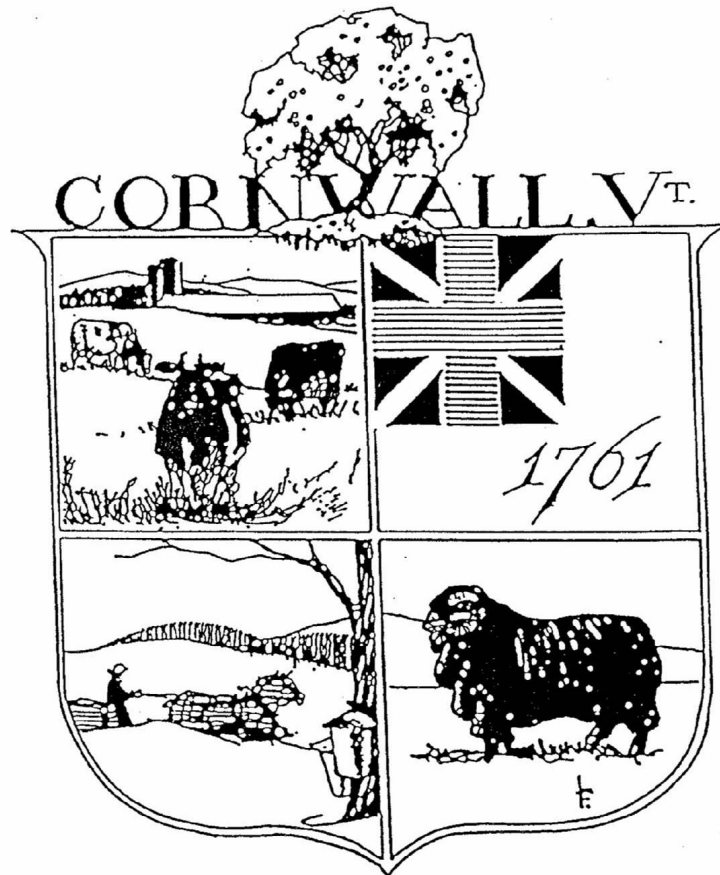


**ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF
CORNWALL, VERMONT**



For Year Ending December 31st, 2022

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

Town Reports will also be available at Town Meeting, Saturday, March 4th, 2023

Annual Report

Town of Cornwall

Same Day Voter Registration

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

Absentee Ballot Voting

Request a ballot by 5:00 PM, Friday, March 3rd, 2023
Return your ballot by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7th, 2023

Pre-Town Meeting Breakfast

Saturday, March 4th, 2023, from 8:30 – 9:45 AM
At the Cornwall School

Town Meeting

Saturday, March 4th, 2023, at 10:00 AM
At the Cornwall School

Election Day

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, at the Cornwall Town Hall
Polls open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Absentee Ballots Due at Town Hall by 7:00 PM, March 7th

TOWN MEETING 2024: March 2nd, 2024, 10:00 AM

VOTING 2024: March 5th, 2024, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

If you need a ride to the Town Meeting, please call Sue Johnson at 462-2775



Town Meeting Breakfast

MARCH 4, 2023



Menu:

Frittatas

Meat

Pancakes

Fruit Salad

Home Fries

Oatmeal Bar

Along with assorted
Drinks and Pastries

Saturday, March 4, 8:30-9:45am
at the Bingham Memorial School
Town Meeting follows at 10am

For the first time in 3 years the whole Cornwall community will be welcomed into the Cornwall School for Town Meeting. Since the Meeting is now on Saturday mornings the **Friends of Cornwall School (FOCS)** will be offering our 1st annual **Town Meeting Breakfast** fundraiser. The profits from this meal help us to support the children and staff of Cornwall School with several in school events each year and a growing number of after school activities and partnerships.

This will also be a chance for the community to see what the school's occupants have been up to this year while catching up with neighbors and friends over a delicious meal.

Prices: \$10/adult, \$5/child

To-go meals available.

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Town Report Dedication

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Jane Broughton

November 17, 1951 – March 5, 2022

Leo Gorton

May 13, 1949 – May 16, 2022

Jean Cadoret

August 12, 1928 – September 27, 2022

Judy Watts

June 9, 1935–October 10, 2022

Along with many others lost to us in 2022, we would like to dedicate this year's Town Report to four longtime Cornwall residents; Mary Jane Broughton, Leo Gorton, Jean Cadoret, and Judy Watts. Leaving behind a combined 325 years' worth of memories, experiences, and stories, it's safe to say that the presence of these four individuals will undoubtedly be missed. Whether it was volunteering at our schools, serving on town boards, or somewhere in between, these late friends embodied what it truly meant to be a good neighbor. We thank them for choosing to spread compassion in Cornwall, and it is for their efforts that our home is a better place.

Auditors' Report

The role of the Town's elected Auditors is to assure accountability of town financial interests, and report findings to the taxpayers. The Local Auditors review financial statements and discuss town issues including the Selectboard's role in oversight, the accounting infrastructure, and how committees and officials manage their responsibilities. Issues and expenditures affecting the townspeople are discussed and voted upon at the Town Meeting.

The annual "Town Report Newsletter," which includes statute-required Town Meeting Warning, Sample Ballots, Budgets, and Town Officials' Reports, is mailed to all registered voters, and the full Town Report is available at Town- Hall, Garage, School, and copies will be on hand at the Town Meeting. It is also available online at www.cornwallvt.com, and can be mailed upon request.

We are preparing for the 2024 transition of Town Clerk/Treasurer responsibilities from Sue Johnson to Carolyn Anderson. We are fortunate to have had Carolyn express interest in the positions, and begin working with Sue so far ahead of the transition. *Welcome, Carolyn, and Thank you!*

While Carolyn is a Cornwall resident, last year the voters passed the article allowing the Selectboard to *appoint* someone to the position(s). This means that we will not see the election of a Town Clerk/Treasurer on the 2024 ballot.

Given the upcoming change in personnel, the Town adjusted the audit schedule and budgeted for additional external audits. The first will be conducted in the fall of 2023, for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/23. The next will be conducted in 2024 for FY ending 6/30/24, marking the transition from Sue to Carolyn. We plan to return to the three-year cycle after that.

The Town's Auditors use the Vermont League of Cities and Towns' (VLCT) "Internal Controls Checklist" to provide structured oversight of the Town's procedures and policies regarding security and records management. With the upcoming transition, we will conduct a full review with Sue this year and next, and again with Carolyn the year after. The Checklist serves as an opportunity for the Auditors and Treasurer to discuss changes to policies, resources, and to identify areas for improvement.

Once again, we extend our appreciation to Sue for her diligence and good-humor, through this process and throughout the year. And we look forward to working with Sue and Carolyn in the upcoming year. Both are exemplars of dedication to our community.

Town Auditors—

Shawn Fetterolf, Chair; Kate Gieges; Ian Gill

Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10:00 AM to transact the following business.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

5 years: Cemetery Commissioner

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

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

2 years: Selectboard; Four (4) Library Trustees; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term).

1 year: Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)

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

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$535,400.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$535,150. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, resulting in a budget of \$470,150.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$67,950 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

a. Addison Central Teens, Inc. (<i>now</i> The Teen Center, 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	1,200.00
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.	1,950.00
q. Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
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:	\$34,445.00

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 1, 2023, for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 15, 2023, and payment of the second half due May 15, 2024. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 15, 2023, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 15, 2024, will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

ARTICLE 9: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD:

Benjamin Marks, Chair
John Roberts, Vice Chair
Don Burns
Tanya Byker
Brian Kemp

Elected Town Officers 2022

Moderator:	Term Expires 2023	Cy Day Tall
Town Clerk:	Term Expires 2024	Susan Johnson
Town Treasurer:	Term Expires 2024	Susan Johnson
Selectboard, 3 years:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Brian Kemp John Roberts Don Burns
Selectboard, 2 years:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024	Tanya Byker Benjamin Marks
First Constable:	Term Expires 2023	Gary Margolis
Second Constable:	Term Expires 2023	Luke Jerome
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Term Expires 2023	Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Jordan Young William Johnson Todd Kincaid
Addison Central S. D.:	Term Expires 2024	Peter Conlon (resigned) Ellen Whelan-Wuest (app.)
Auditors:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Shawn Fetterolf Ian Gill Katie A. Q. Gieges
Trustees of Public Funds:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025	Robert Gerlin (resigned) Magna Dodge David Anderson
Cemetery Commission:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025 Term Expires 2026 Term Expires 2027	“T” Tall Jim Pugh Bruce Payne Anne Collins Vacant

Elected Town Officers 2022, *continued*

Library Trustees:	Term Expires 2023	Laura Fetterolf
	Term Expires 2023	Rich Isenberg
	Term Expires 2023	Patty McCormick
	Term Expires 2023	Kristina Simmons
	Term Expires 2024	Judy English
	Term Expires 2024	Juliet Gerlin
	Term Expires 2024	Susan Johnson
Planning Commission:	Term Expires 2023	Katherine Branch (appointed)
	Term Expires 2023	Marjorie Drexler
	Term Expires 2023	Conor Stinson
	Term Expires 2023	Vacant
	Term Expires 2024	Drew Kervick
	Term Expires 2025	Don Burns
	Term Expires 2025	Lauren Ringey
Justices of the Peace:	Term Expires 2024	David Anderson
	Term Expires 2024	Marjorie Drexler
	Term Expires 2024	Susan Johnson
	Term Expires 2024	Gary Margolis
	Term Expires 2024	Jordan Young
	Term Expires 2024	Vacant
	Term Expires 2024	Vacant

Appointed Town Officers 2022

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 2023	Carolyn Anderson
	Term Expires 2023	Laura Fetterolf

Appointed Town Officers 2022, *continued*

Cemetery Sextons:	Central:	Vacant
	Evergreen:	Richard Bruso
	Fair:	Bruce Payne
	South:	Richard Bruso
Conservation Commission:		Katherine Branch Don Burns Mary Dodge Andrea Landsberg Kristina Sargent Michael Sheriden
Development Review Board:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2024 Term Expires 2025 Term Expires 2025	Barbara Greenwood Sharon Johnson Ellen Whelan-Wuest Douglas Black Cheryl Cesario
Alternates to DRB:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023	Joan Lynch Vacant Vacant
E9-1-1 Coordinator:		Katie A. Q. Gieges
Emergency Management Director:		Ben Marks
Energy Coordinator:		Gary Barnett
Fence Viewers:	Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023 Term Expires 2023	Greg Dennis Michael Heinecken 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
Recreation Committee:	Sue Barrows Paul Bougor Sharon Cram Susan Johnson	Shauna Riley Sue Sears Annie Wilson

Appointed Town Officers 2022, *continued*

Road Commissioner:	Term Expires 2023	Brian Kemp
Road Foreman:	Hired Employee	Steven Rheaume
Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2023	Gary Barnett
Assistant Zoning Administrator:	Term Expires 2023	Jim Duclos
Tree Warden:	Term Expires 2023	Stu Johnson
Weigher of Coal:	Term Expires 2023	Jon Isham



Fire Department Mascot and Reminder of E9-1-1 signs!

Selectboard Report

2022 was the year our Selectboard meetings returned to being in-person. It may seem odd to begin a summary of the year with that administrative fact, but it signals a change many of us have felt as we find a “new normal” for our personal and civic lives. We still maintain our Zoom account and offer a hybrid format for all those who want to participate remotely. All are welcome. We plan on holding Town Meeting in person too this year, which is a welcome change. Town Meeting is on a Saturday this year (March 4th) during the day, a change we supported (and you all approved) in hopes of increasing Town Meeting attendance. We hope to see you all there.

Perhaps the most prominent project the Selectboard voted for this year is for a town solar array, which will be built on the roof of the Town Hall. The energy production from that array should cover most of Cornwall’s municipal electric bill in coming years. We agreed to install it with an innovative financial model: the Town’s past electric bills have been used to calculate a levelized payment, which we will make monthly to our solar installer rather than to the electric utility. At the end of ten years, the Town will have the option of either reducing our electric bills to half of their levelized amount or purchasing the array for a modest price. The result is that the municipal electric loads will be able to “go solar” without any initial cash outlay for the Town. This solution should result in long-term savings that will benefit Cornwall taxpayers for many years to come.

We also recently conducted a public meeting focusing on Town residents’ ideas for use of our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The meeting was well attended with participants speaking about possible funding for recreational opportunities, continued funding of after school programs for Cornwall’s elementary school children, replacement of trees on the Town Green, and development of a park in the space south of the Town Hall. The Selectboard remains open to ideas from residents, and a list of prior requests/ideas is posted on the Town’s website. We would love to hear from you.

We have made decisive moves this year to replace the Town’s sand and salt shed this coming summer with a hoop-and-fabric structure similar to the type successfully used by other Addison County towns. We believe we have found a design and a contractor that will be cost-effective and fit within the budgeted amount set forth by the Capital Committee. This past year we conducted a bridge design poll and a majority of Cornwall and Salisbury residents agreed that a traditional covered bridge design was their first choice for a replacement of that bridge. The Selectboards of Cornwall and Salisbury have also asked the State for cost information on a concrete and metal span that would be “dressed” to resemble a traditional covered bridge. The Town has also received a payout from its insurance company (PACIF) for Cornwall’s half of the Swamp Road Bridge, which burned in 2016. The bridge replacement funds have been sequestered to ensure that they are available when needed in 2025.

Selectboard Report, *continued*

Because of recent high-end sales in town, Cornwall is being required by the State to conduct a town-wide reappraisal of property values. We have locked in a vendor to provide reappraisal services (NEMRC) and are currently scheduled to begin that work in 2025. The expense of reappraisal has largely been covered by your designating last year's budget surplus to defray the \$60,000 cost of that effort.

As in prior years, it has been a privilege to serve you all. However, that service would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of those other Cornwall residents who serve on our Town's various boards and commissions. There are currently vacancies on the Cornwall Planning Commission, the Development Review Board, and the Cornwall Conservation Commission. Historically, we have been lucky in the quality of our town volunteers for these posts. Please give the vacancies on those boards and commissions your serious consideration for the coming year. We could use your help.

Benjamin Marks
Cornwall Select Board Chair
February 1, 2023

Selectboard's General Fund Budget

Fixed Appropriations	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023 - 2024
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent To Date	Proposed Budget
Humane Society					
County Tax	450.00	450.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
Regional Planning	11,409.00	11,408.00	12,922.00	12,801.00	13,000.00
Otter Creek Conservation	1,600.00	1,581.36	1,630.00	1,629.45	1,680.00
MREMS	122.00	122.00	122.00	122.00	122.00
Conservation Fund	11,850.00	11,850.00	11,850.00	11,850.00	11,850.00
VLCT	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
Capital Fund Equipment	2,541.00	2,541.00	2,603.00	2,603.00	2,688.00
Capital Fund Buildings	130,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00
Capital Fund Paving	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	2,002.00	100,000.00
Totals	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	25,000.00
	282,972.00	282,952.36	288,077.00	31,007.45	288,290.00
Salaries					
Auditors	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Selectboard	3,400.00	2,800.00	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Town Clerk - Treasurer	48,486.00	48,486.00	51,395.00	29,980.44	53,975.00
Listers	7,500.00	8,437.80	7,500.00	1,092.61	7,500.00
Custodian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Asst. Town Clerk	2,500.00	320.00	2,500.00	4,810.00	20,800.00
Planning Commission	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
DRB	1,600.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
Town Secretary	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>2,382.33</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>978.01</u>	3,000.00
Totals	68,986.00	64,826.13	71,395.00	36,861.06	92,275.00
Elections					
Town Meeting	300.00	3,926.15	500.00	0.00	500.00
Other Elections	500.00	245.00	1,500.00	904.72	500.00
Vote Tabulator	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Totals	800.00	4,171.15	4,000.00	904.72	1,000.00
Office Expense					
Town Clerk	3,950.00	4,552.31	4,000.00	2,829.35	4,000.00
Town Treasurer	3,950.00	3,012.16	4,000.00	2,258.73	4,000.00
Selectboard	500.00	1,158.26	500.00	823.01	500.00
Tax Collector	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Grand List Maintenance/Listers	6,250.00	8,077.57	6,250.00	2,498.26	6,000.00
Zoning Administrator	200.00	10.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Planning Commission	500.00	0.00	500.00	113.75	500.00
Conservation Commission	200.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Development Review Board	500.00	828.17	500.00	68.13	500.00
Town Office/General	3,750.00	6,089.80	4,000.00	4,356.25	5,000.00
Copier/Printer/Scanner	2,400.00	1,962.41	2,400.00	987.18	2,400.00
Postage	1,500.00	1,719.78	1,500.00	1,574.70	1,800.00
Emergency Management	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	250.00
Totals	24,050.00	27,510.46	24,400.00	15,509.36	25,450.00

Selectboard's General Fund Budget, *continued*

	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023 - 2024
General Expenses	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent To Date	Proposed Budget
Town Reports	1,000.00	676.44	750.00	0.00	750.00
Town Newsletter	1,500.00	1,144.00	1,500.00	565.65	1,000.00
Social Security	6,100.00	5,889.80	5,900.00	3,150.03	7,500.00
Retirement	2,300.00	2,303.04	2,600.00	1,498.98	2,835.00
Health Promotion	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Services	10,000.00	5,180.79	10,000.00	6,771.15	10,000.00
Sheriff's Patrol	6,500.00	9,474.90	7,500.00	5,352.36	8,000.00
Animal Control	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	700.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	3,015.03	2,500.00	175.28	2,500.00
Records Restoration/Microfilm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Contamination	1,500.00	740.20	1,500.00	655.60	1,500.00
Lemon Fair Insect Control	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Financial Review/Audit	8,500.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Totals	47,450.00	43,624.20	39,750.00	18,869.05	50,585.00
Town Properties					
Town Hall	13,000.00	15,166.84	13,000.00	6,198.46	13,000.00
Town Garage	13,000.00	12,637.27	13,000.00	7,850.17	13,000.00
Totals	26,000.00	27,804.11	26,000.00	14,048.63	26,000.00
Parks & Cemeteries					
Cemeteries Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Cemeteries Mowing	2,750.00	2,541.25	2,800.00	2,270.00	3,000.00
Other Town Mowing	2,750.00	2,541.25	2,800.00	2,270.00	3,000.00
Totals	7,500.00	5,082.50	7,600.00	4,540.00	8,000.00
Insurance					
Town Officers & Property	28,000.00	18,351.00	30,000.00	9,352.75	30,000.00
Worker's Compensation	550.00	337.50	550.00	113.25	500.00
Health	13,000.00	13,087.34	13,000.00	6,581.21	13,000.00
Unemployment	300.00	336.00	300.00	198.00	300.00
Totals	41,850.00	32,111.84	43,850.00	16,245.21	43,800.00
Debt Service					
Interest (Capital Items)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest (Tax Anticipation)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	481,348.00	499,608.00	505,072.00	137,985.48	535,400.00

Town Clerk – Treasurer’s Report

So, 2023 will be my last complete year serving as your Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. That will be 22 years as Treasurer and 20 years as Clerk. I know that retiring from the positions will be bittersweet. I am looking forward to more free time, but I will miss seeing all your smiling faces and the social interactions. I believe I will continue as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer and will support Carolyn in any way I can as she takes over both positions in March of 2024. Thank you to everyone who has made this career an enjoyable and fine one. *Now on to the annual reminders:*

April 1, 2023 is the deadline for registering your dog(s). April 1 falls on a Saturday, so please try to get in to register your dogs before that day. This is a State law, not a Cornwall request. The purpose of the law is to continue the reduction of rabies cases. The law was put on the books all over the country back in the 1960’s due to a rabies outbreak that was quite devastating. I always have the tags by January 1 of each year, so you can stop by or mail in your payment and a current rabies certificate for your dog(s) anytime between January 1 and April 1.

The fee this year is \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog, and \$11.00 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. The fee increases by 50% after April 1. I do keep the rabies certificates on file, so if you know your dog is up to date, I just need the fee and I will mail the license and tag.

Property Tax payments are due November 15 and May 15. The tax rate is set in July or August of each year. The tax bills are sent out around the beginning of September. The first installment is due November 15 and covers the months of July 1 to December 31. The second installment is due May 15, covering the months of January 1 to June 30. This does cause a little bit of hassle when you are doing your income taxes, as you would need the last year’s bill and the current year’s bill to determine what you paid in any given calendar year. I am happy to send copies to you in whatever format you need.

We continue to have several ways of getting information out to Cornwall residents. The quarterly newsletter is sent to everyone on the town’s mailing list, which is comprised primarily of property owners. Some renters are included, but if you would like to be added to the list, please let me know. We use the Cornwall Connection email messaging system, which works quite well for those with email addresses. We also put the same information on Front Porch Forum. The Cornwall website (www.cornwallvt.com) is another source of information. There are postings on the home page, as well as agendas, minutes and other committee, board, commission and town information, and downloadable documents, within the site. There are outside bulletin boards at the Town Hall and the Town Garage if you wish to see upcoming events or other posted information.

I would like to express my thanks to all Cornwall Town Officials. In particular, I would like to thank Carolyn Anderson, Laura Fetterolf (my Assistants), Kate Gieges, Shawn Fetterolf and Ian Gill (Auditors); as well as Bill Johnson, Todd Kincaid and Jordan Young (Listers) for their dedication to the Town of Cornwall. Thanks go to Steve Rheame, Ken Manchester Jr. and Nick Cram for their diligent work on the roads. Lastly, thank you to all the Cornwall townspeople to whom I dedicate my time and energy in hopes of providing quality service to you all. Your support is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson

Clerk Reports

Dog Licenses

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

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

Fees Received in Calendar Year 2022

Total Number of Dogs Licensed	207	\$1,858.00
Special Permit	1	<u>35.00</u>
		\$1,893.00

Fees Paid in Calendar Year 2022

To State	\$1,030.00
To Town	<u>863.00</u>
	\$1,893.00



Maisy

Top Three Reasons to License Your Dog!

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

Information and Services Available from the Town Clerk's Office

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

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

Dog Licenses – due by April 1st every year. A current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file.

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.

Births, Deaths & Marriages

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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Births	6	10	5	8	6	5
Deaths	6	11	7	6	10	7
Marriages	9	7	5	3	4	5



In August '22, members of the Crown Point Road Association (www.crownpointroad.org) and Descendants of the Green Mountain Boys (www.dgmb.org) visited Cornwall's DAR monument dedicated to Ann Story. They paddled north from Swamp Road to the site on the Cornwall bank of the Otter Creek.

Property Transfers 2022

1. Thomas Vanacore Company, Inc. to Natalie Bray & Brennan Delaney, house and 2.50 acres on Route 125
2. Eric & Holly Blair to David S. Buzby, Trustee of the 2016 Revocable Trust, house and 4.45 acres on Cider Mill Road
3. Michael & Carol Heinecken to The Michael G. Heinecken Revocable Trust, house and 8 acres on Sperry Road
4. Laila Rogers to Stephanie Anne Rogers, house and 10.91 acres on Lemon Fair Road
5. Charles & Frances Bearor to the Bearor Family Trust, house and 15 acres on Route 30
6. Randy & Jean Quesnel to State of Vermont, ANR, F&W, access to conserved parcel on West Street
7. Kirk Ringey & Lauren Barber to Kirk & Lauren Ringey, house and 1 acre on Hamblin Road (2021 PTTR)
8. Frederick Fritz to Martha S. Fritz 2006 Trust, house and 22.80 acres on Ridge Road
9. Gregory Dennis to Gregory A Dennis 2022 Trust, house and 4.86 acres on Beaver Brook Road
10. Hoyt and Nancy Barringer to Megan Williams, 141 acres on Clark Road
11. Francis & Lorraine Paquette to the Francis & Lorraine Paquette Family Trust, house and 2.70 acres on South Bingham Street
12. Joseph, Matthew, Julia Reed, Robin & Kendall Severy to Joseph & Anne Severy, house and 6.50 acres on Route 30.
13. Estate of Harvey Huetter to Kristin Lawson, house and 12.13 acres on Route 30
14. Stephen & Jessica Holmes to Gregory Diorio, 19.46 acres of open land on North Bingham Street
15. Milton & Penelope Campbell to Dennis Ryan & Jennifer Moltz, 4.40 acres on Route 30
16. Doumina Noonan to Doumina Noonan 2022 Revocable Trust, house and 6.51 acres on Snake Mountain Road
17. Eleanor Smith to Eleanor Smith & Emma Novins, house and 10.50 acres on West Street
18. Stephen & Eileen Nicholas to 1571 Middlebury LLC, house and 0.90 acres on Route 30
19. Estate of James G. Gill to Nicholas & Robert Gill, house and 8.80 acres on Delong Road
20. Estate of James G. Gill to Nicholas & Robert Gill, Commercial business, rental house and 3.44 acres on Route 30
21. Estate of James G. Gill to Nicholas & Robert Gill, house and 6 acres on Route 30
22. Leo & Sara Audet to Audet Family Revocable Trust, house and 4.53 acres on Route 74
23. Peter Laframboise to Christine Brinkman & Emily Laframboise, House, outbuildings and 192.43 acres on Morse Road
24. Simon & Willa Abel to Sarah Buss, Carrie Roy, Jason Buss, Nathan Barnett, house and 1.90 acres on Park Lane
25. Patrick & Elizabeth Stine to The Bailey Family Trust, house and 20.10 acres on South Bingham Street

Property Transfers 2022, *continued*

26. Kristin Lawson to Stephen & Anne Hentschel, house and 12.13 acres on Route 30
27. Survivor's Trust under Margaret & Stephen Holmes to Michael & Noelle Magluilo house and 18.25 acres on North Bingham Street
28. Bread Loaf View Farm Realty Trust IV to Robert & Heather Drake house and 1.8 acres on Ridge Road
29. Nadeau Family Revocable Living Trust to Nicholas Dika & Elisa Jarnefelt house and 2.13 acres on Wooster Road
30. Bartley and Cettina Larrow to David & Jennifer Thompson, house and 8.58 acres on Cider Mill Road
31. Nadeau Family Revocable Living Trust to Nicholas Dika & Elisa Jarnefelt, house and 2.13 acres on Wooster Road (Corrected Warranty Deed)
32. Thomas and Patricia Morrow to John Herring & Cheryl Ryder, house and 6.10 acres on South Bingham Street
33. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Beaver Brook Homeowners' Association, Inc., Lots C1 and C2, 5.55 acres on North Bingham Street
34. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Beaver Brook Properties LLC, Lot 10, 19.90 acres on North Bingham Street
35. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Lorenc Family Living Trust, Lot 2, 1.29 acres on North Bingham Street
36. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, Lot 3, 1.01 acres on North Bingham Street
37. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, Lot 4, 1.00 acres on North Bingham Street
38. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, Lot 5, 1.41 acres on North Bingham Street
39. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, Lot 6, 1.08 acres on North Bingham Street
40. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, Lot 7, 1.10 acres on North Bingham Street
41. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, Lot 8, 1.20 acres on North Bingham Street
42. Beaver Brook Properties LLC to Pattern and Place LLC, 0.63 acres on the corner of Vermont Route 74 and South Bingham Street
43. Beatrice Willson to Jonathan & Lindsay Willson, house and 2.20 acres on Route 30
44. M. Hartley MacFadden to M. Hartley MacFadden Trust, Rose Torrey Trustee, house and 13.82 acres on Route 30
45. Jessica Riney to Bruce & Sandra Bove, house, mobile home and 1.64 acres on South Bingham Street
46. Stephen R. Payne to Stephen R. Payne Trust, house and 18.27 acres on West Street
47. Katherine B. Kramer to Christopher Kramer, house and 23.10 acres on Wooster Road

Property Transfers 2022, *continued*

48. Kevin & Deborah Williams to Anthony & Whitney Poquette, house and 11.70 acres on Route 30
49. Charles & Gayle Nunley to Evan West & Emma Giammaresi, house and 1.36 acres on James Road
50. John M Watts Jr. to John M. Watts Jr. & Alexis Watts Cosper, Life Estate, house and 3.30 acres on Cider Mill Road
51. Cynthia Allen and Susan Kay to Michael Palmer, transfer of 2/3 ownership buildings and 5.80 acres on Route 125
52. Delaney House, LLC to Lawrence and Sarah Shannon, house and 1.30 acres on Cider Mill Road
53. Beaver Brook Properties, LLC to Beaver Brook Homeowners Association, Inc., 19.90 acres open land, Lot 10, on North Bingham Street
54. Estate of Michael P. Quesnel to Bridget Koontz, single family dwelling and 2.56 acres on West Street
55. Joseph Severy to Nathaniel Severy, single family dwelling and 120 acres on Route 30
56. James B. & Christiana E. Hodges III to J. Barnett Hodges Jr. Trust, 115 acres of open land on North Bingham Street.
57. James B. & Christiana E. Hodges III to J. Barnett Hodges Jr. Trust, 92 acres of open land on North Bingham Street
58. F. Peter & Mary Ann Demong to F. Peter Demong 2007 Trust and Mary Ann Demong 2007 Trust, 29.12 acres of open land on Andrus Pitch
59. F Peter & Mary Ann Demong 2007 Trust to M F MacFadden, 0.44 acres on Route 30
60. Cameron & Kayla Schaefer to Schaefer Family Trust, 5.35 acre lot on east side of West Street
61. Cameron & Kayla Schaefer to Schaefer Family Trust, barn & 7.38 acres west side of West Street.
62. Cameron & Kayla Schaefer to Schaefer Family Trust, single family dwelling and 4 acres on West Street

Treasurer's Reports
2022-2023 Voted Budget

GENERAL FUND	BUDGET	TAX RATE
General Fund	\$505,072.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	67,950.00	
Cornwall Free Public Library	4,000.00	
Charitable Agencies	34,070.00	
Hold Harmless	(48,172.00)	
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Surplus	(61,317.00)	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$501,603.00	
		0.2263
HIGHWAY		
Highway	\$476,100.00	
State Aid	(65,000.00)	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$411,100.00	
		0.1855
LOCAL AGREEMENT RATE	\$2,499.00	
		0.0011
TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$915,202.00	
		0.4129
HOMESTEAD RATE		1.6751
NON-RESIDENTIAL RATE		1.6285
GRAND LIST 2022-2023	\$2,216,394.45	

Balance Sheet for General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended June 30th, 2022

ASSETS

Checking Account	\$1,195,715.99
Act 200 Funds	16,863.81
Conservation Fund	6,802.85
Recreation Fund	492.22
Preservation Fund – Land Records	4,383.00
Grand List Maintenance Fund	16,121.96
Public Funds CDs	83,287.28
Delinquent Tax Receivable	46,326.23
Prepaid Expenses GF	7,661.00
Grants Receivable	5,679.86
Preservation Fund Balance	<u>1,624.43</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,384,958.63

LIABILITIES

Due To/Due From Other Accounts	\$454,616.42
Deferred Tax Revenue	29,892.06
FWT Payable	23.15
Grand List Maintenance Fund	16,121.96
Accrued Wages	1,797.81
Act 200 Funds	16,863.81
Public Funds	83,287.28
Conservation Survey	6,251.76
Recreation Fund	<u>492.22</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$609,346.47

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance 6/30/2022	\$682,888.58
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE	682,888.58
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FISCAL YEAR SURPLUS

92,723.58

TOTAL FUND BALANCE

\$775,612.16

Comparative Statement of Taxes

Municipal	FISCAL 2020/2021	FISCAL 2021/2022	FISCAL 2022/2023
General Fund	\$499,849	\$499,608	\$505,072
(Surplus)/Deficit	33,244	(103,623)	(61,317)
Hold Harmless	(54,103)	(54,762)	(48,172)
Fire Department	69,750	69,750	67,950
Library	4,000	4,000	4,000
Outside Agencies	34,470	30,520	34,070
Local Agreement	2,068	2,616	2,499
Highway	448,790	451,713	476,100
Less State Aid	(65,000)	(65,000)	(65,000)
Total GF, HW & Special Articles	\$973,068	\$838,822	\$915,202
Municipal Tax Rate	0.4528	0.3895	0.4129
Education	ACSD	ACSD	ACSD
Homestead taxes to ACSD	1,746,264	1,710,960	1,642,400
Non-Residential taxes to ACSD	1,370,983	1,544,117	1,605,900
Total Estimated Education Spending	3,117,247	3,255,077	3,248,300
Education Homestead Tax Rate	1.7235	1.7443	1.6751
Education Non-Residential Tax Rate	1.6742	1.7056	1.6285
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$4,090,315	\$4,093,899	\$4,163,502
Grand List	\$214,946,500	\$217,780,745	\$221,639,445
Total Tax Rate Homestead	2.1763	2.1339	2.0880
Total Tax Rate Non-Residential	2.1270	2.0952	2.0414

Miscellaneous Accounts

ACT 200 FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2021	\$16,860.40
Interest 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	<u>3.41</u>
Balance 6/30/2022	16,863.81
Interest 7/1/2022 – 12/31/2022	1.72
Service Charge	<u>(6.00)</u>
Balance 12/31/2022	\$16,859.53

MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2021	\$26,339.80
Interest 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	2.16
Payment from Shoreham for leaf blower	1,800.00
Payment to H P Fairfield, new leaf blower	(6,273.83)
Payment to Shoreham 1/7 of Crack Sealer	<u>(7,561.00)</u>
Balance 6/30/2022	14,307.13
Interest 7/1/2022 – 12/31/2022	<u>2.51</u>
Balance 12/31/2022	\$14,309.64

GRAND LIST MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Balance 6/30/2021	\$6,120.43
Interest 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	1.53
Voted Transfer from Town for Reappraisal	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/2022	16,121.96
Interest 7/1/2022 – 12/31/2022	<u>2.83</u>
Balance 12/31/2022	\$16,124.79

CAPITAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2021	\$756,433.07
Expense 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022	(373,734.80)
Income 06/30/2022 (Balance to Building Fund)	78,824.00
Income 06/30/2022 (Balance to Paving Fund)	<u>25,000.00</u>
Balance 6/30/2022	486,522.27
Expense 7/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	(96,687.20)
Income 7/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	<u>16,155.00</u>
Balance 12/31/2022	\$405,990.07

Miscellaneous Accounts, *continued*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2021	\$1,248.12
Interest 7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022	0.51
Income 7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022	2,400.00
Voted Transfer for Conservation Fund	3,500.00
Expense 7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022	<u>(345.78)</u>
Balance 06/30/2022	6,802.85
Interest 7/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	1.20
Income 7/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	315.00
Expenses 7/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	<u>(284.13)</u>
Balance 12/31/2022	\$6,834.92

RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCOUNT

Balance 06/30/2021	<u>\$465.00</u>
Service Charges 7/01/2021 – 06/30/2022	(60.00)
Deposit Green Up Day Bake Sale May 2022	<u>130.00</u>
Balance 06/30/2022	535.00
Reimbursement for Tie Dye Day Supplies	<u>(42.78)</u>
Balance 12/31/2022	\$492.22

GRAND TOTALS MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

06/30/2022	<u>\$541,153.02</u>
12/31/2022	<u>\$460,611.17</u>

Statement of Maturities

General Fund—June 30th, 2022 Tax Anticipation, Short-Term & Long-Term Debt

As of June 30th, 2022, the Town of Cornwall General Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

Highway Department—June 30th, 2022 Short-Term & Long-Term Debt

As of June 30th, 2022, the Town of Cornwall Highway Fund had no short-term or long-term debt.

Trustees of Public Funds Report

Trustees of Public Funds are elected from among the legal voters at the Annual Meeting of the Town. The duty of the three Trustees is to manage real or personal property held by the Town in trust for any purpose. At the time of the writing of this report, there is one vacant Trustee position. Town residents interested in serving as a Trustee are encouraged to contact one of the current Trustees for additional information about the responsibilities.

In 2022, the Trustees received a \$400.00 request from the Cornwall Conservation Commission for partial funding of an in-person workshop entitled, “Invasives: Find ‘Em and Do ‘Em In.” This was the only request received by the Trustees and it was approved.

The following is an accounting of the funds currently administered by the Trustees. The funds are all Certificates of Deposit with the National Bank of Middlebury.

#109780 – former CVPS stock

Balance 12/31/21	\$13,755.98
Balance 12/31/22	\$13,808.90

#108449 – Lemuel Peet Fund

Balance 12/31/21	\$57,469.47
Balance 12/31/22	\$57,670.97

#107799 – Vera Peet Fund

Balance 12/31/21	\$11,920.84
Balance 12/31/22	\$11,544.26

Total of Public Funds

Balance 12/31/22	\$83,024.13
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For many years the State of Vermont imposed requirements that limited investment options and, therefore, returns on investments. More recently, the Trustees have learned that 24 V.S.A. § 2432 now permits greater flexibility when selecting investment vehicles that yield a greater return than certificates of deposit. The Trustees are exploring the options permitted under the statute.

The current Trustees would like to acknowledge the considerable Town service provided by Bob Gerlin in several capacities, most recently as Chair of the Trustees. Thank you, Bob!

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Anderson, Magna Dodge

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

Taxes Collected from Jan. 1, 22 to June 30, 2022

Property	\$22,114.02
Interest	619.56
Collector's Fee	<u>1,689.16</u>
Subtotal	23,422.74
Over Payments	55.02
Total 1/1/22-6/30/22	<u>\$23,477.76</u>

Taxes Collected from July 1, 22 to Dec. 31, 2022

Property	\$29,417.34
Interest	4,685.20
Collector's Fee	<u>2,353.38</u>
Subtotal	36,455.92
Over Payments	26.70
Total 7/1/22-12/31/22	<u>\$36,482.62</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$59,960.38**

Delinquent Taxpayers as of December 31st, 2022

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 15th, 2022 payment.

2137 North Bingham LLC
Belanus, Steven
Cesario, Cheryl & Marc
Devries, Justus
Jannene, James & Patricia
Lee, Michael
McQuillan, Patrick
Rheaume, Betty
Ringey, Brett & LeeAnn
Yanes, Andrea

Blaise, Brian & Johnson, Elsie
Bray, Natalie & Brennan, Delaney
Dalley, Donna
Foote Mansion LLC
Jennings, Matthew & Catherine
Lyons, Margaret & Field, Douglas
Quesnel, John & Abigail
Rheaume, Leo
Trombley, Brian & Carrie

Total Delinquent: \$55,708.73

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Highway Department Report

Hello Cornwall Residents—another year has come and gone. This is my second winter as the Cornwall Road Foreman, and I can say that mother nature more than welcomed me into the career last winter. It started with winter weather the day after Thanksgiving and seemed like it didn't let up until March. Although it wasn't always snow that was falling from the sky, there were several storms last winter that presented as rain/freezing rain and posed a lot of problems on the road surfaces. There were roughly 5 storms that I would consider ice storms, which as you can imagine—wreaked havoc on the salt budget. It seems as if there is an increasing amount of rain/freezing rain here in the northeast these last few winters. This is compounded with the additional fluctuation in the temperature throughout last winter, which made for lots of frozen culverts and messy back roads to recover from in the spring. I would say that the town of Cornwall fared pretty well compared to some of the “back roads” in the rest of the state. Fingers crossed that mother nature doesn't have any tricks up her sleeve for this current winter.

Some of you may have noticed that some major tree work from our “2022 goals” was completed on Swamp Road through the swamp portion of the road—roughly 100 trees were removed. The bulk of the safety issue trees were removed. However, we are aware that there is still much work to be done as trees continue to fall into the road during high wind events or heavy snow falls. Most of the new trees falling are coming from the second and third row into the swamp. The road crew will continue to pick away at the problem trees on swamp road over the coming year. We have also started to pick away at the problem of dead roadside trees throughout the town. We have some work ahead of us in the way of elevating the overhanging trees on many of the town's roads. There are some areas in town where the overhanging trees cause problems when we go to tailgate-spread gravel onto the roads. In general, we are aware that there is still a lot of needed tree work to be done around town and we are on it.

In September, we completed a Grants and Aid project on Cutting Hill Road. Ditch work was done on both sides of the roads to help with water runoff to try and prevent the road from washing out during a heavy rainfall event. A culvert was added at the bottom of the hill with the purpose of carrying the water to a marsh area and into a stream. Additionally, the town has applied for a Grants and Aid project for the year 2023. The project for that grant has yet to be determined, but it will be something equivalent pertaining to ditch work and culverts. More to follow on that.

Looking ahead, we have some things planned for the highway crew in the year 2023.

- The number one thing is to get through winter, while ensuring safe roads in a timely manner during storm conditions. Every one's number one goal is ⇒ roads that are safe to travel on.
- Next, we have some ditch work to complete that will help with watershed and runoff. Most of the ditching is minor and in select areas that can use a little improvement. There are no

Highway Department Report, *continued*

big culvert repairs/replacements that are scheduled for the upcoming year, but as always with road work it is subject to change.

- The 2023 paving project is still in the thought process part of planning. Factors impacting these decisions are pending since just like everything else, the price of asphalt is increasing and the price for this summer is not yet known. I am however—planning to begin a serious conversation with the Selectboard in hopes of starting a plan for paving some of the town's gravel roads. Like the foreman before me, it is my plan to pave our problem areas. The biggest problem area is Sperry Road. Sperry has many hills and lots of cold spots that are shaded from the sun during the winter months. Those shaded spots become very slippery and dangerous when it rains on top of the snowpack. We can sand these areas continuously, but this only helps for a short period of time and requires ongoing resources. The true problem is never really fixed until spring when everything thaws and the sun reaches a high point in the sky. Being able to plow these areas clean and apply salt would mean a bare road for much safer travel. This is just one of many advantages of pavement over gravel.
- Another big project that we are going to continue through the spring, summer and fall is roadside mowing, including pushing back the overgrown brush that is creeping out into the roadways. Some of you may have noticed we started doing this later in the summer and into fall this past year and we were able to get a good portion done. This project is still not even close to being completed. This process takes a lot of time and is very slow going.
- The crew will additionally complete another year of crack sealing. The work that was done last spring and summer appears to be holding up well so far from the plowing. We were able to complete a few miles of road with the help from surrounding towns. The crew also returns the favor by helping other towns that are in a pinch and need a hand crack sealing. That operation works best with a 4-man crew.

We have some exciting growth things that are in the progress, as well. One of them is that the sand/salt shed is going to be replaced in the 2023 spring/summer. The existing shed will be replaced with a new fabric with steel frame structure. This new structure is comparable to buildings used for salt/sand in surrounding towns. The best way to describe it is that it looks like, a giant marshmallow. The work is projected to start early spring once we are done needing salt and sand for the roads for this current winter. The work will continue through the summer in a multiple step process that will hopefully be wrapped up in later summer/early fall. This will allow time for us to start filling it with sand/salt for the upcoming winter of 23/24. I am particularly excited about the ability to have more salt stockpiled. It is a recommendation to have a year's supply of salt on hand to help prevent strain or stress on other towns or the distributors in the event of a salt shortage or an issue with the rail system (which is how most of Vermont gets its salt).

Highway Department Report, *continued*

Currently it is delivered by rail and then distributed via trucking companies like Bartlett, which is who Cornwall uses. In years past Cornwall has needed to borrow salt from surrounding towns or VTRANS due to a salt shortage or an extended wait for a load of salt from the distributor. A stockpile of salt would help reduce those scenarios listed. In the new structure our products will also stay dry, and the sand won't be able to freeze solid like it has in these early months of winter.

Next, we have some other exciting news! The town hired Nick Cram in late Fall. Nick and his family are Cornwall residents, and he has lived most of his life in Vermont. Nick has spent a lot of his life around heavy machinery, whether on farms or in some variation of his previous work. Nick has a large amount of expertise in mechanics and welding. He joins the town after many years of working for Nop's Metalworks in Middlebury. I can tell you from working with him for a short time, that he is going to be a great asset to the town! It seems like Nick has been doing this job for years already. He picks up on things very quickly and performs his tasks safely and effectively. I am very happy to have Nick as a member of the highway crew.

A FEW WINTER REMINDERS:

1. Please allow plenty of space between your vehicle and the plow trucks or the equipment that is being used. There are many blind spots in the plow trucks, and it is the safest option to keep your distance when behind us. We also make lots of turns, stops and backing up when cleaning up intersections.
2. Please **DO NOT PLOW** snow from your driveway into the travel portion of the roadway. It can cause serious problems, especially after the plow has already gone through and left a clean lane behind. This is a **law** in the State of Vermont and violation of it can be fined.
3. Please allow for extra time to get to your destination during these winter months. We are out there cleaning and clearing roads but can't be everywhere at once. What does this mean? Essentially some roads may be in worse condition than others. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

As always **THANK YOU** for your continued gratitude and patience with the highway crew, while we work to improve the condition and safety of the roads. Drive safely and I hope everyone has a great year!

Sincerely Cornwall Road Foreman

Steven Rheaume

Highway Budget

	2021/2022	2021/2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023 - 2024
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Spent to Date	Proposed Budget
Materials					
Salt	19,000.00	28,090.49	19,000.00	10,218.81	25,000.00
Sand	19,000.00	15,596.37	19,000.00	15,478.02	19,000.00
Gravel	50,000.00	42,498.44	50,000.00	16,203.06	50,000.00
Paving	135,000.00	217,687.38	135,000.00	3,354.19	145,000.00
Crack Sealing	4,000.00	1,275.00	4,000.00	0.00	2,500.00
Line Striping	4,000.00	156.82	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Chloride	27,000.00	13,582.24	27,000.00	18,990.00	27,000.00
Culverts	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,508.20	1,000.00
Bridge Repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Covered Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency Funds	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	5,000.00
TOTALS	259,000.00	318,886.74	279,000.00	66,752.28	278,500.00
Equipment					
Parts/Repairs	14,000.00	21,465.08	14,000.00	16,600.55	20,000.00
Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	15,000.00	22,639.52	15,000.00	13,666.87	20,000.00
Misc/Small Tools	850.00	1,047.26	850.00	320.45	850.00
Equipment Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vegetation Mgmt.	800.00	0.00	800.00	2,880.38	800.00
Lubricants/Fluids	1,800.00	2,844.00	1,800.00	1,707.00	2,000.00
Contracted Labor	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unplanned Maintenance	5,000.00	21,715.89	5,000.00	1,035.91	5,000.00
Signs	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>953.42</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	1,000.00
TOTALS	38,450.00	71,165.17	38,450.00	36,211.16	49,650.00
Administrative					
Administrative	0.00	104.59	0.00	97.23	0.00
Personnel/Labor	115,000.00	109,428.82	110,000.00	74,062.40	110,000.00
Personnel/Soc. Sec.	8,800.00	8,374.44	8,000.00	5,672.47	8,000.00
Personnel/Workman's Comp.	9,000.00	3,573.75	9,000.00	3,205.00	9,000.00
Personnel/Retirement	5,463.00	5,060.34	6,000.00	3,645.74	6,000.00
Personnel/Health	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>27,577.69</u>	<u>26,650.00</u>	<u>21,749.11</u>	74,000.00
TOTALS	154,263.00	154,119.63	159,650.00	108,431.95	207,000.00
	451,713.00	544,171.54	477,100.00	211,395.39	535,150.00

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

2022 was a very social year for the department. In June, we excitedly opened up the station for the first time in three years for our annual chicken barbeque. Community members seemed quite happy to sit and eat inside the truck bays, just like they have done for so many years before COVID. As always, we cooked over 300 chicken halves, using our secret recipe, and raised a good deal of money to continue our work to support Cornwall and neighboring towns. More importantly we renewed connections with so many of you. Later, in September, we hosted at the home of Chief David and Dawn Berno our first ever alumni gathering. Every living member, past and present, was invited to an afternoon of socializing, eating, and viewing our apparatus. Turnout was good and many old yarns were spun about how things were in the department in years past. The highlight was Vaughn Berno demonstrating the features of our new Engine 1 (see below). Finally, in late October, we watched as the LifeFlight helicopter once again landed at the Rte. 30 Station, to the delight of young and old, during our fall Open House. Many families from Cornwall and beyond joined department members in a morning of fire service exploration and education. Children were able to operate fire extinguishers, live fire hoses, and infrared imaging cameras, and experience low to zero visibility environments. Of course, the highlights were donuts, cider and, as mentioned, the helicopter.

Last year, we received our new Utility vehicle, built by Dingee Machine Company, and this year they completed work on our new Engine 1. As mentioned in our previous report, this truck is first of its kind in New England. The pump and all valves are controlled by the SAM™ Control System made by Hale Pumps. The pump operator uses a touch screen for all controls, sending water to a variety of hoses and outflows, as well as using suction to draw water into the system. All can be controlled electronically, by touching the screen or hand-held iPad. Operator error becomes almost impossible as the system will not allow for decisions that could otherwise damage valves, or the pump itself. The truck has gone out on a number of calls, including mutual aid to Middlebury as well as a few demonstrations to other departments. We are pretty excited to have it.

Calls this year exceeded last year by ten, for a total of 95:

Medical & MREMS assist calls	48	Structure or Vehicle Fires	9
Motor Vehicle Incidents	14	Grass, Brush & Agricultural Fires	3
Fire/Smoke/CO Investigations	15	Fallen Wires, Trees, etc.	5
Mutual Aid Given	8	Other*	1

*On December 23rd, we made numerous visits across town to assist with trees, power lines and helping folks get power to pump basements.

We continue to be well-staffed in the medical side of the department with 6 EMTs on board: Gail and Rich Isenberg, Megan Frankovic, Sue Johnson, Ben Marks and Assistant Chief Lew Castle. Additionally, we are: Chief David Berno, Asst Chief Sean Stearns, Captains Raph Worrick,

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, *continued*

Tommy Frankovic and Chris Dayton, Lieutenant Luke Jerome and Firefighter/First Responders Ken Manchester, Ed Peet, Vaughn Berno, Peter Conlon, Blair Peterson, Charlie Bearor, Haley Stearns, Josh Stearns, Conor Stinson and Josiah Benoit, as well as our new cadet, Aven Frankovic. We welcome anyone interested in joining the department to reach out to the Town Clerk, Sue Johnson, who will send you to speak to one of us.

Also, we encourage each and every member of our community to utilize our E911 signage. It makes it so much easier for us to find you in an emergency. Again, contact Sue for more information.

Lastly, as spring approaches and cleanup begins, townspeople are reminded to contact Cornwall's Fire Warden, Capt. Tommy Frankovic for burning permits.

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget

Category Sub-category	7/1/21– 6/30/22 Budget		7/1/22– 6/30/23 Budget		7/1/23– 6/30/24 Proposed
Utilities					
Heat	\$3,000		\$3,000		\$4,500
Electric	2,100		2,100		2,400
Telephone	2,500		2,500		3,000
Insurance					
Insurance Premiums	17,000		17,000		20,000
Vehicles					
Vehicle Fuel	1,000		1,000		1,250
Vehicle Maintenance	5,000		5,000		4,000
Equipment					
Communications Equipment	4,500		4,500		3,000
Medical	4,000		4,000		2,500
Personal Equipment	10,000		8,000		8,000
Fire Equipment	4,000		4,000		5,250
Training					
Medical	1,600		1,600		1,000
Fire Prevention	250		250		250
Fire Training	6,000		6,000		4,000
Operations					
Association Dues	1,000		1,200		1,000
Buildings & Grounds	3,500		3,500		3,500
Department Office Equipment	300		300		300
Food and Beverages	1,000		1,000		1,000
Dispatch Services	3,000		3,000		3,000
Totals	69,750		67,950		67,950
Donations					
Fundraising					
Grand Total with Income	\$69,750		\$67,950		\$67,950

Energy Coordinator's Report

No direct Energy Coordinator monetary expenses were incurred in 2022.

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 (www.efficiencyvermont.com).

One significant action the Town has taken to demonstrate leadership in this area is the decision to install a 16.8 kw D.C. 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. It is my understanding that construction will begin as soon a State Permit is acquired.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Barnett
802-462-3669



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ANN STORY'S CAVE USED AS A PLACE OF REFUGE
AGAINST THE INVASION OF THE TORIES AND INDIANS
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THE GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS
BY
MARY BAKER ALLEN CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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Forest Fire Warden Report

To all the residents of Cornwall, once again it is my pleasure to reach out to you. 2022 was a safe and relatively quiet wildland fire season in Cornwall, and in fact the entire County of Addison only saw three wildland fires resulting in a total of 2.35 acres being damaged. A far cry from the previous two years that averaged 51.5 acres per year. I can only attribute this to increased awareness of the inherent dangers of outdoor burning, wind and drought conditions, and simple common sense. As of 12/25/22, 246 permits were issued within our town.

Permitted burns are always a source of questions that I field. According to the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, an actual permit is NOT required for any fire three feet in diameter or less, (average campfire size), or any contained outdoor "fire ring" that are popular on patios. Additionally, when snow is covering the ground surrounding your burn site, permitting is not required. However, I would strongly urge all of you to please let me know of any unpermitted allowable burns, as my awareness of your burn makes fielding phone calls easier when I'm being told of smoke conditions in the town.

Lastly, whenever a complete outdoor burn ban is enacted by me, ANY and ALL outdoor burning is prohibited until further notice and subject to fine. This only usually happens in the spring after the snowmelt has passed, and ground cover becomes exposed and very *very* dry. The last thing we ever want to see is an illegal burn requiring Fire Department intervention that puts us in harm's way unnecessarily.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. And as always, I look forward to your questions, comments, and concerns. If you see something, please say something.

Yours in service.....

Thomas Frankovic, Jr.
Cornwall Forest Fire Warden
Captain, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department
802.989.4473 / 802.462.3137 / tommyfrankovic831@gmail.com

Cemetery Commission Report

Much of Cornwall's history is recorded on the stones in our burying grounds. The Cemetery Commission is charged with the preservation of 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. The Ringey family, whose ancestress was the last of the Hamblins, looks after the old Hamblin Cemetery.

We are a five-member Commission consisting of Anne Collins, Bruce Payne, Jim Pugh, and "T" Tall. Our fifth seat is currently unfilled, and we would love to fill that vacancy.

Like many Cemetery Commissions, we face a challenging combination of funding, high repair and replacement costs of headstones, and a shortage of skilled masons available to perform the work. So, in 2022, we decided to hold a community workday.

Tremendous thanks to the 14 volunteers who turned out on a hot Saturday morning in May to clean the stones in the old West Cemetery. Our thanks to Marg Drexler for letting us use her driveway and to David Clark from Middlebury, a member of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, for supervising the effort. Our volunteers were able to clean about 1/3 of the stones.

West Cemetery was established in 1812 on land purchased from Roswell Post, although he-himself is buried by the Congregational Church. Eleven veterans of the American Revolution are known to be buried in the West Cemetery. Ten of those—from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut—settled in Vermont after the war. Rufus Mead, however, was born in Rutland in 1764, enlisted in the local militia 15 days after his 17th birthday, and died in Cornwall in 1824.

Two of Cornwall's earliest physicians are interred there as well: Oliver Eells, 1795-1860, and Rodman C. Greene, 1833-1866. Dr. Eells practiced medicine in West Cornwall for 42 years and Dr. Greene became his partner. Their modern-day counterpart, Dr. Matt Breckenridge lives next door and the Breckenridge family helped with the cleaning.

We will schedule more of these workdays this year. No experience necessary. All hands are welcome.



*In memory of
RUFUS MEAD
who died Nov 26 1824
60 years*

Recreation Committee Report

This year, the Cornwall Recreation Committee lost a friend, cousin and member, Mary Jane Broughton. She has been a member of our committee since moving back to Cornwall. Mary Jane had been the root of planning the Reading Challenge. We felt it fitting to formalize her hard work and offered the Reading Challenge in her memory. We offered it in November, her birthday month. We are all saddened and heartbroken for the loss of this wonderful, vivacious lady. We miss her deeply as do many who knew her.

The Cornwall Recreation Committee meets 3 times a year on the first Thursday of the month: April, August and December. We invite anyone who is interested to please come and attend the meetings. Our meetings are at the Town Hall at 7pm. Our minutes of the meetings can be found at the Town Hall.

We provide activities for interested town residents of Cornwall, but not exclusive to just Cornwall residents. We welcome everyone from any town to come join in. We will send out emails and post upcoming events to the town.

In 2022, these are the activities that were available:

- 30 Day Challenges

- Activities *listed below*

- Historic Site and State Parks Pass available at the Town Hall

Here are the challenges and activities that were offered for 2022:

- January – Hydration Challenge, a 30-day challenge

- February – We had planned Snow Sculptures, but the snow did not cooperate.

- March – Plank Challenge, a 30-day challenge

- March/April – Couch to 5K, information for training for a 5K

- May – Green Up Day and Recreation Committee Annual Bake Sale

- June – Tie Dye Day

- Summer/Fall – The Park and Historic Passes

- October – The Great Pumpkin Carving

- November – The Mary Jane Brought Reading Challenge, a 30-day challenge

- December – World Cup brackets

At our December meeting, we asked Gail Isenberg to form a committee to research the possibility of Pickleball for Cornwall. That committee has begun with an information meeting. More to come in 2023.

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

We would like to construct a Little Free Library in honor of Mary Jane Broughton. We are appealing to the Cornwall residents to help us raise the funds we need to build and install this in the triangle at the junction of Parkhill Rd and S. Bingham St. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact the Recreation Committee.

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

Annie Wilson, Chair Cornwall Recreation Committee

Conservation Commission Report

It has been a good, but very busy year for the Conservation Commission. We organized community presentations and events, provided the Planning Commission with comments and recommendations for the Town Plan Update, and completed environmental impact reviews and testimony on several applications before the Development Review Board.

Our activities this year included the launching of the Commission's blog "**Get Wild!**" (www.getwildcornwall.wixsite.com/getwild) We would like it to be a place where residents engage in exchanges about all things conservation – from birds and wildlife, to soils, gardening, and pollinators, to important legislative happenings. Please check it out and let us know what you think. The **Wildlife Trail Camera Project** continued into its third year, with 6 cameras in the field recording images of town's wildlife 24/7. And, with the new **Cornwall Conservation Reserve Fund** now in place, we wanted to interview landowners to better understand what prompted them to conserve their land. Summaries of these conversations appeared in the July, October, and January newsletters.

We were cheered by the positive responses to the following Conservation Commission sponsored events. It was very nice to be back with people again:

March: Cornwall's landscape was the topic of an online talk by geologist and Cornwall resident Will Amidon. Attended by over 80 "computers," a recording of the presentation is at: https://youtu.be/PUs_TDUmxA

March/April: The annual trek of amphibians from their winter hibernating areas to feeding and breeding ponds on rainy, warm, spring nights was the subject of a zoom presentation by naturalist Pete Kerby-Miller. The CC followed with a training of new volunteers on how to help amphibians cross busy roads safely. These skills were put to the test over the next month: we assisted 200 peepers, blue-spotted salamanders, and other amphibians in crossing a one half-mile section of West Street.

May: On Green Up Day, a group of hardy Cornwallians met at the Cornwall Swamp bridge parking lot, armed with Green-up bags, gloves, boots, and rakes to clean up debris around the parking lot. Tires, couch cushions, and a Mylar balloon were among the items large and small that filled about 20 bags of trash and debris.

August: The whats, whys, and hows of dealing with invasive plants was the topic of a workshop led by biologist Travis Hart. Options for their chemical and manual control were described. Participants had a chance to try out several tools for manually removing invasives; these tools are now available for borrowing from the Cornwall Library.

September: Using a white sheet illuminated by UV light to attract the local insect population, biologist and Cornwall resident Greg Pask introduced attendees to an evening of insect adventure. Visitors included several moth, orthoptera, and stinkbug species that live in our own backyards.

Conservation Commission Report, *continued*

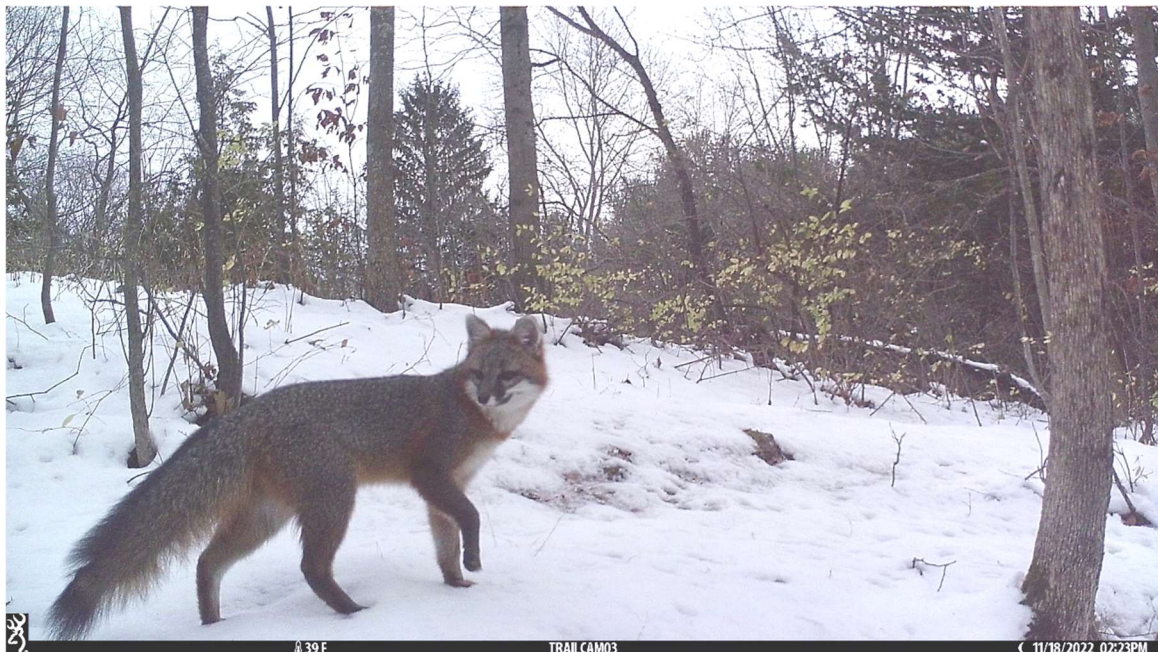
September: Cornwall Swamp delighted hikers with its multitude of wildlife and plants during a guided walk led by natural resources experts. Highlights included taking core samples from a swampland cedar to determine its age and the beautiful full moon and sunset as everyone walked back through the meadow.

November: Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park in Woodstock is the only national park devoted to the telling the story of conservation and land stewardship in America. The Conservation Commission arranged for a special tour of the park and invited community members to join us for a visit tailored to our interests in learning more about sustainability and how people connect with the land.

Looking ahead to 2023: we are planning some things “old” and some “new”. Paleontology professor Alexis Mychajliw has offered to do a family-friendly presentation at Cornwall School on the now-extinct animals of Vermont, tentatively scheduled for early March. The Commission hopes to have a crew out on West Street again this spring safely crossing our amphibian friends. Last year’s Green up Day heavy-hitters are promising a repeat attack on the Swamp parking area and new recruits are welcome. Greg Pask has offered to do more insect sleuthing, this time looking for fireflies. Plus more.....!

Are you interested in helping with conservation activities in Cornwall? Please let us know if you’d like to join us in our work. Visit our Cornwall Website: www.cornwallvt.com/cornwall-conservation-commission/ or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CornwallConservationVermont

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



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 based on data collected from Cornwall sales history for the 3 years prior to the last Town-wide reappraisal, which was in 2009.

The state's Department of Property Valuation and Review (PVR) does a yearly sales study comparing a history of the 3 prior years' property sales in each town to the appraisals derived from our Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (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 adjust property values to reach what it considers to be each town's fair share of the total property tax burden. A low CLA means the State considers a town's properties to be undervalued. 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.

Another measuring stick for the State is the "Coefficient of Dispersion" (COD), which 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 might 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.

With 13 years since the last town-wide reappraisal and both CLA and COD levels approaching State limits, the Town has signed a contract for a 2024-25 reappraisal with New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), an appraisal firm with extensive background in town-wide reappraisals in Vermont. At the time of the signing last winter, NEMRC already had a three-year backlog of reappraisal work. A recent *VT DIGGER* article reported that two-thirds of the towns in Vermont will now be required to reappraise because of increased property values and low CLA levels. With few qualified companies to do the work, that backlog is about to get much longer. Cornwall is now ahead of most of the towns on the list.

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 IDs and boundaries. This year, we processed 60 property transfers from among Cornwall's 628 taxable parcels.

Listers' Report, *continued*

We are gradually transitioning back to our regular Thursday afternoon office hours at the Town Hall but calling ahead for an appointment is the best way to meet with us in person. We are also happy to meet with you via Zoom conference if that better meets your needs.

The return to the Town Hall also means that Sue Johnson is once again available in person to help us figure out less-than-clear histories behind past property transfers and other instances where we need to be steered in the right direction. Thank you, Sue, for your kindness and continued support.

The Listers may be contacted by e-mail at Cornwall.Listers@gmail.com, or by phone at 462-3386.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Kincaid, Jordan Young, Bill Johnson.

The Listers would like to remind everyone that if you own and occupy your Vermont residence as your primary dwelling on April 1, 2023, you must file your Homestead Declaration, Form HS-122, with the Vermont Department of Taxes on or before April 15th to ensure that the correct tax rate is billed.

Planning Commission Report

This year, the Cornwall Planning Commission continued its work on updating portions of the Town Plan. The Municipal Planning Grant that was awarded to the Town of Cornwall at the end of 2020 for the purpose of bringing the Town Plan up to date provided funding for assistance by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission. ACRPC assistance included the development and presentation of three training sessions (Planning Commission Overview, Drafting Municipal Plans and Municipal Plan Implementation) as well as guiding and overseeing a relatively new Planning Commission through the process of amending a town plan. The Grant Closeout and Final Requisition was submitted and approved by the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development in mid-2022.

The proposed updated plan constitutes a significant revision of parts of the Cornwall Town Plan as adopted on April 30, 2013. Proposed changes primarily consist of the addition of two new sections required by the State of Vermont, as well as revisions to several specific sections. Generally, these revisions involved updates of statistics based on recent US Census data as well as updates of descriptions and analysis reflective of the current state of Cornwall. Some goals were revised or added to be current and consistent with proposed plan revisions. Changes involving policy issues will be proposed for future Town Plan updates. This work was done by working in collaboration with the Selectboard, Conservation Commission and Development Review Board. We believe this proposed update enhances the Cornwall Town Plan and conforms to State of Vermont statutes.

The two new sections of the Town Plan describe Flood Resilience and Forest Integrity. Updated sections of the Town Plan include Population, Housing, Economy, and Education in the Cornwall Today portion. Plan Goals and Recommendations in the Cornwall Tomorrow portion as well as Plan Implementation in the Conclusion portion were also updated.

As part of the process and in an effort to solicit community input, we held three public information meetings to review specific proposed changes to the Town Plan. Following the October 27, 2021 meeting reviewing the new Flood Resilience section, meetings were held on March 23, 2022 to review proposed updates to the Population and Housing sections as well as the new Forest Integrity section and on July 27, 2022 to review proposed updates to the Education, Economy and Plan Implementation sections. Following the meetings, we reviewed the community comments and, where warranted, revised the draft plan accordingly. This input has helped us shape the draft plan to reflect Cornwall's priorities.

By the end of the year we had nearly completed our work revising the Cornwall Town Plan and on November 16, 2022 voted to submit the draft for a public hearing scheduled for January 18, 2023. Once we have reviewed public comments from the January public hearing and made revisions as needed, we will vote to approve the draft. If approved, the Planning Commission will forward to the Selectboard for its review and approval.

Planning Commission Report, *continued*

During the year, some changes in staffing of the Planning Commission occurred. Based on personal needs, Christiana Hodges and A.J. Vasiliou chose to resign. We thank them both for their participation and valuable input in the drafting of the proposed Town Plan update. Following Christiana's departure, Katherine Branch was appointed to the Planning Commission and has proven herself to be welcome addition. Currently there remains an open position that the Planning Commission is eager to fill.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Branch, Don Burns, Marge Drexler, Drew Kervick, Lauren Ringey and Conor Stinson
(Chair)



December 17, 2022

Development Review Board

The Cornwall Development Review Board was created in 2016. The DRB is responsible for reviewing proposals for land use and development in Cornwall under the Town's Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations. We work together to review and make decisions about how proposed developments, large and small, may affect and improve our town. We consider impacts on our roads, our schools, our natural resources and what Cornwall will be today and in the future.

There are currently 6 members of the DRB: Barbara Greenwood (Chair), Ellen Whelan-Wuest (Vice Chair), Shari Johnson, Cheryl Cesario, Douglas Black, and Joan Lynch (Alternate). Our secretary is Robin Conway. Members serve staggered three-year terms and are appointed by the Selectboard.

We currently have two vacancies which we would like to fill in early 2023 if possible. These are for Alternate positions. We welcome inquiries from residents of Cornwall. Please call any DRB member if you think you might be interested in serving on the Board, to explore what is involved. No legal or land use experience is necessary. In fact, part of what makes the Board work well together is the diversity of our members' backgrounds and experience. Although we are busy at times, in general the workload is not onerous.

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

Most DRB meetings and hearings in 2022 were hybrid – conducted in person at the Town Hall, as well as by Zoom. In addition to the usual paper copies (10), applicants are now required to file electronic copies of their application materials, which Sue Johnson posts on the Town's website. This enables members of the public to review the applications without having to come into the Town Hall.

During the past year (the DRB's seventh year of operation), fewer applications than in pre-pandemic times were filed. As a result, 4 regular DRB meetings were able to be cancelled. The matters considered by the Board in 2022 included hearings on just 3 matters:

Development Review Board, *continued*

- Application for a variance and/or waiver of the dimensional requirement in Section 222(3) of the Cornwall Subdivision Regulations so as to permit a boundary line adjustment on the property located at 578 Morse Road, owned by Randy & Susan Laframboise, to increase the size of the existing lot from ½ acre to 1 acre.
- Application for proposed subdivision of property of M. Hartley MacFadden at 625 VT Route 30 into 3 lots.
- 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 screening) as they might apply to the Cornwall Country Store property located at 2513 Route 30, Cornwall, Vermont and owned by Kasia LLC.

The DRB has issued decisions on two of these matters and is working on its decision in the third.

The Board also dealt with an application brought by Gregor Kent for a waiver for the interior lot (Lot 6) located on Samson Road, Cornwall, Vermont and owned by Northern Cross, LLC, to reduce setback requirements. A hearing had been conducted in 2021, but in 2022 at the applicant's request the hearing was adjourned. The application was subsequently withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

The Cornwall Development Review Board
January 2023

Zoning Administrator's Report

I am submitting my third and final report as zoning administrator; I have submitted my resignation and August 31, 2023 will be my last day as Zoning Administrator. Now would be a good time for interested parties to step forward so there can be some overlap of duties, enabling whomever takes over on September 1 to be up to speed.

The total number of Zoning permits issued in 2022 was twenty-one, up from seventeen last year. Ten of these were for new construction, up from five last year and eleven for additions.

The number of Certificates of Zoning Compliance was twenty-two, compared to twenty for 2021.

Requests for Certificates of Occupancy for completed projects continues to increase. There were eleven requests compared to three for 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued

1/4/22	Daniel Fifield & Kathleen Gill, Robbins Rd., Renewal of SFD permit
3/11/22	Rebecca Kinkead & Robert Murphy, 83 Abernathy Pl., Addition
4/13/22	Betsy & Patrick Stine, 99 Orchard Run, ADU/Garage
3/25/22	Paquette, 2538 S. Bingham St., Addition
4/13/22	John & Lisa Roberts, 2112 S. Bingham St., Permit Renewal
4/20/22	Randy Laframboise, 578 Morse Rd., Addition
5/11/22	Benjamin & Lesley Deppman, 433 Foote Farm Rd., Addition
5/11/22	Dennis Ryan & Jennifer Moltz, Rt. 30, SFD
5/24/22	Donald Guptill, 2546 West St., Storage shed
6/19/22	Tim & Lise Blumenthal, 656 Rt. 30, Addition
7/5/22	Richard Rheume, 5777 Rt. 30, Renewal of SFD permit
7/6/22	Sherman Ewing & Sonya Lazarevic, 353 Fisher Rd., SFD/ADU
8/9/22	Eric Blair, 1272 Cider Mill Rd., Remodel Porch into conditioned space
9/6/22	Peter Longchamp, 2174 Rt. 74, SFD
9/6/22	Gregor Kent, Lot #6 Sampson Rd., SFD
9/20/22	Eric Blair, Lot #3 Beaver Brook Rd., SFD
9/20/22	Champlain Valley Motorsports, Nicholas Gill, Create heated shop in existing warehouse space
9/30/22	Northern Timbers Construction, Alex Carver, Cider Mill Rd., SFD
10/4/22	Kimberly Breckenridge, 1986 Rt. 74, Addition
12/8/22	Theodore R. & Stephanie H. Cotton, 1443 Ridge Rd., ADU
12/8/22	James Morisseau, 194 S. Bingham St., Addition

Certificates of Compliance

1/7/22	Holly & Eric Blair, 1272 Cider Mill Rd.
2/15/22	Severy Family, 3129 Rt. 30
3/23/22	Hibernia Farms, LLC, 225 Audet Rd.
4/15/22	Megan Morris Frankovic, 496 Rt. 30
5/9/22	Simon & Willa Abel, 24 Park Lane
5/24/22	Eileen & Stephen Nichols, 1571 Rt. 30

Certificates of Compliance, *continued*

6/23/22	Patrick & Elizabeth Stein, 2195 S. Bingham St.
7/5/22	Richard Rheaume, 5777 Rt. 30
7/8/22	Bartley Larrow Jr. & Catrina M. Larrow, 85 Cider Mill Rd.
7/19/22	Bread Loaf View Farm Realty Trust, 1777 Ridge Rd.
8/3/22	Bradley & Sara Nadeau, 427 Wooster Rd.
8/8/22	Kristin L. Larson, 3263 Rt. 30
8/17/22	Thomas & Patricia Morrow, 1131 S. Bingham St.
8/18/22	James & Helen Wright, 99 Ledgemont Ln.
8/24/22	Jessica Riney, 406 S. Bingham St.
8/30/22	Beatrice Willson, 1399 Rt. 30
9/13/22	Lea & Penny Larocque, 1629 S. Bingham St.
10/17/22	Charles & Gayle Nunley, 655 James Rd.
11/3/22	Delaney House, LLC, 655 Cider Mill Rd.
11/14/22	Wheeler Hammerlind Revocable Trust, 687 Rt. 30
11/14/22	Joseph & Anne Severy, 6039 Rt. 30
11/17/22	Estate of Quesnel, 148 Sampson Rd.

Certificates of Occupancy

1/4/22	Kathrine A. Branch & Michael R. Collier, 776 West St.
1/4/22	Thomas Vanacore & Co., Inc., 4174 Rt. 125
3/17/22	James & Laura Morisseau, 194 S. Bingham St.
4/14/22	Christopher & Amy Carey, 998 Ridge Rd.
4/20/22	Seth & Pearl Riney, 2100 Rt. 74
6/21/22	Rebecca Kinhead & Robert Murphy, 83 Abernathy Pl.
7/5/22	Richard Rheaume, 5777 Rt. 30
8/2/22	Hillary & Blair Peterson, 1571 Sperry Rd.
11/1/22	William & Ingrid Jackson, 82 Sperry Rd.
12/3/22	Mathew & Kimberly Breckenridge & Barbara Mooney, 1986 Rt. 74
12/19/22	Tobi & Bruce Andrews, 307 Foote Farm Rd.

Other Decisions

8/2/22	Joseph & Anne Severy, 6039 Rt. 30, Manure stocking pad, pit, & pumphouse; Extending barn 35 feet
9/1/22	David Black, 2170 Rt. 125, Dry storage equipment shed to existing building.
10/31/22	Rebecca Kinhead & Robert Murphy, 83 Abernathy Place, Shade shelter for horses.
11/9/22	Joseph and Anne Severy, 3129 Rt. 30, Moving two sheds.
1/4/22	Randy & Susan Laframboise, 578 Morse Rd., Boundary Line Adjustment
8/8/22	Northern Cross LLC/Gregory & Bronwen Kent, Lot #6 Sampson Rd., Boundary Line Adjustment

Cornwall Free Public Library

The Cornwall Library was open for business as usual in 2022. Patron activity was essentially back to normal, and the trustees are very pleased by that. Although the library is open regular hours, we are still offering Web OPAC services and also the ability to download audio books with the Libby app through the Green Mountain Library Consortium. To utilize the Web OPAC 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: <https://19585.rmwebopac.com>. You will need a library card number and PIN to utilize the Libby app as well. Give a call or stop by with questions. 802-462-2775.

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

We ended up with several new pieces of furniture in the children's room paid for with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money received from a library grant. The balance of the money was used to enhance our book collection for all areas of the library.

Our annual book sale was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Our sale was benefitted by the wonderful book donations we received during the year from our residents and enhanced by the craft tables upstairs. The craft table fees were once again donated to the library. We thank Amanda Payne for organizing that and to all the crafters for their generosity. Our 2022 book sale was very successful. The total made from the book sale and the table fees was \$2,560.00. Thank you to everyone for their support of the library. These funds go directly to the purchase of new books, movies and audio books. We will take gently used books in donation for the 2023 book sale. Please no books that are musty, mildewy, moldy, etc. We can't use those in the sale and have to find a way to get rid of them ourselves.

The library will be open on Saturday mornings in 2023, starting on January 28 and going through the end of April. The hours will be 10:00 AM – Noon. At the end of April, we will evaluate the usage and decide whether to continue with Saturday hours.

The Cornwall Free Public Library had a very successful 2022, and hope to keep that going in 2023.

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, 01/01/2022

\$9,235.64

INCOME:

Town Appropriation 2022	\$4,000.00
Book Sale	2,115.40
ARPA Grant	502.83
American Legion	500.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>1,219.06</u>
Sub-Total Income:	<u>\$8,337.29</u>

EXPENSES:

Supplies/Advertising	\$94.61
Membership Dues	957.72
ARPA Purchases	1,597.28
Books/Media	5,238.36
Phone Service/Public Wi-Fi	<u>1,145.33</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$9,033.30</u>

Less Expenses: (9,033.30)

Balance 12/31/2022 **\$8,539.63**

Fund Balances 12-31-22

Foote, Morse & Ringey Combined CD (NBM)	\$4,746.66
Interest earned 2022	<u>25.75</u>
Total	<u>4,772.41</u>
Drexler & Allison Combined CD (NBM)	2,315.77
Interest earned 2022	<u>4.22</u>
Total	<u>2,319.99</u>
Grand Total CD's	<u>\$7,092.40</u>

Tree Warden's Report

The tree warden was involved with a couple projects this past year worth mentioning.

The first was in response to an inquiry at a Selectboard meeting brought by town residents regarding the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (VDFPR) has been offering workshops on managing EAB. One of the focus areas is the management of EAB in the towns' Rights of Way (ROW). I was involved in many discussions with the VDFPR folks about this during my stint with VT Local Roads. The most serious concerns were in the beginning of the infestation where containment was the strategy that severely limited the options to deal with infested trees. This was going to cost some towns serious money.

Secondly, when infested trees require professional removal there was going to be increased cost as tree services are not allowed to climb dead ash due to the brittle nature of the diseased trees. This would obviously affect more urban areas especially where ash trees have long been used as street trees in the greenbelts. For the rural road guys infected ash trees will be just another dead tree that needs to come down and get dealt with. The other clinker in all this is the location of power lines and to a lesser extent, phone lines. GMP has set aside some additional funds to help with these removals, but it remains to be seen how that will be prioritized.

Anyways, it prompted the tree warden (and his wife) to drive the roads of Cornwall (both ways), (slowly) and count the ash trees in the ROW. While quite confident in the identification aspect, the ROW may have been expanded to include a few extras. We identified 353 ash trees with at least a 4" diameter (also an eyeball). That averages about 31 trees per mile compared to some towns with 3-400 trees per mile, so it's really almost a non-issue. We did not include the state roads. The majority of the trees were in concentrated sections along Peet Road, Morse Road, Parkhill Road, Robbins Road Extension and along Swamp Road. While many of these trees are distressed, they do not present with the signs of EAB infestation but will need to be removed in the near future for safety reasons along with quite a few other hazard trees around town.

The tree warden also arranged for the removal of several hazard trees from the Town Green. The funding was approved by the Selectboard as there is no tree warden budget. There are a few more trees that will need pruning or removal in the next few years, not to mention the several Norway Maples. The removal of these trees has left somewhat of a hole, which we hope to fill with some more durable trees using the Cornwall trust fund set aside for beautification projects.

Stu Johnson, Tree Warden

Capital Budget Committee Report

Cornwall is completing its fourteenth 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 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 a year to cover new paving of roads.

This report explains the Capital Budget and Planning Committee's Capital Budget proposal for the fiscal year beginning in July 2023 and the Capital Plan (Program) for the five fiscal years beginning in July 2024.

After accounting for the current year's expenditures and reviewing the five-year plan from the 2022 report, the Committee is recommending that the Capital Equipment line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$130,000. As of February 3, 2023, the Capital Equipment Fund balance is \$75,735.05. The Equipment Fund completed the purchase of the Fire Department's new Engine 1. The total cost was \$450,000. This truck is the first of its kind in New England. The pump and all valves are controlled by the SAM™ Control System made by Hale Pumps, designed for a single user to operate and monitor systems from a handheld device.

The Committee is recommending that the Capital Building line on the General Fund Budget remain at \$100,000. As of February 3, 2023, the Capital Building Fund balance is \$255,255.02. The Capital Committee is working toward the replacement of the salt and sand building at the Town Garage. RFP's were requested for the demolition of the current building and installation of a new building. Four bids/proposals were received and will be reviewed by the Capital Committee. A building permit has been applied for and will require a variance. This project will be the main focus for capital buildings in 2023.

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. 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 \$75,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Mary Conlon, Steve Rheaume, Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson, David Berno and Brian Kemp

Cornwall Emergency Management Network

- **Notification/Alerts** – If you are not signed up on the Cornwall Connection email list, consider getting your email address to the Town Clerk. We use the list for notification of 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, Go Net Speed, and Green Mountain Power.

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

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

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

We depend on you to take responsibility for your safety and obtain these signs. Contact the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for information on having a sign installed. Your interest in and attention to safety and preparedness is appreciated. Sue Johnson



CVFD Open House and LifeNet of NY Visit

Town of Cornwall
Public Information Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 23, 2022

There were 42 +/- voters in attendance at the informational meeting held via Zoom.

The meeting was opened at 7:02 pm after a pre-roll prepared by Jordan Young. The pre-roll provided information related to the meeting. We were once again treated to the Town Meeting song by Jon Gailmor. We thank him for allowing us to use his song. This public meeting is considered a Selectboard meeting, not the traditional Town Meeting. No votes took place, and no amendments were considered for the warning.

Ben Marks, Chair began the meeting by establishing a quorum, approving the agenda and giving some opening remarks and reiteration of how the meeting would be run. Ben spoke about the bridge over Otter Creek, the American Rescue Plan Act Funds, and expressed a sincere Thank You to Magna Dodge for her work on the Selectboard. Ben introduced Cy Day Tall, our Town Moderator who would be facilitating the meeting.

Cy Day Tall introduced Jordan and Margy Young who would be acting as the technical advisors. Jordan took a moment to go over the Zoom platform and its use.

Cy read each article and then opened the floor for discussion:

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?* Ben Marks spoke to the reappraisal planned in a few years. By using some of the surplus for the cost of the reappraisal, property taxes would not have to be increased to cover the cost. There was no other discussion.

ARTICLE 2: *Shall the voters approve a General Fund budget of \$505,072?* There was no discussion on Article 2.

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.* Ben Marks explained that the Selectboard had included a contingency fund of \$20,000 in the highway budget to cover possible price increases due to inflation for the next fiscal year. Ben Marks also thanked Steven Rheaume for his work as the new Road Foreman. No further discussion.

ARTICLE 4: *Shall the voters appropriate \$67,950 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?* Sue Johnson and Ben Marks explained that the fire department is expecting the delivery of a new Engine 1 this year. They also took ownership of a new Utility Truck and refurbished the brush truck. The cost of the Utility Truck was covered by insurance

and the new engine and brush truck update were covered by the Capital Fund. The Fire Department budget is down about 10% this year. No further discussion.

ARTICLE 5: *Shall the voters appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023?* Sue Johnson thanked the town for its support of the library through property taxes and the annual book sale. Cy Tall thanked Sue and the Trustees for their work at the library. No further discussion.

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.* Sue Johnson and John Roberts explained the history of the town's mound system being placed on the DAR property. It was also stated that since the DAR is a non-profit organization, it is probably tax exempt anyway. No further discussion.

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?* Ben Marks explained that Sue Johnson will be retiring in 2024 and has attempted to find someone interested in taking over either or both of her positions with no success. If the position remains elected, the person elected must be a Cornwall resident. If the position is changed to appointed, the Selectboard can hire outside of Cornwall, so it increases the candidate pool. Although the Selectboard would like the position to remain elected because it provides autonomy to the position, it is understood that the position needs to be filled. No further discussion.

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?* There was no discussion on this Article.

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?* Ben Marks explained that T Tall had contacted the Selectboard about his concern with the small number of people attending Town Meeting. T suggested changing the day that Town Meeting is held to the Saturday preceding the first Tuesday in March. The Selectboard did not know if participation would increase. The Selectboard made the decision to include the article to get voter input on the issue. Conor Stinson indicated that he is in favor of the change. James Cryan was not in favor of the change. It was felt that no matter what day the meeting is held that there needs to be an in person and virtual option. No further discussion.

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

James Cryan asked how the requested amounts are determined. Sue Johnson explained that each year the organizations are required to send in a request for funding that includes information on how the organization served residents of Cornwall. If an organization is submitting a new request, they must submit a petition with 5% of registered Cornwall voter signatures. They are only required to do this the first time. No further discussion.

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

*Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after **November 15, 2022**, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after **May 15, 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%).* Sue Johnson explained the reason for the change in date for tax collection. Essentially, the November payment being on the 1st is problematic when there is a General Election. Trying to manage both events at the same time is overwhelming. Changing the date will not affect any payments that the town needs to make. No further discussion.

Other Business:

Ben Marks provided information about the replacement of the bridge over Otter Creek. The State of Vermont will be constructing the new bridge. They have provided three designs for the bridge. The state is looking for feedback from Cornwall and Salisbury as to which design is preferred. The three options are: Covered Bridge, Steel Truss and Open Concrete Span. No matter which option is selected, the insurance will cover the amount that will be due from the town. The state has looked into fire suppression systems should the decision be made to build a covered bridge. That additional cost will also be covered by the insurance. Swamp Road will be closed during the construction period. The Cornwall and Salisbury Selectboards will be holding a joint meeting on April 7 to discuss the options. Laura Stone from the State of Vermont will be giving a presentation on each of the options at that meeting. The meeting will be held via Zoom. There was a question in regard to the alignment of the entrance onto the bridge from the Cornwall side and whether it would be changed. This is unknown at this time. This will be addressed at the April 7 meeting. A post card survey will follow the meeting to get voter input.

Ben Marks explained that the town has received American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$178,159.91 for this year and will receive the same amount next year. The town has spent \$56,430.17 so far this year on Maple Broadband, and the video conferencing system at the Town Hall. The rules on the use of the funds have been changed so that any town receiving less than \$1,000,000 can use the funds for any expense within the town. Basically, replacing lost revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ben was requesting ideas for use of the funds. One idea was to use some of the funds to create a green space on the south side of the Town Hall.

T Tall expressed his appreciation to Llyn Rice for the creation of the Capital Fund and Committee for Cornwall and wanted to mention that Nancy Means Wright had recently passed away. She was a long-time resident of Cornwall.

Mary Dodge announced that the Conservation Commission will be holding an event soon called “Cornwall Rocks”. Will Amidon, a Cornwall resident, and Middlebury College professor will give a talk on the town’s geology. Date and time to be announced.

Magna Dodge/Tanya Byker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. The motion carried.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

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

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Report

The LFICD is a municipal district comprised of Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge that was established in 2006 for mosquito abatement. The district maintains a mosquito control program in collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture (VAA). We take an *integrated pest management* (IPM) approach, which is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long term prevention through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, and modification of cultural practices. Larvicides are used only after monitoring indicates treatment is needed according to guidelines established with the VAA with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and non-target organisms, as well as the environment.

Field Conditions: Larval and adult mosquito activity was low to moderate throughout the mosquito season. Adult mosquito trapping yielded moderate numbers of mosquitoes from June to the middle of July and a sharp decline in August through October. This year there was an average of .63" of precipitation per rain event over 14 recorded events with 1.7" being the largest amount recorded (August 23). These infrequent and modest rain events were responsible for the relative lack of upland and floodplain mosquitoes.

Field and Community Activity: The LFICD invested in a Maruyama Backpack Sprayer, capable of spraying the *Bti* granules we use for aerial treatment. We treated acreage in the Cornwall Swamp using this method in addition to prophylactic treatment using 45-day briquettes. We are pleased with the sprayer's efficacy, especially when there is not enough acreage to justify an aerial treatment. We continue to conduct both larval and adult surveillance. Trapped adult mosquito species were identified, in part to determine whether they likely originated in floodplain or upland habitats. The season's data can be found at: www.lfcd.com

In addition, we continue to gain critical habitat knowledge through an internship program with Middlebury College's GIS-Lidar mapping technology. Many thanks to teaching fellow Bill Hegman for working with us. The LFICD also sponsored internship opportunities providing experience in field biology and laboratory work as "Field Techs." Both opportunities provide real world, "boots on the ground" application of skills obtained in college. We hosted our Annual Open House the third week in July and had a table set up at this year's Addison County Fair and Field Days. Thank you to the Home and Garden Pavilion folks for providing us with space and a couple of tables.

Once again, we are always open to visiting private properties and helping residents assess potential mosquito breeding habitat and determining what they can do to reduce the impact of mosquitoes around their homes.

Board and Staff: Bridport: Dinah Bain (Treasurer), Judd Markowski, Alissa Shethar. Cornwall: Chris Chapline (Secretary), David Dodge (Chair), Wendy Lynch. Weybridge: Gary Rodes. We very much appreciate the diligence and hard work of our Field Coordinator, Craig Zondag, and look forward to working with him in 2023. Attachment: LFICD 2023 budget and notes.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

Lemon Fair Insect Control District	Budget Calendar Year 2022	Actuals Calendar Year 2022*	Budget Calendar Year 2023
See Accompanying Budget Notes			
Beginning Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 107,161.64	\$ 107,161.64	\$ 118,061.01
INCOME			
LFICD FY2022/ VT FY2022 REIMB	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 34,860.82	\$ -
LFICD FY2022/ VT FY2023 REIMB	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,139.05	\$ -
LFICD FY2023/ VT FY2023 REIMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00
LFICD FY2023/ VT FY2024 REIMB	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00
VAA Reimbursement	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 64,999.87	\$ 70,000.00
Member town assessments:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bridport	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Cornwall	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Weybridge	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Interest	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 88,009.00	\$ 83,005.87	\$ 88,006.00
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 195,170.64	\$ 190,167.51	\$ 206,067.01
EXPENSES			
Payroll incl workers comp	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 53,231.09	\$ 60,000.00
Mileage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,183.22	\$ 2,100.00
Lab Exp, supplies	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,128.82	\$ 7,350.00
Software	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Treatment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00
Larvicide	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
NMCA Conference	\$ 300.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Trailer operations: electricity, repairs	\$ 800.00	\$ 630.68	\$ 750.00
Larvicide loaders, trucking - treatment	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Trailer: airport lease	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63	\$ 118.63
Misc. - public outreach	\$ 500.00	\$ 886.92	\$ 900.00
Admin - stamps, PO box, checks, offc supp	\$ 200.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 230.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 150.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 135.00
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 893.14	\$ 1,000.00
REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 113,468.63	\$ 66,533.50	\$ 124,333.63
Legal fees and services	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Review of accounts - FY2020/2021	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Insurance: Operations, Supervisory Board	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,373.00	\$ 4,500.00
UNREIMBURSABLE EXPENSES	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,573.00	\$ 5,950.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 119,068.63	\$ 72,106.50	\$ 130,283.63
Ending Period Cash (Approximate)	\$ 76,102.01	\$ 118,061.01	\$ 75,783.38
*2022 reflect actuals from 1/1/22 to 9/30/22 and estimates from 10/1 to 12/31/2022			

Lemon Fair Insect Control District, *continued*

Lemon Fair Insect Control District (“LFICD”) 2023 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 on the ground or aurally 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 2023 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 2022, 1,128 in 2017, none in 2016, 2015, and 2014; 720 in 2013; 2,689 in 2012; 5,256 in 2011; 1,784 in 2010; 5,096 in 2009.

Larviciding: We will continue to use 3rd party helicopter services for aerial larviciding including North Fork Helicopter of Long Island, NY. We will also conduct treatment on the ground 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, 2023. While we have received no formal commitments from the VAA, we anticipate that our Grant Agreement will be renewed effective July 1, 2023. All VAA reimbursements are subject to a 25% in kind or cash matching from the LFICD.

Revenue: Our revenue comes from two sources: the VAA Grant Agreement and the towns of Bridport, Cornwall, and Weybridge. 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.

Expenses: The FY 2023 budget assumes one 1,000-acre aerial treatment at a cost of \$30,000 with replacement larvicide purchases of \$20,000. Payroll is budgeted for \$60,000 compared to 2022’s actual of \$53,231.09.

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



2022 Annual Report

October 17, 2022

Maple Broadband is a Communications Union District (CUD) based in Addison County. Maple Broadband's mission is to enhance the economic, educational, and medical well-being of the communities it serves by providing a reliable and affordable high-speed fiber internet network, supported by premium-grade customer service, to the households and businesses in its member towns.

Throughout 2022, Maple Broadband's focus has been on preparing to build and launch service on our fiber-optic network, as well as on obtaining the necessary grant funding to pay for the initial portions of the network. Grant funding available through the State of Vermont, while substantial, will not cover all the costs of building fiber throughout Addison County. Every grant dollar raised reduces the amount of loans (and corresponding interest) that Maple Broadband must incur, which results in lower prices for subscribers.

Maple Broadband has also continued building its organizational capacity to deliver on our ambitious goals.

Fundraising

- Applied for and were awarded a construction grant of \$8.7 million from the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB). This grant award will allow Maple Broadband to build approximately 180 miles of fiber network beginning in 2022 and continuing into 2023;
- Applied for and were awarded an additional \$635,000 of pre-construction grant funds from the VCBB;
- Applied for and were awarded \$781,284 from the VCBB for the purchase of materials;
- Applied for and were awarded a \$30,000 USDA grant that will support capacity building efforts; and
- Solicited and received \$165,000 town ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) contributions in 2022. At its October 3, 2022 meeting, the Vermont Community Broadband Board approved a policy that will match all past and future town ARPA contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis. This will result in \$380,000 of new grant funding based on contributions to date. Every additional dollar raised from town ARPA contributions will increase grant funding to Maple Broadband by an equal amount.

Network Pre-Construction, Construction, and Preparation for Service Launch

- Worked with our engineering firm, Vantage Point Solutions (VPS) to complete a
- detailed engineering design and construction bid specifications for the initial build area (Phase 1);
- Ordered \$1.2 million of network construction materials in order to begin construction in 2022 and established materials warehousing and management services with network operator Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT);
- Submitted pole applications to Green Mountain Power for the Phase 1 build area. Make-ready work must be performed prior to network installation on telephone poles;

Maple Broadband, *continued*

- Performed a competitive bid process and awarded initial construction work to Syracuse Utilities;
- Performed a competitive bid process and awarded construction oversight services to Vantage Point Solutions;
- Initiated development of marketing materials and strategies for service launch in early 2023;
- Procured and configured an online subscriber management system, CrowdFiber, which enables prospective subscribers to register interest; and
- Collaborated with network operator WCVT to refine the customer onboarding process and customization of back-end systems.

Operational Capacity Building

- Held bi-weekly meetings of the Executive Committee, which is composed of members of Maple Broadband's Governing Board who possess expertise in a wide variety of technology and business professions;
- Following a thorough search, hired an Executive Director to support the overall direction of Maple Broadband and to execute Executive Committee initiatives;
- Performed a competitive bid process and awarded marketing services contract to Pivot Group, to help inform the community about Maple Broadband and promote subscriber sign-up; and
- Engaged an auditing firm, Batchelder Associates, PC, and completed Maple Broadband's first audit.

Plans for 2023:

- Complete approximately 200 miles of fiber network construction;
- Prepare a detailed design package for Phase 2 construction;
- Procure materials for Phase 2;
- Add and support subscribers in newly constructed areas.

Construction Sequence

While Maple Broadband would love to deliver high speed broadband service everywhere as soon as possible, the reality is that it will take years to complete Maple Broadband's mission.

As a new organization, Maple Broadband is reliant on grants and donations to fund the network construction. Most of grant funding comes via the VCBB, and this grant funding stipulates that priority must be given to areas that are underserved. Under the constraints of this grant funding, some areas are ineligible for construction. For residents of these areas, this is understandably frustrating, but once Maple Broadband is able to borrow funds to continue construction, it will no longer be bound by grant constraints, and will return to offer broadband service to those previously excluded areas.

Business and Organizational Challenges

In the coming months, Maple Broadband will continue to face significant challenges related to availability and increasing cost of construction labor and materials both related to its own network construction, and upstream with the make-ready work that must happen before we can install our network on existing poles. This could have a profound effect on construction activities. Maple

Maple Broadband, *continued*

Broadband aims to anticipate and mitigate these challenges, to the degree possible, wherever encountered as it gains construction management experience.

The energy and time required to manage Maple Broadband necessitates engagement of paid professionals who can complement the hours of work performed by our small group of volunteers. Success in fulfilling our mission depends on support from member towns, through the contributions of delegates' time, energies and expertise, and through town ARPA fund contributions.

Submitted by the Maple Broadband Governing Board:

Executive Committee: Steve Huffaker (Chair), Carl Siebecker (Vice Chair), Nancy Cornell, Shannon Haggett, Dan Sonneborn
Executive Director: Ellie de Villiers (ex officio)
Chief Financial Officer: Magna Dodge (ex officio)
Treasurer: Cy Tall (ex officio)
Clerk: Adam Lougee (ex officio)

Governing Board Delegates: Addison (Paul Nikolich), Bristol (Dan Sonneborn), Bridport (Rick Scott), Cornwall (Magna Dodge), Ferrisburgh (Steve Huffaker), Leicester (vacant), Lincoln (Kate McGowan), Middlebury (Ross Conrad), Monkton (Mark Boltz-Robinson), New Haven (Ellie de Villiers), Orwell (James Robinson), Panton (Howard Hall), Ripton (Billy Sneed), Salisbury (Paul Vaczy), Shoreham (Carl Siebecker), Starksboro (Nancy Cornell), Vergennes (Shannon Haggett), Waltham (Andrew Martin), Weybridge (Spencer Putnam), Whiting (vacant)

About Maple Broadband:

Maple Broadband is composed of 20 member towns in Addison County, forming one of nine tax- exempt Communications Union Districts (CUDs) serving the state of Vermont. CUDs are non-profit, municipal entities formed with the single goal of delivering high-speed fiber broadband service to every unserved and underserved address in their member towns. CUDs cannot tax their member towns or the residents of those towns. A CUD must fund its operations by grants, debt, and donations.

Maple Broadband's Governing Board is comprised of one Delegate from each member town. Representatives are appointed by the town Selectboard and serve for one-year terms. The Executive Committee consists of five voting members and four non-voting ex officio members. Meeting times, agendas and minutes are posted on the website, www.maplebroadband.net/meetings/.

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. We provide essential services and resources to towns across Addison County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Middlebury Local Health Office:

Protected communities from COVID-19: Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 8,780 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies: We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 13 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.

Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved: We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

Collaborated with Town Health Officers around environmental health: To help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health, we collaborated with towns and other local partners. Find information about environmental health including lead, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), food safety, drinking water, climate change, healthy homes, healthy schools, and more at www.healthvermont.gov/environment.

Provided WIC services and resources to families and children: Provided WIC nutrition education and support to 907 individuals between July 1, 2021 and June 31, 2022, while enabling them to save on groceries so they can have more to spend on other things their family needs. WIC also empowers families with breastfeeding/chestfeeding support and provides referrals to other health and nutrition services. Learn more at www.healthvermont.gov/wic.

Supported student health and youth empowerment: According to the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, only 64% percent of students in Addison County agree or strongly agree that they “believe they matter to people in their community.” This is higher than the state average of 58%. Regionally, efforts like mentoring and after-school enrichment programs help to ensure youth feel valued and included.

Promoted health in all policies: Health is not just individual behaviors and access to care, it's also housing, transportation, food access, education, natural resources, and other social determinants of health. We worked with towns, schools, worksites, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to establish plans, policies, and programming that improve health and wellness. To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.

Learn more at <https://healthvermont.gov/local>
Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury>

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



2022 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 virtual meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 PM, 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

Telephone: (802) 388-2333, **Fax:** (802) 388-0271, **Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org
E-mail: <mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org>, **Transfer Station Hours:** M-F 7am-3pm & Sat 8am-1pm
Office Hours: M-F, 8am-4pm, **HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8am-2pm & Sat, 8am-1pm

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.

2022 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 without service interruptions. Despite challenges of supply shortages, vendor staffing difficulties, and rising operational costs in 2022, District staff were creative and committed to keeping the District efficient in managing the solid waste generated. Thank you to our residents and businesses for your support, as well as your individual and collective efforts toward meeting the District's goals of waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting!

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washing system; and extra food scrap toters. The District was also awarded a grant from the VT League of Cities & Towns PACIF toward the totter tipper. These purchases enabled the District to more efficiently and safely operate a food scrap collection system at the Transfer Station.

Regional Residential Drop-off. The District is in the process of designing and permitting a new regional residential transfer station on Campground Road, off of Rt. 7. The facility is intended to provide an option for residents to drop off bagged trash and recyclables, along with food scraps and leaf & yard waste. The facility, to be built in 2 phases, will eventually accept scrap metal, tires, and special wastes (E-Waste, fluorescent light bulbs, books, and film plastic).

Financials. The District anticipates CY2022 total operating expenses of \$4,121,923, with operating revenues of \$3,927,234. CY2021 surplus revenues rolled over to the General Fund will make up the difference. Vendor price increases, fuel surcharges, equipment maintenance and other operational cost increases are beyond budgeted levels this year. Combined with increasing recycling processing fees charged by the recycler, price increases at the Transfer Station are inevitable in CY2023.

Illegal Burning/Disposal. The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department in 2022 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 10.94 tons of roadside trash, 5.59 tons of tires, and various other items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$2,483.

2023 Annual Budget

The District's adopted CY2023 Annual Budget differs from the proposed budget, due to a recent and unforeseen drop in recycling market prices, The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$145/ton (\$9 minimum fee) for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$125/ton. Rates on a few other items will have nominal increases. **There will be no assessments of member municipalities in CY2023.** For a copy of the full 2022 Annual Report and Adopted CY2023 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please call (802) 388-2333, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Vermont 2-1-1

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

DIALING 2-1-1...

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

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

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2022

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2022 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Worked with Cornwall, Salisbury, Orwell and Vergennes on Municipal Planning Grants
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln and Shoreham on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities in applying for Village Center Designation: Salisbury, 2021
- Updated and readopted the Population and Housing section of the Regional Plan.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials and community septic.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management (VEM).

Management Staff to Assist with Municipal Emergency Planning and Training.

- Assisted communities in completing Local Emergency Management Plans to maintain ERAF status.
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for Public Works Departments.
- Led an emergency exercise at the Hannaford Career Center
- Received two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants
- Received one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant

Energy Planning:

- Assisted Waltham, Whiting, Shoreham, and Starksboro in developing their enhanced energy plans.
- Worked with Ferrisburgh and Vergennes to relaunch local energy committees.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Provided energy scorecards for municipalities to track progress on state and local energy efficiency goals.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

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 reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for a sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Vergennes and a culvert replacement project in Bridport.
- Sponsored town transportation planning studies.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies for towns.
- Hosted the regional Walk-Bike Council meetings and a statewide Bike/Ped Summit in Middlebury.
- Sponsored a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for the City of Vergennes and surrounding communities

Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Prepared to serve as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

Charitable and Service Organization Information — 2022

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)

Recently renamed, *The Teen Center, Inc.* is 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, 29 children were served in 2022 and 290 free books have been delivered to them during that calendar year; 21 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

For nearly 50 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow aging Vermonters to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. We excel at integrating community resources, health services, and wellness programs to enhance and improve the quality of life for older adults. We continue to see an increased demand for our wrap-around services, supporting older Vermonters during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Vermont is ranked as the third “oldest” state in the country and our aging population is only expected to grow exponentially, nearly doubling in the next fifteen years. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to healthcare, including specialized healthcare, and the services tend to be more costly than those provided in metropolitan areas. Overwhelmingly, Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes, Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

Age Well is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,100.00, no change from last year.

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

CVOEO is one of five community action agencies across Vermont and serves over 21,000 people annually across its nine programs and four-county area. CVOEO bridges gaps by providing individuals and families with basic needs such as food, fuel and housing support in times of crises, teaches people financial skills, and provides access to community supports that help them to build stable futures. Our Addison Community Action outreach office serves families in Addison County through its food shelf, housing, emergency fuel, weatherization programs and free taxpayer assistance. Throughout the COVID pandemic, CVOEO has been able to maintain a high level of services for Addison County residents. In 2022, CVOEO’s Food Access Network established a food distribution center warehouse in Addison County to better serve those living with food insecurity.

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. We offer free, nutritious meals each day of the year to anyone in the community. Our social services meet the needs of individuals and families throughout Addison County as we help to identify and overcome barriers to end homelessness. Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 staff and volunteers, provided more than 40,000 meals through our community meal program. Our community outreach programs provided essential support including referrals, assistance with emergency rental assistance and quality case management to approximately 560 adults and children temporarily housed in area hotels and at our emergency shelter.

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 all Cornwall residents for 40 years of support on Town Meeting Day. Three Cornwall residents received 2,890 hours of care at Project Independence in 2022. Another 14 Cornwall residents participated in ESI College Lifelong Learning. Located at 112 Exchange Street in Middlebury, Elderly Services offers you eldercare and aging support including: Project Independence medical/social adult day center providing a closely supervised

therapeutic environment for people living with stroke, chronic illness, advance age, dementia, or social isolation. Eldercare consultations, advice and counseling for family members who care for a loved one. ESI College Lifelong Learning classes. Caregiver support and education.

Elderly Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$4000.00. No change from last year.

Green Up Vermont—Green Up Day, May 6, 2023

Green Up Day on May 7, 2022 was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. As one of Vermont's favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged. Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

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. There is a critical need for affordable housing in Addison County and Habitat for Humanity of Addison County makes home ownership a reality for deserving families living or working in the county. There are currently four HfHAC homes in Cornwall on 13 acres of land on Carothers' Lane. These four houses and families contribute to Cornwall's tax base, thereby supporting the local schools and services provided by the town. These families currently have nine students in the ACSD with one still to enter the system and three graduated.

Habitat for Humanity of Addison County is requesting \$1200.00, a \$400 increase 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 1,200 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 operates one of the largest food shelves in the state and has a thriving partnership with area farmers that allows us to salvage excess or unsaleable produce which is then available at HOPE and shared with dozens of other charitable food sites around the region.

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) has provided emergency shelter, affordable housing, and essential services to individuals and families in Addison County for over 40 years. The JGHS mission is strengthened by intensive service coordination at three critical access points – homeless prevention, eviction prevention, and rapid rehousing. With eight properties spread across the county the people we serve include those impacted by domestic violence, substance use and mental health disorders, economic hardship, and physical illness. It is our hope that the Town of Cornwall will partner with JGHS again in our effort to end homelessness in Addison County.

The John Graham Emergency Shelter is requesting funding in the amount of \$1,950.00, an increase of \$25.00 from last year.

Mary Johnson Children's Center

Mary Johnson Children's Center would first like to thank you for your support of our programming over the years. It is through streams of funding such as this that enables us to offer the best possible childcare for the county and community as a whole. As a non-profit, we rely heavily on donations and funding sources such as support from towns that we serve in order to lessen the financial blow of childcare for families as well as to pay our dedicated teachers a respectful amount. This past year we served ten Cornwall families within our programming and in the upcoming year, we will be serving nine. We pride ourselves on offering the best and most affordable care and programming to Addison County families.

MJCC is requesting funding in the amount of \$700.00, a decrease of \$50 from last year.

Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)

Since 1987, the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) has conserved over 3900+ 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. With support from Cornwall in 2022, MALT expanded youth education programs to provide Bingham Memorial students weekly afterschool programming that was nature-based and 100% outdoors.

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 which resulted in COVID and flu vaccines being offered to 41 farms and orchards throughout the county. In addition, we continue to offer 8-10 in-person medical and dental clinics each month through which patients receive comprehensive chronic and acute care and referrals to a variety of specialists when needed.

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

Otter Creek Child Center – OCCC

The Otter Creek Child Center is one of a few children's centers in all of Addison County that serves birth through preschool aged children and families, and we have increasingly found ways to make the center affordable for families with a wide variety of income levels. Ultimately, we want all families in Addison County to have safe and reliable early care and education for their children as doing so has positive ripple effects for the larger community. Providing a safe and stable children's center for people who might have otherwise been left without this option, allows parents to be employed and contribute to the economic and social community in ways that are impossible if they are at home.

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'22, Cornwall residents volunteered 700 hours to support the community. Cornwall residents were able to receive free health classes and income tax services. In Addison County, 295 residents benefited from attending Bone Builders classes and 380 residents received income tax services. During the winter months, more than 400 warm clothing items were given to Addison County community members in need. In Cornwall, these items were distributed through Cornwall Elementary School. In addition, many Cornwall residents who received assistance from a local service organization benefited from the work RSVP volunteers do, such as community members at risk of hunger who receive free nutritious meals from RSVP volunteers.

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

Tri-Valley Transit

All of Tri-Valley Transit's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Cornwall residents can utilize TVT's Dial-a-Ride Program for seniors, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations to access a variety of destinations including trips to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery markets, legal assistance and to support other vital quality-of-life needs. Cornwall residents coming into Middlebury have access to an extensive shuttle bus system that can take them around the county, north to Burlington and south to Rutland. Support from the towns we serve is critical to the successful operation of our programs.

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

Turning Point Center of Addison County

The Turning Point Center of Addison County (TPCAC) is peer-lead and offers a safe and substance-free environment to support our mission: We provide peer-based recovery support to all including friends, families, and allies. We seek to enhance the spiritual, mental, and physical growth as well as foster social connection of our community members in Addison County affected by substance use disorders and addictive behaviors. As we have all seen in the news this year the opioid epidemic in Vermont is far from over and we continue to serve those with the greatest need. For the second consecutive year opioid overdose rates are on track to surpass previous years by as much as 60 percent. TPCAC continues to respond to this crisis by expanding our outreach to community partners, continuing our commitment to 24/7 access to recovery coaching, and offering in-person peer lead support groups. We distribute Narcan, Fentanyl test strips and harm reduction bags to individuals and community partners. All of our services are free of charge.

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 77 students and 10 parents and staff at Cornwall School. 39 prevention programming presentations to 221 students and 37 adults at MUHS serving Cornwall students.

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

WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby notified of the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM, to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers: a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the school district officers.

ARTICLE 3: 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 4: To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

The legal voters of the Addison Central School District are hereby warned to meet at the Middlebury Union High School in Middlebury, Vermont on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM, for a Public Information meeting to discuss Australian Ballot articles warned for vote on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Addison Central School District.

Linda J. Barrett, ACSD Clerk
Addison Central School District

Victoria Jette, ACSD Board Chair
Addison Central School District

The Addison Central School District Annual Report and FY24 Budget Book will be available in the following manner: www.acsdvt.org/Page/6425 or call 802-382-1274 to request a copy.

WARNING
ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2023

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 7, 2023 to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article(s) of business:

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

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to expend **\$42,269,305**, which is the amount the ACSD school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE 2: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to authorize the ACSD school board to appropriate **\$1,520,974** of the FY 2022 Unassigned Fund Balance to the ACSD Capital Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Addison Central School District vote to approve increasing the board stipend for each board member from **\$500** to **\$1200** per year?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Linda J. Barrett, Clerk
Addison Central School District

Victoria Jette, Chair
Addison Central School District

CORNWALL SCHOOL — PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As society has shifted from being part of a pandemic to that of an endemic, we at Cornwall School and in the district have been focusing on rebuilding community, connection, and belonging. During the pandemic teachers, students, and staff worked together and adapted as needed to celebrate community within the school. This school year, we are leaning into the Cornwall School values of community, caring, and growth, building on that strong internal foundation and expanding by reaching outward to the community at large. Teachers, families, the town and extended community have all participated in and contributed to this process.

Teachers have focused on building community within the classroom and across classrooms. 5th grade, for example, has gone on several outdoor field trips with the purpose of spending time together and learning together. Third grade started the year with a series of field trips to Middlebury College’s Knoll. Each visit to the Knoll was followed by community outreach, further learning, or fun—to the Town Hall, the Senior Center, Snake Mountain, and to the college itself. First grade has had visitors from Language in Motion through Middlebury College, Kindergarten has had a community member come and teach about horseshoe crabs, and more! Through shared experiences such as these, students are not only connecting with people and places outside of school, but they are also building a strong class community. Woven into all of these experiences are connections to literacy, math, and IB units such as Sharing the Planet and Where We Are in Space and Time.

We have returned to holding All School Meetings for the first time in three years, and buddy classrooms continue to get together weekly. In addition, parent-teacher conferences and the opportunity for in-person communication and meetings both allow and encourage discussion between teachers and families around strengths, growth, and goals. A school band has formed again, and our school show chorus has performed locally at the Cornwall Community Coffee House! We continue to partner with the Four Winds Nature Program, where parent volunteers learn and then provide lessons which focus on helping students explore the natural world through art, science, and literacy.

In the past few years, Cornwall School’s enrollment has increased (even with the 6th grade moving to MUMS). This year, we have 94 students, and we anticipate about 90 for next school year. This increase allows for single grade classrooms while at the same time also allowing for collaboration between grades. As our school grows, we have seen a need for stronger social emotional learning supports such as having a counselor on site more often. Like all schools in the district, we face consistent challenges finding substitutes.

We are fortunate to work with talented, dedicated and flexible teachers, and we would like to thank the community for connecting with and supporting Cornwall School, encouraging us and supporting us in both the formal and informal modes of learning to help us grow.

- **Heather Raabe, Principal**



CORNWALL SCHOOL REPORT, *continued*

SCHOOL PROFILE

Enrollment	Grade Level	Principal	Classroom Teachers FTE	General Ed Paras FTE
94	K-5	1	6	2

Classes per grade

K: **1** 3rd: **1**
 1st: **1** 4th: **1**
 2nd: **1** 5th: **1**

Class size

Smallest: **9**
 Largest: **20**


FTE allocation for building based staff

Nurse: **0.4** Art: **0.2**
 Guidance: **0.3** Music: **0.3**
 Librarian: **0.4** Spanish: **0.4**
 Interventionist: **0.8** Phys Ed: **0.4**

CORNWALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FY23 Budget Summary

Function	FY23 Revised	FY24 Proposed	% Difference
Direct Instruction	\$ 880,660.74	\$ 860,997.48	-2%
Guidance	\$ 21,833.03	\$ 22,147.23	1%
Occupational/Physical Therapy	\$ 8,135.00	\$ 8,135.00	0%
Nurse	\$ 30,609.87	\$ 29,475.08	-4%
Library Media	\$ 43,925.47	\$ 35,013.37	-20%
Administration	\$ 174,513.27	\$ 183,945.12	5%
Transportation—Field Trips	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,382.66	19%
Total Budget	\$ 1,161,677.38	\$ 1,142,095.94	-2%

Notes: Replacement teacher and librarian have lower elective benefits costs. Field trips adjusted to 25\$ per pupil district wide.



MIDDLEBURY UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL PROFILE

Enrollment	Grade Level	Principal(s)	Classroom Teachers FTE	General Ed Paras FTE
368	6-8	2	23	3

Students per grade

6th: **115**
7th: **137**
8th: **116**

Class size

Smallest: **11**
Largest: **27**

Clubs + Activities

- Soccer, field hockey, cross country, winter running, wrestling, gymnastics, basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, track & field
- Art club, D&D Club, Magic Club, GSA, Lego League, Memory Book, Tiger Tennis, Tiger TV, Chess Club

FTE Allocation

Nurse: **1**
Counselors: **3**
Librarian: **1**
Interventionist: **2**

2 ESSER funded behavior interventionist

The 2022-2023 School year has brought about a multitude of changes for Middlebury Union Middle School (MUMS). That change has been driven fairly significantly by what we know about the developmental considerations of middle school students and a strong focus on community, access, success and belonging.

During these past few months we have observed staff and students working to find a balance between continuing our focus on the classroom and school community as well as participating in hands-on and engaging academic opportunities. This was all made possible with the support of structured programs as well as our talented staff. Through targeted intervention, responsive classroom approaches, and utilization of trauma informed practices, we are confident that we will close achievement and opportunity gaps within our learning community.

Key positions that include our behavioral interventionists, school-based clinician, Dean of Culture and Climate, intensive needs paraprofessionals, and core team of teachers have helped us to focus on creating equity and access to middle school programming. Additionally, our focus on creating professional development opportunities that are centered on *Responsive Classroom* and universal design for learning have strengthened our staff skill set in better meeting the needs of our students.

One of the priorities of the 22-23 school year was to create a teaming structure and a schedule that centered around access for all students. Our current structure and schedule allows all students to be placed in core classes regardless of individual programmatic needs as well as access to band, choir and clubs regardless of individual programmatic needs. The dynamics of this structure achieved that goal. Our additional priority was to ensure teams were of a size that fostered relationships between staff, students and families. This current teaming structure provided a structure and schedule to build strong collaboration across teams and allowed for greater teacher, student and family partnerships. We will continue to examine this structure and schedule through a

collaborative process in the coming months. Our goal is to better address what we know about sixth through eighth grade learners, build stronger connections across all of our departments and stakeholders and continue to nurture positive peer relationships that are paramount to the development of middle school students.

The proposed budget includes all of the positions that exist in our current budget. This staffing level allows for smaller core teams which is critical for relationships and a sense of belonging for students. Additionally it allows access to a strong Wellness department, robust music department, cohesive Design/STEAM/Art experience and a rich language acquisition department. In short, it prioritizes rich learning opportunities, community and connection. In our FY23 budget, we funded a general educator, two Behavior Interventionists and our Dean of Climate and Culture through ESSER funds. In our FY24 budgets we will fund the general educator through our local budget and continue to fund the two Behavior Interventionists through ESSER as well as our Dean of Climate and Culture.


We are incredibly grateful for the continued, and tireless commitment from our staff this year. They show up every day with a smile and a drive to support all students. We believe this commitment is directly connected to the commitment from our District Leadership, School Board and community to the children of ACSD. We look forward to the work ahead and are honored to be a part of this team.

- Michael Dudek & Michaela Wisell, CO Principals

Function	FY23 Budgeted	FY24 Proposed	% Difference
Direct Instruction	\$ 3,012,883	\$ 3,347,209	11%
Art	\$ 4,849	\$ 4,849	0%
Music	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,099	1%
English	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,556	2%
Foreign Language	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	0%
Physical Education	\$ 6,251	\$ 6,251	0%
Math	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,502	2%
Health Education	\$ 149	\$ 149	0%
Science	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,429	0%
Social Studies	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,473	2%
Summer School	\$ 21,140	\$ 21,148	0%
After School	\$ 2,675	\$ 2,675	0%
Reading Intervention	\$ 800	\$ 817	2%
Design and Technology	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	0%
Athletics	\$ 92,025	\$ 92,025	0%
Co-Curricular	\$ 46,450	\$ 46,450	0%
Guidance	\$ 391,259	\$ 421,026	8%

Function	FY23 Budgeted	FY24 Proposed	% Difference
Nurse	\$ 142,464	\$ 183,396	29%
Other Support Services	\$ 45,500	\$ 45,500	0%
Library Media	\$ 79,414	\$ 82,818	4%
Tech Education	\$ 6,878	\$ 6,878	0%
Administration	\$ 489,230	\$ 680,221	39%
Transportation: Athletic and Co-Curricular	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	0%
Debt Service	\$ 86,956	\$ 86,956	0%
Total Budget	\$ 4,492,922	\$ 5,092,826	13%

Notes: Teachers and Nurse were budgeted as partial year in FY23 and full year in FY24. Co-Principal system restructuring in Admin.



MIDDLEBURY UNION HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL PROFILE

Enrollment	Grade Level	Principal(s)	Classroom Teachers FTE	General Ed Paras FTE
521	9-12	2	27	2

Clubs + Activities

- Cross Country, Field Hockey, football, Soccer, Bass Fishing, Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, Dance, Gymnastics, Nordic, Wrestling, Baseball, Lacrosse, Tennis, Softball, Track and Field, Unified Basketball, Ultimate
- Art club, BIOME, Drama, Hope Happens Here, Model UN, NHS, Project Graduation, SaGA, Scholar's Bowl, SPARC, Stage management, SCOHR, Student Council

Students per grade

9th: **129**
10th: **145**
11th: **112**
12th: **134**

Class size

Smallest: **4**
Largest: **28**

FTE Allocation

Nurse: **2**
Counselors: **3**
Librarian: **1**
Interventionist: **1**

1 ESSER funded literacy interventionist

The entire Middlebury Union High School (MUHS) staff strives to meet the needs of each individual student. Our top priority is making sure students are succeeding socially, emotionally and academically.

Thankfully, our community provides our school with cutting edge curricular resources, teacher training in researched best practices, and a vast array of connections throughout the United States and abroad. Our incredibly talented educators leverage the power of these resources to make sure all MUHS graduates have the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful whether they move on directly to the workforce or choose to further their education.

Our curriculum is coordinated across the middle and high schools. Our teachers collaborate on designing and tweaking units to offer students an experience that emphasizes transferable understandings, skill development, inquiry, personalization, and criterion-related assessment.

As a culminating experience in Grade 10, all students complete a personal project in which they demonstrate the skills they have learned throughout their education.

Justin Campbell, Principal

List of example unit inquiries from MUMS and MUHS:

Language & Literature	<i>Ways of Living</i> : Storytelling reveals a variety of belief systems which expand the audience’s perspectives on philosophies and ways of living (10th grade).
Language Acquisition	<i>Traveling in the Natural World</i> : A journey can develop empathy and shape our understanding of inequality, difference and privilege in order to imagine a more hopeful future (10th grade Spanish).
Science	<i>Human Impact</i> : When humans interact with the environment, we can change the environment resulting in positive and negative consequences (6th grade).
Design	<i>Artificial Intelligence Chatbot Programming</i> : How communication can be a catalyst for inventive methods of learning (8th grade).
Math	<i>2D Geometry</i> : Form can be used to scale measurement and space (7th grade)
PE/Health	<i>Target Sports</i> : Refinement and interactions during competitive and cooperative activities can build strong relationships (9th grade).
Individuals & Societies	<i>Intro to Civics</i> : An inquiry into how government systems divide power (6th grade).
Arts	<i>Music in Advertising</i> : Effective communication requires an understanding of one's audience (8th grade General Music).

In grades 11 and 12, MUHS students can pursue a wide variety of options including: a range of programs at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center, Early College, the International Baccalaureate Diploma program, Vermont Adult Learning, MUHS courses, and many more.

20% of the Class of 2023 is enrolled in the IB Diploma Program (DP) as full diploma candidates. These students have recently completed their individual extended essay which is a demanding research/writing experience on a topic of their choice. An additional 20% of our grade 12 students are ‘certificate candidates’, meaning they will also sit for the IB exams in May in individual subjects of their choice. This means that 41% of our seniors will be taking the IB exams in May. Many of the certificate candidates plan to earn certificates in three or more subjects. Currently 17% of our Grade 11 students are also full diploma candidates. Juniors who are not full diploma candidates will communicate their desire to earn certificates in various subjects in the fall of their senior year.

In May of 2022, 91% of our full diploma candidates successfully earned the IB diploma. This was our first cohort to take the May exams. Their average total score was 33, students must earn at least 24 points to be eligible for the diploma. Additionally, their average score in each subject was a 5.13, on a 1-7 point scale.

There were 119 students in the Class of 2022 at MUHS; 62% are attending four-year colleges and universities, and an additional 4% are enrolled in two-year colleges. Of those pursuing higher education, 13 were first-generation college bound. 9% of the class enrolled in apprenticeships or career education, approximately 22% sought employment, and 3% took a gap year Below is a matriculation list for the class of 2022.

Amherst College, MA	Oregon State University, OR
Bard College, NY	Pace University, NY
Berklee College of Music, MA	Regis College, MA
Brigham Young University, UT	Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
Carleton College, MN	Roger Williams University, RI
Carnegie Mellon University, PA	St. Michael's College, VT (3)
Castleton University, VT (3)	Sarah Lawrence College, NY
Colby Sawyer College, NH	Scripps College, CA
Colgate University, NY (2)	Skidmore College, NY (2)
Community College of Vermont (2)	Springfield College, MA (2)
Dartmouth College, NH	St. Olaf College, MN
Dean College, MA	SUNY Canton, NY
Duke University, NC	SUNY Morrisville, NY
Elon University, NC	University of Buffalo, NY
Endicott College, MA	University of Maine, Orono
Hamilton College, NY	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Ithaca College, NY	University of New Hampshire
Landmark College, VT	University of Pennsylvania
Lincoln Technical Institute, CT	University of Rochester, NY
Maine College of Art and Design, ME	University of Vermont (9)
Middlebury College, VT (4)	University of Washington (Seattle) WA
Montana State University, MT (2)	Vermont Technical College, VT (3)
Mount Holyoke College, MA	Virginia Polytechnic Institute, VA (2)
North County Community College, NY	Wells College, NY
Northern Vermont University (VT)	West Virginia University, WV
Norwich University, VT (2)	Wheaton College, MA
Oberlin College, OH	White Mountains Comm. College, NH

Function	FY24		
	FY23 Budgeted	Proposed	% Difference
Direct Instruction	\$ 4,626,548	\$ 4,703,687	2%
Art	\$ 14,728	\$ 14,763	0%
Music - Choir	\$ 10,200	\$ 11,134	9%
Music - Band	\$ 24,900	\$ 25,044	1%
English	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,324	3%
Foreign Language	\$ 17,930	\$ 18,003	0%
Driver Education	\$ 9,538	\$ 9,613	1%
Physical Education	\$ 11,700	\$ 8,700	-26%
Diploma Program	\$ 66,500	\$ 61,636	-7%
Tech Education	\$ 13,850	\$ 13,850	0%
Math	\$ 12,475	\$ 12,795	3%
Science	\$ 42,061	\$ 37,371	-11%
Social Studies	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,495	2%
Community Service	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	0%
Summer School	\$ 24,750	\$ 24,760	0%
Interdisciplinary	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,008	0%
Business Education	\$ 7,300	\$ 7,300	0%
Living Arts/Health	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,104	0%
Middle Years Program	\$ 3,325	\$ 3,325	0%
Learning Lab	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,420	0%
Alternative Education	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	0%
Athletics	\$ 681,441	\$ 936,781	37%
Co-Curricular	\$ 116,125	\$ 116,134	0%
Guidance	\$ 729,646	\$ 692,970	-5%
School to Career	\$ 800	\$ 800	0%
Prevention	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,400	0%
Nurse	\$ 163,146	\$ 174,699	7%
Occupational Therapy	\$ 90	\$ 90	0%
Library Media	\$ 187,130	\$ 195,577	5%
Tech Ed & Data Management	\$ 97,635	\$ 102,109	5%
Administration	\$ 640,892	\$ 578,241	-10%
Transportation: Athletics and Co-Curricular	\$ 82,400	\$ 82,400	0%
Debt Service	\$ 27,949	\$ 27,949	0%
Total Budget	\$ 7,743,414	\$ 7,990,582	3%

Notes: Usage based non personnel adjustments in PE, DP, and Science. Coding correction for coaches and Asst. Principal. LRC in guidance.

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The development of the FY24 budget is occurring in the midst of the final year of a 3-year influx of federal funding aimed to respond to the effects of the pandemic. Over the last three budget cycles, we have added additional staffing positions, engaged in new professional development, and supported upgrades to our facilities to focus on the individual needs of ACSD students. The focus of this budget is squarely on students and working to accelerate our COVID recovery work while also engaging in systems change to meet our students where they are in their learning.

While many have declared the pandemic over, its impacts are real in the lives of our students, and we continue to gather data to better understand how to respond to the diverse student needs we see across our community. We have built a stronger approach to social and emotional wellness, and are actively rebuilding our system of student services to more effectively respond to students' wellness in ways that help them in their lives both in and out of the classroom. This budget supports both staffing and infrastructure to place holistic student wellbeing at the center of our work.

In addition, the FY24 budget supports many of the services and structures that have enabled our district to grow, now in our 6th year as a unified single learning community. This includes our commitment to a cohesive, district-wide, shared learning framework through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program that provides students with greater agency in their learning and a focus on engagement and inquiry. Our full IB authorization took place during the pandemic, and our focus during these past three years did not allow for the deeper engagement into how we better engage the IB framework.

As always, schools don't thrive without thriving communities. We look forward to continuing to work together to do what's best for our students and our community. Thank you for your engagement and presence in our schools, which makes such a huge difference in the lives of our students!

With gratitude,

Peter Burrows
ACSD Superintendent

ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

This past year has seen all of us in ACSD move into the recovery stage of work to address the impacts of the Pandemic. There has been renewed energy in all of our buildings for both students and staff, a returning of old traditions, and the beginning of new ones to fortify connection to our community.

The budget presented aligns with our current priorities as a district: recovery, stability, and community. And with it we are renewing our commitment to provide all students with the necessary tools and resources to be successful. Investments in staffing, behavioral specialists, and student support services continue to be a priority. And additional contingency funds to address emergency facility needs have also been incorporated into the budget to provide time and space for the Board to initiate a bond process for large-scale capital improvements to our schools.

The ACSD 2023–2024 budget sees an increase in education spending of 7.2%. This increase is driven by inflation, a 12.7% increase in health care costs, as well as declining enrollment. Our estimated cost per equalized pupil spending will be \$21,663 – which is up 8.1% over the previous year. While this may seem like a high number, the surplus from the ed fund off-sets the tax impact significantly with some of our towns having lower rates than they did last year. And while the State has paused its equalized pupil spending threshold, we are mindful of the impact that increased education spending has on our taxpayers.

The ACSD continues to benefit from significant federal COVID relief money, which has enabled us to provide additional academic intervention and behavioral support in our schools the past two years. This funding will sunset next year, which will force the District to make difficult choices on which supports are critical and effective enough to be maintained through the District’s operational budget in the future. In addition, strategies that emerge from our Strategic Plan for Equity may require realignment of priorities and resources to ensure more equitable support and resources for our most vulnerable students and marginalized populations of our learning community. This is the honest work of providing public education.

Our challenges are many, but I believe our strengths are many more. Our costs continue to increase, as do our student and school building needs. As our April 2022 *Report to the Community: Educational and Facilities Planning* concludes, ACSD’s current operational configuration is not sustainable over the long run. Hard work is in our future as we grapple with questions about building renovation and maintenance, about where to spend your hard-earned dollars to support all students and continue to offer robust learning opportunities to all. It is the Board’s responsibility to secure long term financial viability to ensure continued delivery of a great education for our students. It is with that in mind that we prepare for the work of 2023-2024.

ACSD REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR, *continued*

It is with confidence and genuine commitment to our community that we present this budget to you for your support.

There will be many opportunities to be involved in the work of our schools and district in the year to come. Please make an effort to engage with our Strategic Plan for Equity work at <https://www.acsdvt.org/Page/6736>. And stay up-to-date with all aspects of Board and Committee work at <https://www.acsdvt.org/Page/6198>.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Jette
ACSD Board Chair

Year-to-Year Budget Summary

This chart shows all of the anticipated FY24 ACSD Expenditures and their offsetting Revenues. Expenditures other than those associated with the General Fund are color matched to show the link between those expenses and their income source. We have also included actual FY22 numbers for comparison purposes.

In order to perform the calculations which ultimately lead to the District Tax Rate, we subtract Local Revenues from General Fund Expenses to arrive at our Local Education Spending amount. This is the amount which the Vermont Agency of Education will provide to ACSD from the State Education Fund in FY24 and is the amount that the District will contribute to that fund through taxes.

EXPENDITURES	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 REVISED	FY24 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	% DIFF
General Fund:					
Student Instruction, Regular Education	\$22,106,065	\$23,561,931	\$24,581,951	\$1,020,020	4%
Student Services, Special Education	\$4,677,288	\$5,213,829	\$5,594,011	\$380,182	7%
Universal PreK	\$389,718	\$447,860	\$489,320	\$41,460	9%
Technical/Career Center Education	\$1,186,598	\$1,221,482	\$1,392,489	\$171,007	14%
Transportation	\$1,132,821	\$1,253,269	\$1,303,269	\$50,000	4%
Facilities and Maintenance	\$3,587,318	\$3,355,988	\$4,254,272	\$898,284	27%
Technology and IT	\$1,203,504	\$1,131,702	\$1,386,936	\$255,234	23%
School Board and District Administration	\$1,665,615	\$1,983,052	\$2,391,208	\$408,156	21%
Professional Development/Curriculum	\$526,323	\$614,795	\$703,776	\$88,981	14%
Debt Service	\$176,413	\$172,073	\$172,073	\$ -	
GenFund Subtotals	\$36,651,662	\$38,955,982	\$42,269,305	\$3,313,323	8.5%
Other Funds:					
Consolidated Federal Grant Program	\$866,781*	\$883,035	\$856,460	-\$26,575	-3.0%
*amended from eFP actuals to GMS actuals.					
Special Education Federal Grant Expenditures	\$554,583	\$614,922	\$586,106	-\$28,816	-5.0%
ESSER	\$1,109,117	\$3,366,992	\$917,313	-\$2,449,679	73.0%
Medicaid/MAC	\$229,839	\$222,092	\$191,707	-\$30,385	14.0%
Special Funds	\$60,165	\$60,165	\$60,165	\$ -	0.0%
Food Service	\$1,196,995	\$1,135,234	\$1,390,698	\$193,702	16.0%
Total Expenditures:	\$40,880,261	\$45,238,422	\$46,338,984	\$1,100,562	2.0%

Separately Warned Articles:					
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$623,744	\$2,323,099	\$1,520,974		
REVENUES	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 REVISED	FY24 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	% DIFF
General Revenues (State and Local)	\$4,629,060	\$4,392,664	\$5,339,299	\$946,635	21.6%
Federal Grant Funds	\$1,421,364	\$1,497,957	\$1,442,566	-\$55,391	-3.7%
ESSER	\$1,109,117	\$3,366,992	\$917,313	-\$2,449,679	-72.8%
Medicaid/MAC	\$229,839	\$222,092	\$191,707	-\$30,385	-13.7%
Special Funds	\$60,165	\$60,165	\$60,165	\$0	0.0%
Food Service	\$1,196,995	\$1,135,234	\$1,288,671	\$153,437	13.5%
Total Revenues	\$8,857,659	\$10,675,104	\$9,239,721	-\$1,435,383	13.4%
Prior Year Fund Balance	\$1,173,744	\$2,323,099	\$1,520,974		
	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 REVISED	FY24 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE	% DIFF
Total General Operating Budget Expenses	\$37,471,386	\$38,908,215	\$42,336,535	\$3,428,320	8.8%
less					
General Revenues (State and Local)	\$4,629,060	\$4,392,664	\$5,339,299	\$477,502	10.9%
Education Spending	\$32,842,326	\$34,515,551	\$36,997,236	\$2,481,686	7.2%
divided by					
Equalized Pupils	1,735.44	1,721.61	1,707.82		
Ed Spending/Eq Pupil	\$18,925	\$20,048	\$21,663	\$1,615	8.1%

FY24 Tax Calculation

Our total Local Education Spending amount of \$36,997,236 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:	\$15,479.00
ACSD Equalized Pupils:	1,707.82

ACSD Tax Rate Calculation

Local Education Spending	\$36,997,236.00
Divided by Equalized Pupils	$\div 1,707.82$
Education Spending / Equalized Pupil	\$21,663.43
 Education Spending / Equalized Pupil	 \$21,663.43
Divided by the Property Yield	$\div \$15,479$
Equalized District Tax Rate	\$1.40

Equalized District Tax Rate:	\$1.40 (<i>pre CLA adjustment</i>)
	15¢ decrease from current year

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.

Town	ACSD Tax Rate	CLA (FY24)	Est. Town Tax Rate FY24	Town Tax Rate FY23	FY23/FY24 Net Change
Bridport	\$1.40	79.29%	\$1.77	1.71	\$0.06
Cornwall	\$1.40	85.67%	\$1.63	1.72	-\$0.09
Middlebury	\$1.40	83.88%	\$1.67	1.66	\$0.01
Ripton	\$1.40	79.45%	\$1.76	1.85	-\$0.09
Salisbury	\$1.40	75.97%	\$1.84	1.78	\$0.06
Shoreham	\$1.40	82.90%	\$1.69	1.65	\$0.04
Weybridge	\$1.40	84.75%	\$1.65	1.61	\$0.04

