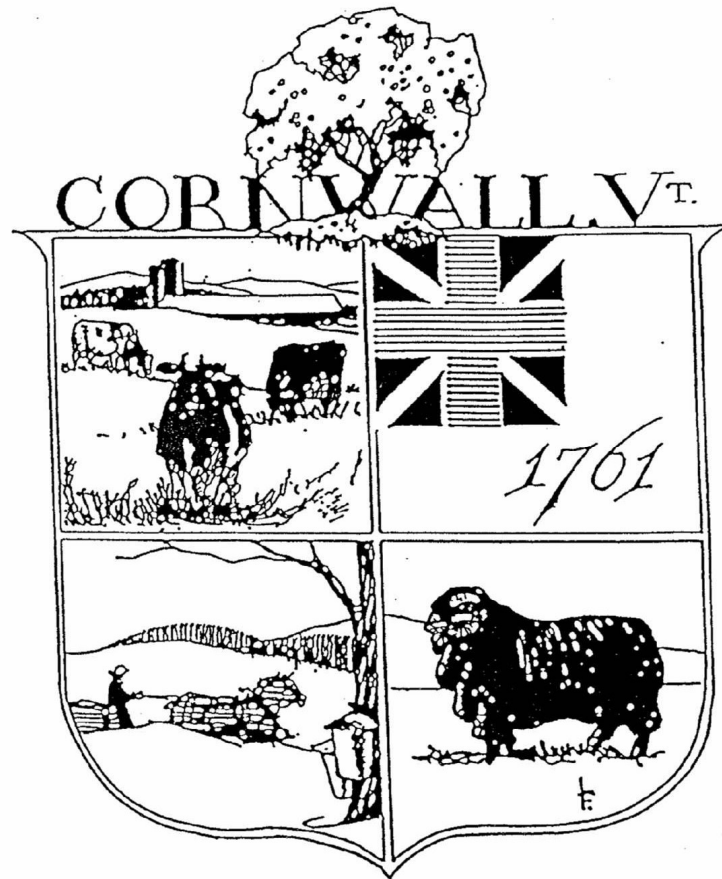


**ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN OF  
CORNWALL, VERMONT**



**For Year Ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

*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  
Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
*There Will Be No Floor Meeting in 2022*

**Town Meeting Election Day**  
All Voting by Australian Ballot  
**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at the Cornwall Town Hall**  
Polls open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Ballot Voting**  
**Ballots Will Be Mailed to All Active Voters in Cornwall**

**Same Day Voter Registration**  
On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**There will be no Town Meeting Dinner This Year.**  
See the notice on the next page.

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**TOWN MEETING 2023:** Monday, March 6, 2023  
**VOTING 2023:** Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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**The Friends of Cornwall School (FOCS) regret to inform you that town meeting dinner 2022 has been canceled.**

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**Due to a combination of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and additional unforeseen circumstances FOCS is unable to provide the annual Town Meeting Dinner this year. We are very grateful for all the community support we have received over the years, especially in 2021. We are hopeful and look forward to a return to offering this traditional event in 2023.**

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## Town Report Dedication

### **IN MEMORIAM**

*In 2021, we lost four individuals who served our town and the region with experience, insight, and skills. While their roles all varied, each shared valuable time and knowledge throughout their lives here. For their efforts, and for their families, and for those who worked with them, we Dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to the memories of...*

#### **Doris Severy**

*December 12, 1923 – February 17, 2021*

Doris Lorraine McNally was born in Brooklyn, NY, spending her early summers in Sudbury and Chittenden, VT. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Mills College of Education, in Manhattan, NY and taught elementary school in New York. In 1951 she married Judson Severy and they moved to their Everywind Farm in Cornwall. They farmed for 35 years and raised five children.

Doris was a founder and organizer behind the bond-free and non-tax-based building of Cornwall's Bingham Memorial School, built in 1960. Doris served the Town of Cornwall as Lister, Assistant Town Clerk, and Library Committee Member. She was one of the 2005 recipients of the VT Public Service Awards, in recognition of 35 years of Town Service;

For the dedication and contributions made to our town, we wish to recognize and honor Doris.

#### **Frank Broughton**

*November 20, 1941 – October 7, 2021*

Francis Girard Broughton lived and raised a family in the Cornwall home he was born in. He married Mary Ann Sauter in 1960 and raised three children. Broughton's Farm Supply expanded from the trunk of his car, to the barn behind his house in 1960, to its current hardware store and mower dealership in Bridport.

Frank served on the Cornwall School Board, and was Assistant Judge for Addison County. He was a recipient of the 2005 VT Public Service Awards, for 21 years of service. He was also active with the Vermont Dairy Association, NY State Association of Sanitarians, Northeast Dairy Practices Association, University of Vermont's College of Agriculture Advisory Board, as well as St Mary's School, Vermont Federal Credit Union, and the Knights of Columbus.

For his local involvement, and support of regional agriculture and business, we thank the Honorable Judge Broughton for his years of service to the community.

## Town Report Dedication, *continued*

### **Mike Quesnel**

*July 26, 1941 – October 8, 2021*

Michael Paul Quesnel, Sr. graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1960. He held jobs around New England in logging, utilities, and manufacturing. He started his own construction and general contracting company in 1982 and continued through 2016. He raised three children and pursued gardening, hunting, sugaring, and beekeeping, and—for the last 10 years—kicking up the dust in square dancing.

Michael served for more than 20 years on the Cornwall Selectboard, including Chair for many of those years.

For his expertise and broad range of skills, we express our appreciation for Mike’s devotion to the Town of Cornwall.

### **Sheila Foote**

*June 9, 1935–November 13, 2021*

Sheila Anne Clark grew up in towns along Lake Champlain. She married Arlyn Foote and settled in Cornwall, raising three children on their farm. Sheila was clever and creative, and deeply committed to her roles with the Congregational Church, and local D.A.R. Chapter, where she served as Regent from 1977-1983.

Sheila was a Justice of the Peace for decades in Cornwall. She was among the 2005 recipients of the VT Public Service Awards, in honor of 20 years of service. Sheila was sure to be found at local events, serving up strawberries or pie or chicken.

For her years of involvement and activity in Cornwall, and preservation of its history, we extend our gratitude and respects to Sheila.



*Cornwall DAR Mary Baker Allen Chapter House, built 1915.*



## Auditors' Report

The role of the Town's elected Board of Auditors is to assure accountability of town expenditures and report 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 we welcome Ian Gill to the team. Ian was appointed to fill the position vacated by Ken Manchester after many years of service as an Auditor. Welcome Ian, thank you Ken!

Yearly, the town Auditors meet with Sue Johnson to assemble and publish the Town Report. We review financial statements, highlight town issues in the report, and review town operations, including the Selectboard's role in financial oversight, and how committees and officials are managing their responsibilities.

Due to the continuing pandemic, an online Informational Meeting will replace the traditional in-person Town Meeting, and be held on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 PM using Zoom. All Warned articles will be voted on by electronically processed paper ballot. Paper ballots will be mailed to all active Cornwall voters. Completed ballots must be *received* at the Town Hall no later than Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 7:00 PM to be tallied.

Following a recommendation from the Board of Auditors, two articles were added to this year's ballot by the Selectboard. These articles would allow the Selectboard to appoint people to fill the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions with a qualified person following Sue Johnson's upcoming retirement. While ideally these positions will be filled by a town resident, these articles provide the option to appoint a qualified non-resident into these positions should it be necessary.

The town continues to maintain a cycle of regular audits, with the most recent one completed for the Fiscal Year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The most recent results are consistent with years past.

The town will adjust the audit schedule to ensure that an external audit will occur the years prior to and following Sue's retirement. After which the regular 3 year audit schedule is expected to return. This temporary change will provide continuity in the book-keeping and continue to assure that the town's operations and finances remain in good standing. While this will result in addition audit costs, the Board of Auditors believes this is the best way to manage the transition in the Treasurer position.

We have a number of unfilled elected town officer positions. You, the townspeople, *are* our local government. Together we maintain the traditional Vermont approach to democracy. Please consider running to fill an open position, including for Town Clerk and Treasurer. If interested, please speak with Sue at the town hall. We, the town of Cornwall, need *you* to participate!

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.

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!

Town Auditors—

Shawn Fetterolf, Chair; Kate Gieges; Ian Gill

**Town Meeting Warning**  
**Town of Cornwall Annual Town Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Cornwall Town Hall as provided by S.172, 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 Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 PM via Zoom video conferencing, with details to be provided.

- ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Cornwall set aside \$50,000 of the \$111,317 FY 2020-2021 town surplus for the scheduled town-wide reappraisal and use the balance of \$61,317 to defray property taxes?
- ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters approve a General Fund budget of \$505,072?
- ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters approve a Highway budget of \$476,100? State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, resulting in a budget of \$411,100.
- ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters appropriate \$67,950 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023?
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023?
- ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters exempt from property taxation the Mary Baker Allen Chapter DAR House for a period of five (5) years as permitted by Vermont Statute, Title 32; Section 3840? The town's mound system is located on the DAR property.
- ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Clerk as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651e after the current Town Clerk's term expires?
- ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to appoint a Town Treasurer as provided in 17 V.S.A. § 2651f after the current Town Treasurer's term expires?
- ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters authorize changing the day town meeting is held to the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March at 10:00 AM rather than the Monday preceding the first Tuesday in March at 7:00 PM as is the current practice?
- ARTICLE 10: 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.	Age Well	1,100.00
h.	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)	2,000.00
i.	Charter House Coalition	2,500.00
j.	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
k.	Elderly Services, Inc.	4,000.00
l.	Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00
m.	Habitat for Humanity of Addison County	800.00
n.	Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center	500.00
o.	H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	4,000.00
p.	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
q.	Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	750.00
r.	Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)	750.00
s.	Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	1,000.00
t.	Otter Creek Child Care Center	1,000.00
u.	The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	540.00
v.	Tri-Valley Transit	1,315.00
w.	Turning Point Center of Addison County	1,000.00
x.	Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
y.	WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$34,070.00

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters approve the billing date of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 for property taxes with payment of half the billed amount due **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022** and payment of the second half due **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**?

Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** 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%).

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

Benjamin Marks, Chair  
John Roberts, Vice Chair  
Tanya Byker  
Magna Dodge  
Brian Kemp

## Elected Town Officers 2021

Moderator:	Term Expires 2022	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2024	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2024	Susan Johnson
Selectboard, 3 years:	Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024	Magna Dodge Brian Kemp John Roberts
Selectboard, 2 years:	Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023	Benjamin Marks Tanya Byker
First Constable:	Term Expires 2022	Gary Margolis
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2022	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2022	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024	Todd Kincaid Jordan Young William Johnson
Addison Central S. D.:	Term Expires 2024	Peter Conlon
Auditors:	Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024	Katie A. Q. Gieges Shawn Fetterolf Ian Gill (appointed 2021)
Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024	David Anderson Robert Gerlin Vacant
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2022 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025 Term Expires 2026	Joan Bingham "T" Tall Vacant Bruce Payne Anne Collins

## **Elected Town Officers 2021, *continued***

Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2022	Judy English
	Term Expires 2022	Juliet Gerlin
	Term Expires 2022	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2023	Laura Fetterolf
	Term Expires 2023	Rich Isenberg
	Term Expires 2023	Patty McCormick
	Term Expires 2023	Kristina Simmons
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2022	Don Burns
	Term Expires 2022	Christiana Hodges
	Term Expires 2022	Drew Kervick
	Term Expires 2022	Lauren Ringey
	Term Expires 2023	Marjorie Drexler
	Term Expires 2023	Conor Stinson
	Term Expires 2024	A. J. Vasiliou
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 2021

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 2022	Laura Fetterolf
Capital Committee:		David Berno Mary Conlon Magna Dodge Stu Johnson Sue Johnson Steve Rheume Ben Wood
Cemetery Sextons:	Central:	Vacant
	Evergreen:	Richard Bruso
	Fair:	Bruce Payne
	South:	Richard Bruso
Conservation Commission:		Katherine Branch Don Burns Mary Dodge Andrea Landsberg Michael Sheriden
Development Review Board:	Term Expires 2022	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2022	Cheryl Cesario
	Term Expires 2022	Barbara Greenwood
	Term Expires 2024	Sharon Johnson
	Term Expires 2024	Ellen Whelan-Wuest
Alternates to DRB:	Term Expires 2022	Vacant
	Term Expires 2023	Joan Lynch
	Term Expires 2023	Vacant
E9-1-1 Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges

## **Appointed Town Officers 2021, *continued***

Emergency Management Director:		Benjamin Marks
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2022	Greg Dennis
	Term Expires 2022	Michael Heinecken
	Term Expires 2022	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 2024	Susan Johnson
Inspector of Lumber:		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Recreation Committee:		Sue Barrows Paul Bougor Mary Jane Broughton Sue Johnson Shauna Riley Sue Sears Annie Wilson
Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2022	Brian Kemp
Road Foreman:	Hired Employee	Steven Rheaume
Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2022	Gary Barnett
Assistant Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2022	Vacant
Tree Warden:	Term Expires 2022	Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:	Term Expires 2022	Jon Isham

## Selectboard Report

In many ways our work in the past year has been – in one way or another – a response to Covid-19. The Selectboard’s public meetings were largely conducted via a “hybrid” format. The majority of Selectboard members attended meetings via Zoom while one or more participated from the Town Hall via our new audio-visual system (paid for with American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA), as a resiliency measure). Like last year, in order to protect our voters from Covid-19, we are planning to have an informational meeting via Zoom rather than an in-person Town Meeting, and a vote by Australian Ballot on all matters coming before the voters. The Selectboard’s regular meetings will continue in hybrid mode (or all-Zoom depending on circumstances) for the foreseeable future and, as always, the public is invited to attend. Zoom links are posted in our bi-weekly agendas on Cornwall’s website under the “Select Board” heading.

The federal government has presented Cornwall with about \$360,000 in ARPA funds last year and we have three years to figure out how to spend those funds. We have made a start at funding Maple Broadband and the beginning of their important work with a grant of \$50,000. The U.S. Treasury’s final ARPA funds expenditure rule has only recently been released as of this writing and we continue to seek public engagement on how the remainder of these one-time funds should be spent. Sadly, they may not be spent reducing Cornwall’s tax obligations to the Education Fund or to directly offset your tax obligations for municipal spending.

Despite Covid-19, the town’s work must continue. This year, the Selectboard authorized Cornwall to enter into an Addison County highway mutual aid agreement. This agreement formalizes what was always a good relationship among highway departments with surrounding towns in terms of voluntarily lending (and receiving) highway personnel and equipment to one another from time to time. The primary benefit of this more formal arrangement will be federal reimbursement in the event of a declared disaster, if Cornwall assets or personnel are used in the response.

Selectboard members and those of the Cornwall Conservation Commission worked together to develop a set of guidelines for use of the Town’s newly established Conservation Fund. We also participated, with mixed success, in an effort to reduce the speed limit on Route 74 through the West Cornwall village area and the stretch of Route 30 between the Cornwall Village Center and Cider Mill Road. That study and participation in the Vermont Agency of Transportation process has resulted in promised road marking changes near the intersection of Route 74 and N/S Bingham, but no reduction in the posted state highway speed.

In terms of town capital expenditures, we have also started the collaborative process with the state and the Town of Salisbury to replace the temporary Swamp Road bridge with a permanent structure. If you recall, the restored wooden covered bridge burned in 2016. The state’s scoping study and design/engineering options are available on the town’s website and we would like to hear your views about the various design options. Please contact Sue Johnson at [cornwallvt@shoreham.net](mailto:cornwallvt@shoreham.net) or Ben Marks at [bmarkscornwall@gmail.com](mailto:bmarkscornwall@gmail.com) with any



## Selectboard Report, *continued*

comment on the matter. Plans spearheaded by the Capital Committee are also proceeding to replace the town's salt shed with a modern structure. We have also entered into an agreement with six other towns to

purchase a crack-sealing machine for use maintaining town roads. Our expectation is that the crack sealer should pay for itself in the first season of use, given the amount currently spent hiring out the service. Finally, we grappled for the first time with the question of whether Cornwall's energy use should be off-set by net metered solar generation.

A note on budgeting: the most challenging aspect of setting a budget for the coming fiscal year has been estimating the impact of inflation on the goods and services that the town purchases. We have tried to address that uncertainty by essentially level funding the non-salary portions of the town and highway budgets but including a \$20,000 line item for contingencies in the Highway Budget. We will also recommend that a General Fund budget surplus from the prior fiscal year be used to reduce the need for additional taxes for the coming year.

Let me close by noting an important departure from the Selectboard. For much of the past decade, we have had the benefit of Magna Dodge's good judgment, careful reading, and eagle eye for detail. Every issue we have considered has benefited from her consideration. In part because of the time and effort required to stand up Maple Broadband, and much to the regret of all of us, Magna has decided not to run for another Selectboard term. I should mention here, that Maple Broadband consists of municipal volunteers creating a non-profit public utility from scratch to solve the difficult problem of rural broadband access. Thankfully, Magna will continue her efforts to get universal, high quality broadband service to all of Cornwall's homes and businesses. So, while we will be sorry to lose her abilities on the Selectboard, we are grateful that she will still be working for all of us. Please join me in thanking Magna, for her help on the Selectboard – we have all benefited from her work.

Benjamin Marks  
Cornwall Selectboard Chair  
January 23, 2022

## Selectboard General Fund Budget

2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Spent To Date	2021-2022 Balance	2022-2023 Proposed Budget
450.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
9,200.00	10,542.31	11,409.00	11,408.00	1.00	12,922.00
1,582.00	1,581.36	1,600.00	1,581.36	18.64	1,630.00
122.00	121.11	122.00	122.00	0.00	122.00
11,850.00	11,850.00	11,850.00	11,850.00	0.00	11,850.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00
2,541.00	2,541.00	2,541.00	2,541.00	0.00	2,603.00
130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00
100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>280,745.00</b>	<b>282,085.78</b>	<b>282,972.00</b>	<b>157,502.36</b>	<b>125,469.64</b>	<b>288,077.00</b>
600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
3,400.00	2,800.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	3,400.00
47,304.00	48,304.00	48,486.00	24,243.00	24,243.00	51,395.00
10,000.00	2,550.00	7,500.00	5,134.80	2,365.20	7,500.00
100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5,000.00	45.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
1,400.00	600.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
1,600.00	1,000.00	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,182.67</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>1,519.10</u>	<u>1,980.90</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>72,904.00</b>	<b>57,481.67</b>	<b>68,986.00</b>	<b>30,896.90</b>	<b>38,089.10</b>	<b>71,395.00</b>
300.00	4,118.84	300.00	0.00	300.00	500.00
1,500.00	718.62	500.00	245.00	255.00	1,500.00
<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>502.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>3,800.00</b>	<b>5,339.46</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>245.00</b>	<b>555.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
3,950.00	4,225.04	3,950.00	2,531.94	1,418.06	4,000.00
3,950.00	2,646.35	3,950.00	2,275.01	1,674.99	4,000.00
500.00	82.00	500.00	231.13	268.87	500.00
100.00	55.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
7,250.00	2,975.96	6,250.00	2,687.89	3,562.11	6,250.00
200.00	150.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
200.00	50.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
500.00	496.81	500.00	326.21	173.79	500.00
3,750.00	4,810.63	3,750.00	4,117.46	-367.46	4,000.00
3,300.00	2,739.76	2,400.00	880.76	1,519.24	2,400.00
1,500.00	2,016.64	1,500.00	1,023.78	476.22	1,500.00
<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<b>26,200.00</b>	<b>20,248.19</b>	<b>24,050.00</b>	<b>14,074.18</b>	<b>9,975.82</b>	<b>24,400.00</b>

### Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent To Date	Balance	Proposed Budget
1,000.00	861.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	750.00
2,000.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	406.00	1,094.00	1,500.00
5,800.00	4,602.59	6,100.00	2,763.81	3,336.19	5,900.00
2,200.00	2,173.80	2,300.00	1,151.52	1,148.48	2,600.00
50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
10,000.00	9,277.82	10,000.00	2,668.31	7,331.69	10,000.00
6,500.00	9,467.52	6,500.00	4,421.38	2,078.62	7,500.00
1,500.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	600.00	900.00	1,500.00
2,500.00	3,755.63	2,500.00	185.10	2,314.90	2,500.00
4,300.00	4,300.00	0.00	Pres. Fund	0.00	Preservation Fund
1,500.00	4,511.90	1,500.00	375.10	1,124.90	1,500.00
6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>43,350.00</b>	<b>47,350.26</b>	<b>47,450.00</b>	<b>12,571.22</b>	<b>34,878.78</b>	<b>39,750.00</b>
13,000.00	15,461.13	13,000.00	5,461.83	7,538.17	13,000.00
<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>7,193.67</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>2,325.42</u>	<u>10,674.58</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>
<b>26,000.00</b>	<b>22,654.80</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>	<b>7,787.25</b>	<b>18,212.75</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>
2,000.00	1,664.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
2,750.00	1,977.50	2,750.00	1,962.50	787.50	2,800.00
<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>1,977.50</u>	<u>2,750.00</u>	<u>1,962.50</u>	<u>787.50</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>5,619.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>3,925.00</b>	<b>3,575.00</b>	<b>7,600.00</b>
25,000.00	27,991.00	28,000.00	6,119.00	21,881.00	30,000.00
550.00	443.00	550.00	112.50	437.50	550.00
13,500.00	11,839.84	13,000.00	6,130.40	6,869.60	13,000.00
<u>300.00</u>	<u>295.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>222.00</u>	<u>78.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>39,350.00</b>	<b>40,568.84</b>	<b>41,850.00</b>	<b>12,583.90</b>	<b>29,266.10</b>	<b>43,850.00</b>
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>499,849.00</b>	<b>481,348.00</b>	<b>499,608.00</b>	<b>239,585.81</b>	<b>260,022.19</b>	<b>505,072.00</b>

## **Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report**

Happy 2022 to you all.

For the 2021 year, life was mostly back to normal. The office was open regular hours and business for title searches was typical. I stopped requiring appointments but asked folks to continue wearing masks until later in the year after vaccines and boosters were made available. At the present time, the town is still asking unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask when entering the building.

Town Meeting will once again utilize Australian ballot voting for election of town officials and for town meeting warning questions. An informational meeting will be held via Zoom video-conferencing to discuss the warned articles for this year’s vote. The Zoom meeting can be accessed by phone as well as computer. The date for the meeting will be Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the warning will be sent out in the special town meeting newsletter in the middle of February 2022. Besides the warning, the special newsletter includes the school warnings, Auditor’s report, sample ballots, budget sheets and a narrative related to several articles on the town meeting warning. We will be using the tabulator again this year to count the town ballots. We will also share our Town Clerk and tabulator to help count the ACSD ballots. The Secretary of State’s office is in the process of purchasing new tabulators for the other elections that will be held in 2022. There will be a state primary in August and the mid-term General Election in November.

Two of the articles on the town meeting warning this year have to do with changing the election of the Town Clerk and Treasurer to appointed positions. As I plan for my retirement in a couple years, I have asked if anyone in town would be interested in running for either or both positions in the future and spending some time in the next two years starting to learn the positions. So far, there hasn’t been any interest, so my suggestion to the Selectboard was to make the positions appointed so they could hire someone from outside the Town of Cornwall if necessary. It would be wonderful if we had a good turnout at the informational meeting to discuss these two articles (and all the others as well) to get voter feedback and suggestions for moving forward.

A full professional audit was performed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. There is a report of their findings found elsewhere in this report. The Selectboard is putting a plan in place to have full audits done for the fiscal years ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as the town will be transitioning to a new Clerk and Treasurer.

I wish to thank the town Auditors for their help in putting the Town Report together and advocating for me when needed. Thanks to the Highway crew for their help and for performing a very thankless job. Thanks to the Listers, Todd Kincaid, Bill Johnson and Jordan Young for their work on our Grand List. Thanks to Laura Fetterolf, my Assistant Clerk and to all of the elected and appointed officials in Cornwall.

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.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Births</b>	12	6	10	5	8	6
<b>Deaths</b>	8	6	11	7	6	10
<b>Marriages</b>	9	9	7	5	3	4



*The Cornwall Library 2021 book sale & new Video Screen*

## Dog Licenses

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

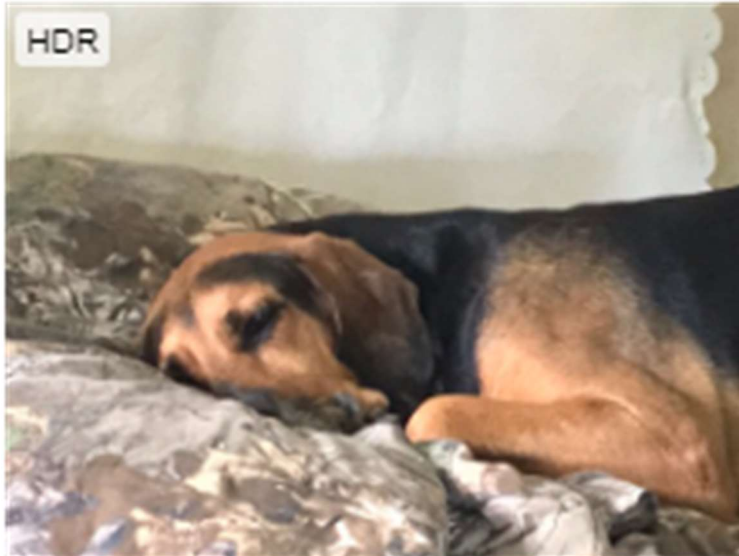
The fee to register a dog is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for a dog that is **not** spayed or neutered. **A current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented or on file before a dog can be registered. Rabies vaccinations are good for three years for adult dogs and one year for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

### Fees Received in Calendar Year 2021

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	267	\$2,317.00
Special Permit	1	<u>35.00</u>
		\$2,352.00

### Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2021

To State	\$1,285.00
To Town	<u>1,067.00</u>
	\$2,352.00



*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2021

1. Rene Langis & Alicia Romero to David & Kathleen Kaslow, house and 5.15 acres in the Foote Farm Development
2. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to James & Mathilda Botz, Lot 15, 1.83 acres in the Foote Farm Development
3. Coe B., Whitney A., & Shirley A. Hargraves to George L. Jr. & Susan B. Cady, house and 11.40 acres on Cider Mill Road
4. Marti McCaleb to Emily A. May & Daniel A. Kane, house and 3.10 acres on Route 125
5. BNY Mellon, National Association, Trustee to Ray Shirk IV & Rebecca Gemignani, house and 2.16 acres on Cider Mill Road
6. Robert & Carrie Donohue to Robert & Carrie Donohue, release of easement on West Street
7. Anne C. Zehner Revocable Trust to Andrew, David & John Zehner, Trustees, house and 2.50 acres on Cider Mill Road
8. Andrew, David & John Zehner to 1431 Cider Mill LLC, house and 2.50 acres on Cider Mill Road
9. Richmond & Rebecca Kenyon to Ryan & Kaitlin Deane, 10.04 acres on Ridge Road
10. Hartley MacFadden to F. Peter & Mary Ann Demong, 29.12 acres on Andrus Pitch
11. F. Peter & Mary Ann Demong to M. Hartley MacFadden, 0.44 acres on Route 30
12. Beaver Brook Properties, LLC to Marc & Cheryl Cesario, 125.10 acres on North Bingham Street and Route 74
13. Marc & Cheryl Cesario to Vermont Land Trust, Inc., Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, 125.10 acres on North Bingham Street and Route 74
14. Karen B. Strong to William & Sarah Goodman, Trustees of the William and Sarah Goodman Family Trust, house and 10.30 acres on Sperry Road
15. Churchill & Janet Franklin to BLVF Sugarhouse, LLC, house, sugar house and 6.07 acres on Cider Mill Road
16. Benjamin Jenson & Constance Hansen to Amanda & Chester Van Dellen, Lot 11, 2.20 acres in the Foote Farm Vermont, LLC PUD
17. Foote Farm Vermont, LLC to Peter & Patricia McCormick, Lot 2, 1.30 acres in the Foote Farm Vermont, LLC PUD
18. Charles Jackson to Walter Stugis & Cristine Kussow, 3.75 acres of land on West Street
19. Valerie Demong to Vaughn G. Gooding, Jr. Trust- 2017, house and 5.38 acres on Route 30
20. Thomas Jackson & Melissa Hammerle to Robert D. Taylor, Jr. & Michael J. Wood, release of water/well rights on Route 30
21. Estate of Nancy A. Edson, Robin Edson Administrator to Quesnel, Randy M. & Jean M., house, buildings and 7.50 acres on Route 74
22. James & Shelley Payne to The Payne Family Trust, James & Shelley Payne, Trustee, house, buildings and 143.54 acres on West Street
23. Robert Taylor Jr. & Michael Wood to Livia Vastag & Alexis Blake, Commercial building, Veterinary Office and 1.20 acres on Route 30
24. Richard B. & Gail L. Isenberg to The Gail L. Isenberg Revocable Trust UTA, house and 5.50 acres on Route 30



## **Property Transfers 2021, *continued***

25. 5 Trillium Partners, LLC to Mahoney Revocable Trust, 5.75 acres on Cider Mill Road
26. Louise B. Dion, Trustee of the Louise B. Dion Revocable Trust to Louise B. Dion and Gary W. Barnett, house and 4.10 acres on Route 30
27. Louise B. Dion and Gary W. Barnett to Louise B. Dion, Trustee of the Louise B. Dion Revocable Trust, house and 4.10 acres on Route 30
28. Michael Quesnel to Northern Cross, LLC, Lots 5 & 6, 5.91 acres on Samson Road
29. Snake Mountain, LLC to Steven & Julia Ogden, house and 6 acres on Snake Mountain Road
30. Bread Loaf View Farm Realty Trust 1 to Robert Moeller and Joseph Siesholtz, house and 10 acres on Cider Mill Road
31. Bread Loaf View Farm Realty Trust V to Jennifer Muskopf and Ian Whitmarsh, house and 9.85 acres on Sperry Road
32. David B. Van Vleck Revocable Trust to Katherine & David Ebner, house and 119.20 acres on North Bingham Street
33. Middlebury Area Land Trust, Inc. to Kirk & Lauren Ringey, open land, 101.18 acres on Hamblin Road
34. Martha Fritz to Anna Rebecca Kinkead and Robert Murphy, house and 159.57 acres on Abernathy Place
35. William & Ingrid Jackson to Joyce Stephens, 0.95 acres on Sperry Road
36. Anna Rebecca Kinkead Living Trust to Glass Palay Nominee Trust, house and 6.35 acres on West Street
37. Anna Rebecca Kinkead Living Trust to Cameron & Kayla Schaefer, 5.35 acres of open land on West Street
38. David Gibson & Amy Stockman to Polly Panitz & Allen Joseph, 6.35 acres on Snake Mountain Road
39. Christopher J. Noble to Sherman Ewing, 74.30 acres on Route 74
40. Edward Peet to Sherman Ewing, easement on Route 30 and Fisher Road
41. Daniel Borden & Judith Werner to Sherman Ewing, easement on Fisher Road
42. A. Bruce and Janet D. Lingner to A. Bruce and Janet D. Lingner, Trustees, Life Estate Deed, house and 10.60 acres on Route 30
43. West Street Properties LLC to Seth Hetu & Myat Nyein, Lots 5 & 6 of West Street Properties Sub-division on West Street
44. Catharine Wright to Gary Wright, Lesley Wright and Donald Wright, house and 16.86 acres on Cider Mill Road
45. Red House Farm, LLC to PH Ridge Road, LLC, View Easement on Ridge Road
46. Red House Farm, LLC to Vermont Land Trust, Inc. Conservation Easement of 162 acres on Ridge Road
47. Frederick Fritz to Anna Rebecca Kinkead Living Trust, 32.56 acres on Bourdeau Road
48. Edgewood Property Holdings, LLC to Emily Sunderman, house and 2.10 acres on Route 30

## **Property Transfers 2021, *continued***

49. Thomas & Patricia Morrow to Jackson & Amanda Burnham, 1.17 acres on South Bingham Street
50. Bradley & Sara Nadeau to The Nadeau Family Revocable Living Trust, Bradley & Sara Nadeau, Trustees, house and 2.13 acres on Wooster Road
51. U-Phoria Property, LLC to Alan & Liudmila Hamel, 4.76 acres on North Bingham Street
52. Randy & Jean Quesnel to United States of America, 188.81 acres Warranty Easement Deed in Perpetuity on West Street
53. Garner J. Gill Trust to Florence A. Gill, house and 345.76 acres on Wooster Road and South Bingham Street
54. Florence A. Gill to Florence A. Gill Trust, house and 345.76 acres on Wooster Road and South Bingham Street
55. Emily L. Sunderman to Michael J. Lee, house and 22 acres on South Bingham Street
56. Brian & Sigrid Howlett to Stephen & Colleen Henty, house and 5 acres on Route 30
57. Frederick & Karen Anderson Greene to Dee and J. Barnett Hodges Trustees of the Dee M. and J. Barnett Hodges Trusts, Release of covenant/easement on North Bingham Street
58. Katherine & David Ebner to J. Barnett Hodges Trustee of the J. Barnett Hodges Trust, Release of covenant/easement on North Bingham Street
59. Dee M. Hodges Trustee of the Dee M. Hodges Trust to J. Barnett Hodges Jr. Trustee of the J. Barnett Hodges Jr. Trust, covenant/easement on North Bingham Street
60. J. Barnett Hodges Jr. Trust to James Barnett III and Christiana Hodges, 79 acres open land on North Bingham Street
61. Dee M. Hodges Trust to James Barnett III and Christiana Hodges, 92 acres open land on North Bingham Street
62. James Barnett III and Christiana Hodges to Vermont Land Trust Inc. & Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, transfer of development rights on operating farm and farm buildings and 170.81 acres on North Bingham Street
63. 77 Company, LLC to David and Katie Dutton, house and 1.95 acres on Route 30

## 2021-2022 Voted Budget

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>TAX RATE</b>
General Fund	\$499,608.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	69,750.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	4,000.00	
Cornwall Conservation Fund	3,500.00	
Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00	
Charitable Agencies	30,520.00	
Hold Harmless	(54,762.00)	
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Surplus	(103,622.73)	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$458,993.27</b>	
		<b>0.2108</b>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		
Highway	\$451,713.00	
State Aid	(65,000.00)	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$386,713.00</b>	
		<b>0.1776</b>
<b>LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE</b>	<b>\$2,616.00</b>	
		<b>0.0012</b>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL</b>	<b>\$848,322.27</b>	
		<b>0.3895</b>
<b>HOMESTEAD RATE</b>		<b>1.7443</b>
<b>NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE</b>		<b>1.7056</b>
<b>GRAND LIST 2020-2021</b>	<b>\$2,177,807.45</b>	

**Balance Sheet for General Fund**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**ASSETS**

Checking Account	\$1,002,931.03
Act 200 Funds	16,860.40
Conservation Fund	1,248.12
Recreation Fund	465.00
Preservation Fund – Land Records	9,219.00
Grand List Maintenance Fund	6,120.43
Public Funds CDs	82,986.28
Delinquent Tax Receivable	68,304.53
Escrow Account	0.00
Prepaid Expenses GF	0.00
Grants Receivable	<u>11,700.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,199,834.79</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Due To/Due From Other Accounts	\$348,117.76
Deferred Tax Revenue	68,304.53
Grand List Maintenance Fund	6,120.43
Accrued Wages	4,731.00
Act 200 Funds	16,860.40
Escrow Account	0.00
Public Funds	82,986.28
Conservation Survey	697.03
Recreation Fund	<u>465.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$528,282.43</b>

**FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance 6/30/2020	\$560,235.18
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>0.00</u>

**TOTAL PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE** **560,235.18**

**FISCAL YEAR SURPLUS** **111,317.18**

**TOTAL FUND BALANCE** **\$671,552.36**

## Comparative Statement of Taxes

<b>Municipal</b>	<b>FISCAL 2019/2020</b>	<b>FISCAL 2020/2021</b>	<b>FISCAL 2021/2022</b>
General Fund	\$489,842	\$499,849	\$499,608
(Surplus)/Deficit	54,016	33,244	(103,623)
Hold Harmless	(33,863)	(54,103)	(54,762)
Fire Department	77,000	69,750	69,750
Library	4,000	4,000	4,000
Outside Agencies	30,020	34,470	30,520
Local Agreement	1,904	2,068	2,616
Highway	452,965	448,790	451,713
Less State Aid	(65,000)	(65,000)	(65,000)
<b>Total GF, HW &amp; Special Articles</b>	<b>\$1,010,884</b>	<b>\$973,068</b>	<b>\$848,322</b>
Municipal Tax Rate	0.4711	0.4528	0.3895
<b>Education</b>	<b>ACSD</b>	<b>ACSD</b>	<b>ACSD</b>
Homestead taxes to ACSD	1,626,710	1,746,264	1,710,960
Non-Residential taxes to ACSD	1,186,697	1,370,983	1,544,117
<b>Total Estimated Education Spending</b>	<b>2,813,407</b>	<b>3,117,247</b>	<b>3,255,077</b>
Education Homestead Tax Rate	1.5844	1.7235	1.7443
Education Non-Homestead Tax Rate	1.5951	1.6742	1.7056
<b>Total Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$3,824,291</b>	<b>\$4,090,315</b>	<b>\$4,103,399</b>
<b>Grand List</b>	<b>\$214,581,025</b>	<b>\$214,946,500</b>	<b>\$217,780,745</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate Homestead</b>	<b>2.0555</b>	<b>2.1763</b>	<b>2.1339</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate Non-Residential</b>	<b>2.0662</b>	<b>2.1270</b>	<b>2.0952</b>

## Miscellaneous Accounts

### ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>	<b>\$16,856.48</b>
Interest 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	<u>3.92</u>
<b>Balance 6/30/2021</b>	<b>16,860.40</b>
Interest 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	<u>1.72</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$16,862.12</b>

### MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>	<b>\$26,335.69</b>
Interest 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021	<u>4.11</u>
<b>Balance 6/30/2021</b>	<b>26,339.80</b>
Interest 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	<u>1.33</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$26,341.13</b>

### GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 6/30/2020</b>	<b>\$125.34</b>
Interest 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021	0.09
Service Charge	(66.00)
Deposit from State Reappraisal & GL Maintenance	<u>6,061.00</u>
<b>Balance 6/30/2021</b>	<b>6,120.43</b>
Interest 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	0.73
Deposit – Voted Transfer for Reappraisal	<u>10,000.00</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$16,121.16</b>

### CAPITAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

<b>Balance 06/30/2020</b>	<b>\$695,259.50</b>
Income 06/29/2021 (Balance to Building Fund)	43,528.47
Income 06/29/2021 (Balance to Equip. Fund)	41,980.00
Income 06/29/2021 (Balance to Paving Fund)	25,000.00
Income from Sale of Pickup Truck and Plow	25,000.00
Expenses 7/01/2021 – 6/30/2021	(74,334.90)
<b>Balance 6/30/2021</b>	<b><u>756,433.07</u></b>
Expenses 7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	<u>(90,983.00)</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$665,450.07</b>

**Miscellaneous Accounts, *continued***

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT**

<b>Balance 06/30/2020</b>	<b>\$551.09</b>
Interest 7/01/2020 – 6/30/2021	0.16
Income 7/01/2020 – 6/30/2021	1,000.00
Expense 7/01/2020 – 6/30/2021	<u>(303.13)</u>
<b>Balance 06/30/2021</b>	<b>\$1,248.12</b>
Interest 7/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	0.21
Income 7/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	3,900.00
Expenses 7/01/2021 – 12/31/2021	<u>(170.78)</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$4,977.55</b>

**RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

<b>Balance 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$495.00</b>
Service Charge 02/01/2021-06/30/2021	<u>(30.00)</u>
<b>Balance 06/30/2021</b>	<b>\$465.00</b>
Service Charge 07/01/2021-12/31/2021	<u>(36.00)</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$429.00</b>

**GRAND TOTALS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS**

<b>06/30/2021</b>	<b><u>\$807,466.82</u></b>
<b>12/31/2021</b>	<b><u>\$730,181.03</u></b>

## Statement of Maturities

### General Fund—June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Tax Anticipation, Short-Term & Long-Term Debt

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

### Highway Department—June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Short-Term & Long-Term Debt

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Town of Cornwall Highway Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

## Trustees of Public Funds Report

No requests for disbursement from the Vera B. Peet and Lemuel J. Peet bequests to the town for conservation or beautification purposes were received during the prior fiscal year of the town. The bequests limit the use of the funds to income only.

Vermont Law is highly restrictive as to how such bequests may be invested, which results in the current very low return on the deposited funds (Certificates of Deposit).

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 12/31/2020	\$13,680.53
Interest 2021	<u>75.45</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$13,755.98</b>

#### **#108449 Lemuel Peet Fund**

Balance 12/31/2020	\$57,202.19
Interest 2021	<u>267.28</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$57,469.47</b>
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$29,789.47</b>

#### **#107799 Vera Peet Fund**

Balance 12/31/2020	\$11,897.03
Interest 2021	<u>23.81</u>
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$11,920.84</b>
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,050.00</b>

#### **Total of Public Funds**

<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$83,146.29</b>
<b>Available Income Balance</b>	<b>\$45,306.82</b>

*Respectfully Submitted,*

David Anderson, Robert Gerlin, Trustees



## Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

### Taxes Collected from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Property	\$28,207.61
Interest	2,516.94
Collector's Fee	<u>2,256.61</u>
Subtotal	32,981.16
Over Payments	2.88
<b>Total 1/1/2021-6/30/2021</b>	<b><u>\$32,984.04</u></b>

### Taxes Collected from July 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Property	\$42,402.25
Interest	10,992.56
Collector's Fee	<u>3,390.92</u>
Subtotal	56,785.73
Over Payments	16.10
Legal Fees	<u>243.86</u>
<b>Total 7/1/2021-12/31/2021</b>	<b><u>\$57,045.69</u></b>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$90,029.73**

### Delinquent Taxpayers as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 payment. \*Paid after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Brian Blaise & Elsie Johnson  
Donna Dalley  
Justus Devries  
Charles Foote Estate  
Hilton Foote  
The Foote Mansion, LLC  
Matthew & Catherine Jennings  
Douglas Field & Margaret Lyons  
John & Abigail Quesnel  
Betty & Leo Rheume  
Uta Steckhan

**Total Delinquent: \$41,975.66**

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

## Highway Department Report

Hello residents of Cornwall,

I would first like to introduce myself; my name is Steven Rheaume, I am Cornwall's new town Road Foreman. I have lived in Cornwall for 28 years of my 33-year life. I am the son of Dennis and Elizabeth (Liza) Rheaume, my father grew up on a dairy farm in Cornwall and my mom grew up in Middlebury. I have very close ties to the Addison County community, mainly Cornwall. I attended Cornwall Elementary school K-6, went to Middlebury middle school and graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 2006. I met my wife Kaitlin in high school and got married in 2011 after Kaitlin graduated from nursing school. We have 3 amazing children, Austin, Cassidy and Maevis. My family is my everything. My one major hobby is that I am an avid outdoorsman, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping. I try and spend as much time outside as I can. I also love to laugh.

I started working for the Town of Cornwall on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 and was thrown into the thick of it with our first plowable snow of the 2021-2022 winter. My experience of plowing at Middlebury College for the past 10 years helped in the transition to plowing for the Town of Cornwall. Although this was a first for me plowing with a wing. I am happy to report that no mailboxes were harmed in my first snowstorm. I want to thank Ken Manchester for tagging along with me and showing me the ropes. Ken is an asset to the town and his vast knowledge is going to make my transition a little easier. I also want to thank Brian Kemp, Stu and Sue Johnson. They have all been super helpful in helping me get my feet under me during this new job transition. They have all offered to help me in any way they can. I look forward to working close with them and learning all the ins and outs of the Road Foreman position. Stu was very helpful and filled in and got some last-minute grading of the gravel roads in before winter arrived.

Some upcoming plans for the remainder of the winter. There is a lot of tree work that Ken and I are hoping to be able to complete. Most of it is dead trees that are still standing or some trees that are leaning over the roadway and pose a hazard or will block the road if they fall over. There are also some trees with limbs that have broken off and are still hanging from the tree. A main priority is going to be Swamp Rd. If you have traveled down that road recently you have probably noticed the number of trees that look like they are ready to fall over, some are leaning so low that passing tall vehicles have hit them a few times. The only problem is that we have to wait for the swamp to freeze before we can get to most of those trees. In addition to tree work, winter is a good time of year to do some of our regular maintenance on our equipment such as the grader and payload. Also, regular checks of the plow equipment to make sure that it is operational for the next snowstorm.

The Town applied for and was awarded a grant for equipment. Currently the Town of Cornwall and the Town of Shoreham share a 3-point hitch turbine blower that mounts to the back of a tractor. Cornwall and Shoreham purchased this piece of equipment 4-5 years ago and have a 50/50 ownership of it. Both towns have run into issues with needing the piece of equipment at the same time. It is mainly used to blow debris such as leaves and/or grass and small sticks off the

## Highway Department Report, *continued*

road before grading can be completed. Leaving that material in the roadway makes for a messy problem when trying to grade. In short because of this grant, the two towns have agreed that a new blower will be purchased and used by the Town of Cornwall and the current blower will be purchased by the Town of Shoreham. The blower has been ordered and is expected to be in the town's possession within the next couple of months.

A friendly reminder during these winter months, that when plowing out residential driveways please do not plow the snow into the town roadway especially after the town plow truck has already gone through and cleared off one or both lanes of the roadway. It is against the law to put snow in a town road and or state roadway. See Vermont Law description: [Depositing snow onto or across certain highways prohibited](https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/23/013/01126a) ([legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/23/013/01126a](https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/23/013/01126a))

I also ask that vehicles not crowd plow trucks. There are many instances that the town plow has to stop and back up multiple times at an intersection or on the roadway. Allow yourself extra time to get where you need to be this time of year and stay home if you don't need to be out traveling during a storm.

Some projects that we will be working on this upcoming spring, summer and fall.

- Grading Gravel roads and resurfacing some of those that need it.
- Ditching for better drainage.
- Roadside mowing (hopefully) before poison parsnip goes to seed.
- Hauling winter sand to restock our supply for the winter of '22-'23.
- Hauling Gravel for road resurfacing.
- Putting up some street signs.

Thank you for your patience and gratitude while we work on the roads during the upcoming year. We will try and give appropriate notice to you when we will be working on roadways (hoping that the weather doesn't hinder what we are trying to accomplish). I hope everyone has a great year and safe travels.

Road Foreman: Steven Rheaume



*The Steven Rheaume Family*

## Highway Budget

	2020/2021 Budget	2020/2021 Actual	2021/2022 Budget	2021/2022 Spent to Date	2021/2022 Balance	2022-2023 Proposed Budget
<b>Materials</b>						
Salt	19,000.00	14,658.98	19,000.00	8,928.63	10,071.37	19,000.00
Sand	19,000.00	11,879.03	19,000.00	15,596.37	3,403.63	19,000.00
Gravel	50,000.00	61,193.94	50,000.00	19,271.49	30,728.51	50,000.00
Paving	135,000.00	68,869.92	135,000.00	97,553.27	37,446.73	135,000.00
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Line Striping	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Chloride	27,000.00	45,241.23	27,000.00	13,582.24	13,417.76	27,000.00
Culverts	1,000.00	1,694.40	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>255,000.00</b>	<b>207,537.50</b>	<b>259,000.00</b>	<b>154,932.00</b>	<b>104,068.00</b>	<b>279,000.00</b>
<b>Equipment</b>						
Parts/Repairs	14,000.00	19,897.06	14,000.00	7,396.93	6,603.07	14,000.00
Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	15,000.00	11,203.41	15,000.00	7,513.89	7,486.11	15,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	850.00	23.88	850.00	1,047.26	-197.26	850.00
Equipment Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,800.00	990.00	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Contracted Labor	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00
Unplanned Maintenance	5,000.00	10,168.48	5,000.00	1,003.04	3,996.96	5,000.00
Signs	1,500.00	1,583.81	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>42,950.00</b>	<b>43,866.64</b>	<b>38,450.00</b>	<b>17,461.12</b>	<b>20,988.88</b>	<b>37,450.00</b>
<b>Administrative</b>						
Administrative	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personnel/Labor	112,000.00	103,654.67	115,000.00	50,738.04	64,261.96	110,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	8,700.00	7,929.77	8,800.00	3,881.53	4,918.47	8,000.00
Personnel/Workman's Comp.	9,000.00	6,367.00	9,000.00	1,191.25	7,808.75	9,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	5,040.00	4,664.46	5,463.00	2,362.98	3,100.02	6,000.00
Personnel/Health	16,000.00	16,793.65	16,000.00	10,337.56	5,662.44	26,650.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>150,840.00</b>	<b>139,409.55</b>	<b>154,263.00</b>	<b>68,511.36</b>	<b>85,751.64</b>	<b>159,650.00</b>
<b>Special Projects</b>						
Paving Grant:Cider Mill Road, James Road, West Street						
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>448,790.00</b>	<b>390,813.69</b>	<b>451,713.00</b>	<b>240,904.48</b>	<b>210,808.52</b>	<b>476,100.00</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Grants in Aid		4,020.00				
Grant Funds AOT RAS		3,090.91				
Miscellaneous		250.00		4,175.02		
<b>TOTALS WITH INCOME</b>	<b>448,790.00</b>	<b>383,452.78</b>	<b>451,713.00</b>	<b>197,417.98</b>	<b>250,620.00</b>	<b>476,100.00</b>

## Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

The COVID-19 virus continued to play an outsized role for the department in 2021. We received our first and second vaccinations in March and April and most, if not all, were boosted this fall. Also, this fall and into this winter, several of our EMT members have been volunteering at vaccination and testing clinics. Throughout much of the year, we found ourselves paying close attention to safety for ourselves and patients at their homes, at car accidents and elsewhere as first the Delta and then the Omicron variants raced through our communities. While we are all eager to have COVID-19 in our rearview mirrors, at this point, it is anyone's guess when that will become a reality.

In 2021, we hosted another successful drive-thru chicken dinner. As always, we love to see the Cornwall faithful and neighbors from other towns as well, and look forward to in-person, in-station gatherings. Again, this year, it is worth mentioning that our community continues to be so generous to the department and to each other. Cornwall is a special town, and our chicken dinner is just one small way that we see it on display.

Last year, we reported on our new antenna, and Utility vehicle. Both have been well-used, and quite necessary upgrades. For much of last year, we have been planning and designing our new Engine, which is being built by Dingee Machine Company in, of all places, Cornish, New Hampshire. They have built our last two vehicles, the Utility and Brush trucks, and we have a very good working relationship with Larry and his crew. We expect the new truck to arrive sometime in the second or third quarter of 2022 and will be eager to show it off to the community. Its operation will be controlled by electronic panels, including a portable iPad, (though it will still require a driver and actual firefighters).

Calls this year stayed within our normal range at 85 total:

Medical & MREMS assist calls	46	Structure Fires	3
Motor Vehicle Incidents	7	Grass, Brush & Agricultural Fires	7
Fire/Smoke/CO Investigations	13	Fallen Wires, Trees, etc.	7
Mutual Aid Given	2	Other	2

Currently, Firefighter Ben Marks is attending classes to become an EMT. He will join the Medic/EMT ranks of Sue Johnson, Megan Frankovic, Gail and Rich Isenberg, Haley Stearns and Assistant Chief Lew Castle. Other members are: Chief David Berno, Assistant Chief Sean Stearns, Captains Raph Worrick, Tommy Frankovic and Ken Manchester, Lieutenant Luke Jerome and Firefighters Ed Peet, Vaughn Berno, Chris Dayton, Peter Conlon, Charlie Bearor, Josh Stearns, Conor Stinson, Josiah Benoit, Malia Hodges, Al Thalen, Marc Cesario and Ryan Nadeau.

We welcome anyone interested in joining the department to reach out to the Town Clerk, Sue Johnson, and she will point you in the right direction. When we report that the department boasts more than 525 years of experience, it is partly because we have many well-seasoned members. 50 years old is still pretty young in the volunteer service, so don't be shy, we'd love to hear from you!

## Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/20- 6/30/21 Budget		7/1/21- 6/30/22 Budget		7/1/22- 6/30/23 Proposed
<b>Utilities</b>					
Heat	\$3,000		\$3,000		\$3,000
Electric	2,100		2,100		2,100
Telephone	2,500		2,500		2,500
<b>Insurance</b>					
Insurance Premiums	17,000		17,000		17,000
<b>Vehicles</b>					
Vehicle Fuel	1,000		1,000		1,000
Vehicle Maintenance	5,000		5,000		5,000
<b>Equipment</b>					
Communications Equipment	4,500		4,500		4,500
Medical	4,000		4,000		4,000
Personal Equipment	10,000		10,000		8,000
Fire Equipment	4,000		4,000		4,000
<b>Training</b>					
Medical	1,600		1,600		1,600
Fire Prevention	250		250		250
Fire Training	6,000		6,000		6,000
<b>Operations</b>					
Association Dues	1,000		1,000		1,200
Buildings & Grounds	3,500		3,500		3,500
Office Equipment	300		300		300
Food and Beverages	1,000		1,000		1,000
Dispatch Services	3,000		3,000		3,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69,750</b>		<b>69,750</b>		<b>67,950</b>
<b>Donations</b>					
<b>Fundraising</b>					
<b>Grand Total with Income</b>	<b>\$69,750</b>		<b>\$69,750</b>		<b>\$67,950</b>

## Forest Fire Warden Report

Hello to All!

The 2021 outdoor permitted burn season has passed, and a total of 213 burn permits were issued throughout the course of the year. Thank you to all who've reached out to me for permits, questions, and concerns.

The Cornwall Fire Department did respond to suppress wildland fires throughout the year. Most notably, the 46 acres that burned on the western side of West Street in the spring at Sunset Orchard Road. Middlebury Fire Department provided mutual aid, and the fire was contained and extinguished. Both tasks required a very well-coordinated group effort from both Departments with multiple personnel and resources on scene. The cause of the fire was undetermined, but it hopefully raises awareness that any outdoor burning, especially in the Spring, is inherently dangerous.

I've received several inquiries about outdoor burning in the winter when snow is covering the ground as of late. According to the State of Vermont, an issued outdoor burn permit is not required so long as there is snow cover surrounding the burn site. However, I would suggest that letting me know of any outdoor burn, regardless of the time of year, is always a good idea.

Thank you, again, to Cornwall for your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, as always.

Yours, in service,  
Tommy Frankovic, Jr.  
Captain, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department  
Cornwall Forest Fire Warden  
802-989-4473  
[tommyfrankovic831@gmail.com](mailto:tommyfrankovic831@gmail.com)



## **Cemetery Commission Report**

Cornwall's history is recorded on the stones in our burying grounds. The charge of our Cemetery Commission is to preserve that history through the care and maintenance of three of the Town's cemeteries: Fair Cemetery, at the corner of Snake Mountain Road and 125; West Cemetery on 74; and South Cemetery on DeLong Road. Three other cemeteries, Evergreen, Pleasant Hill, and Central, are under the purview of cemetery associations, and the Ringey family looks after the old Hamblin Cemetery. We are a five-member commission consisting of Joan Bingham, Anne Collins, Bruce Payne, Jim Pugh, and "T" Tall. Jim is a new member, having been appointed to fill an unfilled seat.

Like many Cemetery Commissions, we're facing 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.

So, this year, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Under the supervision of David Clark from Middlebury, a member of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, volunteers will clean headstones. At a future session, we hope to straighten crooked stones and repair broken ones. More information will follow as the date approaches.

We like to include a story in our reports. Some years it's been a history mystery, some years a retelling of part of the Town's history, but always the subject has been someone long-since departed. This year, our story is about someone who is still very much with us. Joan Bingham has served on the Cornwall Cemetery Commission for nearly two decades. She was born a Bingham and her late husbands were Sonny Payne and Bob Bingham. It's been jokingly said that not only does Joan know where all the bodies are buried, she's related to most of them. There have been Bingham in Cornwall since 1784; Jeremiah Bingham presided as Moderator of the first Town Meeting; Bingham were original members of the Cornwall Congregational Church; their name is on one of our roads, and on our school. Joan is retiring from public service at the end of her term in March, but the work she has done to preserve our Town's history continues. Thank you, Joan.

Cornwall Cemetery Commission

## **Recreation Committee Report**

We attempt to 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.

This past year, 2021, these are the activities that were available:

- 30 Miles in 30 Days Challenge
- State Parks Pass available at the Town Hall
- Historic Sites Pass available at the Town Hall

We were limited as to what could be offered due to the CDC and Covid guidelines. We feel we have gotten a handle on some fun things to offer for the coming year.

The Recreation Committee has a bank account for the money it raises throughout the year. Our money is not funded, it comes from our bake sale and donations.

Upcoming plans for 2022:

- Jan: Hydration Challenge
- Feb: Snow Sculptures
- March: Plank Challenge
- March/April: Couch to 5K
- May: Book Challenge
- June: Tie Dye Day
- Summer: The Park and Historic Passes
- Aug: Promote Field Days

We will send out emails and post upcoming events as they approach.

We welcome community participation and ideas that you may have that you would like us to consider for the fall and winter.

Cornwall Recreation Committee:

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

## Conservation Commission Report

*"Conservation is a state of harmony between the people and the land."  
Aldo Leopold*

The Cornwall Conservation Commission advocates for the preservation of Cornwall's important natural features: its forest blocks, wildlife and wildlife habitat, wetlands, streams and riparian areas, as well as agricultural, recreational and scenic resources. We offer guidance and recommendations to the Planning Commission on natural resource matters and complete environmental impact reviews for each application that comes before the Development Review Board.

Our work last year included spearheading the vote to approve money for a Conservation Reserve Fund, continuing the Commission's trail camera documentation of wildlife movement patterns, and sponsoring a presentation by UVM specialist Laura Johnson on pollinators in our backyards. We continue to update our town webpage with information about conservation and the work of the Commission.

Conservation Reserve Fund: With an 85% positive vote, residents overwhelmingly approved at Town Meeting the first-time appropriation of \$3,500 to the Conservation Reserve Fund. The purpose of this Fund is to support significant conservation opportunities serving the public good. For it to be an effective tool for conserving land and conservation-related technical assistance, the size of the Fund needs to increase in amount: we are requesting the sum of \$3,500 again this year.

The Reserve Fund actually did some growing on its own during the year, thanks to several donations from private citizens. If you would like to make a contribution, it may be tax deductible if you are making it as a charitable gift.

Wildlife Trail Camera Project: This project began in May of 2020 and will continue through the coming year. To date we have collected data from 17 placements, recording a wide range of wildlife, including frequent sightings of bobcats and coyotes, as well as several bears. The project's goal is to document travel corridors used by wildlife, especially larger predators, as they move between the Town's undeveloped forested areas.

We continue to look for transit areas that are frequented by a variety of animals. Please contact us if you feel there may be a possible placement on your property.

"Get Pollinated." On a lovely autumn day in October, UVM Pollinator Specialist Laura Johnson shared how we can keep bees, birds, and butterflies healthy and active in our backyards. Since many smaller native pollinator species travel only a few hundred feet or less, you should create habitat for them as close as possible to the flowers, plantings or crops that you would like to have pollinated. Delaying any early mowing and allowing dandelions and other similar flowering plants to provide food to pollinators early in the season is just one of the many things she suggested.

Looking to the year ahead, the Conservation Commission is at work on several projects. In late March, we will sponsor a presentation via Zoom about Cornwall's unique glacial history and how

## Conservation Commission Report, *continued*

it has shaped our town landscape. Town resident and Middlebury College Geography Professor Will Amidon will be the featured speaker.

We are working on a new, online Conservation Blog, where residents can join with others to explore a range of topics around biodiversity and backyard conservation. We hope to have it operational by the spring.

The Planning Commission is also hard at work on a new Forest Integrity section of the Town Plan. Identifying and protecting the town's significant forest and wildlife connectivity blocks are critical for their continued viability; the Conservation Commission is offering its support in this effort.

Are you interested in helping with conservation activities in Cornwall? We are hoping to add new members to the Commission. Please let us know if you'd like to join us in our work.

Conservation Commission members are Katherine Branch, Don Burns, Mary Dodge (chair), Andrea Landsberg and Mike Sheridan.



*Photo from the Game Camera Project!*

## 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 a 3-year history of 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 a town's CLA 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, primarily as the result of 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) 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 could 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 reappraisal is necessary, and it has reached a level that has caused us to start planning for a town-wide reappraisal in 2024-25.

Looking ahead to 2022, the State will be launching a new grand list software called "Vermont Property Information Exchange" (VT PIE). The listers will be learning how to validate sales for the equalization study and begin managing the town's grand list exemptions in this new software. 2022 will be the last year the listers will be using the old New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) software to create and lodge the town Grand List. This is the first major overhaul of the grand list software used by the state and towns since its creation in the mid-1990s. There will be an inevitable learning curve and a period of adjustment, but we see a lot of positives in this change that is coming to all Vermont listers and assessors.

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 63 property transfers from among Cornwall's 643 parcels.

Covid-19 continues to affect how we can conduct our business as listers. Our inability to safely access the interiors of properties that require an update and inspection for next year's taxes will continue to be handled by video-assisted "best guesstimates" with an in-person follow-up once safety protocols permit it.

Also, for the time being, our office hours are by appointment only, as our weekly meetings are currently being conducted via Zoom. This has placed an extra burden on Sue Johnson, who has taken on even more of the "in-person" lister chores that we could have handled pre-Covid. Thanks once again, Sue.

## **Listers' Report, *continued***

The Listers would like to remind everyone that if you own and occupy your Vermont residence as your primary dwelling on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, you must file your Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, with the Vermont Department of Taxes on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure that the correct tax rate is billed.

The Listers may be contacted by e-mail at [Cornwall.Listers@gmail.com](mailto:Cornwall.Listers@gmail.com), or by phone at 462-3386.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Kincaid, Jordan Young, Bill Johnson.

## Planning Commission Report

This past year has been a productive one for the Cornwall Planning Commission. We started the year with a fresh crew of recently appointed, and then newly elected, members and from the start we were effectively working together towards the common goal of updating the Cornwall Town Plan. In addition to the copious hours of volunteer work by the Planning Commission itself, support for this project was provided by municipal planning grant funds from the state. These funds afforded the town valuable assistance from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.

We started our work with a review and audit of the existing Town Plan which was last substantively updated in 2013. This review and the conversations that followed created a laundry list of opportunities for improvement, both grammatical and factual, as well as a host of questions to consider. The work we did in this audit process will be something we return to as we review and amend the Plan in the coming months and years.

Following the audit process, the Planning Commission participated in training as well. Funded by the Municipal Planning Grant we were awarded at the end of 2020, the ACRPC created several training sessions as a foundation for our relatively new PC. These sessions covered the basics of town government in Vermont, the role and responsibility of the Planning Commission, and working with existing town plans. In addition to these sessions, a special guest from the US Census Bureau offered training in using the Census website to draw out information for the update of the Cornwall Today section of the Town Plan. This Census training was free of charge for the town.

Our work on the Town Plan amendments happened largely in the summer and fall of 2021. For the new Flood Resilience section we reviewed and updated a previous draft we had worked on and in October held a Public Information meeting for this section. At the same time, we were working on updating the first two sections of the “Cornwall Today” portion of the town plan: Population and Housing. In November, we began working on the Forest Fragmentation section and as of January ‘22 have been working in collaboration with the Selectboard, the Development Review Board, and the Conservation Commission on a broad review of our draft. Our work on the Education and Economy sections began in January as well. We’re on track to complete our grant funded work this summer.

The Planning Commission will likely be holding public meetings and hearings in 2022 to discuss proposed revisions and updates to the Town Plan. We’ll be looking for thoughtful public participation and turnout to offer feedback. This process works best when invitations to public meetings are seen as calls to action and people take the time to work with the volunteers who devote many hours every year to working for the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Burns, Marge Drexler, Chris Hodges, Drew Kervick, Lauren Ringey, Conor Stinson (Chair),  
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## 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 6 members of the DRB: Barbara Greenwood (Chair), David Anderson (Vice Chair), Shari Johnson, Cheryl Cesario, Ellen Whelan-Wuest, and Joan Lynch (Alternate). Our secretary is Robin Conway. Members serve staggered three-year terms and are appointed by the Selectboard.

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 the 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 in 2021 were conducted by Zoom. This 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 sixth year of operation), as in 2020, fewer applications than usual were filed. As a result, 5 regular DRB meetings were able to be cancelled. The matters considered by the Board in 2021 included: the Barn on the Flats LLC application for conditional use approval for the property located at 1683 West Street and owned by Kayla and Cam Schaefer to allow the barn to be used as a commercial event venue for private parties; the final subdivision application by 5 Trillium Partners, LLC for approval of a minor subdivision of the property located at the corner of Route 125 and Cider Mill Road into two lots; the waiver and/or variance application by Cas Chlodnicki for a waiver and/or variance of the requirements set forth in Sections 610 and 611 of the Cornwall Zoning Regulations relating to parking (including the number of parking spaces, the location of the parking lot, and, if necessary, screening) as they might apply to the Cornwall Country Store property located at 2513 Route 30 and owned by Kasia LLC; the BOLDER Architecture, PLLC application for waiver/conditional use approval for the property located at 39 Lemon Fair Road and owned by Elizabeth Toder, to permit the replacement of the existing balcony and ladder egress from the third floor with a new stair for safety; and the Gregor Kent application for waiver for the interior lot (Lot 6) located on Samson Road and owned by Northern Cross, LLC, to reduce setback requirements.

The DRB issued decisions in all the matters considered, except for the Kent application, which was adjourned.

The DRB is seeking new members and welcomes inquiries from residents of Cornwall who might be interested in serving on the Board.



## **Energy Coordinator's Report**

No direct Energy Coordinator monetary expenses were incurred in 2021.

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. My phone number is 802-462-3669.

Gary Barnett

## **Zoning Administrator's Report**

This report briefly summarizes my actions as the town's Zoning Administrator for the past year 2021. I will submit a detailed report for publication in the next town newsletter.

▪ Zoning Permits (new construction)	9
▪ Zoning Permits (all other)	9
▪ Certificates of Occupancy	3
▪ Certificates of Compliance	20
▪ Boundary Line Adjustments	4

## **Cornwall Free Public Library**

The Cornwall Library remained closed for the first half of 2021. We continued using the Resource Mate Web Online Public Access Catalog to provide access to our collection to our patrons. Our patrons became more comfortable with the online system and although we did not have the circulation that we are used to, at least we were able to lend some materials through the curbside pick-up.

Since we were unable to hold our book sale in 2020, the trustees decided to send a direct appeal letter to our Cornwall neighbors. The response to the direct appeal was tremendous. We received \$6,415.00 from the community. The trustees are so appreciative of your support for a little library.

Finally, in the summer of 2021 we did open the library again with limited access and masks required. The library is now open to all again with full access. The town is asking unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask.

To use the 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*.

The library trustees applied for and received an American Rescue Plan Act Grant in the amount of \$2,000. We earmarked these funds for a new computer and several pieces of furniture for the children's room. The new computer is a wonderful improvement over the very ancient one we had been using.

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 a generous donation from the American Legion in the amount of \$500. This was an unexpected gift, but greatly appreciated. We 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.

We were thrilled to be able to hold our annual book sale in 2021. Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 found the town hall full of books downstairs and full of crafters upstairs. The library benefitted from the craft tables upstairs as all the table fees were donated to the library. We believe that the library and the crafters benefitted from each other. The crafters were back at the town hall again in December 2021, and once again donated their table fees to the library. We thank Amanda Payne for organizing that and to all the crafters for their generosity. Our 2021 book sale was the most successful one we have experienced. The total made from the book sale and the table fees was \$2751.00. Thank you to everyone for their support of the library. These funds go directly to the purchase of new books, movies and audio books.

Despite the pandemic, the Cornwall Free Public Library had a successful 2021 and hope that things will only improve in 2022.

*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, 01/01/2021 \$ 752.56**

### **INCOME:**

Town Appropriation 2021	\$4,000.00
Holmes Family Donation	1,000.00
Donations/Direct Appeal	7,060.00
Book Sale 2021	2,781.00
ARPA Grant	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Sub-Total Income:</b>	<b><u>17,593.56</u></b>

Less Expenses:	(8,357.92)
<b>Balance 12/31/2021</b>	<b><u>\$9,235.64</u></b>

### **EXPENSES:**

Supplies/Advertising	\$323.88
Membership & Support	555.44
New Computer	1,856.55
Books/Media	4,670.78
Phone Service/Public Wi-Fi	<u>951.27</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b><u>\$8,357.92</u></b>

### **Fund Balances 12-31-2021**

Footte, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,746.66
Interest earned 2021	<u>13.85</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>4,760.51</u></b>

Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	2,310.78
Interest earned 2021	<u>4.60</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,315.38</u></b>

<b>Grand Total CD's</b>	<b><u>\$7,075.89</u></b>
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*The Cornwall Library 2021 book sale.*

## Capital Budget Committee Report

Cornwall is completing its thirteenth year of managing capital spending under a formally adopted Capital Budget and Program. The first Capital Budget and Program proposed that the town budget include a line item for \$120,000 in the fiscal year beginning in July 2009 (and subsequent years) to cover the orderly replacement of Highway and Fire Department equipment as it wears out. Starting in fiscal year 2012, the committee proposed that the amount to be budgeted be increased to \$130,000. This number seems to be working well for the current equipment budget and plan. Starting in fiscal year 2014, the Capital Program proposed that the town budget include a line item of \$100,000 to cover the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the town buildings, including the town hall, town garage, salt and sand buildings, etc. In fiscal year 2019, the Capital Program proposed that the town budget include a line item of \$25,000 to cover new paving and repaving of roads.

This report explains the Capital Budget and Planning Committee's Capital Budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning in July 2022 and the Capital Plan (Program) for the five fiscal years beginning in July 2023.

After accounting for the current year's expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2021 report, the committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. As of January 11, 2022, the Capital Equipment Fund balance is \$301,298.05. The equipment fund purchased a 2022 International tandem plow truck from Clark's Truck Center. The cost of the plow truck was \$204,267, minus the trade in for the 2009 and 2014 plow trucks in the amount of \$70,000. The fire department continues in the process of building their new Engine #1, the chassis and the SAM pump have been received and paid for. Dingee Machine Company will continue to build the Engine for delivery sometime in 2022.

The committee is recommending that the Capital Building line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$100,000. As of January 11, 2022, the Capital Building Fund balance is \$176,431.02. The capital committee requested proposals for work at the Town Garage. These proposals included engineering, code analysis and design for the replacement of the salt/sand building, possible installation of a septic system and review of the garage itself to determine what might be done to make the building more effective and efficient. The capital committee reviewed the proposals that were submitted and voted to hire Breadloaf Construction Company to do the design and engineering work. As part of that work a survey has been completed of the property and a report is due soon.

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](mailto: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**  
**Public Information Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021**

Voters in attendance: Margy Young, Ben Marks, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, Kate Gieges, John Roberts, Cy Day Tall, Jordan Young, Marge Drexler, Don Burns, Stu Johnson, Susan Sears, Jean ?, Barbara ?, Paul Urband, David Dodge, Elizabeth Keefe, Katherine Branch, Steve Edwards, Todd Kincaid, Michael Sheridan, Tanya Byker, Drew Kervick, Peter Conlon, David Anderson, Steve E., Donna Marks, Sarah Wood, T Tall, Lise Anderson, Miles Peterle, Mary Jane Broughton, Denry Sato, David Berno, George Family, Mary Dodge, Sarah Pelkey, Gary Barnett, Bill Johnson, Anne Collins, Brian Collins, Sarah Goodman, Bethany Menkart, Andrew Menkart, Elizabeth Morrison, Joseph ?, Chris Kramer, Conor Stinson. (47 +/-)

Guests in attendance: Erin Robinson, Steve Cash, Molly Witters and Joanna Doria, from Saving Our School – Ripton

The meeting was opened at 7:05 pm after a pre-roll prepared by Jordan Young. The pre-roll provided information related to the meeting. We were treated to the Town Meeting song by Jon Gailmor, thanks to him. This public information meeting is considered a Selectboard meeting, not the traditional town meeting. No votes will take place and no amendments can be made to the warning.

Ben Marks began the meeting by giving some opening remarks and reiteration of how the meeting would be run. Ben introduced Cy Day Tall, our Town Moderator who would be facilitating the meeting.

Cy Day Tall introduced Jordan Young who was acting as technical advisor along with Margy Young. Jordan spent a few moments going over the mechanics of using the Zoom platform. Once that was completed, the meeting turned back over to Cy.

Cy read each Article and then opened the floor for discussion on each topic.

Article 1: *Shall the Town of Cornwall apply any budget surplus to defray property taxes?* Sue Johnson explained that the amount of the surplus can be found on Page 21 of the Town Report. The amount is \$103,622.73. If you are in favor of using the surplus to lower taxes, vote Yes on Tuesday on the ballot.

Article 2: *Shall the voters approve a General Fund budget of \$499,608?* Ben Marks explained that the Selectboard had basically level funded the General Fund. Some items were increased, and others lowered in order to keep the total close to last year's amount. This year's total is slightly less than last year. The Selectboard had voted to give the 3 full time town employees a cost-of-living raise.

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?* Ben Marks explained that this budget had been level funded except for the labor budget.

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.* Dave Berno, Fire Chief explained that the budget was the same as the previous year. Dave also reported that a new engine has been ordered with expected delivery in a year or so. The replacement Utility Truck has been delivered and in use. The truck replaces the one that was destroyed in an accident and was paid for with insurance money. The department also refurbished the existing brush truck with a new Waterous pump. This truck will serve the department for at least the next 16 years and will not need to be replaced in a few years as was originally planned. Ben Marks asked Dave to explain how service has been different in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dave explained that the department is using PPE, sanitizing, and minimizing exposure. The high majority of calls are medical in nature and the medical team is following all state protocols.

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?* Sue Johnson thanked the town voters for their annual support of the library. Sue explained that the library was unable to hold their annual book sale in 2020, so they have sent out a direct appeal letter to help with additional expenses and adding materials to the library. In 2020, the library added an online catalog and access to download audio and eBooks through the State Library system.

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.* Mary Dodge, Conservation Commission Chair, showed and spoke to a power point called Strengthening Cornwall's Conservation Efforts. Mary explained that an advisory group has been appointed by the Selectboard to create procedures for spending the funds in the future. The power point focused on three major topics. 1) The town has shown great support and desire for conservation in town. 2) Why start funding now? Many farms are being sold and this leads to the possibility of valuable land being lost. The fund will allow landowners greater options and local matching funds are required when asking for outside funding. 3) Uses of the fund will be two part.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the money will be used for long term conservation and  $\frac{1}{4}$  will be used for education and outreach. Mary explained that 55 towns in Vermont have conservations funds. Most towns use an annual appropriation to accumulate funds, others put an amount on the tax rate. There is information on the town's website about the conservation fund. T Tall spoke in favor of the conservation fund but was concerned about creating a new account. John Roberts replied that he did not see a new account as a problem. Andrew and Bethany Menkart spoke in favor of the conservation fund. Stu Johnson asked about the process for spending the funds. Ben Marks explained that the advisory group is working on process and the Selectboard will have the final say when expenditures are requested. Gary Barnett wanted to clarify whether this funding request

will be a recurring request. Mary indicated that the funding request would be an annual request on the warning. It is possible to vote on a longer-term funding request, but the Conservation Commission will wait to see how this year's request is received. Lise Anderson spoke in support of the Conservation fund.

*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?* Ben Marks explained that the State of Vermont will require a town-wide reappraisal in a number of scenarios. First, a town should do a reappraisal every ten years. Second, if the town's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) falls below 80%. Third, if the town's COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) rises above 20%. The cost of a reappraisal can run \$50,000 - \$60,000. The Selectboard felt it made sense to start accumulating funds to pay for the reappraisal now. Todd Kincaid explained that if our Common Level of Appraisal remains at 100%, we will not pay additional money to the Education Fund.

*Article 8: Shall the voters appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations?* Sue Johnson explained that Elderly Services opted not to request funding this year due to the pandemic, but they will be back on the list next year. Bethany Menkart spoke in support of Age Well. They have continued providing Meals on Wheels even during the pandemic. Sarah Pelkey asked about the childcare agencies that request town funding and wondered why more childcare facilities do not request town funding. Margy Young explained that agencies need to be non-profit in order to qualify for town funding. T Tall explained that this started in the early 70's at the time of revenue sharing. Kate Gieges said that years ago the agencies would send a representative to speak in support of the various agencies. Sue Johnson indicated that packets with all the information provided by the various agencies will be available at the town hall for pick up or review this week.

*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%).* Cy Day Tall asked how long the town has been charging the 1% interest. Sue explained that it has been 1% for at least 10 years. The warning used to include 1½ % interest, but this was always amended to 1%. Stu Johnson asked about changing the dates due for tax payments to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Often the General Election falls around November 1<sup>st</sup> and tax collection and the election at the same time are very difficult to manage. Kate Gieges said that the Town Auditor's would look into the process for changing the dates for next year.

*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?* Steve Cash, Erin Robinson & Molly Witters were in attendance at our meeting to speak to Article 10 on our warning. Steve Cash read a statement which included: They hope that Cornwall will support their



choice. Their January 12, 2021 special vote results were as follows: 163 yes – 107 no. Saving our Schools has been advocating for their school for 2 years. Steve’s statement explained that the effect of Ripton leaving the district would be tax neutral. If the vote to let Ripton go is negative, taxes will go down .03%. Ripton is feeling great support. Todd Kincaid reminded the group about the Brigham decision that created ACT 60 twenty years ago. He asked why Ripton made the decision to withdraw from the district. Steve said the decision was made to keep their school open. It was felt that it is very important for the town to have a say in the school being open or closed. Chris Kramer, co-chair of the Friends of Cornwall School indicated his support for Ripton’s withdrawal from the district. He explained that the law is set up allowing other towns to affirm the vote because there was concern that if a larger town left the district, this would be a large problem for the other smaller schools.

*Article 11: To elect all town officials as required by law.* In person voting will be available on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 7 AM – 7 PM. Sue Johnson explained that every active voter was sent a town ballot. The hope behind sending the ballots to everyone is to keep the number of in person voters to a minimum. The two school ballots could not be sent to every voter because the school board did not vote to send them. Ben Marks explained that the school district is a separate municipality and would need to vote on this issue separately.

#### *Other Business:*

Conor Stinson, Chair of the Planning Commission prepared a video presentation regarding the work of the Planning Commission. Conor Stinson and Don Burns were available to answer any questions. The commission is currently reviewing and auditing the town plan. They have applied for and received a Municipal Planning Grant in the amount of \$13,000 with a local match of \$1300.00 to help in this process. Two new areas must be added to the Town Plan in order for it to be approved. They are: Forest Fragmentation and Flood Resilience.

David Dodge, Chair of the Lemon Fair Insect Control District spoke briefly about the district. The LFICD requests \$6,000 annually from Cornwall and the other towns in the district. They do not treat with adulticide only larvicide. He praised the LFICD board and thanked Cornwall residents Wendy Lynch & Chris Chapline for their contributions to the board. David is planning to retire from the board this fall and would like folks to think about joining the board as the third Cornwall representative. Ben Marks thanked David for all of his hard work and explained that success for this board is “nothing.” In other words, we don’t notice the behind the scenes work if there are no mosquitoes flying in our faces.

Ben Marks asked Magna Dodge to give a brief overview of the work being done by the Maple Broadband Communications Union District. Magna & Bill Johnson are the delegates to the district. Magna is a member of the 5-person executive board. The organization was created in October 2020. The website is [www.maplebroadband.net](http://www.maplebroadband.net) All minutes and information are posted on the website. The district is currently focused on finding an operator for Maple Broadband. In order to move the feasibility study to an operating plan, they need to have an operator on board. Obtaining funding requires a business plan. The district is also interviewing design firms and

potential builders. The district is looking for several volunteers: part time bookkeeper and someone familiar with social media. There are currently 18 Addison County towns that are members of the district. The Maple Broadband CUD is its own municipality, but they have no taxing authority, they will be attempting to access other sources of income. The cost of the project will be \$27-30 million and would provide universal coverage as required by the State of Vermont.

Kate Gieges explained that the Town Auditors conducted their meetings and business via Zoom video-conferencing this year and it worked well. Kate thanked Sue Johnson for doing all the extra work required by the COVID-19 pandemic. Kate also thanked Sue, Cy and Jordan for putting together the informational meeting.

Ben Marks concluded the meeting by also thanking Cy, Jordan and Margy for their work behind the scenes on the informational meeting.

And last.... Magna Dodge thanked Ben Wood for serving on the Selectboard for the last 10 years. His hard work was greatly appreciated, and his calm and thoughtful presence will be greatly missed.

Magna Dodge/Ben Wood moved to adjourn the informational meeting at 8:55 PM. The motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Johnson  
Cornwall Town Clerk

## Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) provides larval and adult mosquito surveying and larvicide treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley and Cornwall swamp for the towns of Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge which provide funding. We work closely with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (“VAA”) 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.lfcd.org/>).

### Field Coordinator Report

The 2021 season began with dry conditions which resulted in no significant mosquito populations through the end of June. Rain throughout July changed that dynamic. While the flooded Lemon Fair and Cornwall swamp generated nuisance mosquito, they were not the dominant mosquito source. Mosquito larvae surveillance in those two bodies of water did not generate treatment thresholds except for one 7-acre stretch in Weybridge which was too small to be treated aerially. This area was treated with *Bti* granules by hand (90+% effective). The biggest mosquito problem in 2021 came from species (primarily *Ochlerotatus trivittatus*) that breed in puddled water in forests and meadows. These woodlands and meadow puddles do not lend themselves to aerial treatment given the limited acreage of open water.

The beginning of August brought the first of 43 complaints from town residents. The LFICD responded with site visits, offering advice to property owners on steps to reduce mosquito habitat on their properties and setting up a CDC Light Trap on the property. Often the solution was simply cleaning gutters and removing artificial containers that breed mosquitoes. More extensive work might require a property owner to create better drainage, particularly where rainwater puddles.

One new development for 2022 will be the use of long lasting Altosid briquets (150 days) on a preventative basis. These slow release briquets kill mosquito larvae and will be used in sections of the Lemon Fair containing “scroll bars.” Scroll bars are inner bank levees along meandering river bends and can be a significant source of mosquitoes. The scroll bars were identified by Middlebury College intern, Sam Chester, conducting a GIS – Lidar Mapping project using a drone. His work provided invaluable data in defining slow draining regions adjacent to the river channel. A total of 43 scroll bars were identified over approximately 3 miles of the Lemon Fair south of the Rte. 125 Bridge and represent 15 acres of treatable water. Treatment is being proposed for mid-April of 2022 and will be conducted in conjunction with the VAA. This is the first time the VAA has authorized preventative treatment.

### Board and Staff

Bridport: Dinah Bain (Treasurer), Judd Markowski, Alissa Shethar. Cornwall: Chris Chapline (Secretary), David Dodge (Chair), Wendy Lynch. Weybridge: Gary Rodes. **We 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 2022. We were pleased to have our two college student interns: Mia Handte-Reinecker from UVM and Sam Chester from Middlebury College. We intend to continue the program in 2022.

## **Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2022 Budget Notes**

**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/>).

**Fiscal Year:** The VAA fiscal year (“FY”) is 7/1 to 6/30. The LFICD FY is 1/1 to 12/31.

**Treatment Acreage:** The LFICD’s 2022 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 from 2018 to 2021, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.

**Aerial Larviciding:** We will continue to use 3<sup>rd</sup> party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct hand treatment when and where necessary.

**Grant Agreement:** We operate under a 12-month VAA Grant Agreement which is renewed annually effective July 1 of each year. The current Grant Agreement expires June 30, 2022. While we have received no formal commitments from the VAA, we anticipate that our Grant Agreement will be renewed effective July 1, 2022. All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.

**Revenue:** Our revenue comes from two sources: the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge and the VAA Grant Agreement. Town revenue consists of \$6,000 each from Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. VAA revenue is a function of the amount available from the VAA under our annual Grant agreement (\$70,000) and how much we incur in reimbursable expenses, e.g., cost of aerial larviciding, larvicide purchases, field surveying, adult trapping and species identification and capital expenditures.

- The LFICD’s FY 2022 budgeted revenue of \$87,863.82 consists of \$18,000 from the towns and \$69,860.82 from the VAA. The VAA’s \$69,860.82 share consists of what remains under the 2022 Grant Agreement for 1H22 and 50% of the 2023 Grant Agreement for 2H22.
- Actual revenue for FY 2021 was \$20,600.55 less than projected due to no larvicide purchases and treatment reimbursement.
- Budgeted revenue for FY 2022 is \$13,585.80 less than the budgeted revenue for FY 2021 since more VAA grant money was still available for 1H21 than for 1H22.

**Expenses:** The FY 2022 budget assumes one 1,000-acre aerial treatment at a cost of \$25,000 with replacement larvicide purchases of \$15,000. Payroll is budgeted for \$60,000 compared to 2021’s actual of \$60,312.66.

**Otter Creek Watershed Mosquito Control District (“OCW”):** Whenever possible, we attempt to coordinate same day aerial treatments with the OCW (formerly known as the Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury Goshen Insect Control District, “BLSG”).

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District***See Accompanying Budget Notes*

	<b>Budget: Calendar Year 2021</b>	<b>Actual: Calendar Year 2021</b>	<b>Budget: Calendar Year 2022</b>
Beginning Period Cash	\$104,890.00	\$102,082.25	\$105,962.32
<b>INCOME</b>			
VAA Reimbursement	\$83,443.62	\$62,847.43	\$69,860.82
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	\$6.00	\$-	\$-
Interest		\$1.64	\$3.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$101,449.62</b>	<b>\$80,849.07</b>	<b>\$87,863.82</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$206,339.62</b>	<b>\$182,931.32</b>	<b>\$193,826.14</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Payroll	\$48,333.24	\$60,312.66	\$60,000.00
Mileage	\$1,998.10	\$2,030.64	\$2,000.00
Lab and IPM* supplies	\$5,984.00	\$7,784.59	\$8,000.00
Software	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Aerial Treatment	\$25,000.00	\$-	\$25,000.00
Larvicide	\$15,000.00	\$-	\$15,000.00
NMCA Conference	\$500.00	\$279.00	\$500.00
Trailer electricity, repairs	\$700.00	\$864.72	\$850.00
Aerial Treatment: larvicide loaders	\$500.00	\$-	\$500.00
Trailer: airport lease	\$118.63	\$118.63	\$118.63
Misc.: public outreach	\$460.00	\$521.69	\$550.00
Licenses and permits	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$101,098.97</b>	<b>\$72,416.93</b>	<b>\$115,523.63</b>
Legal fees and services	\$250.00	\$-	\$200.00
Admin: stamps, PO box, checks, office supp	\$180.00	\$188.34	\$200.00
Accounting Firm: Review of accounts	\$1,200.00	\$-	\$2,400.00
Insurance: Liability, Supervisory Board	\$3,436.65	\$4,363.73	\$4,400.00
<b>NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,066.65</b>	<b>\$4,552.07</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$106,165.62</b>	<b>\$76,969.00</b>	<b>\$122,723.63</b>
Ending Period Cash	\$100,174.00	\$105,962.32	\$71,102.51

\*IPM is Integrated Pest Management

## Maple Broadband

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(802) 377-3713

### **Annual Report - Year End June 30, 2021**

Maple Broadband is Addison County's Communications Union District (CUD). A CUD is a municipal not-for-profit corporation. Maple Broadband's mission is to enhance the economic, educational, and medical well-being of the communities we serve by providing a high-speed, reliable, affordable fiber internet network to all households and businesses; supported by prompt, skilled, helpful customer service. Our 20 member towns include Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting. Our Governing Board has 20 representatives appointed by the Selectboards of the member towns. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our website.

During 2021, Maple Broadband has been focused on two broad areas:  
Operational Development/Capacity Building and Network Pre-construction and Construction.

#### **Operational Development and Capacity Building**

- Held weekly meetings of the Maple Broadband Executive Committee, which is composed of members with expertise in a wide variety of professions;
- Held monthly meetings of the Maple Broadband Governing Board;
- Retained administrative and consulting services from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission;
- Established a website to help inform the community about Maple Broadband;
- Applied for over \$200,000 in capacity-building grants and have continued to explore a variety of financing options;
- Through the Vermont Community Broadband Board, applied for and was awarded \$2.3 million to cover capacity building efforts and necessary pre-construction tasks;
- Continued to receive essential support from our partners, including:
  - Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC)
  - Addison County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC)
  - Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS)
  - Vermont Communications Union District Association (VCUDA)
  - Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB)
  - Rural Innovation Strategies, Inc. (RISI)
  - ValleyNet
  - Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT)
  - Middlebury College
- Established and maintained on our website (<https://www.maplebroadband.net/>) operational policies, including bylaws, conflict of interest policy, public relations policy, purchasing policy, and financial policies and procedures;

### **Maple Broadband, *continued***

- Met with every Selectboard in our service territory to tell the Maple Broadband story, to provide updates on our progress, and to seek financial support in the form of town ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds;
- Met with area business groups, including the Addison County Chamber of Commerce, Addison County Economic Development Corporation, the Middlebury Rotary Club, and major employers like Middlebury College, to tell our story and solicit support;

#### **Network Pre-Construction and Construction**

- Completed a Business Plan;
- Negotiated, executed and announced a Network Management Agreement with Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom;
- Selected the network engineering firm Vantage Point Solutions (VPS) to perform pre-construction tasks:
  - Completed Step 1: High-level network design;
  - Initiated Step 2: Field data collection services;
- In a partnership with Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom, submitted an NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Grant which, if approved, will provide over \$8 million in funds dedicated to extending fiber broadband service to over 1,600 addresses in the Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom operating territory of Addison County; and
- Initiated a program to pre-purchase long lead-time materials now, to improve likelihood that necessary construction materials will be on hand in time to begin network construction in 2022.

The coming year will be an important one for Maple Broadband. While it is difficult to predict with certainty what our network will look like at this time next year, our path forward includes completion of pre-construction tasks, creation of construction bid specifications, and selection of a qualified cabling contractor.

In coming months, we expect to be facing significant challenges related to availability of construction labor and materials. However, we are preparing to purchase key construction materials now to mitigate this concern. Implementation of a pre-purchase program presumes we will have the funds needed to cover these purchases. Vigorous member town support in the form of ARPA donations will be an important contributor to the success of the pre-purchase program.

## **Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County**

Middlebury District, 2021

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

### **COVID-19**

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

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

### **Public Health Programs**

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

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

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





Vermont 211 is an Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By **dialing 211 or by texting your zip code to 898211**, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health and human services for your area and region. (Text between 8:00am-10:00pm, Monday-Friday.)

Our 211 system in Vermont is at the fingertips of every resident and every phone. 211 is cost-effective, high-quality, personal, flexible and community-based.

**Can't find what you need?** You can always reach one of our trained professionals by phone or by text. Vermont 211 is here to offer help and to offer hope.

- One call or text gives you access to resources across your community. 211 is efficient, fast and easy to use.
- No more wrong numbers; no more wasted time trying to find the right resource(s).
- 211 is a private and confidential call or text; most often the name of the caller is not even taken. Language translation services are also available.
- 211 maintains the integrity of the 911 system; saving that vital community resource for life and death emergencies.
- 24-hour availability every day of the year by phone or by clicking on [vermont211.org](http://vermont211.org)
- 211 is an easy way to find or give help in your community.

In times of disaster, Vermont 211 plays a critical role in bringing information to the people most affected by the events and relaying the needs of callers back to the government officials and the first responders.

### **What are the needs in your community?**

Vermont 211 collects town, county and statewide data and feeds it back to communities to help make systemic change. Monthly reports showing the needs of your county are available on our website.

**Addison County residents** made **860** contacts during 2021, resulting in **945** referrals. The agencies given the most referrals were: Vermont Department of Health, (34%), Vermont Department for Children and Families—Economic Services Division (20%), Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) (8%), and Vermont Foodbank (8%).

### **Want to subscribe to our monthly newsletter?**

Our e-newsletter shares monthly statistics on the needs of Vermonters, highlights resources, and keeps you up-to-date on new initiatives. To see or subscribe to our newsletter, go to:

<http://www.vermont211.org/news/monthly-newsletter>

### **Vermont 211 Partners with Help Me Grow**

Vermont 211 participates in the Vermont Department of Health's statewide Help Me Grow initiative. Help Me Grow provides a centralized telephone access point, via Vermont 211, for parents, caregivers, and providers to get information and referrals for local services for children birth through age eight. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists answer questions about children's behavior and development, and help identify children who are at risk for delays, so that services can begin as early as possible. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists are available from 8:00am – 5:00 Monday-Friday by dialing 211, x6.



## ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2021 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 holds hybrid meetings (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting at 4:30 PM. 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

**Phone:** (802) 388-2333 **Fax:** (802) 388-0271 **Website:** [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

**E-mail:** [acswwmd@acswwmd.org](mailto:acswwmd@acswwmd.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 can be found on the District's website.

### 2021 Highlights

**COVID-19.** District staff have been working diligently toward maintaining the solid waste management and collection system within its 21 member municipalities during these challenging times. Despite the disruption of COVID-19, the District Transfer Station remained open to commercial haulers and area businesses and continued to provide access to essential services. The District continued to adopt Precautionary Guidelines for all visitors to its Transfer Station and Offices, in order to reduce exposure to its staff and other customers. Visitors are asked to stay home if sick, and when visiting, to practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet away from others and wearing a mask. We appreciate visitors and customers' continued patience and cooperation as we strive to protect the health of our employees, customers and communities. Thank you!

**New Implementation Grant.** The District was awarded a Materials Management Implementation (MMI) grant of \$80,000 by the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, a division of the VT Agency of Natural Resources. The grant is part of \$975,000 made available from the Solid

## **Addison County Solid Waste 2021 Report, *continued***

Waste Management Assistance Fund provided by the State to help towns and solid waste planning entities implement their solid waste plans, as required by State law. Grant funds will be used to improve the collection and management of single stream recyclables and food scraps at the District Transfer Station in Middlebury, where both programs have grown in volume in recent years. The MMI Grant funding of \$80,000 represents 40% of the total project costs, with the District providing 60% or \$120,000 in matching funds.

**Recycling.** Single stream recycling tonnage collected at the Transfer Station has seen a major increase through September 2021. The 3,367 tons of single stream recyclables collected surpass the 2020 totals by 527 tons. Of the MMI Grant total, ACSWMD received \$40,000 for a single stream recycling transfer trailer. The purchase of a new transfer trailer will provide additional capacity for storing the higher volume of single stream recyclables for efficient transfer to out-of-District processing facilities.

**Food Scraps.** Since the statewide food scrap ban took effect on July 1, 2020, the volume of food scraps the District Transfer Station manages has grown significantly. The District Transfer Station received 70.25 tons of food scraps through September 2021, almost double the 38.41 tons collected in 2020. An additional \$40,000 of the MMI Grant was awarded to the District to assist with the collection and management of food scraps. Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment that will support safe, efficient and sanitary collection of food scraps at the Transfer Station. Additional funding for the toter tipper is supported by a \$5,000 grant from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund.

**Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2021 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. The District subsidized the disposal of 12.57 tons of roadside trash, 4.94 tons of tires, and various other abandoned items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$3,342.

### **2022 Annual Budget**

The District's adopted Annual Budget for CY2022 is \$3,975,660, a 4.13% increase over last year. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$135/ton (\$9 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will decrease to \$100/ton. Rates on a few other items will have nominal increases. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2022.** For a copy of the full 2021 Annual Report and Adopted 2022 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please call (802) 388-2333, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

## Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2021

Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following services to the Region during FY 2021:

### **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, Shoreham (2020) Cornwall and Salisbury (2021) on their municipal planning grants.
- Completed work on an update of the Population and Housing section of the regional plan.

### **Educational Meetings and Grants**

- Hosted workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables, and public meetings on a variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

### **Emergency Planning**

- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- 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.
- Assisted all communities in the region to complete Local Emergency Management Plans.
- 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 Bristol, Panton, New Haven, Starksboro and Shoreham in completing their enhanced energy plans.
- Worked with Panton, Salisbury, Vergennes and Bristol through regional approval of their Enhanced Energy Plans.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Developed an online mapping tool to support municipal energy planning.

### **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 and culvert inventories for local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads, and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Vergennes, a culvert replacement project in Bridport and moving the historic New Haven Train Station.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies in Bristol and traffic and pedestrian counts throughout the region.
- Hosted regional Walk/bike council and began planning for a future Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.
- Sponsored a Planning and Environmental Linkage Study in Vergennes and the surrounding communities.

### **Natural Resources Planning**

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC).
- Developed a new website, interactive dashboard, and data repository for the ACRWC.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Supported the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan and worked to establish the Clean Water Service Provider infrastructure.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

## **Charitable and Service Organization Information — 2021**

**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)**

Located at 77 Mary Hogan Drive in the Middlebury recreational park, we are open every day after school from 3-6 pm. We house a substance-free drop-in space and supportive programming. Partnering with more than a dozen different organizations, businesses, and schools, we show teens that the whole community supports them. On any given school day, we will see up to 20+ teens. They can enjoy a healthy snack, decompress with friends, play basketball, tennis, or other sports, or utilize our computers for games and homework. In addition, our summer camp is popular year after year, offering teens an opportunity to explore Addison County and beyond. With programming throughout the year, we seek to offer something for every teen.

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 health care and hospice care agency that has been providing care for Addison County residents for more than fifty years. We provide an array of services that help our neighbors receive care in their own home – where they are most comfortable and where they often experience the best quality of life. Our services are offered to all Addison County residents who need them, regardless of their ability to pay. 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. In Cornwall, 37 children were served in 2021 and 391 free books have been delivered to them during that calendar year; 28 children are currently enrolled.

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 program participant. The goal is to help the program participant 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. The rivers we collect samples from are: Middlebury River, Otter Creek, New Haven River, Little Otter Creek, Lemon Fair, and Lewis Creek. About 30 volunteers take water samples at about 30 stations around the county during spring and summer months. Our water quality measurements include: bacteria (E.coli), phosphorus, nitrogen, and chloride (salt).

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

### **Age Well**

Age Well, formerly CVAA, are the leading experts and advocates for the aging population of Northwestern Vermont. We believe that health happens at home and focus on lifestyle, happiness and wellness- not on age. Since 1974, we have been part of Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging, coordinating services and care for Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in home care and community resources. Delivered by staff members and over 1,000 incredible volunteers, our sought-after services are designed to meet the diverse needs of our clients, their families, and caregivers. We do not charge for services provided. As a nonprofit, we rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

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 \$1,100.00, an increase of \$150.00 from last year.

### **Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)**

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) serves the residents of Addison County and Cornwall through several programs including Head Start, Financial Futures, Addison Community Action and the Addison Community Action Food Shelf. Notably, the Community Action office offers housing financial assistance, housing services coordination, heat and utilities assistance, VITA tax preparation, 3SquaresVT, and Farm to Family coupons. In addition, last year the Food Shelf served 668 households, with 4,818 pounds of food donated and \$13,162 worth of food purchased.

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

### **Charter House Coalition**

Charter House Coalition has provided a consistent resource for neighbors in need since 2005. Our emergency shelter is open 24 hours, to persons experiencing homelessness. Our social service goals include helping individuals and families experiencing homelessness, or that may be at risk of becoming homeless, throughout Addison County. We offer free nutritious meals every day to anyone in the community. Between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 staff and volunteers prepared and delivered 100,330 meals. The Charter House outreach program provided essential support to approximately 525 adults and children temporarily housed in area hotels and at our emergency shelter during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 substance abuse; build strong families; and face aging gracefully. Our Emergency Team is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (388-7641).

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

### **Elderly Services, Inc.**

Elderly Services thanks you, the residents of Cornwall, for your Town Meeting Day grants extending back over 35 years. We have been the adult day care center for Addison County for over 40 years; we call our adult day center Project Independence. Elderly Services offered the residents of Cornwall the following services during this pandemic year: Project Independence (In-Person limited to 25-35% capacity and Remote). ESI College: Lifelong learning over Zoom through our elder college. Caregiver Support: Support groups, respite referrals, geriatric social work, and counseling. During the Fiscal Year 2021 pandemic year, Elderly Services continued to provide activities, support, volunteer opportunities, and education to 31 residents of Cornwall.

Elderly Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$4000.00. No funds requested last year; no change from prior year's request.

### **Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 7, 2022**

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round. Through this pandemic we learned that Vermonters feel Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be canceled and found safe ways to continue it. Let's keep building strong communities by working together for our beautiful way of life.

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**

Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society, was founded in 1975. We are a private open-admission animal shelter with a mission to be a community-centered shelter that supports the human-animal bond through compassionate care, adoption, education, and advocacy. Homeward Bound serves an average of 1,000 animals per year, including those who enter the shelter and those who receive services in the community. Our community services are designed to combat pet overpopulation, provide support to low-income pet owners, and enhance the human-animal bond through education and outreach.

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. 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.**

John Graham Housing & Services (JGHS) maintains an Emergency Shelter at 69 Main Street, Vergennes. The site is a two-story congregate setting, with shared bathrooms, living room, and kitchen. A food shelf service, accessible to anyone in need in the community, is located on the second floor of the Shelter. The shelter is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and is staffed 24/7. COVID has increased client needs and a decrease in available housing have created more clients facing greater housing instability.

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, no change from last year.

### **Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)**

Since 1987, the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) has conserved over 3700+ 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 manages and maintains nearly 30 miles of recreation trails in Addison county, many of which are just a short drive from Cornwall. The Trail Around Middlebury passes through the town of Cornwall with access from Route 125.

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 free quality health care services, to those who are uninsured or under-insured in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established. The Open Door clinic is volunteer based. We offer help with Health Insurance. We provide outreach and services.

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**

In FY'21, Cornwall residents volunteered 1,430 hours at nonprofit organizations through RSVP. Residents took advantage of free, remote RSVP programs such as our income tax return preparation services and our health and osteoporosis prevention classes. 221 Addison County residents benefited from attending Bone Builders classes and 338 community members received income tax services. During the winter months, over 600 blankets and warm clothing items were given to Addison County community members in need. In Cornwall, these items were distributed through Cornwall Elementary School. In response to COVID-19, volunteers distributed 680 hand sewn masks to Addison County community members and provided essential items to families in crisis.

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 (formerly Addison Country Transit Resources – ACTR) 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. To protect everyone, we have worked hard to: install protective shields between seats, implemented pre-ride screening techniques, sanitized vehicles frequently, required face masks be worn in our vehicles and facilities.

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. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math and classes for English Language Learners. Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

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. In Cornwall, WomenSafe provided: Advocacy services to at least 2 Cornwall residents including the parents/caregivers of 2 children. 30 prevention programming presentations to 85 students and 12 parents and staff at Cornwall School. 37 prevention programming presentations to 63 students and 6 adults at the teen center, MUHS, and Remote Academy serving Cornwall students.

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 22, 2022**

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

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby notified of the Public Information Hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM, to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

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

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk  
Addison Central School District

Mary Cullinane, Chair  
Addison Central School District

**The Addison Central School District Annual Report and FY23 Budget Book will be available in the following manner: <https://www.acsdvt.org/domain/30> (*ACSD Annual Reports and Budget Books*) or call 802-382-1274 to request a copy.**

**WARNING**  
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**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 1, 2022**

**Member Districts are Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham and Weybridge**

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the following polling places on March 1, 2022 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

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

**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 (ACSD) vote to authorize the ACSD School Board to expend **\$41,578,089** 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 **\$20,076.16** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **6.1%** higher than spending for the current year.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District (ACSD) vote to authorize the ACSD School Board to appropriate **\$2,323,099** the FY2021 Unassigned Fund Balance (estimated at \$2,323,099) to the ACSD Capital Reserve Fund?

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect five (5) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Addison Central School District Board for the following terms:

Three (3) who are residents of Middlebury for a three-year term.

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

One (1) who is a resident of Weybridge 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 the Addison Central School District.

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk  
Addison Central School District

Mary Cullinane, Chair  
Addison Central School District

## **CORNWALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **Report of the Principal**

As I reflect on highlights and challenges from the school year, I am grateful for the dedication, enthusiasm, and adaptability of teachers at Cornwall School as well as for the continued support from the school community and from the district.

Cornwall School has been adapting together as this school year has gone on, figuring out creative ways to be able to participate in activities together while still following the Health and Safety guidelines. The year started with renewed energy and excitement - we could join other classes for activities! We could be in mixed groups for recess! We were in school full time! We might not have to wear masks all year!

As we learned that we would indeed need to continue wearing masks, we tried to hold on to that energy and excitement. We brought back an adapted version of All School Meeting, which had been put on hold last year. Rather than meeting as a whole school, classes meet with buddies each week. They play and learn together, and it has become a highlight of the week. Our parent group, Friends of Cornwall School, once again developed creative approaches to events such as Harvest Fest and Winter Crafts Fun with the goal of fostering a sense of “normalcy and joy” throughout the flow of the school year.

Thanks to ESSER funds and to the district, two new district positions were created, a Literacy Coordinator and a Social Emotional Learning Coordinator. Through collaboration with teachers and time spent in classrooms, we are benefitting from their knowledge, skills, and efforts. We appreciate the dedication to two areas of great importance - early reading skills and emotional well-being. At Cornwall School specifically, we have welcomed Erin McRaith as our first-grade teacher, Meeka Kai-Sands as our Spanish teacher, and Rachel Hoff as librarian.

As a staff and as a school community, we have been focusing on joy, finding joy in learning and in spending time together. Examples abound - from a joy board and “warm fuzzies” in the kindergarten classroom to penguin sledding (and regular sledding!) at recess to being able to sing again (with masks) to celebrations of learning such as retirement parties for words that we know so well we no longer need to practice them to gallery walks and presentations where other classes are invited to participate. The list could go on. What we are continually reminded of is that when we enjoy each other and support each other, we feel better and we learn better.

Heather Raabe, Principal

## CORNWALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY23 Budget Summary

<b>Account</b>	<b>FY22 Budget</b>	<b>FY23 Proposed</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
Direct Instruction	821,171	880,661	7.2%
Guidance	20,503	21,833	6.5%
Nurse	29,658	30,610	3.2%
Occupational/Physical Therapy	8,135	8,135	0.0%
Library Media	59,250	43,925	-25.9%
Administration	163,705	174,513	6.6%
Transportation-Field Trips	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Fund Transfers to Food Service	13,500	-	100.0%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,117,921</b>	<b>1,161,677</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

**Notes:**

Direct Instruction - Increase due to two vacant teaching positions hired at higher rates than budgeted and one support staff position hired at a higher rate than predecessor.

Library Media - Salary reduction due to lower salary replacement.

Fund Transfers to Food Service - Food service transfers centralized

## **ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Report of the Superintendent**

Our FY23 budget responds to an unprecedented educational environment. With the increased social and emotional needs of our students, we have shifted the way our schools operate and adapted traditional educational approaches to meet each student where they are. At the budgetary level, this has consisted of shifts and increases in staffing where our teachers, students, and families require more support and structure given the weight of the pandemic on our combined community resources.

Over the last two years we have gained an understanding of the unique needs of our students. We have tailored supports to ensure students are successful and engaged in the learning process under extenuating historical impacts. Overall, this budget reflects a continued investment in staffing that is critical to the academic, social, and emotional health of our students. It prioritizes individualized support in light of the many learning disruptions our students have faced during the pandemic. Both local education spending and one-time federal grant funds are being used to provide additional targeted supports to students.

In the midst of current challenges, we continue to prioritize a student-centered approach to learning that puts engagement and inquiry at the center of the learning process. This philosophy of *learning as discovery* is central to our classrooms in ACSD from PreK through graduation. The budget is built on prior work of the district to create a cohesive and coordinated curriculum through the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

As we move through the impacts of the pandemic, one thing has become increasingly clear: when our community comes together, we can meet the needs of our students and build forward to provide hope and possibility. Thank you for being a part of ACSD and for supporting all of our schools as we rise to the challenges and move toward a shared commitment to the success of our students!

Peter Burrows, Superintendent  
Addison Central School District

## **ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Report of the Board Chair**

This past year has required our entire community to find strength and compassion. It has caused frustration and fatigue. And it has demonstrated levels of resilience and patience that go beyond expectation or norm. And through all of this, we have, as a community, worked together.

The ACSD 2022–2023 budget sees an increase in education spending of 5.2%. This increase is driven by factors such as increasing health care and transportation costs and a decrease in General Fund revenues. Our estimated per pupil spending will be \$20,076.16 representing a \$6.1% increase over the previous year. It is important to note that this percentage increase has been affected by our decision last year to use \$550,000 of reserve funds to prevent us from going over the spending threshold. Absent that action, our actual increase would have been 4.3% over last year's spending per equalized pupil.

This budget reflects our commitment to ensuring the academic and social-emotional foundations we have put in place to support all students, especially as their needs continue to grow. Over the past year we have witnessed the effects of the strain our society is under. We have seen it in our hallways and in our classrooms. We have seen it on the faces of our students and our staff. And we have seen our families and caretakers struggle to understand how best to help those in their care. Yet, through all of this, we have also witnessed what makes ACSD and the community we serve, unique. We have seen staff and families come together to find creative solutions. We have seen students support their peers and lend a helping hand. And we have had discourse that is respectful and honors our right to disagree. We've persevered and, in so many ways, flourished.

The budget presented is aligned to our priorities as a district. We are committed to providing all students with the necessary tools and resources to be successful, and we recognize their unique abilities and needs. Investments in staffing, behavioral specialists and student support services is required now more than ever. Our systems are under unprecedented strains and as I have shared before, no one institution or stakeholder will be the answer to the needs of our children. While we must continue to invest, we must also find ways to support one another as we overcome daily challenges and recognize our accomplishments along the way.

Our challenges are real. Our costs continue to increase and our projections for district-wide enrollment continue to decline. This formula is not sustainable. While we are benefiting this year from Federal Covid relief funds, decreased FY22 spending in certain areas due to the pandemic, and another year without being held to the spending threshold, these circumstances are fiscally untenable. As a Board we are committed to ensuring our long-term fiscal viability. It is this commitment that will ensure our opportunity to support all students, regardless of their needs or situation. This work is hard, and at times, seems to be getting only harder. But it is with confidence and commitment that we present this budget to our community for your support.

Thank you for all you do to support ACSD and we look forward to the work ahead.

Mary Cullinane, Board Chair

## MIDDLEBURY UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Principal's Report

The staff at MUMS recognizes that the middle school years are some of the most significant transitions for adolescents. The importance of allowing students to truly find themselves in a supportive and nurturing environment guides our work each and every day. Our historic 2021-22 school year welcomed a new grade configuration of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to MUMS. The incredible energy that this cohort of students has brought to our school has provided our staff with an opportunity to appreciate new experiences and personal growth. As we continue to build a positive school culture, I am eager to work with our community to reflect on and identify additional opportunities to enhance students' experiences and positive outcomes. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to provide our students with the best possible learning environment to meet the needs of all learners. The school community is focused on meeting our challenges with a renewed focus on regulation, relationship, and learning. Our goal is to provide students the skills and tools that they need for success in their high school years and beyond. Additionally, we strive to build a renewed sense of community, ownership, and belonging.

As an instructional leader, I firmly believe that reflective practice encourages insight and complex learning. Reflective practice also fosters curiosity and allows us to make meaning of the world around us. Our curricular and instructional practices remain rigorous and lend themselves to students exploration of what is real and relevant in the classroom. Each classroom observation proves to be a powerful learning experience for both teacher and student. We remain focused on increasing student achievement and providing students with a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Demonstrating the value of personal responsibility and service to others, our students continue to actively engage in their school and greater community in a number of ways. MUMS students volunteer their time to tutor their peers and have drafted service learning projects to benefit their community. Students also spearheaded several fundraising and community efforts, including a canned food drive and SPIRIT days at the middle school. Many other grade-level team initiatives, leadership experiences, and student clubs supported our students in discovering their talents and interests. Additionally, our early release days have allowed us to host exploratory electives while utilizing the beautiful outdoor spaces on our campus.

"Tiger Pride" continues to grow on the athletic fields, courts, and music venues. MUMS student-athletes have shown resilience, respect, and an appreciation to learn and play as a team. This fall, 82 members of MUMS choral program gathered to pay tribute to the late, great Stephen Sondheim. Upon his passing, all three choirs at MUMS learned "No One is Alone" from Sondheim's iconic musical *Into the Woods*. After recording the piece, students watched the 1989 PBS-released video of the original Broadway production and shared a parent-donated meal together. The experience was moving for adults and students alike. The students felt the power of being part of something bigger than themselves.

This year has been a unique moment in our history. Challenges offer an opportunity for reflection, and space to consider areas of opportunity for growth and improvement. I would like to offer a sincere appreciation to our communities, town officials, district staff and administration, and our teachers for their support and dedication to meet the needs of all of our students.



It is an honor to serve a community dedicated to meeting the needs of all students. Community support of the arts, athletics, and academic programs in the district have allowed us to remain committed to facilitating students' exploration of themselves and the world around them. MUMS faculty and support staff work tirelessly on behalf of our students. As we move ahead this year, we will do so with optimism, hope, and resilience.

Michael Dudek, Principal

## ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Year to Year Budget Summary

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY22 Revised</b>	<b>FY23 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	Student Instruction/Support, Regular Education	22,926,070	23,561,931	2.8%
	Student Instruction/Support, Special Education	5,118,343	5,213,830	1.9%
	Universal PreK	523,328	447,860	-14.4%
	Technical/Career Center Education	1,189,696	1,221,482	2.7%
	Transportation	1,064,286	1,253,269	17.8%
	Facilities	3,279,782	3,355,988	2.3%
	Technology	1,138,035	1,131,702	-0.6%
	Board and District Administration	2,001,456	1,983,052	-0.9%
	Professional Development/Curriculum	603,976	614,795	1.8%
	Debt Service	176,413	172,073	-2.5%
<b>Other Funds</b>	Consolidated Federal Program	1,149,923	1,033,062	-10.2%
	Special Education Federal Grant Expenditures	601,638	682,330	13.4%
	Medicaid/MAC	195,844	229,028	16.9%
	ESSER Funds	1,282,896	617,522	-
	Special Funds	60,165	60,165	0.0%
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>41,356,852</u></b>	<b>41,578,089</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Separately Warned Articles</b>	Special Article - Capital Reserve Fund	623,744	2,323,099	272.4%
<b>Revenues</b>	General Fund	4,629,060	4,392,664	-5.1%
	Fund Balance Applied to Budget	550,000	-	-
	Federal Grant Funds	1,796,561	1,715,392	-4.5%
	Medicaid/MAC	195,844	229,028	16.9%

	ESSER Funds	1,282,896	617,522	- 107.7%
	Special Funds	60,165	60,165	0.0%
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>8,514,526</b>	<b>7,014,771</b>	<b>-17.6%</b>
	Prior Year Fund Balance	1,173,744	2,323,099	97.9%
<b>Total Local Education Spending</b>	Education Spending	32,842,326	34,563,318	5.2%
	Equalized Pupils	1,735.44	1,721.61	-0.8%
	Education Spending/Equalized Pupil	18,924.50	20,076.16	6.1%

## ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FY23 Tax Calculation

Our total Local Education Spending amount of \$34,563,318 is the first and only figure used in calculating our tax rate, and the only one over which we have control. The other components in the formula are supplied by the VT Tax Department or Agency of Education and *are subject to changes by the State Legislature*.

Projected Property Yield:	\$ 12,937.00
ACSD Equalized pupils:	1,721.61

### ACSD Tax Rate Calculation

Local Education Spending	\$34,563,318.00
Divided by Equalized Pupils	$\div 1,721.61$
Education Spending / Equalized Pupil	\$20,076.16
 Education Spending / Equalized Pupil	 \$20,076.16
Divided by the Property Tax Yield	$\div \$12,937.00$
Equalized District Tax Rate	\$1.55

Equalized District Tax Rate:	\$1.55 ( <i>pre CLA adjustment</i> )
	<b>0.09 decrease from current year</b>

The estimated district tax rate is then 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 (FY23)</u>	<u>Estimated Town Tax Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
Bridport	\$1.55	90.58%	\$1.71	- 0.08
Cornwall	\$1.55	90.02%	\$1.72	- 0.02
Middlebury	\$1.55	93.40%	\$1.66	+0.01
Ripton	\$1.55	83.61%	\$1.85	+0.01
Salisbury	\$1.55	87.27%	\$1.78	- 0.10
Shoreham	\$1.55	94.08%	\$1.65	- 0.03
Weybridge	\$1.55	96.53%	\$1.61	- 0.10







