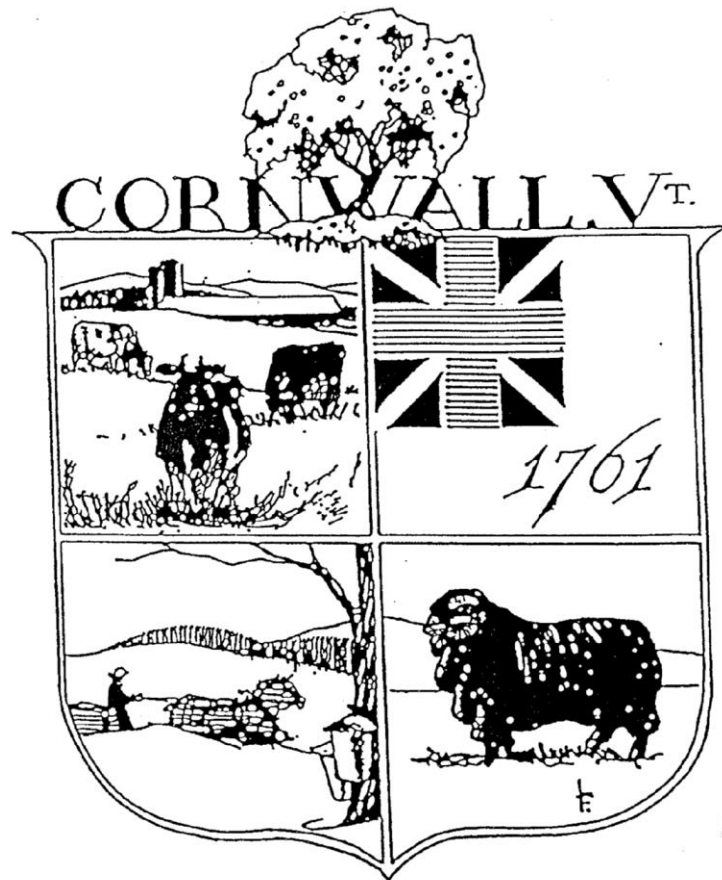


ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF
CORNWALL, VERMONT



For Year Ending December 31st, 2020

*Town Reports will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, Cornwall School and the
Cornwall Town Garage*

Annual Report

Town of Cornwall

In lieu of Traditional Town Meeting
there will be an Informational Meeting via Zoom
Monday, February 22nd, 2021, at 7:00 PM
There Will Be No Floor Meeting in 2021

Town Meeting Election Day
All Voting by Australian Ballot
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021, at the Cornwall Town Hall
Polls open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Early/Absentee Ballot Voting
Early/Absentee Ballots Will Be Mailed to All Active Voters in Cornwall

Same Day Voter Registration
On January 1st, 2017, the Same Day Voter Registration Law went into effect in Vermont. You may now register to vote at the polls on Town Meeting Day.

“Town Meeting” Dinner – COVID-19 Style
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 from 5:00 – 6:15 PM
At the Cornwall School

TOWN MEETING 2022: Monday, February 28th, 2022
VOTING 2022: Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Town Meeting Dinner

COVID-19 Style



Menu: Travel to the
Mediterranean with
us and enjoy some:
Greek Lemon Baked
Chicken or Tofu
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
provided by: Chef Dan
Whittemore

A dessert of Turtle
Brownies will be made
by Laurie Ballantine

What: Please join us for
our annual **Town Meeting
Dinner at Cornwall School.**

This annual event is a
fundraiser for the **Friends of
Cornwall School (FOCS)**
and supports our efforts for
the children and staff of
Cornwall School.

When: Tuesday, March
2nd, 2021 from 5-6:30pm.

In order to curb the effects of
COVID-19, this year
all meals will be pre-ordered
and provided To-go.

Where: Cornwall School
Parking lot.

Who: All community members are welcome!

Price: \$10 adults; \$5 children.

You can pre-order your meal(s) by Tuesday, February 23rd

Contact: Ian Ross by phone at 462-3729 or by email at

addison.department.store@gmail.com Please provide your
Name, some contact information, how many meals you want
(adult/child and chicken/tofu), and approximate pick-up time.

Upon pulling into the lot, someone will take your name, confirm your
order, and take your payment (**checks made out to FOCS**). You
will then be directed where to wait for your order to be
delivered. We ask that all state guidelines be followed and you
remain in the vehicle and masked during your visit.

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Town Report Dedication

Roth William Tall, Jr & Cynthia Day Tall

“T” and Cy Tall have contributed their individual expertise and skills to Cornwall, and the County, for decades. Cy grew up in Shoreham, while T graduated from Middlebury College in 1965 and stayed in the area. From operating fundraising consulting businesses to helping Habitat for Humanity establish housing in Cornwall, T has been committed to improving our community. Cy uses her expertise, ranging from graphic design to financial analysis, in her marketing ventures, as well as serving as Co-President/CEO of Beau Ties Ltd.

Their combined volunteer and advisory efforts have included Middlebury Regional Ambulance, Henry Sheldon Museum, the Rotary International, the United Way, Home Health and Hospice, and many other local agencies. Both have acted as Chairs in many of these organizations, and both have received recognition and awards for their contributions.

The Town of Cornwall has been lucky to have their involvement as Elected and Appointed Town Officials, for taking a lead with the Historical Society, and for participating in many Town groups and events.

Cy was nominated for Moderator, from the floor at the March 1997 Town Meeting, and has been serving as both Town Meeting and School Board Meeting Moderator since then. Alas, due to COVID, we will not be able to enjoy her thoroughly professional, yet humorous, navigation through Town Warning discussions this year. She also served on the Zoning Board of Adjustments for eight years, and Chaired the Cornwall Historical Society for many years.

T served as Planning Commission Chair for over ten years, stepping down in 2002. He stepped *up* to the Selectboard at that point, where he served for eight years. The knowledge and abilities T brings to these roles provides refreshing perspectives, a diligence to tasks, and a thoughtfulness to broader aspects and impacts. In 2005, T was included among the 25 Cornwall honorees of the Vermont Public Service Award for 20+ years of service to the Town. In 2013 he was the local Green Up Coordinator, and since 2016, has been a member of the Cemetery Commission.

While all the deeds of T and Cy Tall cannot be listed, we wish to recognize the great commitment and perseverance each has demonstrated over the decades. It is with great appreciation for both their individual participation, and combined contributions—to our Town and to our Community—that we dedicate the 2020 Annual Town Report to them.

Auditors' Report

The role of the Town's elected Auditors is to assure accountability of town expenditures and report findings to the taxpayers through the Annual Town Report. Issues and expenditures effecting the townspeople are discussed, and traditionally voted upon, at the Town Meeting. This year however, things will be different.

An online meeting will replace the Monday night Town Meeting. Further, all topics on the Warning will be included on the paper ballot, which will be mailed to registered voters of the Town. Unlike past years, all ballots will be electronically processed—as with our presidential and statewide elections.

Despite a long trend of decreasing participation in Town life, we hope ALL townspeople registered to vote will actively participate in the ballot measures and online meeting. The participation of our entire town is critical to the survival of town life, and our community.

Please join us for the online meeting on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3049483370?pwd=a0dTMlptRk4yT3RDZkxCa3ZBdGRhQT09>. Ballots must be *received* at the Town Hall by Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Yearly, the Auditors meet to assemble and publish the Annual Town Report with Sue Johnson, review financial statements, and highlight town issues in the report. Topics include the Selectboard's role in financial oversight, the software system (NEMRC), and how committees and officials are managing their responsibilities.

Sue continues to develop a Procedures Manual for Clerk and Treasurer tasks. She continues to use the NEMRC financial system with built-in checks-and-balances. Sue continues to mitigate issues inherent with the combined Clerk/Treasurer role by using external personnel to reconcile bank statements and adjusting entries. The town maintains its cycle of a full audit every three years, the next at the end of 2021 for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/21.

We appreciate Sue's openness to our reviews and conversations. We encourage all town officials to remain attentive to the fiscal integrity of our town, and continue to support Sue in her responsibilities.

We have a number of open elected positions which are currently unfilled – including one for Auditor. You, the townspeople, are our local government. Together we maintain the traditional Vermont approach to democracy. To succeed we must all be active in town life and operations. We, the town of Cornwall, need *you* to participate!

As Auditors and community members, we wish to express our gratitude to Sue, who does so much more than serve as Clerk and Treasurer. Her dedication to all aspects of the community are highly commendable. We offer our perennial thanks for her tireless work and efforts in keeping the Town of Cornwall running smoothly. Thank you, Sue!

We also recognize Ken Manchester for his 18 years of as an Auditor. His knowledge of our town, his experience with the Fire and Highway Departments, his attention to detail, and his humor, have been tremendously helpful. Thank you, Ken, for this and all you do for the town!

Town Auditors—

Shawn Fetterolf, Chair; Kate Gieges; Ken Manchester

Town Meeting Warning
Town of Cornwall Annual Town Meeting
March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall, in the County of Addison, the State of Vermont are hereby warned and notified to vote by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Cornwall Town Hall as provided by Act 162, which due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, temporarily allows a municipality to apply the Australian ballot system to any or all of its Town Meetings.

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall are further notified that the Cornwall Selectboard will hold an informational meeting on Articles 1 – 11 on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing, with details to be provided.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Cornwall apply any budget surplus to defray property taxes? (see Balance Sheet for General Fund on page 21)

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters approve a General Fund budget of \$499,608?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters approve a Highway budget of \$451,713. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, resulting in a budget of \$386,713?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters appropriate \$69,750 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters appropriate \$3,500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Conservation Fund, to pay for educational and outreach conservation programs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022? The unspent portion of this appropriation will remain in the Conservation Fund as a reserve to be used to support long-term conservation efforts, such as helping to conserve farms and natural areas.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000 as a portion of the cost of a town-wide reappraisal anticipated in three to five years?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations?

a. Addison Central Teens, Inc.	\$2,500.00
b. Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	1,440.00
c. Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00
d. Addison County Readers, Inc.	350.00
e. Addison County Restorative Justice Services	350.00
f. Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative	500.00

g. Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	1,315.00
h. Age Well	950.00
i. Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)	2,000.00
j. Charter House Coalition	2,500.00
k. Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
l. Elderly Services	0.00
m. End of Life Services, Inc.	600.00
n. Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00
o. Habitat for Humanity of Addison County	800.00
p. Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center	500.00
q. H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	4,000.00
r. John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
s. Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	750.00
t. Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)	750.00
u. Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	1,000.00
\v. Otter Creek Child Care Center	1,000.00
w. The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	540.00
x. Turning Point Center of Addison County	1,000.00
y. Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
z. WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$30,520.00

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve the billing date of September 1, 2021 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2021, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2022? Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2021, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2022 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters of the Town of Cornwall ratify the Town of Ripton's vote of January 12, 2021 to withdraw the Town of Ripton from the Addison Central School District?

ARTICLE 11: To elect all town officials as required by law.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

Benjamin Marks, Chair
 John Roberts, Vice Chair
 Magna Dodge
 Brian Kemp
 Benjamin Wood

Elected Town Officers 2020

Moderator:	Term Expires 2021	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2021	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2021	Susan Johnson
Selectboard, 3 years:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023	John Roberts Magna Dodge Brian Kemp
Selectboard, 2 years:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022	Benjamin Wood Benjamin Marks
First Constable:	Term Expires 2021	Gary Margolis
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2021	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2021	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023	William Johnson Todd Kincaid Jordan Young
Addison Central S. D.:	Term Expires 2021	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023	Kenneth Manchester, Jr. Katie A. Q. Gieges Shawn Fetterolf
Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023	Jon Isham David Anderson Robert Gerlin
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2021 Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Anne Collins Joan Bingham "T" Tall Vacant Bruce Payne

Elected Town Officers 2020, *continued*

Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2021	Laura Fetterolf
	Term Expires 2021	Rich Isenberg
	Term Expires 2021	Patty McCormick
	Term Expires 2021	Kristina Simmons
	Term Expires 2022	Judy English
	Term Expires 2022	Juliet Gerlin
	Term Expires 2022	Susan Johnson
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2021	Marjorie Drexler
	Term Expires 2021	Christiana Hodges
	Term Expires 2021	Drew Kervick
	Term Expires 2021	Lauren Ringey
	Term Expires 2021	A. J. Vasiliou
	Term Expires 2022	Don Burns
	Term Expires 2023	Conor Stinson
Justices of the Peace:	Term Expires 2022	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2022	Marjorie Drexler
	Term Expires 2022	Judy English
	Term Expires 2022	Liam English
	Term Expires 2022	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2022	Gary Margolis
	Term Expires 2022	Jordan Young

Appointed Town Officers 2020

AC Regional Planning Commission:	Delegates:	Don Burns Stan Grzyb
	Alternates:	Vacant Vacant
AC Solid Waste Mngt District Board:	Representative:	Vacant
	Alternate:	Vacant
Animal Control Officer		Stacey Freeguard
Assistant Town Clerk-Treasurer:	Term Expires 2021	Laura Fetterolf
Capital Committee:		David Berno Mary Conlon Magna Dodge Stu Johnson Sue Johnson Ben Wood
Cemetery Sextons:	Central:	Vacant
	Evergreen:	Richard Bruso
	Fair:	Bruce Payne
	South:	Richard Bruso
Conservation Commission:		Katherine Branch Mary Dodge Brian Howlett Michael Sheriden
Development Review Board:	Term Expires 2021	Joseph Severy
	Term Expires 2021	Sharon Johnson
	Term Expires 2022	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2022	Magna Dodge
	Term Expires 2022	Barbara Greenwood
Alternates to DRB:	Term Expires 2021	Cheryl Cesario
	Term Expires 2021	Joan Lynch
	Term Expires 2020	Vacant
E9-1-1 Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges

Appointed Town Officers 2020, *continued*

Emergency Management Coordinator:		Susan Johnson
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2021	Greg Dennis
	Term Expires 2021	Michael Heinecken
	Term Expires 2021	Annie Wilson
Fire Warden:		Tommy Frankovic, Jr.
Assistant Fire Warden:		Vacant
Green-Up Coordinator:		Susan Johnson
Health Officer:	Term Expires 2023	Bill Johnson
Assistant Health Officer:	Term Expires 2021	Susan Johnson
Inspector of Lumber:		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Recreation Committee:		Sue Barrows Paul Bougor Loyal Broughton Mary Jane Broughton Sue Johnson Shauna Riley Sue Sears Annie Wilson
Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2021	Brian Kemp
Road Foreman:	Hired Employee	Michael Sunderland
Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2021	Gary Barnett
Assistant Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2021	Vacant
Tree Warden:	Term Expires 2021	Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:	Term Expires 2021	Jon Isham

Selectboard Report

As the Select Board chair these past several years it has been my privilege and obligation to summarize the past year's events in a report to the town to be printed in our Annual Report. In general, my reports have focused on local events and recounted the initiatives that the Select Board has undertaken on behalf of the town and the status of ongoing projects, such as the replacement of the Swamp Road bridge. Over this past year, however, the story has been different in a number of ways, none of which will be news to those of you who have lived in Cornwall for the last year. For the sake of the historians, I will simply list some of the national challenges that have reached into our community and touched us all in 2020. In the past year we have grappled with a worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, an economic shutdown – state and national – as part of an effort to contain that disease, the adaptation of our schools and local governments to provide services in the wake of all of that, a bitterly contested election year on the national level, calls for social justice within and without the state, the hopeful beginning of a vaccine rollout, and the growing realization that the motto *e pluribus unum* is not something that we can take for granted, but is something that must be actively pursued, if that goal is something that we wish to see realized.

Considering all of that, allow me to submit that our triumphs this year have been the ordinary ones. Your Select Board, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Conservation Commission have all met regularly – if remotely – and as often as necessary to transact the town's business. The roads have been maintained and regularly serviced. The volunteer fire department has responded faithfully when called. We have conducted our part in national and statewide elections with civility. And we have checked in on one another, in the best Cornwall tradition – which is one of the things that makes us a town, and not simply a collection of houses that happen to be located not too far from one another. While it has been difficult, I hope you will agree with me that we enter springtime with a sense of hope.

In an ordinary year, I would have led this report acknowledging a pending departure: Ben Wood has served on the Select Board for 10 years, chairing in one of them. His steady, hardworking hand has been evident in every one of our accomplishments during his time on the Board. In addition, his experience running a small business has been directly applicable to our town's work, whether we were developing budgets, helping to manage town hall renovations, looking into the town's future needs on the Capital Committee, or dealing with employee matters. The town has been stronger, our debate more civil, and our decisions more well-considered because of his involvement. Please join me in expressing the Select Board's appreciation to Ben for his many, many contributions over the years.

As far as the town's business goes, we have submitted for your approval municipal and highway budgets that are roughly level funded from the prior year. We have made nips and tucks to account for modest increases in the salaries of our town employees.

The Select Board spent a good portion of its time over the past year collaborating with the town's other commissions on various projects. We worked with the Planning Commission on mandated flood resiliency language for our town plan and on developing an approach to forest fragmentation. We also held joint meetings with the Planning Commission on the draft Land Use and Development Regulations (Zoning) presented to us in the prior year. The Select Board could not reach consensus on that draft and allowed those draft regulations to lapse. We expect that a new process, with a fully staffed Planning Commission, will be started after the Planning

Selectboard Report, *continued*

Commission's current work on the Town Plan is complete. In addition, Select Board and Conservation Commission members are currently drafting a set of procedures to administer any future balance in the town's conservation fund.

We have appointed Magna Dodge, Delegate, and Bill Johnson, Alternate, to Maple Broadband – the county's effort to expand universal broadband access in its Addison County member towns. Magna gives updates at each Select Board meeting on Maple Broadband's progress as it gets off the ground. Early organizational efforts have been centered on selecting an operating partner and developing a business plan that will enable Maple Broadband to secure additional funding to support its efforts.

Let me close with a thank-you to our hardworking Town Clerk, Sue Johnson. Although she is the closest thing Cornwall has to a public face, it is her work behind the scenes that has helped us through the past year. Whether it is organizing our elections, taking on the monumental task of beginning to digitize the town's land records, or serving as the first person most folks contact when expressing concerns or asking questions about the Town, Sue has done a wonderful job balancing the often-conflicting demands of the past year. We are lucky to have her.

Benjamin Marks
Cornwall Select Board Chair

Selectboard General Fund Budget

	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
Fixed Appropriations	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to Date	Proposed Budget
Humane Society	550.00	450.00	550.00	450.00	500.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
County Tax	9,000.00	7,823.42	9,000.00	8,541.33	9,200.00	9,186.24	9,200.00	10,542.31	11,409.00
Regional Planning	1,500.00	1,462.47	1,505.00	1,503.18	1,550.00	1,546.71	1,582.00	1,581.36	1,600.00
Otter Creek Conservation	122.00	121.11	122.00	121.11	122.00	121.11	122.00	121.11	122.00
MREMS	2,963.00	2,963.00	2,963.00	2,963.00	2,963.00	2,962.50	11,850.00	11,850.00	11,850.00
VLCT	2,331.00	2,331.00	2,400.00	2,381.00	2,442.00	2,442.00	2,541.00	2,541.00	2,541.00
Capital Fund Equipment	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	48,920.00	130,000.00
Capital Fund Buildings	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	56,471.53	100,000.00
Capital Fund Paving	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Totals	246,466.00	245,151.00	246,540.00	245,959.62	271,777.00	271,708.56	280,745.00	132,027.31	282,972.00
Salaries									
Auditors	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Selectboard	3,400.00	2,800.00	3,400.00	3,300.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Town Clerk - Treasurer	43,926.00	43,926.00	45,024.00	45,024.00	46,150.00	46,150.08	47,304.00	24,652.00	48,486.00
Listers	10,000.00	4,731.00	10,000.00	7,285.20	10,000.00	892.80	10,000.00	2,550.00	7,500.00
Custodian	100.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Asst. Town Clerk	3,600.00	5,717.00	5,000.00	4,505.63	5,000.00	1,570.44	5,000.00	0.00	2,500.00
Planning Commission	1,400.00	800.00	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	1,000.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
DRB	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
Town Secretary	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>1,488.50</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,507.78</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,677.46</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>1,309.80</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
Totals	66,526.00	60,062.50	72,524.00	65,022.61	73,650.00	56,890.78	72,904.00	28,511.80	68,986.00
Meetings									
Town Meeting	200.00	245.24	300.00	669.26	300.00	120.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Elections	<u>500.00</u>	<u>360.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,040.11</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>951.94</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>718.62</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Totals	700.00	605.24	2,300.00	1,709.37	800.00	1,071.94	1,800.00	718.62	800.00
Office Expense									
Town Clerk	2,500.00	3,274.63	2,700.00	2,587.10	2,700.00	2,174.02	3,950.00	2,128.71	3,950.00
Town Treasurer	2,500.00	3,319.03	2,700.00	2,567.21	2,700.00	2,602.57	3,950.00	2,258.90	3,950.00
Selectboard	500.00	338.68	500.00	950.23	500.00	273.19	500.00	0.00	500.00
Tax Collector	100.00	49.00	100.00	39.58	100.00	54.75	100.00	0.00	100.00
Grand List Maintenance/Listers	6,000.00	3,000.27	6,000.00	1,853.98	6,000.00	3,632.16	7,250.00	2,288.58	6,250.00
Zoning Administrator	200.00	425.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	33.00	200.00	120.00	200.00
Planning Commission	2,700.00	2,540.30	2,000.00	323.21	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Conservation Commission	200.00	0.00	200.00	80.00	200.00	268.90	200.00	50.00	200.00
Development Review Board	1,000.00	634.20	1,000.00	156.94	1,000.00	287.88	500.00	219.34	500.00
Town Office/General	2,500.00	4,587.82	2,500.00	3,023.85	2,500.00	3,290.48	3,750.00	3,358.22	3,750.00
Copier/Printer/Scanner	3,000.00	3,129.16	3,200.00	3,438.00	3,200.00	3,539.24	3,300.00	1,548.67	2,400.00
Postage	2,000.00	1,959.07	2,000.00	1,416.13	2,000.00	2,589.88	1,500.00	894.86	1,500.00
Vote Tabulator	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	1,392.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	502.00	0.00
Emergency Management	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Totals	24,200.00	23,257.16	26,800.00	17,828.23	23,100.00	18,746.07	28,200.00	13,369.28	24,050.00

Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022
General Expenses	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to Date	Proposed Budget
Town Reports	1,200.00	910.00	1,200.00	945.00	1,000.00	847.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Town Newsletter	2,200.00	1,597.00	2,200.00	2,120.00	2,000.00	1,655.91	2,000.00	825.99	1,500.00
Social Security	5,000.00	5,294.64	6,000.00	5,326.21	6,600.00	4,689.52	5,800.00	2,340.50	6,100.00
Retirement	1,758.00	1,757.04	1,815.00	1,861.98	1,965.00	1,968.48	2,200.00	1,109.40	2,300.00
Health Promotion	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Legal Services	12,500.00	7,473.56	10,000.00	20,966.03	10,000.00	21,801.95	10,000.00	3,176.25	10,000.00
Sheriff's Patrol	6,000.00	4,302.84	6,000.00	5,078.40	6,000.00	7,796.41	6,500.00	4,501.56	6,500.00
Animal Control	2,000.00	700.00	2,000.00	350.00	2,000.00	1,219.00	1,500.00	600.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	396.62	1,000.00	2,457.17	2,500.00	773.32	2,500.00	1,655.10	2,500.00
Records Restoration/Microfilm	2,850.00	2,875.00	6,400.00	6,440.00	5,000.00	4,950.00	4,300.00	0.00	0.00
Water Contamination	1,500.00	744.70	1,500.00	929.95	1,500.00	528.70	1,500.00	740.16	1,500.00
Lemon Fair Insect Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Financial Review/Audit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>
Totals	42,108.00	32,051.40	51,715.00	59,974.74	44,665.00	52,230.29	43,350.00	14,948.96	47,450.00
Town Properties									
Town Hall	15,000.00	12,093.73	15,000.00	11,224.25	15,000.00	13,161.31	13,000.00	8,460.10	13,000.00
Town Garage	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>9,509.28</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>12,819.18</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>18,130.34</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>2,161.89</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>
Totals	30,000.00	21,603.01	30,000.00	24,043.43	30,000.00	31,291.65	26,000.00	10,621.99	26,000.00
Parks & Cemeteries									
Cemeteries Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Cemeteries Mowing	2,500.00	2,615.00	2,500.00	2,183.85	2,750.00	2,055.00	2,750.00	1,545.00	2,750.00
Other Town Mowing	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,615.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,183.85</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>2,055.00</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>1,545.00</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>
Totals	7,000.00	5,230.00	7,000.00	6,367.70	7,500.00	6,110.00	7,500.00	4,590.00	7,500.00
Insurance									
Town Officers & Property	25,000.00	22,072.00	25,000.00	24,008.00	25,000.00	21,073.00	25,000.00	27,991.00	28,000.00
Worker's Compensation	450.00	514.00	450.00	791.00	550.00	499.00	550.00	443.00	550.00
Health	10,300.00	8,941.60	9,500.00	10,568.22	11,500.00	11,913.16	13,500.00	5,823.03	13,000.00
Unemployment	<u>500.00</u>	<u>265.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>153.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>116.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Totals	36,250.00	31,792.60	35,450.00	35,520.22	37,350.00	33,601.16	39,350.00	34,422.03	41,850.00
Debt Service									
Interest (Capital Items)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest (Tax Anticipation)	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	454,250.00	419,752.91	473,329.00	456,425.92	489,842.00	471,650.45	499,849.00	239,209.99	499,608.00

Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

The year 2020 began like most any year would, dealing with Calendar year end Payroll information, creating W-2’s and 1099’s and all the typical beginning of the year items. This includes, creating the Town Report, accepting regular and nominating petitions, creating the ballot for election of town officials and the warning for the town meeting. With all that accomplished, we moved on to holding the town meeting, with the school dinner and then the Australian Ballot voting the day after town meeting. All was going well, and then life changed as we knew it ...

The town offices were closed to the public on March 18, 2020. Although, I was still in the office and attempting to help townspeople and title searchers, it was a very difficult situation. With the Governor’s order in place and the State of Emergency being declared, the town and state basically shut down and started to make arrangements to have employees work from home. I continued to go into the office because everything I needed to help others was there. I felt very safe, as no one was entering the building. The office remained closed until July 7, 2020. At that time, folks were allowed to come in the building to do regular business and title searchers were required to make appointments for research and they still are at this point. I did have a very nice permanent sneeze guard installed at the counter which will help with all illnesses, including the common cold. Folks coming into the building are also required to wear a face mask and can wear gloves if they wish. There is a plethora of masks, hand sanitizer and gloves available in the entryway of the building.

The next hoop to jump through was the August State Primary Election. The Secretary of State’s office sent out postcards to all voters to encourage them to request absentee/early ballots to avoid large crowds at the polls. Cornwall had a very large number of early ballot requests and ended up only having 96 voters come into the polls. Everyone stayed safe and we made it through with virtually no issues. Thank you to all for working with us.

This was the lead up and practice run for the General Election in November. We knew that the turnout would be huge and so to minimize the number of voters coming to the polls, the Secretary of State’s office decided to mail a ballot to every active voter in the state. I’m not sure they did a very good job of advertising that they were going to do that, because many people touched base with me with a number of questions in regard to the early ballots. In the end, most folks voted early, and we only had 107 people walk into the polls. As far as I know, everyone stayed safe and remained healthy. The total number of votes cast for the General Election was 863 out of a total of 1043 on the checklist. That is an 83% turnout, just amazing, and to think we accomplished it during a pandemic. Thank you all once again for your diligence and help with keeping us all safe and healthy.

I want to thank all of my election workers, without whom I could not have gotten through. I do not want to forget anyone, so I am not going to include names. They all know who they are, and I do appreciate their help so much.

Well, at the time of this writing, we are coming around to a year that we have been dealing with the pandemic. We are doing the beginning of the year items as usual, but town meeting will be different this year. With the Governor’s State of Emergency still in place and the number of cases in Vermont increasing again, the Selectboard decided to do all voting by Australian ballot. They have also decided to send a ballot to every active voter. You will receive a ballot in the middle of February. There will be an informational meeting to discuss the ballot questions from the warning on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held using Zoom video conferencing. Even if you do not have a computer, you can call into the meeting with your phone.

Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report, *continued*

I will be sending the annual special newsletter again this year. This newsletter includes the warnings, sample ballots, the Auditor’s report, the budget sheets, and any other information that it will be important for you to have in hand for the informational meeting on February 22 and voting on March 2. We will be using the vote tabulator to tally the votes this year. The state will be offering grant money to cover the extra costs associated with the town meeting election in 2021.

One benefit of the pandemic has been two grant offerings that allowed us to recoup money for the PPE items that we purchased and the permanent sneeze guard we installed, as well as digitizing some of our land records. The title searchers were having a difficult time getting searches done, particularly in the towns that did not have any of their land records online. One of these grants allowed Cornwall to have 5 years of the most recent land records uploaded to the internet through Cott Systems. I continue to upload additional records as time allows. I have added an additional year of information into the system.

I would like to thank Mike Sunderland and Ken Manchester, the Auditors Kate Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf and Ken Manchester, the Listers, Todd Kincaid, Jordan Young and Bill Johnson, the election officials and Board of Civil Authority, all town officials for their help and service to the community and Laura Fetterolf, for everything she does for Cornwall.

Here’s hoping that the pandemic will be eliminated with the continued use of safe practices and the vaccine. Please be safe and healthy out there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Cornwall Town Clerk-Treasurer

Births, Deaths & Marriages

Below is a 6-year comparison of the number of vital records recorded in Cornwall.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Births	9	12	6	10	5	8
Deaths	4	8	6	11	7	6
Marriages	8	9	9	7	5	3

Dog Licenses

Dog licensing is an annual event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1st of a calendar year but must, per state statute, be licensed no later than April 1st of the same year in order to avoid an additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1st, the owner has 30 days to apply for a license. State statute authorizes severe penalties for failure to license one's dogs.

The fee to register a dog is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for a dog that is **not** spayed or neutered. **A current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented or on file before a dog can be registered. Rabies vaccinations are good for three years for adult dogs and one year for puppies. The certificate will remain on file at the Town Clerk's office for the (3) three year period.**

Fees Received in Calendar Year 2020

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	246	\$2,182.00
Special Permit	1	<u>35.00</u>
		\$2,217.00

Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2020

To State	\$1,210.00
To Town	<u>1,007.00</u>
	\$2,217.00



Maisy

Top Three Reasons to License Your Dog!

- 1. It is the Law in Vermont!**
- 2. To reunite lost dogs with their owners**
- 3. To prevent the incidence and spread of the Rabies disease!**

Information and Services

Available from the Town Clerk's Office

Green Mountain Passports - available to anyone who is a resident of Vermont and 62 years or older **OR** is totally disabled as a result of disease or injury suffered while serving in the armed forces **OR** is a resident of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Passport holders are eligible for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state-sponsored events. The fee is \$2.00.

Copies of Birth, Death, or Marriage Records on File - used for a variety of purposes. Certified copies are \$10.00, uncertified copies \$1.00.

Dog Licenses - due by April 1st every year. A current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file. See further information on the Dog Licenses report. page 18.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses - All types of licenses are available.

Copies of Zoning and Sub-Division Regulations

Guide to Building or Modifying a Home in Cornwall

Applications for Zoning Permit, Sub-division of Property & Conditional Use/Variance

Minutes of Meetings – Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission

Applications for Addition to the Voter Checklist

Applications for Absentee Ballots

Petitions and information about running for and holding town office

Warnings and Notices of upcoming meetings – Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Conservation Commission, etc.

Renewal of Motor Vehicle Registrations – renewals only. Must present DMV renewal form. There is a \$3.00 Town Clerk fee, separate from the DMV renewal fee.

Cornwall Connection – Enrollment in Town News and Emergency Alert Email List – for municipal and emergency information i.e.: road closures, emergency/disaster information, town notices, lost and/or found animals.

Property Transfers 2020

1. Valhalla Acres, LLC to Valhalla Farm, LLC, house and 72.38 acres on Snake Mountain Road
2. Valhalla Acres, LLC to Valhalla Farm, LLC, 82.39 acres on Snake Mountain Road
3. Valhalla Acres, LLC to Valhalla Farm, LLC, 27.06 acres on Snake Mountain Road
4. Susanne Barrows to Nicole Quesnel & Mae Farley, house and 2.30 acres on Douglas Road
5. Rita & Richard Glidden to Carolyn Anderson & Michael Glidden, house and 1.50 acres on Route 74
6. Rita Glidden to Carolyn Anderson & Michael Glidden, house and 1.80 acres on Route 30
7. Thomas Hickley & Michelle Carter to Hickley-Carter Family Trust, house and 2.80 acres on South Bingham Street
8. Stephen R. & Kathleen A. Reynolds to Reynolds Family 2020 Trust, Stephen & Kathleen Reynolds, Trustees, house and 10.20 acres on Sunset Orchard Road
9. PH Ridge Road, LLC to Red House Farm, LLC, house and 138.10 acres on Ridge Road
10. PH Ridge Road, LLC to PH Ridge Road, LLC, house and 15.25 acres on Ridge Road
11. Jeffrey & Linda Swinhart to Jeffrey & Linda Swinhart, Trustees of the Swinhart Family Trust, house and 79.20 acres on Tulley Road
12. Van Horn & Michele Vail to Pamela & Doris Noble, house and 8 acres on Cider Mill Road
13. Frederick Fritz to Catherine Cannon, house and 2.01 acres on Route 125
14. Judson & Karen Bartlett to Justin & Brandi Campbell, house and 10.34 acres on Orchard Run
15. Kathleen Hoxsie to Oliver & Chelsey Berlic, house and 1.10 acres on North Bingham Street
16. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Benjamin & Sophie Esser Calvi, Lot #8 in the Foote Farm Development on Route 125
17. D. C. Burnham & Sons, LLC to Jackson & Amanda Burnham, house and 1 acre on Parkhill Road
18. Ralph J. Teitscheid Estate to AnneMarie Pinamonti, TEE, house, outbuildings and 260.47 acres on Route 30
19. James McKenna & Brittany Hartung to Benjamin Turner & Julie Vivalda, house and 1.20 acres on Route 30
20. Doumina Noonan to David Gibson & Amy Stockman, 6.35 acres open land on Snake Mountain Road
21. U-Phoria Property, LLC to Mark and Tracy Cone Muccini, house and 13.05 acres on Sperry Road
22. Elizabeth Barker & Laurence Swanson to Robert & Katherine Knippler, house and 38.56 acres on Parkhill Road
23. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Bruce & Tobi Andrews, Lot #10 in the Foote Farm Development on Route 125
24. Swinhart Family Trust to Andrew & Katherine Ritter, house and 10.06 acres on Tulley Road
25. The Gayl M. Braisted Revocable Trust to James P. Cryan & Elizabeth H. Coogan, house and 20.14 acres on Orchard Run
26. Peter & Tracy Longchamp to Ryan & Pearl Riney, house and 24.39 acres on Route 74
27. Trustees of the Diocese of Vermont to William & Ingrid Jackson, a glebe/lease, Cider Mill Road

Property Transfers 2020, *continued*

28. Eric & Holly Blair to William & Ingrid Jackson, Easement/ROW, Cider Mill Road
29. William & Ingrid Jackson to Ryan & Pearl Riney, house and 11 acres on Cider Mill Road
30. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Benjamin Jenson & Constance Hansen, Lot 11 in the Foote Farm Sub-division on Route 125
31. Timothy Gillespie 2012 Gift Trust to 2137 North Bingham, LLC, house and 6.30 acres on North Bingham Street and Cross Road
32. Sharon M. Reising to Chase & Regina Clark, house and 20.32 acres on Route 30
33. James B. Hodges III & Christiana to Hillary & Blair Peterson, 34.33 acres on Sperry Road
34. Chesley & Tina Deering to Andre & Jason Deering, house and 1.40 acres on Route 125
35. Gail Sperry to Gabe Lamphere, house and 2.71 acres on Ridge Road
36. Carolyn Anderson & Michael Glidden to Richard & Rita Glidden, house and 1.50 acres on Route 74
37. Scott, Dean, John, Gail Sperry to Jordan & Margaret Young II, 5.85 acres on Ridge Road
38. Colin Kriwox to Elizabeth M. Stahl, Trustee of the Elizabeth M. Stahl Revocable Trust, house and 11.60 acres on Route 74
39. Scott, Dean, John, Gail Sperry to Christopher & Amy Carey, 15.48 acres on Ridge Road
40. Charles Foote to Jessica Riney, house and 1.64 acres on South Bingham Street
41. Milton & Penelope Campbell to William & Ingrid Jackson, 15.30 acres on Sperry Road
42. Randy & Jean Quesnel to Sufi Yousef & Hala Ahmad, house and 7.39 acres on West Street
43. Jean Morgan to Joyce Servidio, house and 2.03 acres on Lemon Fair Road
44. Jeffrey & Marjorie Barth to Kristen & Gregory Waggoner, house and 75.13 acres on Delong Road/Singing Hills Road
45. Alexander & Vanessa Wolff to the Vanessa J. Wolff Trust, house and 14.49 acres on Cider Mill Road
46. Foote Farm Vermont LLC to Gregory Dennis, Lot #16, 2.10 acres in the Foote Farm Development on Route 125
47. Daniel Cooperrider to Scott Hirschberg, Caitlin O'Donnell & Michael Hirschberg, house and .50 acres on West Street
48. Raphael Worrick & Margaret Harris to Bronwyn Worrick, house and 135 acres on Route 30
49. Berno Family Revocable Trust to Alexander & Kristina Umbhau, house and 5.30 acres on Swamp Road
50. William & Pamela Kernan to Brian & Laura Lind, house and 10.10 acres on Swamp Road
51. Ann Jackson to Charles Jackson, 16 acres of open land on West Street
52. Charles Jackson to Robert & Carrie Donohue, 8.75 acres of open land on West Street
53. Charles Jackson to Robert & Carrie Donohue, 0.10 acre easement on West Street
54. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Foote Farm Homeowner's Association, Inc., Lot #14 in the Foote Farm Development on Route 125
55. Kenneth & Beatrice Williams to Steven & Tammy Willson, house and 2.20 acres on Route 30
56. Gregor & Bronwen Kent to Jason Dolatshahi & Liana Smith-Murphy, house and 6 acres on Lemon Fair Road

2020-2021 Voted Budget

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET	TAX RATE
General Fund	\$499,849.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	69,750.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	4,000.00	
Charitable Agencies	34,470.00	
Hold Harmless	(54,103.00)	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Deficit	33,244.00	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$587,210.00	
		0.2732
HIGHWAY		
Highway	\$448,790.00	
State Aid	(65,000.00)	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$383,790.00	
		0.1786
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	\$2,068.00	
		0.0010
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$973,068.00	
		0.4528
HOMESTEAD RATE		1.7235
NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		1.6742
GRAND LIST 2018-2019	\$2,149,465.00	

Balance Sheet for General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2020

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$804,859.56
Act 200 Funds	16,856.48
Conservation Fund	551.09
Recreation Fund	495.00
Preservation Fund – Land Records	4,991.00
Grand List Maintenance Fund	125.34
Public Funds CDs	82,566.68
Delinquent Tax Receivable	81,344.40
Escrow Account	7,898.10
Prepaid Expenses GF	10,293.00
Grants Receivable	<u>4,536.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,014,516.65</u>

LIABILITIES

Due To/Due From Other Accounts	\$261,363.47
Deferred Tax Revenue	81,344.40
Grand List Maintenance Fund	125.34
Accrued Wages	4,731.00
Act 200 Funds	16,856.48
Escrow Account	7,898.10
Public Funds	82,325.01
Recreation Fund	<u>495.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$455,138.80</u>

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 6/30/2019	\$455,755.12
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE	<u>455,755.12</u>
FISCAL YEAR SURPLUS	<u>103,622.73</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$559,377.85</u>

Comparative Statement of Taxes

Municipal	FISCAL 2018/2019	FISCAL 2019/2020	FISCAL 2020/2021
General Fund	\$473,329	\$489,842	\$499,849
(Surplus)/Deficit	(75,759)	54,016	33,244
Hold Harmless	(33,863)	(33,863)	(54,103)
Fire Department	74,400	77,000	69,750
Fire Department Roof/Painting	15,000	0.00	0.00
Library	4,000	4,000	4,000
Outside Agencies	26,920	30,020	34,470
Local Agreement	1,878	1,904	2,068
Highway	404,975	452,965	448,790
Less State Aid	(65,000)	(65,000)	(65,000)
Total GF, HW & Special Articles	\$825,880	\$1,010,884	\$973,068
Municipal Tax Rate	0.3880	0.4711	0.4528
Education	ACSD	ACSD	ACSD
Homestead taxes to ACSD	1,527,294	1,626,710	1,746,264
Non-Residential taxes to ACSD	1,240,141	1,186,697	1,370,983
Total Estimated Education Spending	2,767,435	2,813,407	3,117,247
Education Homestead Tax Rate	1.5651	1.5844	1.7235
Education Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.5707	1.5951	1.6742
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$3,593,315	\$3,824,291	\$4,090,315
Grand List	\$212,878,700	\$214,581,025	\$214,946,500
Total Tax Rate Homestead	1.9531	2.0555	2.1763
Total Tax Rate Non-Residential	1.9587	2.0662	2.1270

Miscellaneous Accounts

ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2019	\$16,851.39
Interest 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	<u>5.09</u>
Balance 6/30/2020	16,856.48
Interest 7/1/2020 – 12/31/2020	<u>2.23</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$16,858.71

MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2019	\$26,327.73
Interest 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020	<u>7.96</u>
Balance 6/30/2020	26,335.69
Interest 7/1/2020 – 12/31/2020	<u>2.80</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$26,338.49

GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2019	\$197.33
Interest 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020	0.01
Service Charge	<u>(72.00)</u>
Balance 6/30/2020	125.34
Interest 7/1/2020 – 12/31/2020	0.00
Service Charge	<u>(36.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$89.34

CAPITAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2019	\$555,244.04
Income 06/29/2020 (Balance to Building Fund)	32,178.46
Income 06/29/2020 (Balance to Equip. Fund)	82,837.00
Income 06/29/2020 (Balance to Paving Fund)	<u>25,000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/2020	<u>695,259.50</u>
Expenses 7/1/2020 – 12/31/2020	<u>45,334.90</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$649,924.60

Miscellaneous Accounts, *continued*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2019	\$599.92
Interest 7/01/2019 – 6/30/2020	0.17
Income 7/01/2019 – 6/30/2020	471.00
Expense 7/01/2019 – 6/30/2020	<u>520.00</u>
Balance 06/30/2020	\$551.09
Interest 7/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	0.10
Income 7/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	450.00
Expenses 7/01/2020 – 12/31/2020	<u>151.94</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$849.25

ESCROW ACCOUNT (MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS)

Account opened 03/18/2019	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2019	17,394.00
Expenses 1/01/2020 – 7/28/2020 (Beaver Brook)	<u>11,947.85</u>
Balance 08/11/2020	\$5,446.15
Balance Returned to Applicant 08/11/2020	<u>-5,446.15</u>
Balance 08/12/2020	0.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/2019	<u>\$495.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$495.00

GRAND TOTALS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

06/30/2020	<u>\$745,069.25</u>
12/31/2020	<u>\$694,555.39</u>

Statement of Maturities

General Fund—June 30th, 2020

Tax Anticipation, Short-Term & Long-Term Debt

As of June 30th, 2019, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

Highway Department—June 30th, 2020

Short-Term & Long-Term Debt

As of June 30th, 2019, the Town of Cornwall Highway Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

Trustees of Public Funds Report

No requests for disbursement of funds from the Lemuel Peet or Vera B. Peet bequests to the Town of Cornwall for conservation purposes were received during the prior fiscal year. The \$450.34 expenditure was approved in October 2019, but the funds were not transferred until February of 2020.

The following is an accounting of the funds we currently administer; all are certificates of deposit with the National Bank of Middlebury.

#109780 CVPS Stock Cash in

Balance 12/31/2019	\$13,605.28
Interest 2020	<u>75.25</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$13,680.53

#108449 Lemuel Peet Fund

Balance 12/31/2019	\$56,887.59
Interest 2020	<u>314.60</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$57,202.19

#107799 Vera Peet Fund

Balance 12/31/2019	\$12,311.47
Interest 2020	35.90
Exp. February 2020	<u>(450.34)</u>
Balance 12/31/2020	\$11,897.03

Total of Public Funds

Balance 12/31/2020	\$82,779.75
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Respectfully Submitted,

David Anderson, Robert Gerlin, Jon Isham, Trustees

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

Taxes Collected from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2020

Property	\$14,961.86
Interest	1,143.85
Collector's Fee	<u>1,196.95</u>
Subtotal	17,302.66
Over Payments	774.26
Total 1/1/2020-6/30/2020	<u>\$18,076.92</u>

Taxes Collected from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2020

Property	\$17,651.85
Interest	2,179.08
Collector's Fee	<u>1,405.30</u>
Subtotal	21,236.23
Over Payments	0.00
Total 7/1/2020-12/31/2020	<u>\$21,236.23</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$39,313.15**

Delinquent Taxpayers as of December 31st, 2020

Due to a Supreme Court ruling on privacy issues, the delinquent taxpayer report will now only list those who are delinquent and the grand total of delinquencies. This includes those that are late on their November 1st, 2020 payment. * Paid after January 1, 2021.

Blaise, Brian & Johnson, Elsie
Cannon, Stephen
Dalley, Donna
Devries, Justus
Foote, Hilton W
Foote Mansion, Gary Anderson
Huetter, Harvey, Estate of *
Jennings, Matthew & Catherine
Lyons, Margaret & Field, Douglas
Quesnel, John & Abigail
Robart, Jason & Sarah

Total Delinquent: \$100,239.07

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Highway Department Report

Hello Town Residents,

We made it through the 2019/2020 winter season, however, with all the rising temperatures and the rain in the winter months it was extremely difficult to stay on budget.

The other major factor with rising temperatures was mud season which forced us to make some changes to the road surfaces. This spring we spread over 800 ton of 1½" stone on multiple roads around town. I am sorry if any of you were inconvenienced by this, but it was necessary for the road structure.

The Spring/Summer was crazy busy this year!

We started off with the Wooster Rd Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) project where the Town of Cornwall and the Town of Shoreham received a RAS grant from Vermont Local Roads for Wooster Rd. We applied 20% recycled asphalt shingle to 80% gravel mix to the roadway in hopes to reduce the need for grading. First we did some extensive tree removal, ditching, culvert replacement and new culvert installation for proper drainage. This has greatly improved Wooster Rd and we are already seeing amazing results from grading 6 to 7 times last year to 3 times this year. The other nice thing is we ended up having some (RAS) left over and we installed it on the steep grades on Clark Rd and Delong Rd.

Next, we started the town wide gravel resurfacing process and found it necessary to start on the roads where we had to install the 1½" stone for burial. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and money to complete all roads in town but were able to get:

- Wooster Rd
- North Bingham St
- Morse Rd
- Ridge Rd
- A portion of Clark Rd
- A portion of Delong Rd

If your road is not on this list, we will be coming around when we get our new budget.

Another large investment that took place this summer was that we finished paving Swamp Rd and installed new shoulder through the swamp portion with the help of 4 surrounding towns with trucking.

In addition, we completed the Grants-in-Aid project on Robbins Rd while trying to do normal maintenance work like mowing and grading.

So, on another note, something I have been working on for quite some time now is how we can make this better and more productive here at the highway department while not adding more cost to the taxpayers. Let me tell you, it has not been easy, but I did come up with a plan to upgrade the equipment to save time, money and also to be more versatile. I presented my plan to the capital budget committee and then to the selectboard who took a very thorough look at the proposal, thus, in the end approving.

Highway Department Report, *continued*

New highway equipment plan:

Selling

- 2015 Pickup
- 2014 Single axle dump truck
- 2009 Single axle dump truck

Buying

- 2020 Dodge 5500 1½ ton dump truck
- 2021 tandem axle dump truck
- Chloride trailer

I would like to thank the Capital budget committee and the select board for keeping an open mind while working with me through this plan. I also would like to thank the town residents for their financial support.

Asphalt Paving 2021

- South Bingham St
- Wooster Rd apron

Money pending, we will also be looking at paving

- Peet Rd apron
- Mountain Rd apron
- Morse Rd apron
- Ridge Rd apron

Grants to be completed in 2021

- \$20,000 Category B grant on Mountain Rd
- \$4,000 Grants-n-Aid on Mountain Rd

As always, I would like to thank the townspeople for their patience and continued support.

Mike Sunderland

Your Highway Foreman

Highway Budget

	2019/2020 Budget	2019/2020 Actual	2020/2021 Budget	2020/2021 Spent to Date	2021/2022 Proposed Budget
Materials					
Salt	16,000.00	22,593.20	19,000.00	5,248.63	19,000.00
Sand	15,000.00	21,319.99	19,000.00	9,936.53	19,000.00
Gravel	50,000.00	51,133.70	50,000.00	57,384.86	50,000.00
Paving	135,000.00	140,503.94	135,000.00	68,869.92	135,000.00
Crack Sealing	8,000.00	15,250.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Chloride	32,000.00	19,078.20	27,000.00	28,730.89	27,000.00
Culverts	1,000.00	3,647.60	1,000.00	1,694.40	1,000.00
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Signs	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>781.95</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>323.25</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTALS	258,500.00	274,308.58	256,500.00	172,188.48	260,000.00
Equipment					
Parts/Repairs	14,000.00	19,754.93	14,000.00	7,144.02	14,000.00
Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	15,000.00	15,230.52	15,000.00	6,162.02	15,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	850.00	122.96	850.00	0.00	850.00
Equipment Purchase	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	2,000.00	1,128.63	800.00	0.00	800.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,800.00	2,095.00	1,800.00	795.00	1,800.00
Contracted Labor	3,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
Unplanned Maintenance	5,000.00	2,815.18	5,000.00	8,241.47	5,000.00
Miscellaneous/Chipper	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTALS	47,650.00	41,147.22	41,450.00	22,342.51	37,450.00
Administrative					
Administrative	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Personnel/Labor	110,000.00	116,289.56	112,000.00	51,667.36	115,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	8,415.00	8,896.39	8,700.00	3,952.65	8,800.00
Personnel/Workman's Comp.	9,000.00	10,146.00	9,000.00	6,367.00	9,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	4,300.00	4,849.57	5,040.00	2,325.03	5,463.00
Personnel/Health	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>16,656.39</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>8,240.01</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
TOTALS	146,815.00	156,837.91	150,840.00	72,552.05	154,263.00
Special Projects					
Paving Grant:Cider Mill Road, James Road, West Street					
GRAND TOTALS	452,965.00	472,293.71	448,790.00	267,083.04	451,713.00
REVENUES					
Grants in Aid		3,700.00			
Grant Funds AOT RAS				3,090.91	
Better Back Roads Grant		20,000.00			
Miscellaneous		<u>165.69</u>		250.00	
TOTALS WITH INCOME	452,965.00	448,678.02	448,790.00	255,307.97	451,713.00

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

2020 was a difficult year for most folks and the Fire Department was similarly challenged. Of important note, we paid, and continue to pay, close attention to possible COVID-19 exposures in every call we make, every apparatus we drive and every meeting we hold. Not surprisingly, we suspended in-person meetings and training for much of the spring and early summer, only to have to return to similar restrictions in just the last two months. Nevertheless, we have used video training, distanced and masked station responsibilities, and many ZOOM gatherings to conduct our regular business and attend to the needs of our community. It is important to mention here, as well, that our medical personnel began the vaccination process in January with the fire and rescue members to follow soon. By the time this report is published, the entire department should be very close to full immunization.

A notable difference for us, in 2020, were changes in some of our community-wide events. In past years, we have had large turnouts for our chicken barbeque and open houses. However, for safety reasons, we held only a drive-thru chicken dinner. It was with some trepidation that we pursued this plan. Would it be worth it? Would anybody come? Well, as many of you remember, it was a huge success. Folks bought us out of chicken and sides in less than an hour and, though we asked only for donations rather than charging a fee, it was our best fundraising barbeque ever. True to Cornish form, townspeople bought meals for folks behind them in line, for incomplete dinners once we ran out of chicken or simply just to drive by and make a donation. What a generous community we live in! Thanks to all of you.

In spite of the many hoops through which we had to jump, we completed the installation of our new tower and antenna in West Cornwall. The height gained by it now gives us radio coverage throughout Cornwall and reaches far into neighboring towns so that we may “tone out” and communicate with our members as they travel in town and around the county. This fall, we also took delivery of our new Utility vehicle. This slick new truck will carry air packs, additional air bottles, bunker gear, radios, traffic control signs, and hazmat response equipment. It also holds power and hand tools, lights, saws, and generators as well as gas meters and heat imaging cameras. The truck itself has a powerful light tower, a canopy, and command center with multiple communication options. It is indeed an impressive truck that we will use for many years to come.

Additionally, through it all, we had a pretty busy year, with 90 total calls.

Medical & MREMS assist calls	48
Structure Fires	4
Motor Vehicle Incidents	16
Grass, Brush & Agricultural Fires	4
Fire/Smoke/CO Investigations	8
Fallen Wires, Trees, etc.	2
Mutual Aid Given/Received	7/2
VSP Standby	1

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, *continued*

As a department, we made some promotions and earned some invaluable certifications. Sue Johnson and Megan Frankovic earned their EMT designations. Josiah Benoit earned his Firefighter 1. Tommy Frankovic was promoted to Captain and Luke Jerome was promoted to Lieutenant. Other members are: Chief David Berno, Assistant Chiefs Sean Stearns and Lew Castle, Captains Raph Worrick and Ken Manchester, Firefighters Ed Peet, Vaughn Berno, Chris Dayton, Dave Guertin, Peter Conlon, Charlie Bearor, Ben Marks, Josh Stearns, Conor Stinson, Al Thalen, Marc Cesario, Josiah Benoit, Malia Hodges, Derek Felkl and Ryan Nadeau. Medic/EMTs are Gail and Rich Isenberg, and Haley Stearns. All told (and totaled) the department boasts well over 500 years of combined experience!

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/19- 6/30/20 Budget		7/1/20- 6/30/21 Budget		7/1/21- 6/30/22 Proposed
Utilities					
Heat	\$3,800		\$3,000		\$3,000
Electric	2,100		2,100		2,100
Telephone	2,800		2,500		2,500
Insurance					
Insurance Premiums	20,000		17,000		17,000
Vehicles					
Vehicle Fuel	1,500		1,000		1,000
Vehicle Maintenance	7,000		5,000		5,000
Equipment					
Communications Equipment	4,500		4,500		4,500
Medical	4,000		4,000		4,000
Personal Equipment	9,000		10,000		10,000
Fire Equipment	4,000		4,000		4,000
Training					
Medical	500		1,600		1,600
Fire Prevention	500		250		250
Fire Training	5,000		6,000		6,000
Operations					
Association Dues	1,000		1,000		1,000
Buildings & Grounds	4,500		3,500		3,500
Office Equipment	300		300		300
Food and Beverages	4,000		1,000		1,000
Dispatch Services	2,500		3,000		3,000
Totals	77,000		69,750		69,750
Donations					
Fundraising					
Grand Total with Income	\$77,000		\$69,750		\$69,750

Energy Coordinator's Report

No direct Energy Coordinator monetary expenses were incurred in 2020.

If the following seems familiar it is because it is last year's report with minor changes.

Cornwall residents continue to implement energy efficient technologies and renewables, I don't have any hard numbers on this, but I see new heat pumps and solar systems throughout the town. There are numerous state and federal incentives to help residents pay for these improvements, a good place to start is the Efficiency VT website. A significant new federal incentive for wood heat was added to the list of measures eligible for the Investment Tax Credit, this means that a 26% Tax Credit is available for qualifying heaters. Couple this with the Efficiency Vermont rebate of \$500 and you're looking at significant saving when you purchase a new efficient, clean burning unit.

I said it in last year's report and it remains true that a significant action the Town could take to further demonstrate its support of the State's Energy Goals is a PV system on the Town Hall, when the new standing seam roof was installed it made the south facing roof a prime candidate for a system.

Finally, I am always willing to talk with residents about any and all things energy related, feel free to give me a call.

Gary Barnett

Forest Fire Warden Report

Greetings! The 2020 outdoor fire season was relatively normal when compared to recent years past. 178 burn permits were issued during the season, slightly down from just over 200 in 2019. This year, 2 fires (one permitted, one non-permitted) required intervention from the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for extinguishment activities.

A ban on all outdoor burning was initiated by me in the early spring of 2020 as conditions were far too dry to allow any safe outdoor burning. This decision was made based on a consensus from other local Fire Wardens as well as recommendations from the Vermont State Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. Most likely, a similar ban will be put into place in the upcoming spring. During which time, ANY AND ALL outdoor open burning, to include field burning, bonfires, campfires, fire-rings, etc., are prohibited until said ban is lifted based upon the discretion of the Fire Warden.

I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to me again this year with permitting questions, concerns, and needs. It continues to be my pleasure to serve you and the Town of Cornwall. As always, I can be reached via text (preferred), at 802-989-4473 or landline, 802-462-3137. Or feel free to email me at tommyfrankovic831@gmail.com.

In your service, Capt. Thomas Frankovic

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department
Cornwall Town Forest Fire Warden.

Cemetery Commission Report

Much of the Town of Cornwall's history is recorded on the stones in our burying grounds. The charge of the Cornwall Cemetery Commission is to preserve that history through the care and maintenance of the three town cemeteries: Fair Cemetery, at the corner of Snake Mountain Road and 125; West Cemetery on 74; and South Cemetery on DeLong Road.

Our focus for the past three years has been Fair Cemetery. The work there, now complete, was the shoring up of a dangerously collapsed grave, the resetting of several markers and the replacing of three.

One of the broken stones replaced in Fair Cemetery marks the grave of Jerusha Gale, who died April 9th, 1856, aged 84 years, 10 months, and 11 days. She was born Jerusha Barrows on May 29th, 1771, in Windham County, Connecticut, to Noah Barrows, who served in the Revolutionary War, and Martha Bowen Barrows. She came to Addison County with her mother and brothers following the death in 1784 of her father. In 1806, she married the widower Summers Gale, who had a farm just up the road from Fair Cemetery, and became step-mother and mother to a large family. Her descendants still live in Cornwall, and one of them, Bruce Payne, is on this Cemetery Commission.

Like many Cemetery Commissions across the state, we are faced with a challenging combination of limited funds and the very high cost of headstone repair and replacement, together with a shortage of skilled masons to perform the work. We believe the best use of Town resources is to focus on the cemetery most in need of our attention, and to plan on a two- to three-year project.

Based on our annual survey of the cemeteries, we concluded that South Cemetery should be our focus over the next few years. Work will include resetting markers, repairing those that are repairable and replacing those that are not. Work that was scheduled to begin in 2020 has been delayed until 2021 because of COVID.

Anne Collins, Joan Bingham, T Tall, Bruce Payne
Cemetery Commissioners

Recreation Committee Report

The Cornwall Recreation Committee meets 3 times a year on the first Thursday of the month: April, August and December. We invite anyone who is interested to please come and attend the meetings. We have put our meetings on hold for the time being, due to COVID-19. It is difficult to plan activities at a time when we cannot get together safely. We do hope that 2021 will eventually allow us to move forward with activities.

We provide activities that will interest the town residents of Cornwall, but not exclusive to just Cornwall residents. We welcome everyone from any town to come join in.

In 2020, we did manage to offer a few opportunities for folks. They included:

A 30 miles in 30 days activity in April. Several townspeople took advantage of this opportunity.

A Geocache type activity was held during the month of September. There were prizes for those that completed the eight stops and collected all the stickers.

In October, a plank challenge was offered. A few folks did let me know they were giving it a try.

We will post hikes, adventures, walks and activities of interest that are available in the area.

Upcoming plans for 2021:

Unfortunately, as mentioned, we have not met to plan any activities for 2021 at this point. We hope with the roll out of the vaccine, that we will be able to plan some activities for later in the year that include modified group gatherings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annie Wilson, Mary Jane Broughton, Sue Barrows, Sue Sears, Paul Bougor, Shauna Riley, Loyal Broughton, Sue Johnson

Conservation Commission Report

In 2005, the newly adopted Town Plan called for the reactivation of the Cornwall Conservation Commission whose work would help to ensure the “continued viability of the town’s native plants, animals, and important natural resources.” From our beginning, the Commission’s role has been to advocate for the protection of Cornwall’s valued natural features: its forest communities, wildlife and wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams, and riparian areas as well as agricultural, recreational, and scenic resources.

Of course, the nature of our work changed in mid-2020 in response to the pandemic. Zoom meetings to the rescue! We participated in Planning Commission meetings, offering guidance and recommendations on the Zoning Regulations review. We presented environment impact reviews on development applications at several Development Review Board meetings and met several times with the Select Board to report on the CC’s work. All from the safety of our homes.

In early May, the CC began to collect data from its **Trail Camera Project**. Five cameras are now out in locations where there have been reports of frequent wildlife sightings or where landowners have invited us to set up cameras. In two of these placements, there has been ongoing use by a wide range of animals, including larger predators (bobcats and coyotes) and we have left these cameras in place, recording their stories of constancy and change. The other cameras have been moved on a bimonthly basis, leaving them long enough to make a preliminary assessment of the area’s usage. Our goal is to document how larger mammals move between the town’s biggest forested blocks, including where they are crossing town roads. Needless to say, the Project is a multi-year endeavor. One of the nicest parts has been the positive response to our newsletter descriptions and photos of wildlife, and the number of invitations to host a camera. Please contact us if you feel there is a possible placement on your property.

In late October, the CC hosted a panel discussion on Zoom entitled **The Benefits and Payoffs of Conserving Land**. 37 attendees listened and asked questions as representatives from Vermont Land Trust and Middlebury Area Land Trust spoke about their organizations’ role as a conservation partner, what happens when land is conserved, and the financial implications for landowners. A land appraiser who specializes in conservation described options available to landowners. The event was recorded and is available for viewing on the Conservation Commission page of the Town website.

At the March 2020 Cornwall Town Meeting, voters approved the creation of a **Conservation Fund Planning Group** to study how towns in Vermont fund their conservation activities. This group collected data and communicated via email, telephone, and Zoom meetings during the summer and fall. In summary, the Planning Group found that the most common method of dedicating conservation funds is via an annual appropriation, approved in a town-wide vote or by incorporation into the town budget, with the second most common method being an additional assessment on the tax rate. Across Vermont towns average about \$7.00 per year for each resident into their Conservation Funds. The amount of outside funds generated can be more than four to ten times what money is raised by the town itself. For example, since 2010 the Town of Bristol has invested \$15,849 from its Conservation Reserve Fund to support land conservation, stream bank stabilization, buffer planting and invasive species management projects that cost more than \$173,600. For every dollar spent from the Fund, Bristol was able to leverage \$11 in grant monies

Conservation Commission Report, *continued*

from state and federal agencies as well as private and corporate donations. The full final report of the Planning Group is available on the Conservation Commission page of the Town website.

Cornwall established a Conservation Fund in 2016, but did not create a mechanism for generating money for this fund. Based on the information gathered about conservation funding in Vermont towns, the CC is placing **an article on the ballot asking voters to approve an appropriation of \$3,500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Conservation Fund for the coming fiscal year** (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.) Approximately one-quarter of this money would be used to support the Commission's conservation outreach and educational programs; three-quarters of the appropriation would remain as an unspent reserve and would grow in amount with additional funding in future years. As described above, reserve monies can be used to leverage funds from land trusts, governmental agencies, and private donations at many times their initial amount. Importantly, funds from the reserve will be available to be used as needed when opportunities arise to support long-term efforts, such as the conservation of farms and natural areas. Having Conservation Fund monies will allow the Conservation Commission, the Planning Commission, the Select Board, and Town residents to review and act on conservation opportunities before they are lost.

We are hopeful that the Article will be approved by voters. This would not be a new tax, but an appropriation from the General Fund like those made in 2020 to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, the Cornwall Free Public Library, and the twenty-six non-profit organizations and being requested again this year. The amount of \$3,500, if spread across all town residents, works out to be less than a penny per day per person, or \$3.37 per person for the year.

Conservation Commission members are Katherine Branch, Mary Dodge (Chair), Brian Howlett, and Mike Sheridan. We are seeking new members. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about our work and possibly joining us.

Listers' Report

The primary responsibility of the Cornwall Town Listers is to maintain the Town's Grand List — the appraised value of all real estate property in the town. We use State-mandated valuation tables using computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) software containing data collected from Cornwall sales history.

Every year the State Department of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) does a sales study comparing all the arms-length property sales in each town to the appraisals derived from the CAMA valuation tables. The ratio between the properties' actual sales total and the Town's appraisals for those properties is the "Common Level of Appraisal" (CLA). The State uses town's CLAs to determine what it considers to be each town's fair share of the total property tax burden. Over the past few years, Cornwall's CLA has been slipping, which potentially will continue, and which has the effect — town-wide — of a slight increase in the dollar amount due for property taxes. The lowering of our CLA comes mostly from a recent uptick in the sale of higher end properties in town and the outsized effect that a missed valuation on an expensive property can have in an up-and-down market.

The "Coefficient of Dispersion" (COD) is also something that we track as a part of the sales study. The COD looks for variances in the accuracy of appraisals for different types of property within our town. If the COD reaches levels that the State finds unacceptable, it would mean that some property owners would be paying more or less than their fair share of the property tax. As a result, while the COD doesn't have the same direct effect on your tax bill as the CLA, it plays a very large part in determining when a town-wide reappraisal is necessary. Such a reappraisal would reset the CAMA valuation table mentioned above, and would bring both the CLA and COD calculations back to zero.

Your listers are also responsible for maintaining lists of State Current Use program enrollment, homestead declarations, house-site values, statutory and town-voted tax exemptions and town maps with property id's and boundaries. This year, we processed 59 property transfers from among Cornwall's 696 parcels.

Like most of us, Covid-19 has greatly affected how we are able to conduct our business as listers. Properties are valued as they exist on April 1st of each year, so valuations for the current tax year were only minimally affected by the virus. Our inability to safely access the interiors of properties that require an inspection for next year's taxes will have to be handled by video-assisted "best guesstimates" with an in-person follow-up once safety protocols permit it.

Covid-related safety measures also have prevented us from accessing the best resource a Cornwall Lister could ask for. We've missed Sue Johnson's ability to quietly steer us in the right direction when a question of procedure arises or when some fragment of Town history is needed to make sense of a deed. She is still always available by phone or email, but things will be so much better when we're able to be back in the office. Thanks, Sue.

For the time being, the Listers conduct their business through Zoom meetings and we may be contacted by e-mail at Cornwall.Listers@gmail.com, or by phone at 462-3386.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Kincaid, Jordan Young, Bill Johnson.

Planning Commission Report

The chief responsibility of the Cornwall Planning Commission is to maintain and, when needed, update the Town Plan and the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for the Town of Cornwall. The ability of the Planning Commission to function effectively depends heavily on the active and engaged participation of townsfolk.

During this past year, the Planning Commission focused on developing a closer and more productive relationship with the Select Board as well as rebuilding and strengthening its membership. In addition, a draft Flood Resilience section, mandated by the State of Vermont, was written to ultimately amend the Town Plan once it has been presented to and reviewed by the community at large. We also have been working with the Select Board to make some minor technical changes to the existing Zoning and Subdivision Regulations based on recommendations from the previous Zoning Administrator.

Following successful recruitment during late summer and early fall, the Cornwall Planning Commission now is fully staffed with seven members for the first time in more than two years. New members Marge Drexler, Christiana Hodges, Lauren Ringey, and Drew Kervick all joined existing members AJ Vasiliou, Don Burns, and Conor Stinson. These four new members were all temporarily appointed to the Planning Commission, pending election, to fill out the terms of office that had been vacant.

We also successfully applied for and received in December a Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont to work with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission on a municipal planning training program and the limited update to our Town Plan. The grant amount is for a total of \$11,700 - the Town will kick in an additional \$1,300. This sum will assist in formulating a training program to bring our relatively new commission up to speed on community planning and public engagement. Much of this training will also be open to the general public. If you are interested, please contact Conor Stinson, stinsoncpc@gmail.com, or watch for announcements on Front Porch Forum, the email list, or a possible mailer. The training will lead to a review and minor amendment update for the Town Plan, where we will include a completed Flood Resilience and Forest Fragmentation section. We will also work on updating statistics information as available from the US Census.

We are looking forward to a productive year.

Conor Stinson, Chair; A. J. Vasiliou, Don Burns, Marge Drexler, Chris Hodges, Lauren Ringey, Drew Kervick

Development Review Board

The Cornwall Development Review Board was created in 2016. A quasi-judicial board, the DRB is responsible for reviewing proposals for land use and development in Cornwall under the Town's Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations.

There are currently 7 members of the DRB: Barbara Greenwood (Chair), David Anderson (Vice Chair), Joe Severy, Magna Dodge, Shari Johnson, Cheryl Cesario (Alternate), and Joan Lynch (Alternate). Our secretary is Robin Conway. Members serve staggered three-year terms and are appointed by the Select Board.

The DRB usually meets at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Town Hall. Its meetings are open to the public. The agendas are posted at the Town Hall and the Town Garage, and on the Town website. The current Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations, the Board's Rules of Procedure, and current application forms (along with summaries of the application process and requirements) are available at the Town Hall and on the Town website. Applications must be filed with Town Clerk, Sue Johnson. The Town's Zoning Administrator, Gary Barnett, reviews them for completeness before passing them along to the DRB. A complete application must be filed at least 25 days prior to the next DRB regular meeting in order to be eligible to be considered at that meeting.

Because of the pandemic, all DRB meetings and hearings since April have been conducted by Zoom. This has worked reasonably well, considering the quality of internet service in Cornwall. In addition to the usual paper copies (10), applicants have been required to file electronic copies of their application materials, and Sue Johnson has posted them on the Town's website. This has enabled members of the public to review the applications without having to come into the Town Hall.

During the past year (the DRB's fifth year of operation) fewer applications have been filed, perhaps because of the pandemic. As a result, 5 regular DRB meetings were able to be cancelled. The matters considered by the Board in 2020 included: the Beaver Brook Properties, LLC major subdivision application (North Bingham Street), the U-Phoria Property, LLC minor subdivision application (Sperry Road/North Bingham Street), Richard Rheaume's conditional use approval application to replace a mobile home and change the footprint (Route 30), Jackson and Amanda Burnham's application for conditional use approval to build an addition to the house and move the garage (Parkhill Road), and Foote Farm Vermont, LLC's sketch plan review meeting regarding proposed modifications to the approved (2005) final plat of subdivision for Foote Farm. The DRB issued decisions in all the matters considered, except for the Foote Farm application, which was withdrawn.

Zoning Administrator's Report

I would like to start off with thanks to Jim Duclos, whose knowledge, patience, and willingness to help with the transition has been greatly appreciated.

The number of Zoning Permits issued in 2020 was seventeen, down from twenty-one last year. The number of those permits that were for single family residences remained at three, the same as 2019.

The number of Certificates of Zoning Compliance was twenty-five this year compared to twenty for 2019.

Voluntary compliance with the requirement of a Certificate of Occupancy for all completed permitted projects continues to be a problem.

Zoning Permits Issued

- 01/22/20 Eric & Holly Blair, 1272 Cider Mill Road, Enclose Existing Porch
- 01/22/20 Matthew & Donna Severy, 605 Delong Road, Garage Addition
- 02/13/20 Katherine A. Branch & Michael R. Collier, 776 West Street, Replacement of Garage
- 02/14/20 Joseph & Anne Severy, 6039 Route 30, Accessory Structure
- 03/12/20 Jon & Barb Woodbury, 422 Route 30, Storage Structure
- 03/12/20 Paul W. Garrow, 145 Samson Road, Garage & Entry Addition
- 04/06/20 John & Lisa Roberts, 2112 South Bingham Street, Garage & Workshop
- 04/30/20 Carol Wood, 1195 Route 30, Garage Addition
- 05/13/20 Steven Conrad Rheaume, 4048 Route 125, Storage Shed
- 07/07/20 Jean Terwilliger, Vermont Integrated Architecture, 1044 Delong Road, Single Family Residence & Accessory Apartment
- 08/10/20 Asher Nelson, Vermont Integrated Architecture, 519 Robbins Road, Single Family Residence
- 08/27/20 Dennis & Elizabeth Rheaume, 1458 West Street, Garage
- 09/17/20 Brian & Carrie Trombley, 426 West Street, Storage Building
- 09/17/20 Guy Morter, 338 Delong Road, Garage
- 11/24/20 Glen & Elizabeth Wyer, 1155 Cider Mill Road, Screen Porch
- 12/08/20 Nate Newman, Silver Maple Construction, 19 Ledgesmont Lane., Recreational Cabin
- 11/12/20 Alex Carver, Northern Timbers Construction, 470 Foote Farm Road, Lot 3, Single family Residence

Zoning Administrator's Report, *continued*

Certificates of Zoning Compliance Issued

04/26/20 Rebecca Kinkead, 1680 West Street
04/28/20 Dwight & Judy Dunning, 101 Bourdeau Road
05/19/20 Kathy Hoxsie, 746 North Bingham Street
05/26/20 Judd & Karen Bartlett, 567 Orchard Run
05/28/20 Van Horn & Michelle Vail, 352 Cider Mill Road
06/08/20 Kerry & Christopher Sell, 1283 Route 30
06/08/20 Frederick M. Fritz, 1341 Route 125
06/18/20 James McKenna & Brittany Hartung, 2484 Route 30
06/27/20 Ben & Erin Powers, 56 Apple Tree Lane
07/17/20 DC Burnham & Sons, LLC, 272 Parkhill Road
08/05/20 Eugene & Lillian Devlin, 1634 Route 30
08/05/20 Elizabeth Barker & Lawrence Swanson, 338 Parkhill Road
08/12/20 Jeff & Linda Swinhart, 736 Tulley Road
08/18/20 Gayl M. Braisted, 167 Orchard Run
09/03/20 Sharon m. Reising, 4440 Route 30
09/04/20 William & Ingrid Jackson, 1301 Cider Mill Road
09/14/20 Peter & Tracy Longchamp, 2100 Route 74
10/13/20 Jeffery & Marjorie Barth, 455 Singing Hill Road
10/16/20 Jean Morgan, 568 Lemon Fair Road
10/21/20 Daniel Cooperrider, 2919 West Street
10/21/20 Randy & Jean Quesnel, 2054 West Street
10/28/20 Berno Family Trust, 626 Swamp Road
11/04/20 Alicia Romero & Rene Langis, 34 Foote Farm Road
11/09/20 Kenneth & Beatrice Williams, 5283 Route 30
11/23/20 Pamela & William Kernan, 458 Swamp Road

Certificates of Occupancy Issued

01/23/20 Eric Raymond, 810 Parkhill Rd.

Other Decisions

08/06/20 Bronwen & Gregor Kent, 128 Lemon Fair Road, Boundary Line Adjustment
08/07/20 Peter McCormick, Foote Farm Vermont, LLC, Boundary line Adjustment
09/17/20 Young/Sperry, Ridge Road, Boundary Line Adjustment
07/17/20 Anna Wilson, 4633 Route 30, Notice of Intent to Build a Farm Structure
07/27/20 Andrew McWilliams & Emily Givens, 1683 Sperry Road, Notice of Intent to Build a Farm Structure

Respectfully Submitted this 15th day of January 2021 by

Gary Barnett, Zoning Administrator

Cornwall Free Public Library

Well, we certainly don't have to tell or remind you that 2020 was not a normal year. We made the very difficult decision to close the library in the middle of March and it has remained closed to the present. The Trustees decided to purchase an additional program from our software company, Resource Mat, that would allow us to put our collection online. This allows our patrons to reserve books remotely. We started a curbside service, so that the reserved books can be picked up from a receptacle on the front porch of the town hall. We certainly haven't circulated the number of books as in previous years, but some of our regulars have continued to reserve books, and we have added a number of new patrons to our list, which is very exciting in the crazy year that 2020 was. We do hope that we will be able to open sometime in 2021.

To use our new online catalog, you will need a Username and PIN. Call Sue at the Town Hall and she can help you with that information. The website URL is: 19585.rmwebopac.com.

A reminder to you all that with your Cornwall Library Card, you have access to the Listen Up Vermont Collection through the Green Mountain Library Consortium's website (<https://gmlc.overdrive.com/>). We also signed up for "RBDigital" in 2020 to allow additional access to Audio books, etc. The information on how to access the Vermont Collection was sent out in a letter to all patrons in May 2020. Since that time, "RBDigital" stopped providing this service, and was replaced by "Libby."

We once again received a generous donation from the Holmes Advised Fund in the amount of \$1,000. We sincerely appreciate this donation as it allows us to expand our collection well beyond what would normally be possible on our modest budget. The library also received several additional donations in the amount of \$350.00. We are so appreciative of these donations to our library. We also thank Becky Dayton and Jenny Lyons from the Vermont Book Shop for their donations to the library and for working with us to keep our collection current and exciting.

The library now has a Facebook page. You can find it by searching for Cornwall Free Public Library (<https://www.facebook.com/Cornwall-Free-Public-Library-102425937842577/>) Please 'like' our page so you stay informed.

We were unable to hold our book sale this past fall. This had a great impact on our finances, as we always use the money earned to purchase additional books and movies for the library. At a recent trustee meeting, we decided to send a direct appeal letter to residents of the town. We thank you in advance for your help.

Respectfully submitted by your Library Trustees:

Judy English, Laura Fetterolf, Juliet Gerlin, Rich Isenberg, Sue Johnson, Patty McCormick and Kristina Simmons

Cornwall Free Public Library Library Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance, 01/01/2020 \$3,569.33

INCOME:

Town Appropriation 2020	\$4,000.00
Holmes Family Donation	1,000.00
Donations	350.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>119.00</u>

Sub-Total Income:	5,469.00
Less Expenses:	<u>(8,285.77)</u>

Balance 12/31/2020 \$752.56

EXPENSES:

Supplies/Advertising	\$488.82
Membership & Support	207.00
Online Programming	1,030.22
Books/Media	5,556.89
Phone Service/Public Wi-Fi	<u>1,002.84</u>

Total Expenses:	<u>\$8,285.77</u>
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Fund Balances 12-31-2020

Foote, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,733.99
Interest earned 2020	<u>12.67</u>

Total	4,746.66
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Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	2,303.82
Interest earned 2020	<u>6.96</u>

Total	2,310.78
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Grand Total CD's \$7,057.44

Capital Budget Committee Report

This report lays out the Capital Budget and Planning Committee's Capital Budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and the Capital Plan (Program) for the five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2022.

After accounting for the current year's expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2019 report, the committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. As of January 29, 2021, the Capital Equipment Fund balance is \$463,022. The equipment fund purchased a 5500 Dodge 1½-ton truck with plow for the highway department. The cost of the truck was \$48,920. The highway department will sell the current pick-up truck and the 2009 plow truck to help offset the cost of the Dodge and the new tandem plow truck that will arrive in 2021 or 2022. The fire department refurbished the brush truck with a new Waterous skid pump in the amount of \$60,598, purchased two air packs for \$13,737, and ordered the new Engine #1, which will be delivered sometime in 2022.

The committee is recommending that the Capital Building line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$100,000. As of January 29, 2021, the Capital Building Fund balance is \$132,903. The building fund paid off the Construction Loan in July 2020 in the amount of \$56,381.07. The committee will continue to work toward replacement of the salt and sand buildings with a Hoop-framed structure at the town garage. The town garage facility will be the focus of the capital building committee for the next few years.

The committee is recommending the continuation of a Capital Paving line in the General Fund budget in the amount of \$25,000 to prepare for future paving of gravel roads and maintenance of paved roads. The committee discussed the benefits of paved roads over gravel roads and believes that winter maintenance is more efficient when treating pavement with salt. The current balance in the Capital Paving Fund is \$50,000. The committee is recommending that the Capital Paving line remain at \$25,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Mary Conlon, Mike Sunderland, Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson and David Berno

Cornwall Emergency Management Network

- **Notification/Alerts** – If you are not signed up on the Cornwall Connection email list, please get your email address to Sue. We use that list for Town events and news, as well as for emergency notifications. It's the easiest and quickest way to reach you if we need to get critical information out. We also use Front Porch Forum, and Vermont 2-1-1 for incident updates.
- **E9-1-1 Addressing** – Each municipality has an Enhanced 9-1-1 Coordinator responsible for assigning address numbers to structures. When a new structure is permitted, or when a driveway is adjusted or moved, a new Location Address must be assigned and reported to the VT Enhanced 9-1-1 Board. They, in turn, update the emergency services (fire, rescue, ambulance, law enforcement) databases.

E9-1-1 numbers must be assigned at the same time that zoning/building and/or driveway permits are sought. The only authority for assigning a number is the Coordinator. Self-defined or assumed numbers are not acceptable; nor will they get into the E9-1-1 response databases.

When a new Cornwall number is assigned, an email is sent to the owner/the builder/applicant, as well as Cornwall Highway, Fire/First Response, Listers, Clerk, MREMS (Ambulance), USPS, OTT Communications, and Green Mountain Power.

Kate Gieges continues as our Enhanced 9-1-1 Coordinator. If you need to be assigned a 9-1-1 address, please contact Kate at 462-2182 or gieges@shoreham.net.

- **E911 Signs** – For your personal and household safety, *please* have a green/white reflective 9-1-1 sign at your driveway. It needs to be mounted so it is visible from both directions of traffic, and tall enough and stable enough to withstand snow drifts.

If you live on a shared road, it is imperative that your driveway/access point be marked. Imagine a kitchen fire, and you hear the sirens coming... and going... to your neighbor's. Imagine your toddler choking, and you hear the ambulance stop at the cul-de-sac, and wait... while the driver radios for better directions. *Please mark your individual driveways.*

We depend on you to take responsibility for your safety and obtain these signs. Contact the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for information on having a sign installed.

Your interest in and attention to safety and preparedness is appreciated.

Sue Johnson

Town of Cornwall Town Meeting Minutes Monday, March 2, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM and transacted the following business. There were approximately 90 voters present at the meeting. Cy Day Tall, Moderator opened the floor to Peter Conlon, our State Representative to give an update on what has been happening in legislature. He talked about two bills that had been vetoed by the Governor. The first had to do with paid family leave, and the legislature was unable to override the veto by one vote. The second was in regard to minimum wage and that bill was overridden by the legislature. They have talked a lot about taxing and regulating Marijuana. A bill to update ACT 250 has been introduced. They are working on a rework of the renter's rebate form. They are working on getting money for the mosquito districts.

Cy Day Tall went over Robert's Rules of order and mentioned that there were town reports and charitable organization information packets at the front of the room.

Ben Marks, Selectboard Chair took a few minutes to give an overview of the Selectboard's work for the last year. Much of that work has been focused on the draft of the Land Use and Development Regulations. That will continue to be a work in progress for the foreseeable future.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

5 years: Cemetery Commissioner

4 years: Cemetery Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)

3 years: Selectboard; Lister; Auditor, Trustee of Public Funds; Two (2) Planning Commissioners

2 years: Selectboard; Trustee of Public Funds (to fill an unexpired term); Three (3) Library Trustees; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term);

1 year: Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Library Trustee (to fill an unexpired term) Two (2) Planning Commissioners (to fill unexpired terms)

No official action was taken on Article 1. Australian ballot voting will take place at the Cornwall Town Hall tomorrow, March 3 from 7 AM – 7 PM. Sue Johnson did give an overview of what checking in and voting at this election would look like. There are technically two elections going on at the same time and voters will have to decide which party ballot they would like to vote on in the Presidential Primary.

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit. See page 25.

Susan Johnson/ Ben Marks moved that the \$33,243.77 deficit be raised through property taxes when the tax rate is next calculated for the 2020-2021 tax bill. Sue J. mentioned that legal fees were over budget by \$11,000. The delinquent tax total is up a bit at \$68,553. The school expenses were up now that we are a town that pays into the state above the regular payment to the school district. Some of the typical revenues were down last year, which included Property Tax Adjustment payments to the town and the Hold Harmless payment. Chris Kramer asked for an explanation of why the school budget was increased. It was suggested that he speak with a school district board member. Steven Edwards expressed concern about the paying taxpayers having to make up the shortfall for those that do not pay their taxes. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$499,849.

Lisa Roberts/Jordan Young moved to approve a General Fund budget of \$499,849. Ellen Whelan-Wuest indicated that the spent to date budget seemed very low at this point in the year. Sue Johnson explained that the capital budget line items remain in the budget until close to the end of the fiscal year. The amounts involved do make the budget look underspent. Those amounts will be used in full by the end of the fiscal year. "T" Tall asked about the large increase requested by Middlebury Regional Emergency Medical Services (MREMS). Ben Marks explained that MREMS has not done a good job of creating and maintaining a capital fund for the replacement of their equipment. They are now in a bad situation where they need to replace several ambulances in order to continue to provide quality care. MREMS has requested a significantly higher amount from each of their service towns for this year. They have assured the Selectboard that large increases similar to this will not continue each and every year.

Chris Kramer asked why the Grand List Maintenance line had been increased as they have not typically used all of their budget. There was not a specific answer.

There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$448,790. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, leaving \$383,790 to be raised by taxes.

Lisa Roberts/Gary Margolis moved to approve a Highway budget of \$448,790. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, leaving \$383,790 to be raised by taxes. There was no discussion. The moderator put the question to a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$69,750 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Gary Margolis/Lisa Roberts moved to appropriate \$69,750 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Ben Marks took a moment to introduce and thank Dave Berno. Dave was elected Fire Chief last February. He

also mentioned that the fire department's budget is down 10% from last year. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Gary Margolis/Jean Terwilliger moved to appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Sue Johnson and Laura Fetterolf took a few moments to thank the library patrons and to give an overview of new opportunities coming down the road. The library is working on having its collection available to patrons on the Web. The trustees have met with a state library liaison and we will be working on community engagement. Laura F. asked folks to be in touch and let the trustees know what they would like to see in the library. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will support the creation of a Conservation Fund Planning Group to study how towns in Vermont fund their conservation activities. The group will include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and other interested persons.

Chris Kramer/Conor Stinson moved that the voters support the creation of a Conservation Fund Planning Group to study how towns in Vermont fund their conservation activities. The group will include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and other interested persons. Craig Burnham asked whether the zoning regulations covered some of this? Ben Marks indicated that the zoning regulations would not cover funding various types of conservation activities. Zoning is regulation, but purchasing easements for example, is a different matter which would require a funding source. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote and the motion carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

a.	Addison Central Teens, Inc.	\$ 2,500.00
b.	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	1,440.00
c.	Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00
d.	Addison County Readers, Inc.	350.00
e.	Addison County Restorative Justice Services	350.00
f.	Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative	500.00
g.	Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	1,315.00
h.	Age Well	950.00
i.	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)	2,000.00
j.	Charter House Coalition	2,500.00
k.	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
l.	Elderly Services, Inc.	1,600.00
m.	End of Life Services, Inc.	600.00
n.	Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00

o.	<i>Habitat for Humanity of Addison County</i>	800.00
p.	<i>Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center</i>	500.00
q.	<i>H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)</i>	4,000.00
r.	<i>John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.</i>	1,925.00
s.	<i>Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.</i>	700.00
t.	<i>Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)</i>	750.00
u.	<i>Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.</i>	1,000.00
v.	<i>Otter Creek Child Care Center</i>	1,000.00
w.	<i>The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.</i>	540.00
x.	<i>Turning Point Center of Addison County</i>	1,000.00
y.	<i>Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.</i>	500.00
z.	<i>WomenSafe, Inc.</i>	<u>\$ 1,250.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$32,070.00

David Anderson/Ellen Whelan-Wuest moved to appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations. Craig Burnham spoke about Elderly Services and the service that they provide to Addison County residents. Craig B. moved to amend the amount listed for Elderly Services to a total of \$4,000, Tommy Frankovic seconded the amendment. With no further discussion on the amendment, the moderator put the question to a vote and the amendment passed on voice vote. Discussion continued.

Marc Lapin pointed out that Turning Point is a new organization and wondered if we have oversight on what is requested. Pat Anderson asked that the process for requesting funds be explained. Sue J. explained that any new organization requesting funds from the town must make their monetary request in the form of a petition with signatures from 5% of registered voters on the petition. The petition must be turned in 45 days ahead of town meeting. The organization must also provide information that is specific to Cornwall as to what and how many services were provided to Cornwall residents. In subsequent years, the organization has to provide the yearly information and the request, not the petition. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the amended question to a vote. The amended final amount for Article 8 is \$34,470 to be transferred to the various organizations. The motion as amended carried on voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: *To see if the Cornwall voters shall advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to replace the third sentence of Article 8 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement with the following: **Each director shall be elected by the voters of the district town in which the director lives.***

Benjamin Deppman/Michael Sheriden moved that the Cornwall voters advise the Board of the Addison Central School district to replace the third sentence of Article 8 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement with the following: Each director shall be elected by the voters of the district town in which the director lives. A question was asked about the original language in the Articles of Agreement, but that information was not available. It was reported the School Board members are apportioned across the towns but are voted on at large. If this article is approved, it will make no difference as the change must happen at the administrative level. Craig Burnham indicated that in the 2021-2022 school year, the sixth graders will be going to the middle school in Middlebury, leaving that many fewer students here in Cornwall. Craig asked if the Selectboard has thought

about the future and what to do with the building should the Cornwall school be closed. Cy Tall indicated that this discussion was not germane to the Article being discussed. She suggested that Craig bring it up under other business.

Todd Kincaid mentioned that the ACSD board has raised constitutionality as a barrier to voting on these proposed articles. Chris Kramer explained that as it relates to the federal constitution, not state, the rule is one person, one vote. There was a compromise when the ACSD was formed apportioning the board members to each town. In order to comply with the federal constitution, voting must be at large. Other Vermont school districts do have this provision. The School board did consider other types of representation for the district. David Dodge asked why is this good for Cornwall? In general, it would be good because Cornwall voters know Cornwall people better than board members from other towns and Cornwall should decide who represents them. Kristi Tolgyesi did mention that Cornwall does get to vote on board members from the other towns as well, in particular, Middlebury. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote and the motion did not carry on voice vote. Article 9 was defeated.

*ARTICLE 10: To see if the Cornwall voters shall advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to amend Article 14 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement by adding the following: **No District elementary school shall be closed unless a majority of the registered voters at a duly warned special meeting of the town in which the school is located vote to close the school.***

Chris Kramer/Jordan Young moved that the Cornwall voters advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to amend Article 14 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement by adding the following: No District elementary school shall be closed unless a majority of the registered voters at a duly warned special meeting of the town in which the school is located vote to close the school. Chris Kramer explained that the reason the two articles go together is because the Middlebury board members could vote to close a school due to their majority. However, a super majority of 10 out of the 13 board members is required to close a school. This amendment would give Cornwall a voice as to what happens to our school. Donna Brewer reminded the voters that Cornwall is now part of a larger school district and that the town no longer owns the school. Craig Burnham reminded the voters that the towns voted 3 years ago to join the district. Jordan Young indicated that the Addison North West District is ahead of the ACSD and they have been moving forward with some painful school closures. He also said that the town gave away its control of the school and this is an attempt to gain some of that back. Chris Kramer indicated that there was no legal issue with this Article, but the ACSD board chose not to include it on their warning. David Dodge wondered if other towns were also discussing these articles. Several other ACSD towns do have the articles on their warnings. One other town is doing a survey. Ben Marks gave a brief overview of why the consolidation occurred. The local school boards were unable to control costs. Those costs include capital needs, health care, declining enrollment, etc. Ellen Whelan-Wuest commented that the costs are crushing no matter how the school district is comprised. There being no further discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote. The voice vote was too close to call, the moderator asked for a show of hands. This resulted in a tie vote. The moderator called for a division of the house and there were seven people in favor of having a paper ballot vote. The final tally from the paper ballot count was Yes - 44, No - 46. Article 10 was defeated.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 1, 2020 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2020, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2021. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2020, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2021 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

Benjamin Deppman/Laura Fetterolf moved to approve Article 11 as printed with September 1, 2020 as the billing date for property taxes and the payment dates of November 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021. There was no discussion. The moderator put the question to a vote and the motion passed on voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Cy Day Tall reminded the voters that the other business article was for informational items only and no binding votes could be taken under this article.

Craig Burnham did bring up the question of what if any future plans the Selectboard might have for the school should it be closed. Ben Marks indicated that the Selectboard has not made any plans for the building. He did remind the voters that since the school was built with donations and not tax dollars, Cornwall built a \$1.00 buy back provision in the deed to the ACSO. If the building is returned to the town, the Selectboard will consider what to do with it at that time. Craig wondered about putting together a planning committee together.

David Dodge, Lemon Fair Insect Control District Chair spoke for few moments on an initiative that the district is working on with the State Ag. Department. They will be rolling out a sidewall tire cutting initiative to avoid standing water in tires where mosquitoes breed. He did not know when the program would start.

Lisa Roberts reported that a group of folks met with Planned Parenthood a few weeks ago to discuss the Prop 5 Constitutional Amendment. Every Vermonter should have personal reproductive autonomy. The amendment has passed the house and senate once and needs to pass again. There is information available and volunteers are needed.

Michael Sheriden of the Conservation Commission indicated that several events will be happening this spring. April 30 at 7 PM an Audubon expert will be giving a presentation. On May 9, the same Audubon expert will give a guided walk as well.

The Commission will put on a program about the benefits of conserving land, that is planned for late March or early April. The Conservation Commission invites any interested persons to attend their meetings. The next meeting will be March 10 at 7 PM.

Sue Johnson wanted to thank the Cornwall Fire Department members for setting up and taking down the chairs and podium each year for town meeting.

Sue J. also made folks aware that the 2019 Town Report was dedicated to Bob Bingham, a lifelong Cornwall resident and someone very involved in town affairs.

Sue also reported that Joan Bingham, Assistant Town Clerk will be officially retiring this year after Town Meeting. She has been Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk for a total of 40 years. We thank Joan for her long and faithful service to the town. Please wish her well tomorrow at the polls.

Bob Gerlin asked for a round of applause for Sue Johnson and thanked her for her work for the Town of Cornwall.

Gary Margolis/Melissa Ellery moved to adjourn the town meeting at 8:28 PM. The motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Johnson, Town Clerk

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) provides adult and larval mosquito surveying and larvicide treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for the towns of Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge which provide funding. We work closely with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture which provides additional funding for our field analysis and treatment. We do not conduct adult mosquito treatment but instead attempt to destroy larvae before they become adults. Additional information (including monthly meeting minutes) is available on our website (<http://www.lficd.org/>).

2020 Field Report from Craig Zondag, Field Coordinator/Biologist

The 2020 mosquito season was quiet. Drought conditions interrupted the breeding cycle for most of our mosquito species. In 2019, we trapped over 48,000 mosquitoes. In 2020, a little over 6,000 mosquitoes were trapped and approximately 80% were *Coquillittidia perturbans* (“Cattail Species”). Ironically, the cattail habitats we traversed throughout the summer were dry. The Lemon Fair River never flooded its banks. Larval surveillance was limited to spring/winter thaw conditions.

The LFICD created a College Internship program in 2020. The interns were Ryan Pratt, who graduated from UVM in May 2020 with a BA in Biology and a Business Administration Minor and Olivia Olson, Middlebury College (Feb. ’22) Candidate for BA in Biology and German. The Interns assisted with data collection and analysis. They both were also a significant help in fulfilling State Grant Agreement requirements for Pesticide Use and Resistance Monitoring. I am grateful for the two interns that participated in this year’s program. We wish them well as they journey forward.

Earlier in the year I became certified as successfully completing the Vermont online training in workplace COVID-19 protection. We installed a plexiglass barrier at the lab table where our microscope work takes place. Appalachian Gap Distillery donated a gallon of disinfectant to keep surfaces and lab equipment wiped regularly (“weekly deep cleaning”) which we very much appreciated. Masks were required in the lab as was regular hand cleaning. A limit of no more than three people can occupy the space of the lab at one time. It is likely we will still be deploying the same COVID-19 protocols for 2021.

Our in-person outreach and educational programs were cutback by COVID-19. However, we still maintained our mosquito complaint line and our website, which contains the field data that triggers our treatment program. We provided a news article for the Addison Independent. Due to dry conditions this year, we spent time in the field identifying “hot spots” for sustained seasonal mosquito activity. Please visit the web site for updates.

Funding

In light of Covid-19’s adverse impact on the State of Vermont’s finances, we learned that our 2021 Grant Agreement would be renewed for only one quarter, 6/30/20 to 9/30/20 for \$17,500 or 25% of our annual \$70,000 allocation. This would have been a problem given that the bulk of our \$70,000 is spent in the summer months when mosquitoes are active.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report, *continued*

Fortunately, with the assistance of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (VAA) and our legislators, the remaining \$52,500 was renewed for 10/1/20 to 6/30/21.

Board and Staff

Chuck Burkins (Bridport) and Melissa Lourie (Weybridge) left the board in 2020 and we thank them for their service. We were fortunate to have Judd Markowski of Bridport join the board. Judd was a LFICD field technician for several summers. We still need two additional board members from Weybridge.

We very much appreciate the diligence and hard work of our Field Coordinator, Craig Zondag and look forward to working with him in 2021. We also were pleased to have our interns and we intend to keep the program in place for 2021.

Bridport: Dinah Bain (Treasurer), Judd Markowski, Alissa Shethar.

Cornwall: Chris Chapline (Secretary), David Dodge (Chair), Wendy Lynch.

Weybridge: Gary Rodes.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

Lemon Fair Insect Control District		Budget Calendar Year 2020	Actuals Calendar Year 2020	Budget Calendar Year 2021
	See Accompanying Budget Notes			
	Beginning Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 97,702.30	\$ 63,965.54	\$104,890.00
	INCOME			
	VAA IPM* Reimbursement	\$ 77,943.58	\$ 80,599.59	\$ 83,443.62
	VAA Treatment Reimbursement	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	
	Member town assessments:			
	Bridport	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Cornwall	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Weybridge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	Donation		\$ 150.00	\$ -
	Interest	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 120,952.58	\$ 98,755.59	\$101,449.62
	TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 218,654.88	\$ 162,721.13	\$206,339.62
	EXPENSES			
	Payroll incl workers comp	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 43,798.17	\$ 48,333.24
	Mileage		\$ 1,829.38	\$ 1,998.10
	Lab Exp, IPM supplies	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 5,589.86	\$ 5,984.00
	Software	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	Treatment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
	Larvicide	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
	NMCA Conference	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 500.00
	Trailer operations: electricity, repairs	\$ 530.00	\$ 672.28	\$ 700.00
	Larvicide loaders, trucking - treatment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Trailer: airport lease	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63
	Misc. - public outreach	\$ 450.00	\$ 458.34	\$ 460.00
	Admin - stamps, PO box, checks, offc supp	\$ 200.00	\$ 322.47	\$ 180.00
	Licenses and permits	\$ 135.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 105.00
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
				\$ -
	REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 126,933.63	\$ 53,324.13	\$101,308.97
				\$ -
	Legal fees and services	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
	Review of accounts - FY2020/2021	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
	Insurance: Operations, Supervisory Board	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,307.00	\$ 3,436.65
				\$ -
	UNREIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 4,507.00	\$ 4,886.65
				\$ -
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 132,183.63	\$ 57,831.13	\$106,195.62
	Ending Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 86,471.25	\$ 104,890.00	\$100,144.00
	*IPM is Integrated Pest Management			

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

1. **Background:** The LFICD provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided by hand or aerially following an analysis of conditions with reimbursement from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”). Additional information is available on our website (<https://www.lficd.org/>).
2. **Fiscal Year:** The VAA fiscal year (“FY”) is 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.
3. **Treatment Acreage:** The LFICD’s 2021 budget assumes one full aerial treatment for the Lemon Fair Valley (1,000 acres) in Cornwall, Bridport and Weybridge. Previous years’ actual aerial treatment acreage: none in 2020, none in 2019, none in 2018, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 720 in 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.
4. **Aerial Larviciding:** We will continue to use 3rd party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including JBI Helicopter of Pembroke, NH and North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct hand treatment when and where necessary.
5. **Grant Agreement:** We operated under a 3-month Grant Agreement from 7/1/20 to 9/30/20 while the state determined budget needs under the Covid-19 crisis. Beginning on 10/1/20 our Grant Agreement was renewed for 9 months until the end of the VAA’s fiscal year on 6/30/21. The two Grant Agreements covering 7/1/20 to 6/30/21 total \$70,000 but do not include 2019’s special \$25,000 allocation for treatment (which we did not use). All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.
6. **Revenue:** The LFICD’s FY 2021 budgeted revenue is \$101,449.62 and consists of \$6,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge and \$83,443.62 from the VAA. The VAA’s \$83,443.62 is \$13,443.62 greater than the Grant Agreement’s \$70,000 and reflects timing differences between reimbursement requests and payment. FY 2020 actual revenues were \$22,346.99 less than projected due to no larvicide treatment reimbursement. VAA reimbursements can be used for aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and specie identification and capital expenditures.
7. **Expenses:** The FY 2021 budget assumes one, 1,000-acre aerial treatment for a cost of \$25,000 with larvicide purchases totaling \$15,000. Other expenses including payroll are budgeted for \$50,331.34 compared to 2020’s actuals of \$45,627.55.
8. **Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury Goshen and Pittsford District (“BLSG”):** Whenever possible, we will attempt to coordinate same day treatments with the BLSG. However, the BLSG mosquito habitat (Otter Creek flood plain, wooded lakes and ponds) does not always generate the same treatment needs as the LFICD mosquito habitat (Lemon Fair flood plain).

Cornwall Joins the Countywide Broadband Initiative

To date, 17 towns, including Cornwall, have joined Maple Broadband, a non-profit municipal collaborative that is focused on bringing high-speed, reliable, affordable internet access to all households and businesses in Addison County. A combination of user fees; state, federal and private charitable grants; and loans – but no taxpayer dollars will fund the effort. So far, the select boards that have voted to join this organization, (called a Communications Union District, or CUD), are Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting.

Since its formation in late summer, and with help from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, Maple Broadband has secured grants totaling \$160,000 and is working to apply for additional grant funds. It has hired consultants to conduct a feasibility study, which has now been completed. Next steps will be to establish a public-private partnership with an existing internet provider and develop a business plan. Raising the necessary funds, through grants and loans, and building the pole-to-pole-to-house fiber infrastructure across the county, including the more rural areas, will take time. Maple Broadband aims to be providing service to its first Addison County customers beginning as early as 2023.

Steve Huffaker, chair of the Maple Broadband Executive Committee and a resident of Ferrisburgh, described the mission of the organization this way, “Access to true high-speed internet service (100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload) is key to community development in our region. Many people in the county who have internet service today are getting speeds well below what the Vermont Department of Public Service deems adequate (25Mbps download/3Mbps upload). Some others don’t have internet service at all. Broadly available high-speed internet will enable Addison County residents to have equitable access to information. It will attract new businesses and jobs. It will attract new families, looking to settle in a place where adults and students can work from home, even after this pandemic is behind us. It will enable residents to take advantage of telemedicine services. It will enhance the ability of public officials to communicate with each other and with the communities they serve.”

More information about Maple Broadband, including updates and pre-subscription surveys will be available in the coming months on its website www.maplebroadband.net. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Cornwall’s representatives on the Maple Broadband Board: Magna Dodge, magna@maplebroadband.net, or Bill Johnson, wsj@shoreham.net.

Maple Broadband Annual Report 2020

Maple Broadband 2020 Annual Report December 2, 2020

A Communications Union District (CUD) is an organization of two or more towns that join together as a municipal entity to build communication infrastructure. Vermont legislation, VSA 30 Chapter 82, enabled the formation of CUDs, and “Maple Broadband” is the name we have chose, for our CUD.

Our member towns include Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Waltham, and Weybridge. Our mission is to make locally-controlled, affordable, and reliable high-speed internet service available to every address in our member towns; and to ensure that all subscribers receive prompt, user-friendly customer service and tech support.

The official organizational meeting of Maple Broadband was held on September 3, 2020. During our first three months of existence, we focused on setting up the new organization and fundraising.

Our Governing Board has 16 representatives appointed by Selectboards of the member towns. We have an Executive Committee and established three temporary subcommittees to work on specific tasks. Meeting times, agendas and minutes are posted on our temporary website hosted by Addison County Regional Planning Commission <http://acrpc.org/programs-services/accud/>. We will be launching our permanent website in the coming days.

Between September and November 2020, we raised \$130,000 in grants to support the startup of the organization. The Vermont Community Foundation provided a total of \$30,000 in grants to support general operating expenses. The Vermont Department of Public Service awarded \$100,000 in CARES Act funds which allowed us to retain administrative and consulting services from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, engage a website and marketing firm to help inform the community about our organization, and legal representation.

The year 2021 will be an important year for Maple Broadband. While it is difficult to predict with certainty what our network will look like by the end of 2021, in the coming months, we expect to be engaging an operating partner and implementing a business plan as we prepare to build our fiber network. If we experience favorable market conditions in the coming year, our first phase subscribers will have high-speed internet service in 2022.

Submitted by Maple Broadband Governing Board,

Executive Committee: Dan Sonneborn (Bristol), Magna Dodge (Cornwall), Steve Huffaker (Ferrisburgh), Billy Sneed (Ripton), Nancy Cornell (Starksboro)

Treasurer: Arabella Holzapfel (Ferrisburgh)

Governing Board: Paul Forlenza (Lincoln), Ross Conrad (Middlebury), Mark Boltz-Robinson (Monkton), Jim Walsh (New Haven), Dave Carpenter (Orwell), Howard Hall (Panton), Amey Ryan (Salisbury), Carl Siebecker (Shoreham), Andrew S. Martin (Waltham), Spencer Putnam (Weybridge), Brad Lawes (Leicester)

Maple Broadband Members

Bristol
Lincoln
Orwell
Starksboro

Cornwall
Middlebury
Ripton
Waltham

Ferrisburgh
Monkton
Salisbury
Weybridge

Leicester
New Haven
Shoreham
Panton

Maple Broadband FY 2021 Budget

Revenues	2020 Initial Estimates	2020 YTD Actuals as of 11/30/20	2020 Adopted Budget & Estimated EOY	2021 Proposed Budget
Capital				
Grants	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
Unspent funds				
Subtotal Capital Revenue	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 2,400,000.00
Operational				
Grants & Contributions				
In-Kind	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$56,500
Donations - Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Unknown
Donations - Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Unknown
Grants - Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Grants - Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants - State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
Grants - Other				\$ 70,000.00
Investments				
Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal Operational Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216,500.00
Brought Forward from Previous Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 2,646,500.00

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Middlebury District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
- Approximately 213,000* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
- 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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Vermont 2-1-1

VERMONT 2-1-1 is a free, 3-digit number to dial for information about community, health, and human services in your community, state or region. With 2-1-1, a trained knowledgeable call specialist will problem-solve and refer the caller to applicable government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, health agencies, and other resources in a locality as close to the caller as possible.

DIALING 2-1-1...

- Is a free, confidential, local call from anywhere in Vermont, 24/7
- Will provide accurate, updated information about available resources
- Utilizes a statewide database
- Provides live translation services for over 170 languages
- Provides access to information for callers with special needs
- Has capability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 or specialized hotlines
- Will provide call-back follow-up if needed and requested.

when calling 2-1-1 from a cell phone, near state borders, be sure you have reached "Vermont 2-1-1" as calls sometimes bounce to neighboring states.



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board regularly meets virtually (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the 3^d Thursday of the month at 7PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org

Transfer Station Hours: M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

HazWaste Center Hours: M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website. The office is closed to visitors due to the pandemic, but staff can be reached via phone, e-mail, text, and mail.

2020 Highlights

COVID-19. The year 2020 has been a difficult year, requiring the flexibility to adapt to the pandemic that disrupted all of the lives of our community residents and businesses. The District staff have been working diligently, despite the risk, toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system during these challenging times. Deemed an “essential business” by the Dept. of Homeland Security, and state and local emergency declarations, the District has been following the guidance on how to protect our staff and customers while providing essential services. On March 30th – May 18th, the District Transfer Station was forced to limit residents to food scraps only. The ***Reuse It or Lose It!*** Centers were closed until further notice. Thankfully, the Transfer Station was able to continue servicing businesses and commercial haulers without interruption.

Addison County Solid Waste Management District Report, *continued*

Waste Diversion. The VT Universal Recycling Law instituted a landfill ban of food scraps as of 7/1/2020. All generators had to begin diverting food scraps, either through backyard composting, through a commercial hauler, or at a waste facility. The District has been busy working with its residents, haulers, schools, institutions, and businesses to comply with the new mandate. As a result, the District has collected an average of 14,500 lbs. per week, a 200% increase since the ban took effect.

Recycling. The decline in market prices for most recyclables continued in 2020. The District has been able to absorb the recycling losses, estimated to reach \$35,000+ this year. However, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. VT Act No. 69 mandates took effect on 7/1/2020. Single-use expanded polystyrene food service products are banned, along with single-use plastic carryout bags. Expanded polystyrene food service products are not allowed to be sold in VT. Plastic straws are available upon request only, and plastic stirrers are banned. A study committee was formed to further examine ways to manage packaging and printed materials.

Product Stewardship. The District has continued to be a strong advocate for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws as a method of controlling costs and keeping unwanted and banned items out of the landfill. EPR laws help distribute the cost of recycling and safe management of these products among industry, government, and consumers. The District continues to serve as a Collector under Vermont's EPR programs for electronics, mercury-containing lamps, primary cell batteries, and architectural paints.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2020 to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many area volunteers who organized collection of roadside litter, and providing bags and gloves. Green-up Day collection totals were lower this year, with an event delay and a drop in participation rates due to the pandemic. The District subsidized the disposal of 6.09 tons of roadside trash, 10.81 tons of tires, and various other abandoned items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,293.

2021 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2021 Annual Budget of \$3,818,063, an 8.35% increase. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$130/ton (\$8 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Residential food scraps will be \$1 per 5 gallons or less. Business Food Scraps will increase to \$15 per 32-gal unit and \$20 per 49-gal unit. Leaf & Yard Waste greater than 3 cubic yards. will increase to \$20. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. The prices of green food scrap buckets, Soil Savers, kitchen collectors and blue recycling bins will also increase. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2021.** For a copy of the full 2020 Annual Report and Adopted 2021 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2020

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2020 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Shoreham on their 2020 municipal planning grants to create housing.
- Continued work on the update of the Population and Housing section of the regional plan.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, housing and planning essentials.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC 8) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Hosted Local Emergency Management Plan training for town Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of a hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Lincoln, and completion of FEMA requirements and acceptance for the Town of Ripton.
- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Provided COVID-19 updates and information to Town Officials and Emergency Managers
- Assisted in developing a Mutual Aid agreement for Public Works Departments

Energy Planning:

- Assisted a Bristol, Panton New Haven and Shoreham in completing their enhanced energy plans and strengthening policies supporting renewable energy.
- Worked with five municipalities: Monkton, Panton, Salisbury, Vergennes and Weybridge through the process of regional approval of their Enhanced Energy Plans.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Hosted 4 roundtables of municipal energy committees and coordinators.

Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce road erosion inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, structures, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies and supported municipal capital budget development.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for a future Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in storm water planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Charitable and Service Organization Information— 2020

Booklets containing all of the information provided by the various agencies will be available at the Cornwall Town Hall. The information provided here is merely a synopsis.

Addison Central Teens & Friends, Inc. (ACT)

Addison Central Teens (ACT) is a local organization made up of teens, adults, and community members interested in supporting youth development in our community. Located at 77 Mary Hogan Drive in Middlebury by the Courthouse. Since COVID-19, our drop-in program has expanded to offer 50% more open hours dedicated to providing support to remote learners. We are now open early three days per weeks, so that remote learners have an additional safe, sanitized space with internet access and adult supervision to complete their work outside the home.

ACT is requesting \$2,500.00, same as last year.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice

Addison County Home Health & Hospice is a community focused non-profit home healthcare agency. We provide an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own home – where they are most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Our services are offered to all individuals in need of home care – including those who do not have the financial means to pay for their care. To ensure the future of these vital programs, we turn to our community for support.

Addison County Home Health and Hospice is requesting \$1440.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Parent/Child Center

Since 1980, the Parent/Child Center has been committed to providing services to support all families in our community in getting off to a healthy start. While the PCC is probably best known for our work with adolescent families and young children, services are intended for any family who wants or needs them.

The A. C. Parent/Child Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$1600.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Readers, Inc.

Addison County Readers, Inc is a not-for-profit Vermont corporation formed in 2007 to support literacy in Addison County through activities such as distributing books, providing educational opportunities, and raising literacy awareness. ACR has affiliated with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide a free gift of a book each month, mailed to the homes of all registered children in Addison County. All children below 5 years of age in Addison County are eligible to register with the Imagination Library program.

Addison County Readers, Inc. is requesting funding in the amount of \$350.00, no change from last year.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc.

ACRJS provides community restorative justice responses focusing on the “balanced approach” in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility while providing compensation of loss for the victims, and compensation of resources for the community. Anyone given the opportunity to participate in our programs is supported to take responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way, and learn from their experience so as not to reoffend and cause harm to yet another person.

Addison County Restorative Justice Services, Inc. requests \$350.00, no change from last year.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative – ACRWC

The mission of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) is to monitor and assess the condition and uses of our rivers over the long term, raise public awareness of the values and functions of our watersheds, and support stewardship that improves water quality. Although our sampling was greatly curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions, the rivers we collect samples from are: Middlebury River, Otter Creek, New Haven River, Little Otter Creek, Lemon Fair, and Lewis Creek.

Addison County River Watch Collaborative is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00, no change from last year.

Age Well

For more than 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be.

Vermont is ranked as the second oldest state in the country and the population of seniors is only expected to grow. The State's senior population is expected to nearly double in the next fifteen years. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to health care, including specialized health care, and the services tend to be costlier than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes. Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

Age Well's Mission: To provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence.

Age Well is requesting funding in the amount of \$950.00, no change from last year.

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

CVOEO's staff members at Addison Community Action help people when hardship strikes (loss of a job, homelessness, underemployed, unexpected illness). Cornwall town residents who come to our office in Middlebury receive help with emergency housing, fuel and food assistance. A veteran may need assistance paying a security deposit for a new apartment; an elderly couple will come to the food shelf so that they can pay for needed medicine; a single mother will seek help keeping her family's home warm this winter.

CVOEO is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,000, no change from last year.

Charter House Coalition

Charter House Coalition was founded in 2005 as a volunteer based outreach to provide free meals, emergency housing, and personal support for adults and children throughout west-central Vermont. In 2019 over 1250 volunteers prepared and served over 40,000 free meals and provided shelter to 120 children and adults from across our region. In 2020 the effects of the pandemic have almost doubled the need for free meals, shelter, and support services for bringing stability to families.

The Charter House Coalition is requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500, no change from last year.

Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.

The Counseling Service of Addison County provides mental health, substance use recovery, and developmental disability services to people living in Addison County. Our skilled and dedicated staff members help individuals and families deal with the challenges they face. The Counseling Service is "people helping people" as they try to resolve life's conflicts; learn job skills; succeed in school; handle stress; contend with serious mental illness; find a caring home; fight drug abuse; build strong families; and face aging gracefully. Our Emergency Team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (388-7641).

CSAC \$2,300.00, no change from last year or since 2007.

Elderly Services, Inc.

Elderly Services is committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to each individual's needs, and promoting a sense of caring fellowship. It is our mission to provide high-quality programs to help elders live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities. We want to invite residents of Cornwall to stop by to see our home, find out about volunteer opportunities and see if our services can benefit you or your family. All in person services came to a halt on March 18, 2020. Elderly Services, Inc. will not be requesting funding from Cornwall this year.

Elderly Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$0.00 for the 2021/2022 FY.

End of Life Services

End of Life Services celebrates 37 years as a non-profit agency providing FREE hospice programs and bereavement support services to Addison County residents. With the pandemic, we had to switch overnight to online services and

rethink the way we were able to provide services. We continue to carry out our mission through FaceTime, Chromebooks and Zoom to connect safely with our community.

End of Life Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$600.00, no change from last year.

Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 1, 2021

Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! 2020 marked its 50th Anniversary on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of our events were cancelled due to COVID-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

Green-Up Vermont is requesting funding in the amount of \$100.00, no change from last year.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Addison County was founded in 1999 to help address housing needs in the county. Finding affordable housing in Addison County is extremely difficult, and home ownership is a virtual impossibility for many hard-working families. There are currently four HfHAC homes in Cornwall on 13 acres of land on Carothers' Lane.

Habitat for Humanity of Addison County is requesting \$800.00, no change from last year.

Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society

The mission of Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, is to educate the community and improve the lives of animals, alleviate their suffering, and elevate their status in society. We safeguard, rescue, shelter, heal, adopt and advocate for animals in need, while inspiring community action and compassion on their behalf.

The Shelter is requesting \$500.00, no change from last year.

Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE)

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more, and we work to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives.

HOPE respectfully requests \$4,000.00 to help defray costs, no change from last year.

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc.

This year the John Graham Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, marks 39 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals.

The John Graham Emergency Shelter is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,925.00, no change from last year.

Mary Johnson Children's Center

Mary Johnson's Children's Center serves families with children birth through 12 years in programs throughout Addison County. The Center has three early childhood programs: one in Middlebury, Mary Johnson Children's Center; one in East Middlebury, the Middlebury Cooperative Nursery school; and one in Orwell at the Orwell Early Education Program at the Orwell Village School. With grant help, the Center added an infant program this past fall, helping to address the chronic shortage for infant care in the county. The families served by the programs of Mary Johnson Children's Center reflect the social and economic diversity of our county.

MJCC is requesting funding in the amount of \$750.00, an increase of \$50 from last year.

Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)

Since 1987, the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) has conserved over 3600+ acres of important, scenic land in Addison County, including four properties in Cornwall that total 658 acres. MALT continually monitors these properties to ensure the conditions of the conservation easements are being met. We also partner with the Cornwall Conservation Commission to educate the community on conservation principles, procedures, and values.

MALT is requesting funding in the amount of \$750.00, no change from last year.

Open Door Clinic

The Open Door Clinic provides access to quality health care services, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established.

The Open Door Clinic is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000.00, no change from last year.

Otter Creek Child Center – OCCC

Otter Creek Child Center is a full day, year round, non-profit early care and education center located in Middlebury, Vermont. We welcome approximately 50 children, ages six weeks to six years, and their families. Founded in 1984, Otter Creek Child Center is one of the only area early care and education centers offering continuity of care from infancy to kindergarten. We are play-based, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited and have been awarded 5 STARS by Vermont's quality recognition system.

The Otter Creek Child Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$1000.00, no change from last year.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program – RSVP

Our goal is to continually increase our visibility as an organization, build our volunteer base and expand our reach to better serve the needs of other local non-profit organizations. The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the costs of providing volunteer placements, support insurance, transportation, and recognition.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program is requesting funding in the amount of \$540.00, no change from last year.

Tri-Valley Transit

All of Tri-Valley Transit's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. During the COVID-19 outbreak, public transportation has been on the frontlines of providing essential services to many of the most vulnerable members and essential workers of our communities. TVT has revamped its service to protect riders, the general public and staff.

Tri-Valley Transit is requesting \$1,315.00, no change from last year.

Turning Point Center of Addison County

The Turning Point Center's mission is to provide peer-based recovery support to all people to enhance the spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth of our community affected by substance use disorder and other addiction. During the pandemic, the physical use of the Center is closed, but the staff are available 5 days a week from 8 am – 8 pm.

The Turning Point Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000. No change from last year.

Vermont Adult Learning – VAL

Vermont Adult Learning offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life.

Vermont Adult Learning is requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00, no change from last year.

WomenSafe

WomenSafe has been dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children since 1980.

WomenSafe is requesting funding in the amount of \$1250.00, no change from last year.

WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Member Towns are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Weybridge

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby notified of the Virtual Public Information Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM, to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Virtual connection details may be found on the ACSD Website: <https://www.acsdvt.org>

Linda J. Barrett, ACSD Clerk

Mary Cullinane, ACSD Chair

Addison Central School District

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The Addison Central School District Annual Report and FY22 Budget Book will be available in the following manner: <http://www.acsdvt.org/domain/30> (Departments/Finance) or call 802-382-1274 to request a copy.

WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

**Member Towns are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham,
Weybridge**

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the following polling places on March 2, 2021 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

District	Location	Polling Hours
Bridport	Bridport Community/Masonic Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Middlebury Recreation Center/Gym 154 Creek Road	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Community House	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: To see if the voters of the Addison Central School District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors, under 16 VSA 562 (9), to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to expend \$40,352,941 which is the amount the ACSD school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,936.57 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **0.34%** higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to appropriate \$623,744 of the FY 2020 Unassigned Fund Balance (estimated at \$1,173,744) to the ACSD Capital Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 4: To elect four (4) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Addison Central School District Board for the following terms:

Two (2) who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.

One (1) who is a resident of Cornwall for a three-year term.

One (1) who is a resident of Shoreham for a three-year term.

ARTICLE 5: To elect the following school district officers from the nominees for a one-year term: a) Moderator b) Treasurer c) Clerk

Ballots shall be commingled and counted at Middlebury Union High School by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the District Clerk of Addison Central School District.

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District

Mary Cullinane, Chair
Addison Central School District

CORNWALL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Cornwall School is a collaborative community where students work together in their own classes and (usually) with other grades to learn, grow, and connect with each other. Because of the importance of following the health and safety guidelines this school year, students have been learning in “pods” or “cohorts,” meaning that they stay with the same group of students throughout the day. Since October, that has meant that students have been either at school in-person 5 days a week or have opted to be 100% remote, learning through the Remote Academy. In August, we welcomed some staff members to our community including our first grade teacher Claire Benjamin, our 4th grade teacher and Interventionist Will Chapman-Hale, our Speech Language Pathologist Mary Cotton as well as two paraprofessionals, Sarah Whitcomb and Amber Power.

All new teachers participated in a five-day virtual training to learn about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, which, along with district meetings, has helped prepare them to lead inquiry-based transdisciplinary lessons. Teachers continue to collaborate both horizontally with their grade level colleagues in the district as well as vertically with their colleagues in the building to develop transdisciplinary units of inquiry where students learn to question, think deeply, and make connections between what they have been learning.

We have had to rethink approaches to community events this year. Our parent group, Friends of Cornwall School, continues to hold virtual meetings and has developed creative approaches to traditional community events such as Harvest Fest, Gifts for Giving, and Grandfriends Day. One of their goals has been to foster a sense of “normalcy and joy” throughout the flow of the school year. In addition to planning these events, they also provided one of our outdoor tents so that classes may bring their academic learning outside and be protected from the elements.

More than ever, students and teachers have been learning through an emphasis on outdoor education, movement, and arts integration. Teachers and students have been taking advantage of the two large tents outside and the temporary pole tents that were on site until November. In addition, they have been using areas of our campus such as the garden, outdoor classroom, as well as the wooded area surrounding the outdoor classroom. The 4 Winds Nature Program, although unable to bring volunteers into the building, has provided lessons which focus on helping students explore the natural world through art, science, and literacy.

As a staff - and to better support and meet the needs of all children - we are continuing to learn more about Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and how to plan lessons from a UDL approach to better focus on meeting the needs of all children. Teachers have also participated in webinars on Executive Function skills, and are leading portions of our staff meetings by sharing and providing examples of what they have learned and how strategies can be implemented in the classrooms. As a district and as a staff we have been holding some difficult discussions on anti-racism and anti-bias, starting with an examination of ourselves. All of this work feels relevant, timely, and transferable to classroom lessons and/or approaches to teaching.

Students and staff have adjusted to wearing masks as well as other PPE as needed, to physical distancing, to washing hands according to a schedule, and to spending more time outside, no

CORNWALL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, *continued*

matter the weather, both to provide the opportunity for movement and to provide the opportunity for mask breaks. We are taking care of each other by following these guidelines, we are learning to communicate regarding topics which a year ago were unfamiliar, we are balancing the health and safety guidelines with social emotional and academic learning, and we are grateful that so many of us are able to be in school together.

We would like to thank the community for connecting with and supporting Cornwall School, encouraging and supporting us in both the formal and informal modes of learning to help us all grow.

Heather Raabe, Principal

CORNWALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY22 Budget Summary

Account	FY21 Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	% Difference
Direct Instruction	731,881	821,171	12.20%
Guidance	29,360	20,503	-30.17%
Nurse	17,886	29,658	65.82%
Occupational/Physical Therapy	8,135	8,135	0.00%
Library Media	58,541	59,250	1.21%
Administration	163,058	163,705	0.40%
Transportation-Field Trips	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Fund Transfers to Food Service	13,500	13,500	0.00%
Total Budget	1,024,361	1,117,922	9.13%

Notes:

No FTE changes reflected in any area of the budget.

Direct Instruction - No FTE changes. Reflective of wages and benefit selections.

Guidance - No FTE changes. Reflective of actual wage and benefit selections.

Nurse - No FTE changes. Reflective of allocation between grant funds and general funds.

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The conditions within which we have built the FY22 budget have been unprecedented, both regarding the impact of the pandemic and the fiscal challenges we face as a community. This is our first unified budget that exceeds the excess spending threshold, and much of our work on this FY22 budget has been focused on stabilizing resources and looking at ways to meet the challenges ahead as we expect our yearly staffing and health care costs to outpace increases in the threshold. The objective with this budget has been to maintain vital services and provide time to consider how we face the fiscal challenges in FY23 and beyond. We expect much work at the state and federal levels focused on recovery and education funding over the next year to address fiscal challenges brought on by the pandemic.

This budget represents the culmination of work that began many years ago, with our initial study of creating a 6-8th grade middle school. Over the last 18 months, MUMS teams and staff have been looking at all facets of this change, including how to maintain key aspects of what makes MUMS such a strong experience for students. Throughout this process, we have remained firm in our belief that we will see consistent student enrollment numbers after a steady decline over the last 10 years. We are excited to welcome our 6th grade students to a three-year experience at MUMS that will provide them with access to all of the great opportunities of the middle school experience.

We couldn't have gotten through this year without the support of our community. Meeting the challenges of this budget - and the challenges we'll face in the future - will continue to require the commitment to our students and their success that we've always carried in supporting our schools and each other. Thank you for being an active part of the ACSD community.

Sincerely,
Peter Burrows, Superintendent
Addison Central School District

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

As our district continues to focus on meeting the needs of all students, our 2021–2022 school budget reflects the ongoing challenges we face with decreasing enrollment and increasing costs. Our work to stabilize our financial foundation remains critical, as it affords us the opportunity to meet our challenges head-on and provide the necessary services and resources to our entire learning community.

The ACSD 2021–2022 budget sees a decrease in education spending of 0.59% from the prior year. This brings our estimated per pupil spending to \$18,936.57, representing a 0.34% increase over the prior year. For the first time, the ACSD Board has decided to use reserve funds to bring our budget under the spending threshold. Included in general fund revenues is \$550,000 of unassigned reserve funds. Without use of these funds, ACSD’s education spending per equalized pupil threshold would have been \$19,254.39, which exceeds the spending threshold by \$309 per pupil after exemptions. Unfortunately, such an overage would cause significant additional tax burdens on our community. While this use of fund balance provides a short-term solution, use of reserve funds in this capacity provides one-time revenue to address ongoing costs. We will need to remain focused on bringing our costs in line with available funding.

The ACSD Board is committed to providing an outstanding education to all students. We are also committed to doing so in a fiscally responsible manner. Our socio-economic diversity, our commitment to responsible leadership and our commitment to our community fuels both intentions. The Facilities Master Planning process of the past four years demonstrates the complexity of our challenges, but also the opportunity for sustainable solutions. The Board wants to thank our community members who have shared their perspectives, frustrations, and ideas. Civil discourse is at the root of our democracy and more important now, than ever. Please know, your inputs continue to inform our decisions as we move ahead, and we look forward to working together as we finalize the plan.

Our education system is the root of our strength as a state and as a local community. We encourage you to voice your concerns not only locally, but at the state level as well. No one institution can solve the challenges we face. Health care costs, increasing tax burdens, declining populations are foundational issues that must be addressed at national and state levels. Your voice matters, and we are committed to working together to be part of the solution.

This past year, we have once again demonstrated our strength. Efforts from our community partners who have helped us deal with the unfathomable challenges caused by the pandemic, our educators, service providers and support staff who have had to re-engineer classroom instruction and find new ways to support the development of our children, and our families and friends who have had to deal with profound pressures and uncertainty, each done so with determination and purpose. For this, and so much more, the Board thanks you for your commitment to education and for providing hope as we move forward.

Mary Cullinane, Board Chair
Addison Central School District

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year to Year Budget Summary

Expenditures		FY21 Revised Budget	FY22 Proposed	% Change
General Fund	Student Instruction/Support, Regular Education	22,269,766	22,853,852	2.62%
	Student Instruction/Support, Special Education	5,519,553	5,118,343	-7.27%
	Universal Pre-K	496,080	523,328	5.49%
	Technical/Career Center Education	1,246,668	1,189,696	-4.57%
	Transportation	925,509	1,064,286	14.99%
	Facilities	3,264,353	3,279,782	0.47%
	Technology	1,116,957	1,138,035	1.89%
	Board and District Administration	1,949,298	2,001,456	2.68%
	Professional Development/Curriculum	627,476	603,976	-3.75%
	Debt Service	333,405	176,413	-47.09%
Other Funds	Consolidated Federal Program	1,395,768	1,519,600	8.87%
	Special Education Federal Grant Expenditures	580,337	625,694	7.82%
	Medicaid/MAC	183,907	198,315	7.83%
	Special Funds	60,165	60,165	0.00%
	Total Expenditures	39,969,243	40,352,941	0.96%
Separately Warned Articles	Special Article - Ed Reserve Fund	1,282,303	0	
	Special Article - Capital Reserve Fund	0	623,744	
Revenues	General Fund	4,784,896	5,179,060	8.24%
	Federal Grant Funds	1,976,105	2,145,294	8.56%
	Other Funds	183,907	198,315	7.83%
	Special Funds	60,165	60,165	0.00%
	Total Revenues	7,005,073	7,582,833	8.25%
	Prior Year Fund Balance	1,282,303	1,173,744	
Total Local Education Spending	Education Spending	32,964,170	32,770,107	-0.59%
	Equalized Pupils	1,746.74	1,730.52	-0.93%
	Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	18,871.82	18,936.57	0.34%

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FY22 Tax Calculation

Our total Local Education Spending amount of \$32,770,107 is the first and only figure used in calculating our tax rate that we have control over. The other components in the formula are supplied by the Tax Department or Agency of Education.

All figures are subject to changes by the State Legislature

Projected Property Yield:	\$11,385
Projected Income Yield:	\$13,572
Projected Non-residential rate:	\$ 1.64
Projected Spending Threshold:	\$18,789
ACSD Equalized pupils:	1,730.52

ACSD Tax Rate Calculation

Local Education Spending	\$32,770,107
Divided by Equalized Pupils	$\div 1,730.52$
Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	\$18,936.57

Education Spending / Equalized Pupil	\$18,936.57
Divided by the Property Tax Yield	$\div \$11,385$
Equalized District tax rate	\$1.66

Equalized District tax rate	\$1.66	
Less the consolidation incentive	- \$0.02*	*incentive decreases \$.02 each year*
Estimated District tax rate	\$1.64	(pre CLA adjustment)

.03 decrease from current year

The estimated District tax rate is divided by each Town's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) as set by the VT Department of Taxes to determine each Town's estimated tax rate.

<u>Town</u>	<u>ACSD Tax Rate</u>	<u>CLA (FY22)</u>	<u>Estimated Town Tax Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bridport	\$1.64	92.13%	\$1.78	+0.04
Cornwall	\$1.64	93.59%	\$1.76	+0.03
Middlebury	\$1.64	100.00%	\$1.64	+0.02
Ripton	\$1.64	89.78%	\$1.83	-0.04
Salisbury	\$1.64	87.88%	\$1.87	+0.07
Shoreham	\$1.64	98.30%	\$1.67	-0.04
Weybridge	\$1.64	96.62%	\$1.70	-0.04

