOG LICENSES

185

LIQUOR LICENSES

31

CATERING & EVENT PERMITS

29

Wilmington Statistics for 2023

BIRTHS

February	Rhaenyra Rode Elise Tiddes Elliot Almstead
March	Rowan Rioux
May	Luka Prue-Colburn
June	Lillian Donahue Charles Williams
August	Zelina Derby

MARRIAGES

March	Jennifer Sobiech & Peter Clark
April	Lisa Moore & James Feuda
June	Kistilan Dark & Mollie Ratliff Craig Whitehouse & Graeme Vaughan
August	Jennifer Wilcox & David Houston II Joseph Moore & Madeline Woods
September	Graham Almstead & Jade Barnshaw Alyssa Cretella & Robert Callahan Bailey Page & William Lockhart Austyn Resek & Jordan Bellissimo Hannah Belpport & Max Solomon Jessica Girouard & Todd Sparrow Ruth Huttner & Aaron Cubells
October	Elizabeth Wood & Jacob Oakes
December	Tracy Driver & William Phillips Sarah Franciso & Kevin Ramsay Kenzi Wilbur & Emily Breitkopf

DEATHS

January	Louise Williams (9/2022); Sonia Alexander (11/2022); Robert Kovalsky (12/2022); Anne Andrus (12/2022); Marshall "Marty" Goodell; Robert Weber; Florence Moore
February	Barbara LeVan; Karen O'Neill; Mary Elizabeth "Betsey" Reagan; Nadine Swift
March	Karl Granfors; Allan "Butch" Granger; Robert Pease; Ann Butterfield
May	Robert Cincotta; Barry Reardon
June	Betty Butchko; Frank Spencer; Genevieve Rowell; Gary Lackey
July	Margaret Chase; Corey Hastings; Walter Wilson
September	Ciprian Borcea; Peter Matthews; Marie Mann; Robert Teodorini Linares Sanchez Persinal; Linda Green; Charles Enderle
October	Peter "Pete" Carroll Jr.; Edward "Eddie" Barber; Joyce Roy
November	Virginia Fisher; Robert Stachelek
December	Walter Coltey

Zoning Department

In 2007, the Bylaws, or Zoning Ordinance, consisted of only 32 pages. By 2014, it had grown to 81 pages and is now over 140 pages long. A wide-reaching update is currently in progress, much of which involves state-directed increases to density and lowered thresholds for parking, building height, lot coverage and more with the governor’s signing of the HOME Act this past July. I assisted the Planning Commission in bringing our bylaws into compliance with this new law. The next areas we will be updating may be Article VI and Article IX, each of which have also been impacted by recent state law and the development of the Public Utilities Commission.

A multi-year process to digitize this department’s land records, which the late Linda Green assisted with, is still in progress. Her attention to detail and friendly spirit will be much missed. This past summer, she also assisted me as I organized the first Wilmington Energy and Emergency Preparedness Fair, supported by the first of the MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program) grants. Besides writing these grants, I helped establish a new Town Energy Committee. Outreach and education were increased in my department with topical brochures and info-sheets, welcome letters, and a new social media account at [Instagram.com/zoning05363](https://www.instagram.com/zoning05363) where zoning updates can be readily accessed.

All issued permits are posted in the foyer of Town Hall. Here is a table of the number of permits over the past twenty years. As you can see, although it varies, we are in a busier permit cycle, with 150 permit applications processed in 2023.

2004	146	2008	104	2012	122	2016	88	2020	68
2005	138	2009	114	2013	114	2017	75	2021	95
2006	143	2010	90	2014	119	2018	76	2022	113
2007	104	2011	103	2015	131	2019	58	2023	150

The Zoning Department warmly invites you to visit. Prospective or existing owners can look up their file full of supporting documents for their parcel. We are stocked with brochures, booklets, and information on everything from appliance rebates to shoreland rules to zoning district info-sheets. The office is open 9-4 M, T, Th, and F, and appointments are advised as I am often in meetings or conducting site visits.

Serving Wilmington,
Jessica Roberts
Zoning Administrator
Town Health Officer

Town Health Officer

For over 100 years, each town in Vermont has been appointed a Town Health Officer (THO) and a local Board of Health (composed of the THO and the Select Board). The position originally involved controlling communicable disease. Today, much of the work has shifted toward serious potential hazards and environmental health issues such as the weekly testing of Green Mountain Beach. In 2023, I also investigated 11 reports of animal-attracting trash piles, potential septic malfunctioning, or unsafe rental housing violations and infestations. I dealt with three reported dog bites, quarantining the animals for ten days, and ensuring their rabies vaccinations.

As of January 1, 2024, the enforcement of the Rental Code is moving state-wide to the fire marshals in each region. If you know of a suspected violation of Vermont’s Rental Health and Safety Code, you are now asked to follow the instructions at firesafety.vermont.gov/complaint%20process, also linked on the THO’s webpage of the town website. THOs will still play an important role in investigating and mitigating other potential public health hazards in their jurisdiction outside of the rental housing context.

Sincerely,
Jessica Roberts, THO

Wastewater Department

For the calendar year 2023 we received, treated, and discharged a total of 32,992,600 gallons of wastewater for a daily average of 90,400 gallons per day which represents a 29% increase compared to 2022. The facility is permitted to discharge an annual average flow of 135,000 gallons per day. We recorded 63.78 inches of rain/melted snow and 97.75 inches of snow for a total of 161.53 total inches of precipitation in 2023.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Avg. Daily Flow (gallons per day)	87,300	80,700	69,900	80,800	70,200	90,400
Rain/Melted Snow (inches)	55.35	44.77	42.14	63.08	55.01	63.78
Snow (inches)	150.00	102.25	86.00	84.25	89.25	97.75
Total Precipitation (inches)	205.35	147.02	128.14	147.33	144.26	161.53

We responded to 62 alarms, attended several training events, cleaned 5,600 feet of sewer line, and performed many hours of routine and preventative maintenance related work.

Ongoing projects:

- East Main 1 (area near M&T Bank)
 - o We are hoping to go out to bid this spring with construction beginning in the summer or fall of 2024.
- East Main 2 (just West of Beaver Brook bridge)
 - o Is included in our 5-year plan.
- West Main Street (near VT House)
 - o Is included in our 10-year plan.
- Route 9 East / 100 South water and sewer extension
 - o The plan is to seek voter approval at Town Meeting with construction beginning in 2025.

After 28 years of recycling our treated sludge into a popular composted product, we made the tough decision to cease our composting operation. There were several factors involved in this decision. First, since our upgrade in 2016, we have only been composting twice a year, when before the upgrade it was 6 or 7 times a year. This was due to a change in the primary treatment process resulting in less sludge production. Secondly, our composting equipment is nearly 30 years old and the cost to replace some of the aging equipment was nearly \$150,000. Thirdly, the uncertainty of State and Federal regulations regarding the land application of Wastewater sludge was the deciding factor in terminating our composting operation. This fall we contracted with Resource Management Incorporated located in New Hampshire who takes our sludge and “creates a market for biosolids as a nutrient-rich fertilizer high in organic matter and micro-nutrients as part of our Heart & Soil® product line.”

The treatment plant continues to operate very well and efficiently. In 2023 we removed 96.5% of the BOD (bad bugs) and 94.4% 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 802-464-3862, 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 several blockages that were 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 802-464-3862. Thank you for your help.

Development Review Board

2023 in Review

14 applications were heard in total

Number of development applications by year:

2012 – 32	2017 – 12	2022--18
2013 – 16	2018 -- 9	
2014 – 19	2019 – 10	
2015 – 17	2020 -- 9	
2016 -- 11	2021 - 14	

The Development Review Board (DRB) experienced difficulty having enough members attend a meeting/hearing to provide a required quorum of three members. The Select Board was approached to see if any of their members would volunteer to become alternate members. Sarah Fisher and John Gannon agreed and joined the DRB.

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
Alternates:
Sarah Fisher
John Gannon
Paul Lockyear

Vermont Bar Foundation

We deeply believe that everyone deserves access to justice, and we are immensely grateful for your support in helping us provide this fundamental right to all Vermonters, especially in towns like Wilmington.

Civil legal aid is essential for individuals with limited resources facing critical legal challenges. These challenges range from housing disputes and denied benefits to employment issues and foreclosures. Without this support, many Vermont residents would struggle to navigate these complex situations on their own, risking their homes and livelihoods.

The Vermont Bar Foundation (VBF) is dedicated to raising funds to support the important work of our Poverty Law Fellow program. This program provides talented young attorneys with the opportunity to focus on addressing access to justice issues, ultimately improving the lives of numerous Vermont families and individuals.

The demand for access to justice has surged, especially during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. In the previous year, our legal clinics supported four adults from Wilmington and over 40 residents from Windham County, including seniors, individuals with disabilities and needing access to benefits, and victims of domestic violence.

Your unwavering support, particularly from the Town of Wilmington, is crucial in enabling us to continue our vital work. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of those in need.



This was a strange winter-not as much snow as usual, but a lot of wind and freezing rain or ice to contend with, and some isolated, really cold days and nights. The price of every kind of fuel went up considerably. Fortunately, there were plenty of jobs available for those who could work.

The DVCC was able to help 57 families in the valley this winter. The breakdown of numbers is as follows: Wilmington 15, Whitingham 11, Dover 11, Jacksonville 8, Marlboro 4, Wardsboro 3, Searsburg 2, Halifax 2 and Readsboro 1. The total amount of money we spent was \$55,161.

As usual, we received some generous help from those people who usually try to donate to the fund. Most of the towns within the valley contributed, as well as many of the local businesses and civic organizations. The members of the Propane Dover fuel buying group were again responsible for our biggest donations, and we are grateful to all of those who were able to help. Your generosity is responsible for helping less fortunate families in our community to stay warm and comfortable throughout the winter.

As far as fundraising for next winter, we are sorry to say that for the third year, the Best Dam Walk/Run will not be held. There are just not enough people who have the time to volunteer for the amount of work that is required to run this event anymore. We hope to be able to come up with an event, or perhaps several events, that will help us to raise money going forward. In the meantime, our regular appeal letter will be coming out in July, and we will continue to apply for whatever grants we can find and hope for positive results.

On a personal note, after nineteen years with the DVCC, I will be handing over the management at the end of this year to Kristin Mumford and Kevin Ryan. They live in Dover, and have graciously offered to take it over. When fall approaches, we will publish their contact numbers in the Valley News and provide their information to the fuel companies we have to deal with. I am sure they will continue to serve the community well. I thank you for the opportunity to have worked with many of you, and hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

Respectfully,
Susan Spengler, Director

Welcome

We are pleased to share with you our accomplishments through our first three years.

Years One & Two (2021-2022) Our volunteers established our organization, formed a public/private partnership with Great Works Internet (GWI), received \$26 million in grant funding, and connected pilot customers.

Year Three (2023)

DVFiber started network construction and connected its first customers in Readsboro.

Next Up for Connection:

- Halifax (2024-2025)
- Marlboro (2024-2025)
- Stamford (2023-2024)
- Whitingham (2023-2024)

Towns Post-2025:

- Brattleboro, Brookline, Dover, Dummerston, Guilford, Jamaica, Londonderry, Newfane, Putney, Searsburg, Stratton, Townshend, Vernon, Wardsboro, Westminster, Weston, Wilmington, Windham & Winhall

Who Are We

DVFiber was formed in 2020 as a municipality for the special purpose to bring universal high-speed fiber optic Internet service to all homes and businesses in our 24-town district. We are governed by a board whose members are appointed by the Select Boards in each member town. When completed, the network will be community owned and operated under contract providing service to its customers that meets or exceeds national standards.

Year Four Budget

	FY 2023		FY 2024
	Budget	Actual (Projected)	Budget
Operating Revenue	\$453,805	\$3,706	\$503,697
Grant Revenue - Construction	\$9,990,031	\$6,335,630	\$9,158,716
Grant Revenue - Ops		\$485,081	\$794,608
Other Revenue	\$15,000	\$216,700	\$50,000
Net Revenue	\$10,458,836	\$7,041,117	\$10,507,021
Expenditures			
Admin Costs	\$499,354	\$350,888	\$534,670
Operating Costs	\$693,452	\$321,792	\$813,635
Construction Costs	\$9,376,819	\$6,335,630	\$9,158,716
Total Expenditures	\$10,569,625	\$7,008,310	\$10,507,021
Annual Net Cash Flow	\$(110,789)	\$32,807	-

*FY 2022 Financial Statements can be found in our FY 2022 Audit



Stay Connected

Scan the QR code or visit DVfiber.net to order our service, get updates, or sign up for our newsletter.

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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, an alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental disability services, and 24/7 emergency services.

During FY23, HCRS provided 1,985 hours of services to 49 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.

Senior Solutions

Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc.) promotes the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

From 10/01/23 through 06/30/23, residents received one or more of these services: Information & Assistance (53 calls or office visits), Medicare assistance (26 calls), Caregiver support, Grant Assistance, In-home Case Management/support (18 clients received 148.50 hours of service), Visits/errands/phone calls by our volunteers (4 clients, 138.75 hours), and/or meals provided in collaboration with The Dumaine House and the Jackson Municipal Center.

We financially support local meal providers by distributing federal and state funds which help them operate. However, these funds do not cover the full cost, so local meal sites must seek additional funding. Senior Solutions does not use our town funding to support senior meals, and does not benefit from any funds the towns provide directly to 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

Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital has served the healthcare needs of our rural community with competence and compassion for 75 years. In 2023, Grace Cottage was named “Best Hospital,” “Best Emergency Care,” “Best Physical Therapy,” “Best Pharmacy,” “Best Doctors,” “Best Pediatricians” and “Best Place to Work” in the *Brattleboro Reformer* Readers’ Choice Best of Windham County Awards.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a hospice care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Grace Cottage’s Emergency Department is contracted with Dartmouth Health to offer TeleEmergency and TeleNeurology services. In 2023, Grace Cottage completed a 17’ x 42’ expansion of the Emergency Department, featuring a separate, covered portico entrance for patients who arrive by ambulance, and increased comfort and privacy for all patients.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of both returning and new patients. In most cases, provider appointments are immediately available. More than 8,000 area residents choose Grace Cottage for their **primary care**. We offer physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, geriatrics, and mental health services. Grace Cottage is one of two Vermont hospitals named a Top Performer on the national Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Index. We received 2022 and 2023 IMPACT awards from the Boston Red Sox and the Ruderman Family Foundation for our mental health services, which include two psychiatric nurse practitioners, a licensed social worker.

Grace Cottage’s **Community Health Team** offers essential, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, diabetes coaching, care coordination, substance abuse assessment, and help with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources for food, fuel, and housing assistance.

Grace Cottage’s **Rehabilitation Department** offers exceptional care for both hospital patients and outpatients, with 14 physical and occupational therapists on staff. Expanded services include lymphedema therapy, custom orthotics, women’s health, and pelvic health physical therapy.

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment for all members of the community, along with expert advice and friendly service. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter medications, personal care items, gifts, and greeting cards are also available.

Fiscal Year 2023, by the numbers:
30,085: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health
3,547: Patient days in hospital
4,077: Emergency Dept. visits
9,701: Outpatient Rehab visits
1,631: Diagnostic Imaging visits
1,490: Community Health Team visits
542: Covid-19 tests
1,797: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage is an independent, non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Town appropriations and other donations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

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 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 11 residents from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2023 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services provided included Court Diversion, Justice Services, Brattleboro Community Justice Center, 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

Water Department

The WWD disinfected and filtered approximately 31 million gallons of potable drinking water last year. During the 2023 chemical and bacterial monitoring schedule no action levels were triggered and PFAS samples were non-detectable. The WWD's asset management plan is on schedule to be completed in 2024 which will better position the department to be eligible for grants for future projects. The WWD has also hired a part time operator to help with day-to-day operation of the system. He has earned his class 2 and class 3 operators license in 2023 and is on schedule to have his class 4 operators license which is required for our system in 2024.

Chris Lavoy, Chief Operator

Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce

For over three decades, the Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce has been a steadfast supporter of the Deerfield Valley Business Community. Our mission revolves around fostering growth and innovation, cultivating an informed business community, promoting tourism, and advocating for the prosperity of our region. Achieving these goals involves delivering high-value member benefits, hosting events that highlight the area's unique assets, facilitating networking opportunities to build connections and community, and collaborating with local and state officials to champion our region.

In 2023, our Chamber experienced a remarkable membership growth of over 15%. Partnering with more than 150 member businesses, we made substantial contributions to the Deerfield Valley Community. We expanded member benefits to include access to a Multi-Employer Retirement Plan, introduced a new regional job board, and organized additional business networking events. The revamped membership structure, launched in late 2022, received positive feedback, offering businesses diverse options tailored to their specific needs and budgets.

Our Chamber orchestrated five signature events, including the Vermont Craft Beer & Chili Stroll, Independence Day Celebration, Annual Chamber Golf Tournament, Vermont Blueberry Festival, and the Vermont Wine & Harvest Festival. These events attracted over 8,000 people to the area and gained national recognition. Both the Vermont Wine & Harvest Festival and the Vermont Blueberry Festival were acknowledged by the Vermont Department of Tourism as Top 10 Events in Vermont. Notably, these festivals experienced significant growth in 2023, with the Blueberry Festival introducing exciting elements like the Blueberry Parade, Jello Slip n' Slide, and the "Laugh till You're Blue" Comedy show.

Our ongoing collaboration with the Bi-Town Marketing Committee has resulted in increased followers across all our social media accounts and boosted traffic to visitvermont.com. By synergizing efforts, we effectively promote the businesses and natural assets of the area, attracting visitors and new residents alike.

Finally, our Visitor Center remains a dynamic hub of activity and an invaluable resource for both residents and visitors. In 2023, our Visitor Center staff warmly welcomed over 12,000 visitors to the area, guiding them to explore the wonderful businesses and activities available throughout Southern Vermont.

For more details, visit visitvermont.com and discover the vibrancy of Southern Vermont.

Bethaney LaClair
Executive Director

Green Up

Vermont's Green Up Day was on Saturday, May 6th. Once again, folks in Wilmington came through with a big turnout! 84 people volunteered to pick up roadside litter. Included in this group were the Hermitage Club, Chimney Hill Home Owners Association, Wilmington Trail Committee, and Southern VT Board of Realtors. In total, they filled 200 Green Up bags as they covered nearly all of our town roads. In addition to our roads, a few public lots, parks, and trails received Green Up treatment this year, which is always appreciated!

As always, Wilmington's success depended on teamwork. We received assistance from town office employees as well as the town highway department who collected all the full bags. Road Supervisor Marshall Dix reported that there were 12 yards of trash, 10 tires and one microwave.

Generous donations also helped to make Green Up Day successful. 1a Coffee Roasters gave away free coffee and Shaw's contributed water and snacks. The town office, the Twin Valley Schools, and the Deerfield Valley News all provided publicity. Many local businesses also helped with publicity by posting on social media, and allowing us to hang our Green Up Day posters on their walls, bulletin boards, and windows.

Thank you to everyone for your time, effort, and contributions. We look forward to seeing you all next year on the first Saturday in May. In the meantime, anyone interested in helping to plan and organize our local efforts, please let us know.

Kathy Larsen & Anthony Martino, Wilmington's Green Up Coordinators

Department of Health

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Brattleboro Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Windham and Windsor counties. Some highlights of our work in 2023 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/brattleboro

WIC continues to be an important part of the Brattleboro Local Health Office.

- We have provided WIC food benefits, nutrition support and breast/chest feeding education to nearly 700 families.
- Our team has prioritized translating resources to meet the needs of *all* of our clients. Through advocating at state and federal levels we are proud to now offer resources in Dari and Pashto to our clients from Afghanistan.
- To help parents struggling with substance use, we created a group of community providers, health professionals and recovery experts. This Substance Use, Recovery and Perinatal Health (SURPH) Coalition brings professionals and the community together to improve outcomes for families.

Our team has been a leader in vaccinations for our community.

- We host monthly vaccination clinics at the Needle Exchange Program and through our partnership with the Ethiopian Community Development Council have vaccinated New Vermonters from Afghanistan, Ukraine and Central America.
- With a focus on the most underserved in our community, we work towards preventing the spread of illness through education and outreach at vaccine clinics held in local homeless shelters and motels. Our goal is to ensure access for every member of our community.
- We have established strong partnerships with local long-term care facilities to handle illness outbreaks and help keep residents and staff safe.

We prioritize making community-wide impacts.

- In response to the historic flooding in our area, we distributed hundreds of water testing kits in the community. We also offered resources at Disaster Recovery Centers, working together with FEMA.
- We work extensively with local partners to improve access to physical activity and healthy foods.
- We partnered with local organizations to install sunscreen dispensers and provide skin cancer prevention information at Retreat Farm and Living Memorial Park.

Kids in the Country

Kids in the Country Child Care and Preschool, Inc. (KITC) had been providing low-cost, high-quality care and education to the children and families working and residing within our community since 1971. Reliable and affordable care is crucial to a strong economy by ensuring that families can afford to remain both working and living in the area.

KITC currently provides care to forty-four families. Forty percent (18) of these families reside in Wilmington and twenty seven percent (12) of our families that live outside of Wilmington are employed in Wilmington. Fifty percent of our employees reside in Wilmington.

KITC is licensed by the State of Vermont to provide care for thirty children 6 weeks to 12 years of age from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday year-round. Our well qualified staff are dedicated to providing a small, family atmosphere while nurturing and educating the children. Kids in the Country’s programs currently include before and after school care, a morning preschool program for children ages three to five with the option of extended hours for working families, an infant and toddler program, as well as, summer enrichment activities.

Let’s Grow Kids is a statewide public education campaign aiming at raising the understanding of the importance of the earliest years in the lives of Vermont’s Children. “Children exposed to high-quality early experiences score higher in school readiness tests, have better social-emotional skills, and are 40% less likely to need special education. High quality early childhood experiences lay a foundation for lasting economic security. Increasingly, in Vermont and around the country, business leaders are drawing connections between early childhood, workforce development, and strong local economies. When we help our children grow to become productive adults, we support our current workforce of parents, strengthen our community, and invest in our state’s prosperity now and in the future.”

For more than fifty years KITC has played a crucial role in the economy and well-being of the local children and families which we are providing care for. Our existence is more crucial than ever to help the economic growth of the area continue by ensuring families have reliable child care so they can work. Independent child care centers have trouble remaining viable as tuition alone does not come close to meeting the full cost of running a center. There are currently a lot of grants and financial assistance for the startup costs for new programs, but no grants for existing programs to sustain themselves. Financial support from the community ensures that we can continue to provide our services.

Contact Information. Phone Number: (802) 348-7476 Email: kitcountry@yahoo.com

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.

Our museum was open Saturday afternoons starting July 4th weekend through Labor Day to visitors and also open by appointment. Visitors had the opportunity to view the displays, reminisce, research information or just enjoy a visit to get acquainted with what the society has to offer.

The theme for our monthly meetings centered around the history of Mountain Mills. April 2024 will mark 100 years since the flooding of this historical location. This upcoming year we will continue to honor the rich history that was created by Mountain Mills, including a display at the museum which helps to document what an incredible part of Wilmington history this represents.

Museum upkeep; chimney number two was rebuilt from the roof up; this was accomplished thanks to all the generous donations received via our yearly newsletter. The third chimney will be rebuilt when needed. Roof repairs and ongoing regular maintenance / upkeep continues to keep us on our toes.

The society is ever so grateful for those who continue to support the society, whether through yearly membership dues, monetary donations or artifacts that will enable us to preserve Wilmington history for years to come.

Displays and artifacts: work continues in the railroad room dedicated to Brian Donnelson, author of "The Coming of The Train", I and II, including organizing his research and other artifacts. A few artifact donations for 2023: WHS Class of 1936 scroll, Baptist Church painting and Deerfield Valley Supply exterior sign along with other items.

Monthly meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month) will resume starting Wednesday, April 10th ~ 7:00 p.m. at the Barber House, continuing through until our last meeting in November.

A tremendous thank you goes to our dedicated officers, trustees, and volunteers for their continued support and help with keeping the society up and running. Without each and every one of you the society would not be what it is today.

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

2023 was a prosperous year for Wilmington. Despite having to overcome minor flooding in July and December, we were able to write several successful grants: water/wastewater project, trails, and tennis courts, as well as addressing housing issues, and meeting with current and potential businesses for Wilmington. Two downtown historic buildings were awarded State Historic Tax Credits after being purchased by new entrepreneurs. With additional private funding, these buildings will be revitalized into needed businesses. The Bissell Hall building (next to the library) is now called Arthouse; an art studio, gallery, space for workshops, studio rentals, and events. The old paint store building on South Main Street is being restored to apartments and a small retail space. These young entrepreneurs are praised for their willingness to maintain our downtown historic culture.

Additionally, The Bi-Town Housing Committee, under the direction of the Dover and Wilmington Select Boards, created a sub-committee to provide research on long and short-term housing issues in the Deerfield Valley. The committee included long and short-term landlords, realtors, businesses, and home owner associations. The report can be viewed on the Wilmington website: [Bi-Town Housing Rental Report](#)

The state of our economy:

- **Retail Sales** in Wilmington for the first and second quarters of 2023 resulted in a **decrease of 23%** from 2022.
- **Meals Sales were up by 17%** in the first two comparative quarters of 2022.
- **Restaurant Alcohol Sales increased by 27%** from 2022.
- **Room Sales**, although significantly up in the first quarter, declined in the second quarter comparatively to 2022, but ended in an overall **increase of 24%**.
- **70 residential properties were sold** in Wilmington this year; a **28% decrease** from 2022. The **average sale price** of \$591,250; a **2% increase** from the prior year; the **median sale price** of \$480,500; a **13% increase** from 2022. **Eight of the sales (three less from 2022)**; were between **\$1,100,000 and \$1,669,000**. Seven of them were sales in the Haystack area and one was a shorefront home at Lake Raponda.

Priority Projects Status Update

- Final design and engineering for [Water and Wastewater Expansion on Route 9 East](#) is underway. The successful acquisition of \$1,753,510 in grant funding, along with our American Rescue Plan Allocation and grant/loan funding through the USDA, will put this project into construction by 2025. If we use USDA funds, they require us to bond in case of unforeseen increase cost of the project. Any unspent bond funding will be returned to the bond bank. Please support this bond, as the project has great potential for the redevelopment of multiple commercial properties, which will in turn increase our grand list.
- DVFiber has made great strides in securing enough grant funding to provide [high-speed fiber to residents and businesses in Wilmington](#) along with the other 23-town Communication District. Please find updates and minutes on the website: <https://dvvfiber.net/>
- [Sidewalks](#)- Construction for the [East Main Street north side](#) project is anticipated to begin this summer. During the construction of the sidewalk the [wastewater private line](#) will be upgraded. Grant funding has been secured for [both sides of North Main Street](#); most likely construction will take place in the summer of 2025. The sidewalk projects are funded through large grants and matching funds from the 1% Local Option Tax Fund.

Wilmington Works continues to be a great supporting organization to improving our downtown. Together, we have collaborated on sidewalk design elements, new banners for our village, promoting our town with Bi-Town Marketing, providing a Welcome Wagon to new residents, and assisted the Chamber in creating a job board post on their website. Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation has assisted seven Wilmington nonprofits and businesses with technical assistance in grant writing, business loans, and training. They also held their Business Plan Competition Pitch Event in Wilmington. Windham Regional Commission assisted in facilitation of the Bi-Town Rental Housing Sub-Committee meetings, assisted with mapping for grants, and managing a nine-member Steering Committee to revise the bylaw ordinance to create more density for long-term housing.

I am dedicated to the socio and economic successes of Wilmington while maintaining the character of our small town. Interested in starting a business, I have many federal, state, regional, and local resources to get you up and running. My door (now on the main floor of 2 East Main St) is open and I would like to hear from you regarding your ideas.

Gretchen M. Havreluk

Wilmington Economic Development Consultant

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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. Shires Housing received no tangible benefits from serving residents in Deerfield Valley until 2018 when the towns of Dover and Wilmington voted to help fund this exceptional and much needed program.

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. We provide individualized, on-site and in-home support with a Wellness Nurse and a SASH Care Coordinator. SASH serves older adults as well as people with special needs who receive Medicare support. SASH touches the lives of approximately 5,600 people throughout Vermont. In our area, there is only one senior housing option. Our coordinators and nurses serve residents in their individual apartments and homes throughout the town.

Benefits to SASH Participants

- Improved quality of life
- Comprehensive health and wellness assessments
- Individualized Healthy Living Plans
- Money savings through preventive health care
- Regular check-ins by caring staff
- Health coaching and access to wellness nurses
- Help in planning for successful transitions (e.g., following hospitalization), navigating long-term care options and during a crisis
- Access to prevention and wellness programs
- Support in self-managing medications
- Weekly check in during the pandemic
- Food and/or meal deliveries if accepted during the pandemic
- Virtual programming such as online YOGA, online Cooking classes and drive thru Health & Wellness Fair

Benefits to Town of Wilmington – The same benefits to town residents, who are active in Medicare, while on the wait list to join SASH. We also do wellness visits at a town employee requests, partner agencies, Deerfield Valley Rescue or other town residents request, to talk to those active in Medicare who may benefit from the services of SASH. We make home visits and calls for those older residents that may not want to join SASH, but would benefit from an occasional visit, food delivery, paperwork or just someone to be there. Our staff has been instrumental in keeping the DME closet filled in Wilmington. We also have a DME closet in Dover and two in Bennington, for use throughout both counties. We deliver and set up equipment at no cost to the recipient.

The Shires Housing SASH panels in the valley, have collaborated with the VT Foodbank for a monthly drop location at Butterflied Commons in West Dover and a VeggieVanGo. These food drops are open to Wilmington residents. We have more than 6 volunteers, as well as coordinators making monthly home deliveries to over 48 community members who cannot get to the drop sites to pick up for themselves. In 2023, we have the highest number of Wilmington residents enrolled in our program. We are also serving 11 others in the community for the past several months who do not qualify for SASH.

The coordinators and wellness nurses are back to hosting in person exercise classes. We are also offer monthly Blood Pressure and Wellness clinics open to all residents. We have been hosting a wellness event per month in Wilmington, Dover or Readsboro, open to all. We hosted our 8th annual Shires Housing Health & Wellness Fair on October 27. The coordinators and nurses continue to be instrumental in assisting any participant who wishes to receive both the flu and Covid vaccines and subsequent boosters.

Becky Arbella

Shires Housing SASH Implementation Manager

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Pettee Memorial Library

2023 has been a year of many changes in many areas for Pettee Memorial Library.

Our Building:

We thank the USRDA for a grant, and the Wilmington Selectboard for the 1% funds which enabled us to proceed with our planned renovations. The library was closed for the month of April as all of the books and furniture had to be moved out of the main room. What was the circulation area is now a room dedicated to young adults with a beautiful mural wall painted by Hope Phelan, colorful accessories, and new gaming computers. With the main room renovation came: new floors, thanks to Friends of the Valley; an inviting reading area; a more approachable circulation area; and new movable shelving units. The new layout and furniture allow us to create open space for larger programs as well as showings on our new movie projector and screen. We hope to complete the lower-level renovations in 2024.

Our Personnel:

During the summer, Allison Maynard (our library director) had to accept Linda Green's (circulation clerk) resignation because she was moving out of the area. Shortly thereafter we all mourned Linda's untimely death. Then in September, Allison submitted her own resignation. After 10 years, she decided to move on to a new position to continue her professional growth. We were very fortunate to hire Kyrra Howard as the new library director, and Lynne Cannon as the new circulation clerk. Both Kyrra and Lynne have rapidly, confidently, and successfully taken over their positions. In fact, attendance at the library during the fourth quarter was over 16% higher than it was in 2022. In a further change, Angela Yakovleff (youth librarian) decided after 6 years of service to retire from the library effective December 31st. The plan is to fill that position in January. As a result of these changes, from Monday to Thursday you will see all new faces when you enter the library.

From Friday through Sunday, you will recognize Jennifer Razee, the assistant librarian, who holds down the weekend for us. Seven days a week you will get the excellent service for which Pettee is known.

Our programs:

Thanks to the Eagle Scouts and the Maynard family, a new permanent Story Walk was installed around the library earlier in the year. Presently, two poetry displays are along the front sidewalk. Our regular programs such as the summer reading program, the poetry group, and the silent book club have resumed. New programs such as the craft and crochet group, the cookbook group, and a writer's group have been added. As a community center for all ages, suggestions for different programs or activities are always welcome.

None of these changes would have been successfully completed without our wonderful staff, the Friends of the Library, and the many volunteers who helped us through the transition.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pettee Memorial Library Board of Trustees



Pettee Pirates



Pettee Staff

Energy Committee

On November 7th of 2023, the Wilmington Select Board approved and signed a resolution that named Bob Bois its Energy Coordinator (EC) and established a seven-member Wilmington Energy Committee (WEC), chaired by the EC, to assist the town in meeting its energy goals contained in the 2018 Wilmington Vermont Town Plan.

The purpose of the Wilmington Energy Committee shall be as follows:

- A. To work closely with Town Officials to research and develop energy innovations, provide community outreach and education, and guide clean and sustainable energy strategies.
- B. To join the Vermont Energy Climate Action Network to assist in meeting Wilmington's energy efficiency goals.
- C. To assist town boards, departments, institutions, and town residents in implementing options to reduce energy consumption and costs and improve energy use and practices.
- D. To recommend a full range of energy usage for town buildings, vehicles, and equipment.

The Wilmington Energy Committee met once in December 2023 to introduce its members, to vote its officers and to set a meeting schedule for 2024. The Wilmington Energy Committee will meet on the third Tuesday at 3 PM of every month in the conference room at the Wilmington Fire Station. All meetings of the Wilmington Energy Committee are open to the public and both agendas and minutes will comply with all Public Notice requirements.

There remains one position vacant on the Wilmington Energy Committee. Please consider volunteering to be a committee member. Notify the Zoning Administrator, Jessica Roberts, of your interest who may answer any questions you may have regarding the Wilmington Energy Committee. The following list of volunteers comprises the

Wilmington Energy Committee:

Bob Bois, Chair

Mathew Cole, Vice Chair

Jessica Twardy Roberts, Secretary

Scott Moore, Wilmington Fire Chief

Marshall Dix, Wilmington Road Superintendent

Keith Johnson, Mover Manager

Vacant

Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been servicing the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and the Dovers. 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 \$5 for each nutritional meal which includes soup or salad, dinner and a dessert. We have provided approximately 35 meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery of an average of 125 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 9 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, 5 regular volunteer drives that deliver Meals on Wheels, and 4 on call volunteers.

We have celebrations for the holidays which is always fun for the participants. We are lucky to have a volunteer offering Chair Massages once a month and a nurse that comes and does blood pressure checks regularly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Terrie Dumaine, Senior Meal Coordinator

Wilmington Works

Wilmington Works is an organization dedicated to supporting local businesses and engaging our community to make Wilmington and the Deerfield Valley a place we can all call home. As we come to you with our yearly update, we continue our mission to build, support, and improve the downtown to the benefit of the whole community. Your support has enabled Wilmington Works to continue our programs and hold many memorable events.

This year we welcomed our new Program Coordinator Samantha Kondracki who joined WW this summer. Her enthusiasm for Wilmington has shown greatly through her efforts to immerse herself in the community and deliver positive results for our community.

We started the year with outdoor winter activities at Winterplace, held on Hayford Field at the Old School. The Boy Scouts continued the tradition for the second year in a row organizing a Duct Tape Sledding Derby. Several children's activities were made available by the volunteers from the Beaver Brook School, Rotary, and Pettee Memorial Library. This year's Blueberry Block Party was the busiest and best yet, with Orca Uprising bringing uplifting tunes to the crowd, Janet Boyd and the crew hosting the unforgettable annual blueberry pie eating contest, and many local vendors sharing their wares, blueberry-themed drinks and homemade fare, it was a celebration to remember! The Mid-Summers Day Stroll was also a hit this year. The event brought a fairy-theme to the downtown with a fairy garden house scavenger hunt and a magical photo opportunity in the riverbank park. Flower crowns were made on the lawn of the library. This event was so popular, it is likely to become an annual celebration.

Every year brings new ideas and energy to Wilmington Works, and we are proud to help invigorate the downtown and assist the community through our networks and access to grant funding. We are proud to announce that two of our vacant buildings have been purchased and both received historic tax credits. Both buildings will bring new business endeavors which will create employment opportunities as well as additional needed housing. The Welcome Wagon program invites each new Wilmington resident to join the community by getting involved in the many organizations and committees in our town. If you haven't already, please sign up for our newsletter at wilmingtonworksvt.com.

Wilmington Works would like to thank you for your continued support, this wouldn't be possible without the Town and their generosity. On behalf of the WW Board of directors, we thank you for your support of WW, Wilmington, and the Deerfield Valley.

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. We maintain 3 ambulances and cover 247 square miles. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 14 volunteers five full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 904 calls as of October 2023 of which 268 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. In 2022 we had 11,280 volunteer hours in 2023 we had 9975 hours. This results in having to pay for the coverage from per-diem outside employee's. The Government sets the National fee schedule for ambulances at the first of every year. Ambulance providers must accept this rate as payment in full for services provided to Medicare and Medicaid patients. In 2022 this resulted in \$108,786.61 in Medicare charges and \$61,976.45 Vermont Medicaid charges being written off for DVR. When fuel prices increased we didn't get an increase in what we could charge we have to absorb this expense. Last year fuel cost was \$7,744.03 this year \$12,772.52.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. This through your town contribution and 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 Solid Waste Management

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 by eight towns who cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro until it closed in 1995. As more towns joined the District, a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) was constructed by the District adjacent to the closed landfill and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. Currently 18 towns are members of WSWMD which employs 6 full-time and 3 part-time persons to provide educational programs and operate the transfer station and composting facility on Old Ferry Road.

Town Solid Waste Services: Seven member towns, Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, Wardsboro, and Wilmington operate transfer stations for trash and recyclable materials. Other materials such as tires and electronics are also collected by some transfer stations, and most of the single stream recyclables are processed at the Casella MRF in Rutland. All town transfer stations are required to provide containers for drop-off of food scraps. 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. Residents and businesses can contract with haulers for trash and recycling collection services. There are also two companies providing subscription collection of food scraps. The WSWMD website has a map showing the services provided by each town.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2023 (FY23) with a budget surplus of \$64,693, a portion of which has been allocated toward the construction of the expanded compost facility. Revenues of \$1,461,136 off-set total expenses of \$1,294,617 and \$102,443 of capital plan and facility reserves.

The annual assessment to member towns for fiscal year 2024 was kept to a 4% increase.

Transfer Station: The WSWMD transfer station is a regional drop-off center for trash, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station also handles electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, paint, sharps/syringes, textiles, books, tires, and household hazardous waste. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker at \$50/year. Approximately 3,000 customers purchase annual access stickers. There is no additional charge for recycling and composting. Fees are presented at www.windhamsolidwaste.org.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The District voted to close the MRF in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled and sold, generating revenue for the District. Revenue in FY23 was \$55,851, a significant decrease from the prior year due to declining markets for recycled cardboard. Industry projections suggest higher commodity prices for cardboard in FY24.

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 10th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. WSWMD donates compost for school and community gardens.

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 therefore the District will be constructing a new composting facility that will have a building with aerated windrows, air collection for odor control, as well as rainwater and liquid management systems for the compost piles. The expansion will allow the District to continue to locally manage organic wastes while meeting state permitting requirements for a larger capacity facility. Funding for the new facility is from federal and state grants, as well as District funds. Non long-term debt is anticipated.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): All towns in Vermont are required to meet state solid waste management requirements through implementation of an authorized SWIP. The District writes and implements a SWIP on behalf of all its member towns, and so provides compliance and the accompanying services to each member town. 2023 was the third year of the five-year term of the current SWIP, which addresses household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements.

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

Household Hazardous Waste: Management of household hazardous waste is a costly and difficult service required by state regulations. Member towns benefit by having the District provide this service to all District residents and small businesses at the WSWMD Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot in Brattleboro (and occasional one-day special events in member towns, although none were hosted in 2023). The HHW Depot is open by appointment one day each week from May through October. This year participation continued to increase, with 377 households and 14 small businesses served by the program. The average disposal cost per user also increased almost 30% to \$103, for a total program cost of \$52,100 including indirect costs. The costs are offset by a Vermont DEC grant program, operating costs of the District, and a nominal user fee of \$10 per visit. The Depot provides a convenient way for residents and small businesses to dispose of their hazardous waste.

Community Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to provide technical assistance for schools, businesses, and towns. In 2023, WSWMD completed work on a grant from the US Department of Agriculture which resulted in a suite of videos that are available on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/@wswmd). The videos won the 2023 Municipal Partner Award from Brattleboro Community Television (BCTV). Throughout the year the District was also able to provide educational resources including in-person tours or workshops to the Dover, NewBrook, and Vernon schools, and virtual classroom workshops to Guilford, Jamaica, NewBrook, and Townshend schools. For the towns with transfer stations (Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Stratton, Townshend, and Wilmington) the District has continued to provide more signage and technical assistance. In 2023, the District assisted over 40 businesses with their waste management needs.

Special Event Outreach and Technical Assistance: The WSWMD Special Event Bin lending program grew in popularity in 2023 with our new improved bins and with the pandemic receding. The bins, used to separately collect recyclables, food scraps, and trash, were used at 24 special events this year. They 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.

Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center

Windham County Safe Place Child Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit was established in 2007 and became a certified nonprofit in 2010. We became a nationally accredited center in 2015. Any child or adult that experiences sexual and/or physical trauma throughout Windham County is welcome to receive services and support from our team. We Strive to help survivors to begin their process of healing; to conduct quality investigations and reduce stress and trauma to the victim.

We also provide training and outreach services to professionals, caregivers, schools and more! Our team are considered experts in our field, and we work diligently to uphold this great honor and bring justice the work that we do. We work tirelessly to collaborate and make each case work as seamlessly as possible.

What We Do

- Provide professional interviews to survivors of sexual and physical violence.
- Offer support, services and referrals throughout the life of each case.
- Offer a safe, clean and welcoming space for survivors to be interviewed and meet to discuss next steps.
- Ensure that all team members stay abreast of current best practices.
- Maintain a best-practice approach among our Multi-Disciplinary Team, which, promotes cooperative efforts between disciplines.
- Coordinate the team effort (police, child services, medical exams, therapy, interview, advocacy, etc.)
- Provide school and community outreach, education and training for all ages.
- Serve as a resource to any adult working with children.

Important to note

- **Each person served typically costs over \$2000** – which is circumvented by bringing resources and investigators together.
- We are one center for more than 42,000 citizens in Windham County
- We have 25+ team members across all disciplines involved in this work.

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is celebrating its 29th 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:

- Hosting Community Family Substance Free Events (Family Halloween Event, February Break Family Extravaganza, Blueberry Family Fun Frenzy)
- Implementing prevention curriculum for all students in grades 4-8
- Implementing Sticker Shock- collaborating with local retailers and youth on a community campaign to eliminate liquor sales to minors
- Doing advocacy work at the state level with middle and high school students
- Hosting alcohol, tobacco and other drug trainings for teachers
- Sending newsletters on alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues
- Sponsoring empowerment/leadership groups for middle and high school students
- Sponsoring tobacco awareness activities and offering virtual vaping/smoking cessation programs for high school students
- Supporting the Voices of Hope Group
- Partnering with the Department of Liquor Control and local retailers for retailer training on alcohol and tobacco sales to prevent selling to minors
- Recognizing local retailers that pass state compliance checks
- Working to make outdoor spaces smoke-free and installing cigarette buttlers at businesses with 802 Quits Cessation information
- Supporting the Student Assistance Program at the Twin Valley Middle High School
- Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations for parents
- Choose Snow (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- Supporting the creation of a teen room (the Vault) and free teen clothing distribution at OSEC
- Promoting Take Back Day and distributing RX return envelopes

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

DVCP holds meetings every other 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 Director, Jen Nilsen-Community and School Programs Coordinator, Shelley Park, Family Engagement 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 has enjoyed another wonderful year serving Wilmington youth and families providing after-school and summer programming. The TVMHS Wings Staff is excited to welcome Shannon Trumble on board as the new site coordinator. Sage Myska and Jill Sachs continue to work hard as TVES Wings co-site coordinators to offer an enriching after-school program at TVES. Wings would also like to express sincere gratitude to all of the talented and invested program leaders and tutors who have planned, prepared, and led engaging, high-quality after-school and summer programs.

Program highlights include:

- Across the 2022-2023 school year, 131 TVMHS youth and 145 TVES youth engaged in high-quality, enriching after school programs, totaling 8205 student hours at TVMHS and 16498 student hours at TVES.
- TVMHS and TVES Wings spent the 2022-2023 school year prioritizing student-led programming. TVES students enjoyed participating in programs led by their own grade-level peers. TVMHS students had the opportunity to work on career-readiness skills through Wings' Work Based Training Program during which students were employed through Wings to lead after school programs to younger students with a mentor adult. Wings received the privilege of being a pilot for a new VT Afterschool/UVM job skill curriculum called Possible Futures. This pilot was introduced in summer of 2023 and will be expanded in coming months.
- Wilmington students engaged in a wide variety of after school programming options including: Girls on the Run, Dungeons & Dragons, Performing Arts, Kindergarten Fun, Disc Golf and Jr. Iron Chef, just to name a few of our most popular programs!
- TVES and TVMHS youth filled 163 Wings summer camp 2023 slots enjoying a summer of fun, connection, and joy! 51 TVES & TVMHS students performed in the Wings' performing arts production "Willy Wonka.". 109 TVES students, grades K-5, participated in Celebrate Summer & Stepping Stones camp. 37 TVMHS students kayaked, swam, hiked, and spent time adventuring outside during the Outdoor Adventures camp. 41 students participated in Wings Readsboro Summer Fun camp. Fifty six students participated in the Wings Halifax Summer Fun camp. Seventeen TVMHS students honed their golf skills during the Wings Summer Golf Program in partnership with Mount Snow Golf Club.
- Wings partnered with the Whitingham Free Public Library and the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to offer additional summer camp programs during the summer 2023. Forty one youth participated in these additional camp offerings during which the library campers explored the wonders of reading through interactive story times, morning meetings and sharing, arts and crafts, cooking and outdoor exploration, and the museum campers met live animals, explored the trails and learned from experts about native wildlife and rehabilitative services for animals in the area!
- The Vault, a student driven and inspired safe space staffed by Wings and DVCP, continued throughout the summer and school year, welcoming students to socialize with peers and lean on trusted adults.
- Wings maintains high standards for learning, enrichment, wellness and academic programming. We have established partnerships with multiple organizations to intentionally add unique opportunities for all of our students, including Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, Trout Unlimited, DVCP, municipal agencies and local craftsmen.

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.

TVES Co-site Coordinators - Jill Sachs & Sage Myska

TVMHS Site Coordinator - Shannon Trumble

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Boyd & Keli Gould Project Co-Directors

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 Ann Manwaring and Bob Bois. 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.

WRC assists towns with a wide variety of activities, including updating town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard area and river corridor bylaw assistance; addressing natural resource issues, including watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's clean water law; energy resilience and planning; transportation related projects, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycle, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), and road foremen training; redevelopment of Brownfields sites (sites that 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.

2023 will most likely be noted for weather-related disasters, beginning with the late-December heavy snow and flooding, the historical heavy snow and related damage from the March storm, and the summer flooding, with the July 8th flooding being the worst since Irene for the towns in the northwest of the region. WRC staff support municipal disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, response, and recovery, as well as direct support of State Emergency Operations Center functions. It was also a year when the governor and legislature recognized the limited capacity of rural towns. Programs like the Municipal Energy Resilience Program in support of town building efficiency, and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program in support of high-need towns, will hopefully become models for future statewide initiatives.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal and other grants, and town assessments. Town assessments made up approximately 5 percent of our total budget. 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 \$6,014.09. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY2024 and 2023 Annual Report, 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 nine members, with Phil Taylor being our newest member. We are committed to creating a much-needed community center in the Deerfield Valley at the former Twin Valley/Wilmington High School building.

Another busy year has passed for our organization, the Old School Enrichment Council, better known as OSEC. We own and operate, as a non-profit corporation, the former Wilmington/Twin Valley Middle High building that was last used as a school during the 2013-14 school year.

We have just completed 6 years of ownership of the building which dates to 1899 with updates and additions to the original wooden building done in 1955 and 1981. Thanks to funds from Wilmington's 1% option tax fund we were able to install a new hot water heating system. This improvement as well as new insulation and windows has lowered the gallons of oil used per year from 17,000 gallons to 11,600 gallons for the most recent full year. We are truly grateful for this support from the town.

Our tenants offer a wide array of services, products and classes and have made the building come alive with activity. We are fortunate to have 14 full time tenants as well as 8 part time tenants: Windham Southwest Supervisory Union, Wilmington Police/Social Worker program, 802 Fitness, Butter Mountain Bakery, Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Wings Community Programs, the Vault Teen Room, Beaver Brook Community School, Stonework LLC office, NY Life office, Livecloud TV, Daniel Gehring Architecture, Ellen Maddrey Artist, Abate Art Studio, Families First, Gatti Cleaning, Suzuki Violin, Valley Fitness, Bamboo Martial Arts and Fitness, Tai Chi and Valley Tae Kwon Do.

The gym is always busy with pickleball, volleyball and basketball open to all with a new activity of "gym walking". We are happy to have Twin Valley Elementary students using the gym once a week for their classes. Recently Twin Valley Youth Sports contributed 6 modern basketball hoops that are now in use. Senior "Recess" offers games/puzzles/getting together in the meeting room which also hosts local organizations, a December craft fair and the Lions Club Christmas basket project.

Our 2nd annual appeal letter has elicited donations of \$15,400 as of this writing (December 2023) with more donations coming in. It is truly encouraging to have a wide range of support from residents, visitors, second home owners and students.

We are thankful for all the support, both financial and volunteer time, from our Deerfield Valley community. Thanks to our tenants and towns we are able to have a central, convenient place to gather and we look forward to hosting more activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Goldfarb, Chair	Meg Streeter, Vice-Chair	Cindy Hayford
Diane Chapman, Secretary	Janet Sherman, Treasurer	Cammie Swanson
TJ Sibilias	Janet Boyd	Phil Taylor



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). We aim to meet basic needs with dignity—working with people and systems to create solutions to end hunger and homelessness for all people in our region. Our programs are focused around food, shelter, and supportive services:

FOODWORKS

Foodworks—Open for in-person shopping on Mondays (12-3), Tuesdays (10-Noon for seniors only and Noon-1 for everyone), Wednesdays (3-6), Thursdays (10-1) and Fridays (Noon-3), our food distribution program serves over 1,600 of our neighbors (roughly 625 households) each month—serving 4,087 individual people in FY23. Foodworks offers a welcoming storefront with the feel of a neighborhood grocery store and is available to anyone in need of supplemental food.

HOUSINGWORKS

Morningside House—Our year-round 30-bed shelter for families and individuals is closed temporarily while plans take shape for making these beds available again in the future.

Groundworks Drop-In Center & Overnight Shelter at 54 South Main—Our 34-bed nightly shelter and Drop-In Center operates year-round. The Drop-In Center provides a safe place where our neighbors experiencing homelessness can come in out of the weather and access services such as case management, showers, laundry, coffee and snacks, email, telephones, lockers, and a kitchen with food available to prepare a meal.

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management—Our case management team offers support ranging from street outreach to housing navigation to bolstering housing retention—helping people find and maintain permanent housing in the community after one or more periods of homelessness. Case Managers are available for each of Groundworks’ housing and shelter program locations, including provision of case management services to the majority of 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 for individuals receiving Social Security disability payments. The program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to program participants—helping people to maintain good financial standing, thereby preventing future threat of homelessness.

HEALTHWORKS

Our embedded medical and mental healthcare provider partnerships have evolved to become Healthworks ACT—the first assertive community treatment team in the state of Vermont. The ACT team provides a formal in-patient level of health and mental health care to individuals actively experiencing or having recently experienced homelessness, with services delivered on an outpatient and street-level basis.

Three service lines make up the team: a Medical service line staffed by outreach nurses and nurse practitioners from Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, a Social Work service line staffed by therapists from the Brattleboro Retreat and case managers from Groundworks Collaborative; and a Peer Support service line staffed through Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS).

Through the Healthworks ACT team, Groundworks clients with acute mental health needs have access to a parallel healthcare system that offers health screenings, wound care, psychotherapy, medication management, harm reduction services, and connection to primary care physicians and prescribers—offered in the environments of their lives (at home, in our shelter, in a park or in the woods as examples)—thereby reducing emergency room visits and in-patient care.

Voices of Hope

Voices of Hope is a grassroots group who works in the Deerfield Valley to inspire hope and actively support people affected by substance use. We advocate to increase local resources and raise awareness about substance misuse and the importance of compassion in the Deerfield Valley. We do this by bringing resources, information, harm reduction and recovery support to the Deerfield Valley.

Our partners include among others, Deerfield Community Partnership, Turning Point of Windham County, the AIDS Project of Southern VT, Vermont Department of Health, The Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley, Deerfield Valley Lions Club, Pettee Memorial Library, West Dover Congregational Church, Brattleboro Area Hospice and the towns of Wilmington, Whitingham and West Dover. Additional partners we started working with this year include: NAMI, United Way, SEVCA, Senior Solutions. Funding from the State and Turning Point allows for a part-time Coordinator, Robin Rieske and a Recovery Support Services Coordinator, Elizabeth McEwen.

Donations from the Rotary Club, the Towns of Wilmington and Halifax Opioid Settlement Fund, individual donors and American Flatbread helped to support our work as well.

Below is an update of our activities and services over the past year:

- We continue our important work of distributing Narcan, reducing stigma and building capacity. We also hired a part-time coordinator, adopted a fiscal agency relationship with the United Way and Turning Point of Windham County. We further developed our Facebook and Web presence.
- Through funding from the Turning Point Recovery Center, we have an official Recovery Support Services Coordinator, and through a generous offer from the town of Wilmington, we continue our use of the Old Firehouse at no cost to offer groups, support, and open hours to drop-in. (712 people were served directly at the Firehouse from Jan to August in 2023). This includes a variety of support groups including Recovery groups, Family Connection and community events. Individual Recovery Coaching, book club and art projects were provided for Recovery month.
- We continue fundraising efforts through grants, events and funding from the Opioid Settlement fund in Wilmington and Halifax. Community donations have also helped support our efforts.
- We held our Third memorial event co-hosted by Brattleboro Area Hospice. 20 community members, including those who have lost a loved one to substance use joined this powerful event.
- Presentations were made to the Marlboro, Readsboro and Wardsboro Selectboards and community trainings were offered on understanding stigma, Multiple roots of addiction, the Power of Dignity.
- Under the leadership of Cheryl Rusin, Cathy Quigley, we distributed Narcan rescue packages, and cabinets and implemented Narcan administration training with over many local businesses, local home associations, Hotels, businesses, Ski Resorts, Ski patrollers, and schools.
- In partnership with Health Resources in Action, we sponsored a focus group with local residents about community needs and Helplink.
- We have resources including dedicated volunteers; grant writers; and technical assistance and support from the many partners mentioned above and the Town of Wilmington.
- We have a window display at the Shaw's parking lot next to the Community Bank in addition to multiple sites for outreach and posting information.

Voices of Hope meets monthly at the Old Firehouse, 18 Beaver Street on the last Tuesday of each month, 5:30. All are welcome!: www.voicesofhopevt.org <https://www.facebook.com/VoicesOfHopeVT>

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Rieske, Voices of Hope Coordinator and Elizabeth McEwen, Recovery Support Services

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SeVEDS

SeVEDS Impact Statement for Wilmington Town Report March 2024

Improving wages, creating jobs, & attracting and keeping people in the region is critical economic development work that is beyond the capacity of any single community to do on its own. **Southeastern VT Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) was founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) in 2007 to create regional strategies and attract resources that help us act together to build a thriving economy.** BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, contracts with SeVEDS to develop and implement these strategies in the Windham Region.

Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People.** It was developed with input from communities across Southern Vermont, and is available online at www.vermontzone.com/ceds. A new CEDS input process will be completed in 2024.

Background & Request

To support this work, SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve. **Therefore, we asked the Town of Wilmington for funding from the 1% local option tax fund in the amount of \$5,628 (based on a population of 1,876) to support SeVEDS in 2023.**

In 2023, 21 communities, representing 86% of Windham residents, voted to invest 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. To build **regional economic development capacity**. SeVEDS uses municipal funding to create programs, conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners.
3. As **seed funding**. We leverage your dollars to bring additional money to the region to provide technical assistance and programs: **every dollar contributed by towns is matched to bring in outside funding.** In FY23 we helped bring close to **\$7 Million** to our region – funding that supports the work of our region's towns, businesses and nonprofits.

FY24 Program Impacts: Wilmington

- Our **Business Services Team** provides access to technical assistance, microlending, business succession and disaster relief services for businesses of all sizes. We work with businesses from startup to retirement. In 2023, **7 Wilmington businesses** received direct help. This includes a **Flood Relief** grant in the amount of \$1,250 for a Wilmington business which was severely impacted by flooding in July 2023.
- In 2023, BDCC secured a Vermont **Building Communities Grant** to help a Wilmington business (1a Coffee) obtain new equipment for increased productivity.
- Our **Workforce Team** creates programs like **Pipelines and Pathways**: a program that in 2023 provided career training and support to students in area High Schools. Wilmington students attending **Twin Valley Middle/High School, BUHS and the Windham Regional Career Center** benefit directly from this work.
- **The Welcoming Communities** program has supported **80** New Americans who filled positions in **48** local companies, keeping our regional economy thriving. The **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** group helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region.
- Our **Community Programs** include the **Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program** and **The Southern Vermont Economy Project (SVEP)**. Since 2017 SVEP has provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants to help community projects solve problems and find resources. We held 3 SVEP events in Wilmington in 2022-2023, bringing traffic to town and using local food purveyors for catering.
- BDCC's real estate, finance, and grant management staff provide technical assistance to local recipients of state capital grants, Northern Border Regional Commission funding, and Congressionally Designated Spending. This includes the **Rte 9 Sewer Infrastructure Expansion** in Wilmington.

More SeVEDS-Led Programming

For a deeper overview of our programs, visit our website at www.brattleborodevelopment.com. There you can sign up for our e-newsletter to get updates including state and federal economic and community development resources, or download our annual report (you can also call the office to receive your own copy: 802-257-7731 x230)

To learn more about the CEDS, CEDS projects & the Southern Vermont Economy Summit visit www.vermontzone.com.

Planning Commission Report

In 2023, long-time member of the PC Angela Yakovleff resigned her position with the Wilmington Planning Commission (PC). Angela was a valued member of the PC and her knowledge and ability to understand the needs of the Town will be sorely missed. We thank Angela for her service and wish her well in her continuing endeavors. As a replacement we welcomed in Matthew Moore as a new member.

In 2023, housing continued to be a major focus for the Planning Commission. Windham Regional Committee (WRC) completed their analysis of the Wilmington Zoning Ordinances. Matt Bachler completed his review and presented his report to the PC. 2023 was a yearlong process to formulate Zoning proposal with the recommendations from the WRC. The result was a presentation to the Selectboard (SB) of numerous changes to the Wilmington Zoning Regulations allowing for greater density and increased housing. These changes are pending with the SB.

In addition, in 2023 Short-Term rental regulations become a focus after the Bi-Town Housing Rental Sub-committee held numerous meetings on the effects of both Long-Term and Short-Term rentals in both Dover and Wilmington. A report was presented to both the Dover and Wilmington Selectboards suggesting numerous changes to how Short-Term Rentals (STR) were regulated and tracked. Those suggestions are also pending with the SB.

The result for the PC was a review of the existing STR regulations, enacted in 2015, and several meetings focused on possible changes. The PC did at the end of 2023 forward to the SB proposed changes to the STR regulations in all districts. These proposals are also pending with the SB.

For 2024 we will continue to review the Town of Wilmington Zoning Ordinances to make sure it is clear and correct, and in line with the goals set out in our latest Town Plan to best serve the residents of Wilmington and the Town itself.

As always, we welcome all residents and interested parties 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,
John Lebron, Chair
Brian Holt, Vice Chair
Michele Carlson, secretary
Erik King
Matthew Moore

Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission oversees the maintenance of several cemeteries in our area: Averell (located on VT Rte. 9 East/Rte. 100), Intervale/Cutting (situated on Smith Rd.), Restland (positioned behind the Congregational Church), and Riverview (situated on Stowe Hill Rd.).

Reflecting on the past year's activities, there were sixteen burials at Riverview and two at Intervale. Additionally, twenty-seven gravesites were sold at Riverview, while Intervale sold six cremation plots.

All our cemeteries necessitate regular upkeep, including pruning trees, removing unsafe trees, and general cleaning and repair of toppled or broken gravestones. Riverview, our most active cemetery, underwent significant improvements. New informational sections and regulation signage were installed, and a few historical graves were marked. To address safety concerns, the Town Road Department repaired and raised a drainage culvert, and the storage shed interiors were cleaned. The Riverview Remembrance Garden project at the cul-de-sac began and is scheduled for completion in the upcoming spring. Moreover, the Fire Department procured forty markers and flags to honor past members' graves. Intervale/Cutting also expanded by adding twelve new cremation plots, and the damaged front corner of the stone wall was repaired.

We extend our gratitude to those who supported us in the maintenance and operation of the cemeteries throughout the year. Special thanks go to the mowing contractors and their teams (Bill Hunt, Doug Dix, and Bob Spirka), the Town Road Department, and the Beautification Committee, as well as Wimmelmann & Sons Tree Service. We also acknowledge the contributions of town officials: Therese Lounsbury, Eithne Eldred, Christine Richter, and Jessica DeFrancesco. Our appreciation also goes to Shea Monuments, Mark Spiller, and Todd Stewart for their commendable work in repairing and cleaning gravestones, and to Walter White and Alan Davis for placing American flags on veteran gravesites. Also, Cheryl Rusin and her team working on the Remembrance Garden. Recognition is due to John Boyd, Todd Stewart, Fred Skwirut, and Scott Moore for their roles as our Sextons. We value the efforts of many others who contribute to maintaining the cemeteries—your dedication is truly appreciated!

Respectfully submitted, Cemetery Commissioners
Richard "Kappa" Khachadorian, Walter White, Janet Boyd, Donna Moore & Ralph Staib

Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry has remained open and busy during the 2022-2023 year with the use of the normal distribution method in which items are chosen as needed. We continue to provide a week's worth of supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in Wilmington, Whitingham, Marlboro, Halifax, Dover, Readsboro and Searsburg.

The items we offer include non-perishable staples, health care products, meats, eggs, dairy, fresh produce and bread at every distribution. All families are offered the same foods and their family size determines the amount.

Fundraising events and food drives by local schools and businesses were held and their support is very much appreciated. It is important to emphasize that items donated have to be in date. We have also received monetary donations to purchase foods from area businesses and the Vermont Food Bank. Our many sources of food allows us to be very efficient in the spending of funds donated to us.

Our family numbers remained roughly the same as in 2021-2022 for most of the year, fluctuating a little up or down. The weather does not affect us, and it usually does not affect those who need food. We have always been busy and open to serve those who need us.

Local dedicated volunteers assist Board Members in distributing 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. This year we were humbled to receive the American Legion's Citizenship Award at this year's Memorial Day Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
Evon Mack, President

Deerfield Valley Transit Association

We celebrated our 27th anniversary in 2023. 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. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors. A few people thought we'd never survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided nearly six million rides since.

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, WSWSU 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 Selectboard, 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



Women’s Freedom Center

The Women’s Freedom Center's mission is to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor 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 providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to survivors and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, 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 survivors and their 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 southern Windsor County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes, this means assisting them to get to us, and other times, it means us going to them somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 144 people, and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,099 people** (623 women, 2 non-binary individuals, 31 men, and 444 children) who had been abused. These figures include 14 survivors and their 6 children from Wilmington. In addition, we provided 50 community outreach activities, including school presentations and workshops, to over 700 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor Counties.

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



Community Garden

Gathering Place

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served elders and adults with disabilities residing in Windham County and bordering New Hampshire and Massachusetts communities since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. The Gathering Place is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 4:45 PM.

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

- Nursing oversight
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- Daily exercise program
- Recreation and social activities
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care
- Outreach services
- Socialization
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of transportation to medical appointments

There are many different ways that program participants may pay for their services:

- Vermont Medicaid
- Dementia and Respite Grants
- American Parkinson's Disease Association Grants
- Private pay and Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance
- Sliding fee scholarship funding may be available to help cover the cost of attendance for participants who have demonstrated financial need and subject to the availability of funds.

Wilmington residents represented just over 10% of our total service hours in FY2023. We thank the residents of Wilmington for their ongoing support of our services and for continuing to entrust us with their care and the care of their loved ones.

For more information on our services visit www.gatheringplacevt.org or (802) 254-6559.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Robertson, Executive Director

The Windham Disaster Animal Response Team



2023 was a busy year for the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team's (VDART's) regional response teams in Windham County and beyond. WinDART was activated by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets in March to provide pet sheltering services alongside the American Red Cross's human services after a long-term power outage in Brattleboro, VT caused the opening of a warming shelter at the Brattleboro Union High School. Only one person took advantage of the shelter (with her German Shepherd pictured here), and we were able to provide a warm and safe place for both of them to stay together.

In July, the catastrophic flooding that Vermont experienced once again triggered an activation for pet sheltering services. With assistance from teams across the state, including WinDART, the Central Vermont DART stood up a pet shelter near the Barre Auditorium, where dozens of



residents from Barre and Montpelier were evacuated to safety. Under CVDART's leadership, 47 volunteers provided 1,700 hours of round-the-clock assistance to 72 animals (including this rain-soaked kitty) for a period of 26-days, assisting 38 families. Several animals will remain in foster care until they can be reunited with their families. This was an unprecedented response for VDART and its local teams, and demonstrated that our year-round training and drills allow us to respond efficiently and effectively in order to keep pets and their families together through crisis.

In exciting news, WinDART recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Town of Wilmington to use the Old School Community Center as a pet sheltering location for the Deerfield Valley. This will ensure that animals have a designated area to be sheltered close to their human families. WinDART will be participating in a state-wide drill being organized by the Vermont Emergency Management Agency in 2024, and hopes to use the space as part of the drill to test its suitability. WinDART is grateful to the towns of Whitingham, Wilmington, Dover, Halifax and Newfane for recognizing the importance of our work and supporting these life-saving services with yearly town meeting allocations.



Our volunteers braved cold rainy weather in April to host a Pet Food Drive at the Shaw's in Wilmington, securing \$200 worth of pet food for the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. And WinDART volunteers once again participated in several community events throughout the summer and fall promoting our message that pets should be included in all levels of emergency preparedness—starting with being part of their family's emergency response plan. We distributed disaster planning materials at the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival Market & Music event, the Wilmington Antique and Flea Market, the Windham County Humane

Society's Walk for Animals, and the Wilmington Trunk or Treat.

In September, WinDART organized a free Pet First Aid class instructed by Halifax veterinarian Dr. Sue Kelly and hosted by the Vermont EMS Academy in Newfane. Members of the team and the general public learned how to identify and manage some common issues like burns, lacerations, chemical exposures and hypothermia until their pets could be brought to a veterinarian for follow-up treatment



Windham Windsor Housing Trust

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 in 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 *21 homeowners* by providing low-cost loans to make critical repairs. *110 participants completed the Homebuyer Educational Workshop.* The one-to-one counseling assisted *31 new homeowners* in 2023 by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The *Shared Equity program has 140 homes* currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. The VHIP (Vermont Housing Improvement Program) works with private landowners to rehab and/or create new units. There were *36 under construction and 14 completed projects* spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties this year with a healthy pipeline for 2024.

Housing Development: WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities which meet the diverse housing needs within a community. This takes the form of both the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. This year, the Bellows Falls Garage opened creating *27 new, affordable apartments* to downtown Bellows Falls, and contributes to the revitalization of this portion of the historic Vermont village. The Alice Holway Drive development in Putney is slated to create 25 new homes within the village and is planned to break ground in 2024. The Central & Main 25-unit development in downtown Windsor will also be breaking ground in 2024. This year, WWHT completed work on *deep retrofits and renovations on 26 apartments* in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these units allows us to serve our residents into the coming decades.

Property Management: WWHT owns *83 residential properties* housing 16 commercial spaces with 929 rental apartments and 3 mobile home parks, home to over 1,500 residents. We manage the rental properties in southern Windham County and contract with Stewart Property Management 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 the long-term health and safety of our residents as well as the preservation of property values. We've expanded our supportive services capacity through participating in the SASH For All program, connecting residents of all ages to critical resources to meet their self-driven health and well-being goals. Between Windsor's SASH program and SASH For All, we had over *120 participants connected to health and wellness resources.*

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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90 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont 05156
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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 and enhance the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion, and promotion of animal welfare.

Shelter Programs:

Intake:

- 282 animals were surrendered by their owners.
- 09 animals were seized by law enforcement.
- 233 animals were brought in as strays.
- 213 animals came from regions of the country where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation.
- 43 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS.
- 13 animals were provided boarding while their owners dealt with homelessness or hospitalization.

Outcomes:

- 660 animals were adopted.
- 77 animals were reunited with their owners.
- 48 animals were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 05 animals (motherless neonatal kittens) died in care.
- 28 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations.
- 04 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 12 days. The longest resident was with us for 87 days.

Total expenses for WCHS in **2022-23 were \$738,913.**

Community Vet Clinic Services: *Veterinary care is provided to owned pets for low cost or free to help owners keep their pets healthy, out of area shelters/rescues, and in loving homes. Services include vaccinations, parasite prevention, spay/neuter surgery, bloodwork, infection/disease treatment, and other non-emergency care.*

- 780 pets were spayed/neutered.
- 840 Rabies vaccinations.
- 1927 wellness/examination and vaccination visits.
- 95 owners requested euthanasia for older pets whose owners couldn't get in to see another veterinarian.

WCHS served Wilmington residents as follows:

- 10 residents adopted a dog or cat.
- 13 owners surrendered their pets.
- 04 stray animals were brought to the shelter.
- 41 pet owners had their dogs or cats spayed/neutered.
- 48 Rabies vaccinations were provided.
- 30 Pets received veterinary exams and care.

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 cost 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, 2021 and June 30, 2022, VNH made 316 in-home visits to 19 residents. This included approximately \$11,214 in unreimbursed care to residents.

- **Home Health Care**: 11 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services**: 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Long-Term Care**: 1 resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care**: 3 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.

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,

Anthony Knox

Anthony Knox, Community Relations Manager (1-888-300-8853)

Recreation Committee

In April 2022 the Wilmington Recreation Commission was awarded a \$98,000.00 Vermont Afterschool Expansion Grant to improve our recreational offerings to the youth in our community from June 2022 through July 2023. The goal was to improve access for working parents, reduce costs to families, and create new program options.

In our Middle School Summer Recreation Program 2023 we were able to: 1) hire an adult assistant director, Alejandro Hernandez, increasing our daily capacity of participants; 2) provide early drop off beginning at 7:45 and add 4 afternoons of programming; 3) increase art offerings with a continuing artist-in-residency (with local artist Hope Phelan) throughout the month of July to create a mural in the Old School Community Center, weekly visiting artists, and three field trips to the Brattleboro Museum, to Vermont Community College in Bennington, and to Zoar Outdoor for a fun-filled white water rafting excursion; and 4) provide all programming at no cost to participants.

We again coordinated with Wings Community Programs that resulted in 4 weeks of full day programming in the month of July. Wings offered 3 weeks of Middle School Outdoor Adventure Program in the afternoons, and our Middle School Summer Recreation Program provided the rest. Jen Nilsen again served as our Director with Max Nido, Laurel Zahka, Logan Hill, and Chris Eckert as high school counselors.

The Vermont Afterschool Expansion Grant has also enabled us to collaborate with the Deerfield Valley Community Partnership and Wings Community Programs to fund a student-led initiative to create a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible space in the community for any youth to gather safely when out of school. This is offered after school 2 days per week at a designated youth space at the Old School Community Center. Special activities are planned by the youth advisory council and Teen Nights will be held throughout the year. The youth have selected the name "The Vault" for their space. It is presently open to students in grades 7-12 on Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 pm.

In other summer recreation news, we are continuing to collaborate with Wings Community Programs to offer Celebrate Summer! at Twin Valley Elementary School for K-5 students. This year Julie Moore served as the director. Programs were well received with waiting lists for slots.

The town of Wilmington continues to sponsor pick-up basketball on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays, both at 6:30 pm at the Old School Community Center. Winter indoor soccer is also offered on Fridays and Sundays 7-9pm. Thanks to our volunteers for organizing these opportunities.

The volleyball net at Buzzy Towne Park will be raised again in the spring. Volleyballs are available for lending out from Pettee Memorial Library during normal hours. A backboard for the tennis courts has been painted by Twin Valley High School students and will be installed in the spring.

The Recreation Commission has created an online survey and welcomes your input. Please take a few minutes to help us improve our recreation opportunities in town. You can access the link on the newsletter or using this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6kYXp74wl1DBV5-l-pUJqaC7uPkfasw_yJ5KB_SpTtcNI_g/viewform

We are currently actively seeing new Recreation Commission members. We are a cheerful and collaborative group, who meets roughly once per month. As indicated above, the main project of the commission is the summer recreation camp for youth, but we are always interested in new recreation related projects and ideas. Please reach out to jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us for more information!

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Molina
Emily Beeman
Jason Hartnett

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 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, umpires, and our concession booth run by parents from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, who receive community service hours as credit for their school. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, concessions, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, league dues, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs. TVYS recently hired Tri-State Folding Partitions to install 6 folding basketball hoops that lower to 8 feet and raise to 10 feet with the push of a button at the Old School Community Center. The wiring of these basketball hoops was completed by Justin Corey from JC Electric. This will be a great addition for our basketball players, coaches, as well as our community who uses the Old School Community Center gymnasium on a regular basis. TVYS also purchased an AED this spring and was able to have it ready and in service for our 2023 fall soccer season. This is an important step in the safety of all who are involved in our baseball and soccer programs at the field at Twin Valley Elementary School should the unthinkable happen. TVYS continues to raise funds to renovate the baseball outfield and soccer field. The scope of the work to be done was provided by Linden Landscapes from Wethersfield, CT, and surveyed by KML Survey and Design from Jacksonville, VT. The project is going out to bid in late October and early November 2023. We are hopeful that a bid will be submitted within the budgeted amount of the project.

Twin Valley Youth Sports participates in the West River Valley Baseball League. In the spring of 2023, we were able to field a softball team for the girls for the first time in several years. This is a true testament of how our programs have grown over the years. The baseball program had 107 participants who played weekly games with the surrounding towns in the West River Baseball League, which included Dummerston, Townshend, Wardsboro, Dover, Putney, and Newbrook.

Our basketball program was a success in the winter of 2023. 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 games against other area teams such as Bennington, Arlington, Manchester and Hinsdale, NH. TVYS also fielded a 5th & 6th grade boys team in the Berkshire County League in Massachusetts which was an outstanding addition to the schedule due to the rigorous competition that was provided. Our boy's won the Berkshire County basketball championship in their 1st year of joining the league. In 2023/24, we will again field a boys 5/6 team, as well as adding a girls 5/6 team in this league. The number of athletes participating in the basketball program in the winter of 2023 was 96.

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. 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 (2023), TVYS fielded a girls 3rd/4th grade team, a boys 3rd/4th grade team, a girls 5th/ 6th grade team and two boys 5th/6th grade 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 2023 was 139.

We are excited about the direction our programs are 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, Thrift Stores, and a Community Solar Program.

In the community of Wilmington we have provided the following services during FY2023:

Weatherization: 7 housing units (7 people) received weatherization services.

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 4 households (4 people) received a heating System repair or replacement for a failed or nonworking heating system.

Emergency Home Repair: 2 households (2 people) received emergency repairs to address immediate health or safety concerns in their home.

Tax Preparation: 1 household (1 person) received assistance preparing their income taxes.

Family Services: 16 households (28 people) received 60 services (crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 10 households (16 people) received 16 assists to receive emergency heating fuel or to avoid utilities disconnects.

Housing Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received assistance to secure or maintain safe, housing.

Solar Energy Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received \$430 in electric energy credits to reduce their energy burden.

The combined value of services received by Wilmington residents during FY 2023 was in excess of \$53,247.00.

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.

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IN MEMORY OF LINDA GREEN



The Town of Wilmington lost what we considered our #1 utility player. Utility because there was not a job or duty she could not fill (at a moment's notice) if needed by any of our departments. We can't express our appreciation enough for all that Linda has done for the Town.

Linda Green was that person as she was as comfortable in the Zoning Office, as she was helping out at the police station. She toiled in the Listers office, completed work for the administrative assistant, worked with the Town Clerk and was a mainstay at the voting sites. She worked for over 15 years in the Finance Office. And if that wasn't enough, she was the go-to person when help was needed to operate the town transfer station.

Of late she was elected as a Justice of the Peace and continued to do whatever was needed for the good of Wilmington.

We lost Linda this past September after she suffered an unexpected medical event. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered as our all-around can-do person.



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