

Town of **Westfield**, Vermont



Celebrating Our Agricultural Legacy

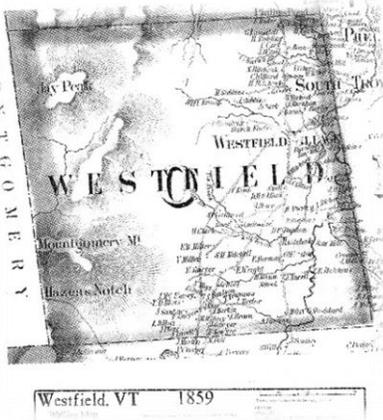


Annual **TOWN & SCHOOL REPORT** For the Year Ending December 31 **2020**

Westfield's Agricultural Legacy

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The legacy of agriculture in the region that includes Vermont and Westfield began long before Jesse Olds, Westfield's first settler of European descent, arrived in 1798. He 'settled' in a region inhabited by the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki, with cropping and food production practices that had been evolving for thousands of years. We don't know how much of the subsistence farming model –providing for one's household with the hope of a bit left over to sell or barter– was brought from immigrant settlers' ancestral homes, and how much was adopted from Abenaki food production models. We know they grew some of the same crops, hunted and fished, built settlements near year-round water sources, and valued the multipurpose use of trees, animal hides, and horses. Less than a decade after Jesse's arrival incentives began to influence the adoption of European settlement and farming models. Land grants (their questionable legality notwithstanding) sometimes had conditions to build specific agricultural and forestry infrastructure, such as sawmills and gristmills.



Still, duplicating European infrastructure took decades. Poor growing weather; rough or non-existent roads; the lack of horse drawn wagons for nearly 30 years; the War of 1812; and 30 miles to a post office and store (in Craftsbury) limited options to purchase goods, and access markets.



Cash flow was a constant challenge. Selling potatoes to starch factories to make potash (lye) was an early source of cash. Over time, improved roads and transport options opened supply routes to distant markets for products like butter, cheese and maple sugar. The Louisiana Purchase, railroad expansion and the Civil War forced agricultural change. Production of hops, wool and wheat moved West, and with it hundreds of farmers. The voids were filled by a gradual expansion of dairy and the arrival of more

immigrants, notably from Quebec and Scotland in the region that became known as Orleans County. As agriculture became mechanized, the types and quantities of crops and products a farmer or group of farmers could produce to generate income increased.

NOW

Fast-forward 200 years, and agriculture is alive and well in Westfield, its reputation for diversity, excellence and organic production known statewide and beyond. This recognition is largely due to award-winning products, and to farmers' policy and education efforts.

Current Agricultural Products:

- Two goat dairy farms/cheese producers
- Six + maple producers
- Six cow dairy farms: five ship milk; five certified organic; four conserved
- Conserved-plants, strawberries, vegetables/CSA & onsite farm stand
- Organic yogurt producer
- Organic apple orchard
- Apiary



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2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

- **February 23rd: Westfield Town School Board Informational Meeting** at 6 p.m. via Google Team
- **February 25th: Town Informational Meeting** at 6 p.m. via Zoom (join by computer or phone). The Informational Meeting is your opportunity to ask questions about the articles being voted on by Australian ballot. Selectboard members and the Treasurer will be present to answer questions about the budget.
- **March 2nd: Local Australian Ballot Election** at the Westfield Community Center. Polling hours are 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. for Australian ballot voting only.
- **March 20th: Curbside Rabies Clinic** at the Animal Doctor., 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. 56 Eastern Ave., Newport Ctr., If increment weather is apparent an alternative date is March 27th. The Rabies Clinic, which is open to all communities, is offered by Dr. Selena Hunter, The Animal Doctor. Dog and cats Rabies/Distemper vaccinations or Lepto are \$15/shot.
- **April 1st: Dog Licenses** are due by 4 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office, 38 School St. After April 1st fees increase by 50%. Clerk will be at Recycling Center to license dogs prior to April 1st.
- **May 1st: Green Up Day** bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office and at the Recycling Center.
- **June 19th: Household Hazardous Waste Day** at the **Newport Center Town Garage, 8 a.m.-Noon**. For more details visit <http://nekwmd.org/pdf/2020%20hhw%20schedule.pdf>
- **October 12th: Property Taxes** are due by 4 p.m. Property taxes must be paid in full at the Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. to avoid an 8% delinquent penalty. Postmarks are not accepted.
- **Caroling on the Common** (early in December-date and time to be announced): Everyone is invited to carol, enjoy a warm bonfire and refreshments while visiting with neighbors and waiting for Santa's arrival.

USEFUL TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICE ♦ **Mailing Address:** 38 School St., Westfield, VT 05874 ♦ **Telephone:** 802-744-2484 ♦ **Fax:** 802-744-6224

Town Clerk's Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email Address: townofwestfield@comcast.net

Website: www.westfield.vt.gov ♦ **Social Media:** Like us on Facebook at *Town of Westfield, Vermont*

Town Clerk: LaDonna Dunn ♦ **Assistant Town Clerk:** Heather Johnson ♦ **Assistant Town Clerk:** Karen Blais

Town Treasurer: Mary Lou Jacobs (Hours: Wednesday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. & by appointment)

Listers & Zoning Administrators Hours: By appointment

HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY ♦ 1252 VT Route 100, Westfield, VT 05874

Librarian: MaryLee Daigle ♦ **Telephone:** 802-744-8258 ♦ **Email address:** hitchcockmemorial8258@gmail.com

Hours: Summer Hours- Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Winter Hours-Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS ♦ The Selectboard meets at 5:00 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Westfield Town Office. They also hold special warned meetings as needed. Agendas/Minutes are posted at the Town Clerk's office, the Westfield General Store and the Westfield Post Office or can be viewed online at www.westfield.vt.gov.

PROPERTY TAXES ♦ 2021 property taxes are due Tuesday, October 12th (this year October 10th is a Sunday and Monday the 11th is a holiday) by 4:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk/Treasurers office, 38 School Street, Westfield, VT 05874. *ALL taxes received after 4 p.m. on October 12th, 2021 either in person OR by mail will be considered delinquent and are subject to delinquent penalties. Postmarks are not accepted.* Tax bills are mailed each year in July. Please make checks payable to: Town of Westfield and if possible, include the property's parcel ID in the memo section of the check.

COMMUNITY CENTER ♦ The Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd., is available to rent for music events, tournaments, parties, meetings and exercise/dance groups. Fees are: Residents \$75 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Non-residents \$100 (plus a \$100 refundable security deposit); Kitchen usage adds \$50; Exercise groups \$30. Contact LaDonna at the Town Clerk's office for reservations, 744-2484 or visit the Town website at www.westfield.vt.gov and click on the Community Center page for more information.

RECYCLING CENTER ♦ The Recycling Center is open every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until Noon. All recyclables are free to dispose of. See the Recycling Center News on page 26 for a complete list of recyclables. See the Westfield Recycling Center Fee Chart on page 33 for trash and tire disposal fees. Pricing for large trash items such as furniture, mattresses and oversized tires are negotiated with the Recycling Manager, Yves Daigle, 744-2247. The Recycling Center is located at the Westfield Town Garage, 757 VT Route 100.

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The Westfield Town School Board will hold an Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be a Google Meets, on-line meeting. This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Hearing required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

Visit the municipal website at www.westfield.vt.gov for login credentials closer to the Informational Meeting dates or call the Town Clerk's Office for assistance • 802-744-2484.

The Town of Westfield will hold an online Informational Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom (computer or phone-in options available). This meeting shall constitute the Public Informational Hearing required by 17 V.S.A. §2680(G).

WARNING

TOWN OF WESTFIELD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING MARCH 2, 2021 – NO IN PERSON MEETING - All Voting will be by Australian Ballot Polls Open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd. (at School St.)

Absentee ballots are available through 4 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 by calling the Town Clerk's Office at 802-744-2484 or email townofwestfield@comcast.net

The legal voters of the Town of Westfield and the legal voters of the Westfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. (polls open) until 7 p.m. (polls close) to transact the following business by Australian ballot

WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - voting by Australian ballot only. NO in-person meeting due to Covid-19:

- Article 1.** To elect a Westfield School District Moderator for a term of one-year.
- Article 2.** To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three-years.
- Article 3.** To elect one North Country Union High School Board Member for a term of three-years.
- Article 4.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2021-22. **(to be commingled with Jay)**
- Article 5.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2021-2022.
- Article 6.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District appropriate the sum of \$1,617,140 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School for the ensuing year with a net assessment to the town of \$545,953? **(to be commingled with Jay) (pg. 62)**
- Article 7.** Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the School Board to expend \$557,945 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,324 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 13.07% lower than spending for the current year. **(pg. 60 & 62)**
- Article 8.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the School Board to expend \$17,262,000, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,640 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.43% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 9.** Shall the voters of the North Country Union High School District approve the Board of School Directors to place \$500,000 of undesignated FY2019 fund balance from the general fund operations in the Capital Improvement Reserve fund? These funds are intended to offset the heating and ventilation units' replacement in A and B wings. The units are original to the building, and replacement parts are no longer available.

Article 10. Shall the voters of the North Country Union Junior High School District approve the School Board to expend \$5,195,600, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,929 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.25% higher than spending for the current year.

TOWN ANNUAL MEETING - voting by Australian ballot only. NO in-person meeting in 2021 due to Covid-19:

- Article 1.** To elect a Town Moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2.** To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 3.** To elect an Auditor for a term of two years (to fill an unexpired three-year term).
- Article 4.** To elect a 1st Constable for a term of one year.
- Article 5.** To elect a 2nd Constable for a term of one year.
- Article 6.** To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year.
- Article 7.** To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 8.** To elect a Lister for a term of one year (to fill an unexpired three-year term).
- Article 9.** To elect a Selectboard Member for a term of three years.
- Article 10.** To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years.
- Article 11.** To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years.
- Article 12.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$250 to American Legion-Jay Peak Post #28? (pg. 46)
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- Article 14.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$250 to Big Heavy World? (pg. 40)
- Article 15.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$100 to Felines & Friends Foundation? (pg. 40)
- Article 16.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$600 to Green Mtn. Farm-to-School? (pg.43)
- Article 17.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$50 to Green Up Vermont? (pg. 43)
- Article 18.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$500 to Jay Area Food Shelf? (pg. 44)
- Article 19.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$200 to Jay Focus Group & Halloween Party? (pg. 45)
- Article 20.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$300 to Missisquoi River Basin Assoc.? (pg. 47)
- Article 21.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$16,281 to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc.? (pg. 48)
- Article 22.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$4,000 to Montgomery Fire Dept.? (pg. 41)
- Article 23.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$100 to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra? (pg. 48)
- Article 24.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$300 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. (NEKCA)? (pg. 49)
- Article 25.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$300 to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging? (pg. 49)
- Article 26.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$1,072 to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS)? (pg. 50)
- Article 27.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$200 to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS)? (pg. 51)

- Article 28.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$550 to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society)? (pg. 52)
- Article 29.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$500 to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA)? (pg. 52)
- Article 30.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$500 to Orleans County Fair Assoc.? (pg. 53)
- Article 31.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$14,882.40 to Orleans County Sheriff's Department? (pg. 53)
- Article 32.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$2,500 to Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.? (pg. 55)
- Article 33.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$500 to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.? (pg. 55)
- Article 34.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$600 to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT)? (pg. 56)
- Article 35.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$27,218.95 to Troy Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.? (pg. 42)
- Article 36.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$400 to Umbrella? (pg. 56)
- Article 37.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$95 to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL)? (pg. 57)
- Article 38.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$250 to Vermont Family Network? (pg. 58)
- Article 39.** Shall the voters of the Town of Westfield appropriate \$100 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (RFP) - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Districts (VACD)? (pg. 58)
- Article 40.** Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$275,465.70 of which \$129,962.00 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$145,503.70 shall be raised by municipal taxes? The proposed 2021 budget is down 35% from the proposed budget of 2020. Due to several factors, including, but not limited to, in 2020 there was \$60,000 to retire old debt which does not carry forward in 2021: no reappraisal expense in 2021. (pg. 17 & 19)
- Article 41.** Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$451,216.00, of which \$179,930.19 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$271,285.81 shall be raised by municipal taxes? The proposed 2021 budget is down 10% from the proposed budget of 2020, due to no large grants in 2021. (pg. 17 & 23)

Dated at Westfield, Vermont this 25th day of January 2021.

Signed by: **Selectboard Members:** Yves Daigle, Chair; Jacques Couture, Vice Chair; and Anne Lazor

Westfield School Board Members: Kevin Amyot, Chair; Nicole Dunn; and Justin Leyva

Received for Recording: January 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

View the signed version of the document at the Town Clerk's Office or at www.westfield.vt.gov/town-meeting.

A few words about the March 2, 2021 Town & School Australian ballot elections.....

Early/absentee ballots are available up until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 for Town & School Australian ballot voting. Call or email the Town Clerk's office (744-2484) to request an absentee ballot. If you request a ballot for another person, state law requires the ballot be mailed to the voter. Ballots must be returned by mail or in the drop box at the Town Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on March 1st or returned to the polls no later than 7 p.m. on March 2nd.

DUE TO THE LENGTH OF THE BALLOT THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER GETTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. VISIT www.westfield.vt.gov to view the sample ballot.



ANNUAL WESTFIELD TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING

MINUTES from MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Westfield School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Road, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Selectman Jacques Couture who began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

WESTFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one-year.

Selectman Couture said if there were no objections from the body we would elect a moderator who would serve as both the School and the Town Moderator. No one objected.

Mike Piper nominated Pat Sagui. Hearing no other nominations, Pat was re-elected by voice vote to be the School and the Town Moderator for a term of one year (2021).

Moderator Sagui made some announcements including a reminder that there are four types of voting going on during the meeting: Primary voting; Australian ballot voting; paper ballots during the meeting; and voting from the floor. She said the Primary and Australian ballot voting take place in the back corner of the room. She announced the meeting was being recorded. She referenced the Town Meeting Procedures printed on the inside back cover of the Town Report. She said if someone would like to comment, they should stand and state their name for the record, after they have been recognized by the Moderator. She commented there have been three topics requested for discussion at the end of Town Meeting during Other Business: discussion about the Red Cross' Home Fire Campaign; updating of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan; and the introduction of a new window insert program to improve energy efficiency.

Moderator Sagui said if no one objected House Representative Mark Higley would give a brief legislative update. Hearing no objection, Representative Higley addressed the body announcing that Governor Scott has just assigned a task force regarding the Coronavirus. The Town Clerk has an email with informational phone numbers. Representative Higley said the legislature overrode the Governor on the minimum wage bill. He stated by 2022 the minimum wage will increase to \$12.55 per hour. Representative Higley explained the following bills are being worked on by the legislature:

- Marijuana Tax: Out of the House creates a 14% excise tax and 6% sales tax.
- Global Warming Solutions Tax: Came out of the House recently establishing a 22-member Climate Committee creating a plan to reduce our carbon emissions by established deadlines. Following six weeks of testimony, Representative Higley had real concerns. He was one of two that voted no. This bill is now on to the Senate.
- Modernization of Act 250: Representative Higley stated there were public hearings around the state last year getting input about modernizing Act 250 which has been the same for the past 50 years. He stated there were six critical amendments made in committee. The Senate had already amended the elevation from 2500 feet to 2000 feet. The House put it back to 2500 feet. This is now going back to the Senate.
- Paid Family Leave Bill: This was sustained by a Governor's veto. The Governor is negotiating with the Vermont State Police to come up with an agreement.
- Cyber Security: This bill establishes protocols for municipalities to follow when using state operating systems such as the Listers use. There have been problems with cyber-attacks on municipalities by stealing information through ransomware.

Margaret Rowley thanked Representative Higley for updating the town each year.

Article 2. To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of three-years.

Larry Berry nominated Kevin Amyot. Hearing no other nominations, Kevin was re-elected by voice vote for a term of three-years (2023).

Article 3. To elect one Westfield Town School District Board Member for a term of two-years to fill an unexpired three-year term.

Moderator Sagui explained this is to replace Janellen-Parker Goodwin who resigned due to moving out of Westfield. Justin Leyva was appointed by the School Board to fill this vacancy until Town Meeting.

Lara Starr nominated Justin Leyva. Hearing no other nominations, Justin was elected by voice vote for a term of two-years to fill the unexpired three-year term of Janellen Parker-Goodwin (2022).

- Dianne Laplante: Is the \$17,946 for special education? Do we have any special education students we are paying for? Chair Amyot explained the \$17,946 is the equalized pupil cost. He further stated our special education is assessed to us by the Supervisory Union. They hold the contract amounts for the special education teachers. We're assessed a dollar amount on what our needs are. He said the number would vary, based on the need.
- Rob Brewster: Are some of the special education funds paid by the Supervisory Union? Chair Amyot said the Supervisory Union aggregates those amounts, and they assess the costs to each school in the district.
- Danny Young: How does the Supervisory Union allocate the special education costs between contributing schools? Chair Amyot said it is based on the need of the school.
- Noreen Shapiro-Berry: She said she is confused on the amount being voted on between Article 4 versus Article 5 and what this amount includes. Chair Amyot explained the paper ballot in Article 4 is the combined Jay/Westfield budget. Article 5 is just Westfield's portion which includes bookkeeping, the Ski Program for Westfield students (he thought), the Board expenses and an audit.
- Larry Berry: How much of an increase in the Principals salary are you looking at? Chair Amyot said they don't know for sure because they have not hired a principal yet but they anticipate approximately \$8,000 bringing the salary to \$85,000 per year.

Article 5 passed by voice vote.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to place up to \$25,000 of prior year fund balance into a capital construction reserve fund?
There was a motion by Dianne Laplante and second by Mike Piper to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion:

- Yves Daigle: Every year we put money in the construction reserve fund. How much money is currently in the fund? Chair Amyot said they haven't asked for this money for a few years. Currently there is no money in this fund. For clarification he stated, if there is an expense it is split 50/50 between Westfield and Jay. Each town shares the capital expense equally.
- Noreen Shapiro-Berry: Is the \$25,000 embedded in the \$533,299? Chair Amyot stated it is not. The \$25,000 is left over from prior years.

Article 6 passed by voice vote.

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Westfield Town School District approve the school board to establish a tax stabilization reserve fund with prior year fund balance?
There was a motion by Theresa McAvinney and second by Carrie Glessner to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion:

- Larry Berry: Can someone clarify what this means? Chair Amyot explained right now there is a fund balance. They are asking the voters for permission to use fund balances to stabilize taxes.
- Theresa McAvinney: Would this ultimately reduce our tax liability? Chair Amyot said yes.
- Mary Lou Jacobs: Is there money from other years that is sitting there not being used? Chair Amyot said yes. Mary Lou asked will this be a total of all of those funds. Chair Amyot explained the voters are giving permission so the Board doesn't have to hold a special meeting later to do this. He feels it is good to keep a little bit of a fund balance because you never know what might happen. They are asking for the taxpayers blessing, to take a portion of the fund balance, to reduce taxes at the Boards discretion.
- Danny Young: Asked if the fund balance being discussed is the \$40,483 referred to as FY 20 Previous Years Surplus Budget, on page 64 in the Town Report, in the Westfield School District Budget? Principal Ellis said she does not have Westfield Treasurer, Rita Petzoldt's, budget amounts on hand but she believes it is from the tuition for the Junior High students. Chair Amyot said he would be happy to get the exact figure if anyone wanted it.

Article 7 passed by voice vote.

Articles 8 through 11 voted by Australian ballot: Moderator Sagui read each article during the school meeting. The Australian ballot election results listed below were provided after the closing of the polls.

- **Article 8.** To elect a Jay/Westfield Joint School Treasurer for the school year 2020-2021.
(Australian ballot to be commingled with Jay)
Westfield: Tara Morse – 134 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 17 Write-in – 0
Jay: Tara Morse – 93 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 3 Write-in – 1
(Jay results: reported by Lynnette Deaette, Jay Town Clerk)
Tara Morse was re-elected to a one-year term (2021) in Westfield and Jay.

- **Article 9.** To elect a Westfield Town School District Treasurer for the school year 2020-2021.

(Australian ballot)

Westfield: Rita Petzoldt – 142 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 9 Write-in – 0

Rita Petzoldt was re-elected to a one-year term (2021).

- **Article 10.** North Country Union High School and North Country Career Center: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$16,927,700 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,511 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.12% higher than spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**

Discussion: None

Votes by Australian ballot: Yes – 106 No – 33 Spoiled – 1 Blank – 11

Article 10 passed.

- **Article 11.** North Country Union Junior High School: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,052,800, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,074 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.12% higher than spending for the current year. **(Australian ballot)**

Discussion: None

Votes by Australian ballot: Yes – 103 No – 34 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 14

Article 11 passed.

Article 12. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

- Noreen Shiparo-Berry: Asked about updates that happened at the Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School during the past year.
- Chair Amyot asked the body if he could give a five-minute update. All were in agreement. He said it is with much regret that the School Board announces that Dr. Kristy Ellis will not be returning to the Jay/Westfield School next year. She has decided to move on to different employment. He wanted to stress that Kristy's leadership is second to none. He said that we are very fortunate to have one of the better staffs in the Supervisory Union. With that dedicated staff you have to have a strong leader. Kristy has been that leader for the past nine years. She comes from a long line of educators. Kristy's dad was an educator. Chair Amyot said he was his teacher and was a great guy, always there for his students. Kristy's mom was also always there setting up for concerts, shuttling kids to basketball games as well as refereeing them. He said Kristy's absence is going to leave a big hole. He wanted to reassure everyone that Jay/Westfield will continue to be a model school because of the excellent, dedicated staff. He said he wanted to thank Kristy from the bottom of his heart and wish her the best in her new endeavor. He asked the community to join him in a standing ovation to thank her and honor her for her service. There was a long and hearty round of applause offered to honor Kristy.

Article 13. To adjourn: There was a motion by Mike Piper and second by Will Young to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

TOWN MEETING:

Immediately following the School Meeting, the Town Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one-year:

Following a motion by Mike Piper, Pat Sagui was elected to the position of Moderator for a one-year term (2021) during the school portion of the meeting.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Motion by Dianne Laplante and second by Carrie Glessner to bring the reports of the Town Officers to the floor.

Discussion: Dianne Laplante questioned the cemetery expense on page 22 for the Westfield Cemetery specifically the actual column for 2019. Jacques Couture, Selectboard member, commented there is a storage building that needs to be replaced and the cemetery stones were all cleaned. Treasurer Jacobs mentioned the money to clean the stones came from the cemetery investment fund and was not raised from taxes.

Vote: The vote passed by voice vote from the floor accepting all Town Officers reports.

Article 3.

To elect all necessary town officials required by law.

- a. **Auditor, three-year term:** Motion by Danny Young to nominate Joe Falworth. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Following a motion by Danny Young, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Joe Falworth for a three-year term (2023) as Auditor.**
- b. **Auditor, remaining two-years of a three-year term:** Motion by Margaret Rowley to nominate Karen O'Donnell. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Following a motion by Danny Young, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Karen O'Donnell for two-years of a three-year term (2021) as Auditor. Motion passed.**
- c. **1st Constable-one-year term:** Motion by Jacques Couture to nominate John Hamelin. No other nominations were made. **Vote: John Hamelin was elected by a floor voice vote for a one-year term (2021) as 1st Constable.**
- d. **2nd Constable-one-year term:** Motion by Dianne Laplante to nominate Michael Piper. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Michael Piper was elected by a floor voice vote for a one-year term (2021) as 2nd Constable.**
- e. **Delinquent Tax Collector-one-year term:** Motion by Sue Scott to nominate Joyce Crawford. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Joyce Crawford was elected by a floor voice vote for a one-year term (2021) as Delinquent Tax Collector.**
- f. **Lister-Three-year term:** Motion by Sue Scott to nominate Danny Young. No other nominations were made. **Following a motion by Sue Scott the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Danny Young for a three-year term (2023) as Lister.**
- g. **Selectperson-three-year term:** Motion by Will Young to nominate Anne Lazor. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Following a motion by Dianne Laplante, the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Anne Lazor for a three-year term as Selectperson.**
- h. **Town Agent-one-year term (2021):** There were no nominations. The position will remain empty.
- i. **Town Grand Juror, one-year term:** Motion made by Mary Lou Jacobs to nominate Michael Piper. No other nominations were made. **Vote: Michael Piper was elected by a floor voice vote for a one-year term (2021) as Town Grand Juror.**

Article 4.

Shall the Town of Westfield enter into a Communications Union District (CUD) to be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82? Motion by Dianne Laplante and second by Will Young.

Discussion:

- Carrie Glessner said she attended a meeting about Communications Union Districts. There are currently 27 towns voting on joining the CUD. There will be a representative from each member town on the Board of the CUD once it is formed after Town Meeting Day elections. The goal is to get internet to all of the towns that are members. Carrie said it is a win-win situation because there is no cost to the towns involved. All the money will be raised through grants. There is nothing for us to lose. Carrie said the goal is within 5 years all member towns are slated to have internet. Right now, 32% of all buildings in Westfield have no internet. People would not be obligated to buy internet from the CUD once it is available.
- Sue Neumann asked about the download speeds.
- Margaret Rowley asked if we were voting to choose the representative. Carrie explained we are voting to join the CUD. The Selectboard would be responsible to appoint the town representative to the Board if the town votes to join the CUD.

Vote: Passed by voice vote from the floor.

Article 5.

Shall the voters approve **\$70,232.99** for the following appropriations? Moderator Sagui explained the whole dollar amount of the appropriation will be brought to the floor with each article being read individually. Questions can be asked as each article is read, and amendments can be made to raise or lower the amount by any voter. At the end, one vote can be made for the whole appropriation amount, including any amended values. There was a motion made by Mike Piper, seconded by Sue Scott to bring the article to the floor.

- a. **\$250** to American Red Cross:

Motion to amend: Motion by Sue Scott and second by Noreen Shapiro-Berry to amend from \$250 to \$500.

Discussion: Sue Scott pointed out that it was discovered an error had been made when the amount was submitted. Last year they were given \$500.

Vote: The amendment passed by voice vote from the floor.

- b. **\$100** to Felines & Friends Foundation: **Discussion:** None.
- c. **\$400** to Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Inc.: **Discussion:** None.
- d. **\$50** to Green Up Vermont: **Discussion:** None.
- e. **\$450** to Hazen's Notch Association Campership Fund: **Discussion:** None.
- f. **\$200** to Jay Focus Group & the Jay Focus Group Children's Halloween Party: **Discussion:** None.
- g. **\$500** to Jay Food Shelf: **Discussion:** None.
- h. **\$250** to Jay Peak Post No. 28-American Legion: **Discussion:** None.
- i. **\$300** to Missisquoi River Basin Association: **Discussion:** None.
- j. **\$16,146** to Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service: **Discussion:** None.
- k. **\$4,000** to Montgomery Fire Department: **Discussion:** None.
- l. **\$100** to North Country Friends of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra: **Discussion:** None.
- m. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Inc. (NEKCA): **Discussion:** None.
- n. **\$300** to Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging: **Discussion:** None.
- o. **\$1,072** to Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS): **Discussion:** None.
- p. **\$250** to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (NEKLS): **Discussion:** None.
- q. **\$550** to Old Stone House Museum (Orleans County Historical Society): **Discussion:** None.
- r. **\$500** to Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA): **Discussion:** None.
- s. **\$500** to Orleans County Fair Association:

Motion to amend: Motion by Sue Scott and second by Mary Brenner to amend the amount from, \$500 to \$250.

Discussion: Mary Lou Jacobs commented this is a new appropriation request this year

Vote: The amendment passed by voice vote from the floor.

- t. **\$13,875.49** to Orleans County Sheriff's Department

Discussion:

- Mary Brenner asked Deputy Kyle Engels what his duties included. He said he is the School Resource Officer and patrol officer. He said the Sheriff has the same authority as the State Police. He said the State Police have a large patrol area with a few officers per shift. Deputy Engels stated the Sheriff is responsible for the conduct of the deputies.
- Mary Lou Jacobs asked what services the Sheriff provides for Westfield. Deputy Engels said they are contracted to work 5.75 hours per week for the Town of Westfield. They field ATV calls, answer complaints, patrol roads, provide additional free patrol and do community policing.

- Connie LaPlume commented they park at the Library and it helps slow down traffic through the village.
- Justin Leyva asked how the contract works. Deputy Engels said each town contracts for the hours they feel their town needs.
- Jack Lazor asked what the hourly rate is. Mary Lou Jacobs, Treasurer, commented it is in the contract and she could look it up for him. Deputy Engels did not have this information readily available to him.
- Yves Daigle, Selectboard Chair, asked if it would be cheaper for the town to pay by the hour rather than by contract. Deputy Engels said sometimes the town may end up with extra hours at the end of the contract.

u. **\$2,500** to Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc.:

Discussion: Westfield resident, Andrew Emery, explained he works for VNA. He said there were 402 VNA visits in Westfield over the past year and \$160,000 worth of unbillable services. The appropriations money helps offset these costs for VNA.

v. **\$500** to Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc.: **Discussion:** None.

w. **\$600** to Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT): **Discussion:** None.

x. **\$1,200** to Troy and Area Lions Club to run the Westfield Senior Meal Site: **Discussion:** None.

y. **\$24,744.50** to Troy Fire Department: **Discussion:** None.

z. **\$400** to Umbrella: **Discussion:** None.

aa. **\$95** to Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL): **Discussion:** None.

bb. **\$100** to Vt. Rural Fire Protection Task Force - Vt. Assoc. of Conservation Dist.: **Discussion:** None.

Vote: Moderator Sagui re-stated the main motion being voted in the amount of **\$70,232.99** noting the changes to the American Red Cross (now **\$500**) and the Orleans County Fair (now **\$250**). The motion passed unanimously from the floor by voice vote.

Article 6.

Shall the voters approve general government fund expenditures of \$375,847, of which \$151,402 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$224,445 shall be raised by municipal taxes? Motion by Mike Piper and second by Theresa McAvinney to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: Noreen Shapiro-Berry asked how the reappraisal factors into the budget. Lister Danny Young explained that the town gets money every year from the State based on the number of parcels in town. He said the Selectboard puts that money into a CD earmarked for the next reappraisal so when the time comes, the money is there and does not need to be raised from taxes.

Vote: The article passed unanimously by voice vote from the floor.

Article 7.

Shall the voters approve highway fund expenditures of \$599,019, of which \$217,086 shall be raised by non-tax revenues and \$381,933 shall be raised by municipal taxes? Motion by Mike Piper and second by Pauline Couture to bring the article to the floor.

Discussion: None.

Vote: The article passed unanimously by voice vote from the floor.

Article 8.

Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) to appropriate and expend a budget of \$794,823? **(Australian ballot)**

Discussion:

- Moderator Sagui said with this vote we are authorizing NEKWMD to spend this money. It is not money we need to raise from taxes. She explained this item is open for questions but is voted on by Australian ballot, at the polls, open throughout the day until 7 p.m.

- LaDonna Dunn explained there is now an annual membership fee (\$500) being assessed to member towns, as well as pickup fees (\$3100) for recyclables and compost. These items are included as line items under recycling expenses in the General Fund budget presented in the Town Report.
- Mary Lou Jacobs also explained there is recycling revenue to offset these costs in the form of the trash disposal fees collected at recycling on Saturdays.
- Yves Daigle said the \$794,823 is for the whole district, not just the Town of Westfield. In addition to what the haulers pay, the NEKWMD gets grants. Yves explained we like to have people from other towns come to Westfields Recycling Center because they pay for their trash drop-off which helps generate more income for Westfield to offset recycling expenses. It costs the NEKWMD to dispose of the glass that comes to the recycling centers.
- Margaret Rowley asked if we are going to have to pay more for recyclables in the future. Pat explained it depends on if new uses can be found to repurpose recyclables. Margaret thanked Yves for staying out there in the cold winter weather to keep recycling open for everyone. There was a roaring round of applause for Yves.

Australian ballot election results: Yes – 112 No – 25 Spoiled – 0 Blank – 15
Article 9 passed with 152 votes cast.

Article 9. To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Discussion:

- LaDonna Dunn said there is a clipboard going around for a Hazard Mitigation survey. This is a community process being worked on in collaboration with our Regional Planning Board, NVDA, to revise our Hazard Mitigation Plan. She requested people complete the paper survey today or go online to complete on the town website. Community participation is important for this process. Let LaDonna know if you wish to serve on the committee.
- LaDonna asked if it is still important to people to have a report in the Town Report from each agency seeking an appropriation. She explained there are 58 different people to interact with to complete the report and tracking them down gets complicated. Theresa McAvinney suggested setting a due date for the appropriation request and a due date for the report for the Town Report. People said they do read the reports to see how the money was used by the agency the preceding year. The consensus seemed to be, no report....no money. It was left up to LaDonna to figure out how to eliminate chasing after the reports while giving a firm deadline for appropriation requests and reports.
- Sue Scott spoke about the American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. In addition to responding to fires, The Red Cross set a goal to reduce fires. Sue said she can be contacted to set up an appointment to check existing smoke detectors or to replace them for free. The free smoke detectors have a ten-year battery life. Smoke alarms double the chance of survival in a fire. Red Cross volunteers can also help with a fire safety plan and prevention ideas. They also need volunteers. Volunteers carry out 90% of the work the Red Cross provides.
- Dennis Neumann reminded everyone that the Community Center is an emergency shelter if the Selectboard declares an emergency. There are currently seven members and they are looking for more volunteers. If you are in an emergency situation there is a CARE program that can be filled out and you can receive free assistance. The forms are available at the town office.
- Pat Sagui shared information about window inserts that helps conserve energy and can save \$35 in heat savings per window. The way it works is, a core group of community members have a construction party to build the window inserts. The inserts pop in from the inside of windows lasting approximately 4 years. To learn more about the program visit windowdressers.org, and let Pat know if you are interested in getting more information or volunteering.

Article 10. To adjourn: Following a motion by Pauline Couture and second by Will Young, all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

I certify the above minutes are a true and accurate report of the votes taken at the Westfield Town and School Meeting held Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Attest: LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
TOWN OFFICER PHONE LIST

♦ Sorted Alphabetically by Office ♦

Town Officer	Term Expires	Phone Number
<u>Auditors</u> ♦ term of 3 years		
Karen O'Donnell	2021	744-6839
Kay Courson ♦ Chair	2022	744-6447
Open Position*	2023	
<u>Constables</u> ♦ term of 1 year		
John Hamelin-1 st Constable	2021	272-8545
Mike Piper-2 nd Constable	2021	744-6304
<u>Delinquent Tax Collector</u> ♦ term of 1 year		
Joyce Crawford	2021	744-8085
<u>E 9-1-1 Coordinator</u> ♦ appointed		
Scott Dunn		673-3521
<u>Emergency Management Coordinator</u> ♦ appointed		
Dan Backus		744-6827
<u>Fire Warden</u> ♦ appointed		
Jim Crawford		744-8085
<u>Health Officer</u> ♦ appointed		
Open Position*		
<u>Justices of the Peace</u> ♦ term of 2 years		
Joyce Crawford	2023	744-8085
Yvan LaPlume	2023	744-9927
Anne Lazor	2023	744-6855
Michael Piper	2023	744-6304
Pat Sagui	2023	744-2345
<u>Librarian</u> ♦ appointed		
MaryLee Daigle		744-8258
<u>Listers</u> ♦ term of 3 years		
Scott Dunn	2021	673-3521
Open Position*	2022	
Danny Young	2023	744-6122
<u>Moderator</u> ♦ term of 1 year		
Pat Sagui	2021	744-2345

Town Officer	Term Expires	Phone Number
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Planning Commission ♦ appointed

Shawn Baraw		
Brian Dunn		744-2441
Kitty Edwards		323-3704
Ellen Fox		355-9853
Yvan LaPlume		744-9927
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair		744-6532
Pat Sagui, Chair		744-2345

Road Commissioner ♦ appointed

Eric Kennison		744-6457 or 673-5648 ♦ cell
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School Director - North Country Union High School ♦ term of 3 years

Open Position*

School Directors - Westfield School Board ♦ term of 3 years

Nicole Dunn	2021	673-4861
Justin Leyva	2022	(603) 348-0802
Kevin Amyot	2023	744-6230

School Treasurers ♦ term of 1 year

Tara Morse ♦ Jay-Westfield Joint School	2021	988-2996
Rita Petzoldt ♦ Westfield Town School District	2021	744-6532

Selectboard ♦ term of 3 years

♦ also serve as **Library Trustees, Cemetery Commissioners, Town Service Officers and Tree Wardens**

Yves Daigle ♦ Chair	2021	744-2247
Jacques Couture ♦ Vice Chair	2022	744-2733
Anne Lazor	2023	744-6855

Town Clerk ♦ term of 3 years

LaDonna Dunn	2021	744-2484 or 673-9001 ♦ cell
Heather Johnson ♦ Assistant Town Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)		744-2484
Karen Blais ♦ Assistant Town Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)		744-2484

Town Treasurer ♦ term of 3 years

Mary Lou Jacobs	2021	744-2484
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Zoning Administrator ♦ appointed

Will Young		744-6122
Andrew Emery (Assistant ZA)		

*Those interested in being considered for an open Officer position should submit a Letter of Interest to the Town Clerk marked, Attention: Selectboard. Please submit via mail, drop box at the Clerk's office or email to townofwestfield@comcast.net.

We welcome your participation!

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 2020

Delinquent Taxes to Tax Collector on 10/20	\$ 80,037.63
Total Adjustments (State Payments)	(<u>\$ 4,872.00</u>)
Grand Total to Tax Collector	\$ 75,165.63
Total Collected in 2020	(<u>\$ 47,425.99</u>)
Total Abated	(<u>\$ 0.00</u>)
GRAND TOTAL OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES	<u>\$ 27,739.64</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Crawford, Delinquent Tax Collector

TREASURERS REPORT 2020

First ever, letter from your Town Treasurer.

Last year there were a lot of questions about the budget, once tax bills came out, so I thought this year I would try to put some information out there for Town Meeting.

Last year our budget had extra expenses due to the \$60,000 we had to put into the budget for previous year losses, as well as other expenses that were a one-time cost and the first-time addition of \$10,000 to put into a reserve account, going forward, in case of unexpected expenses.

You will be happy to know that our municipal proposed budget is down 35% for the general government and 10% for the highway proposed budget, since we do not have these one-time expenses. We also had a mild October through December, so the highway proposed budget is lower than the year before budgeted amount. The highway budget also does not have any large grants with expenses to budget for 2021, which helps keep our taxes lower. Not to say that the grants are worth every cent, but that we just won't have any large ones in 2021.

Please keep in mind, this is your municipal budget and we have no control over the school budget unfortunately.

There are also two new appropriation requests this year.

I am always available to answer your questions. I'm in the office on Wednesday or Thursdays, at this point, but can be available at a time that is convenient for you.

It is a pleasure to be your Treasurer.

Mary Lou Jacobs

AUDITORS STATEMENT 2020

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT: As of this date, January 26, 2021, the Town of Westfield Audit cannot be finalized, as the financial records have not been closed for the Year 2020. Cash Journal adjusting entries and bank statements have not been reconciled through the year end. Once these records are closed, the Audit Team will reconvene and complete this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Westfield Auditors

Kay Courson, Chair
Karen O'Donnell

STATEMENT OF TOWN INVESTMENTS- Calendar Year 2020

2020 INVESTMENT SUMMARY: The Town of Westfield currently has investments with Edward Jones, North Country Federal Credit Union and Community National Bank. The interest rates are not as good as in years past (less than 1%), for Certificates of Deposits.

The expenses associated with Westfield's reappraisal costs were covered by the Reappraisal CD's. These three CD's have been closed.

Investments totaling \$32,500.00 have been made into four CDs at Community National Bank on 12/31/2020. An additional Grader #1 CD has been opened at Community National Bank.

Due to bank statements not being reconciled before this report due date, the deposit/transfers from the Reappraisal CD's to the general fund were not available. The transfers that were made in the first three quarters were difficult to track due to being labeled "various deposits". Multiple accounts were combined and not tracked individually.

The total investment value is noted as \$198,713.65.

INVESTMENT NAME	BALANCE 2018	BALANCE 2019	CHANGE	BALANCE 2020	CHANGE
EDWARD JONES					
North Hill Cemetery CD	11,966.88	\$12,225.04		\$12,363.27	
Westfield Cemetery CD	\$42,879.17	\$31,563.15	8/1/19 (\$12,000) Repair headstones	\$31,933.03	
Good Neighbor Fund	\$42,880.21	0	9/1/19 (\$42,880.21) Town Garage	0	
Grader Fund	\$46,867.93	\$47,861.50		\$48,636.89	
Grader Fund	0	\$5,072.50		\$5,464.45	
Library Fund	\$50,513.18	\$53,697.21		\$58,525.61	
Money Market		\$1,305.69	3/1/19 (\$8800.40) Town Garage	\$4,397.77	
TOTAL BALANCE	\$195,107.37	\$151,725.09		\$161,321.02	
NORTH COUNTRY CREDIT UNION					
Reappraisal CD #1	\$19,204.58			0	cashed 5/20
Reappraisal CD #2	\$17,211.99	\$36,416.57		0	cashed 1/20
Reappraisal CD#3	\$4,750.51	\$4,750.51		0	cashed 2/20
Reappraisal CD #4	\$4,257.22	\$4,257.22		\$4,344.49	
Checking debit card	\$415.03			\$488.35	
Savings	\$58.53			\$59.79	
COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK 12/31/20					
Unexpected Expense#731578370				\$10,000.00	
Grader Fund 1 #731579170				\$7,500.00	
Reappraisal Fund #731580570				\$5,000.00	
Good Neighbor Fund #731581370				\$10,000.00	
TOTAL TOWN INVESTMENT	\$241,005.23	\$198,193.98		\$198,713.65	

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Account	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
1-6 REVENUE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND			
1-6-01 TAX RELATED - GEN. GOVT. REVENUE			
1-6-01-01.00 Property Taxes - School	\$0.00	\$803,099.46	\$0.00
1-6-01-01.01 Property Taxes - Municipal	\$0.00	\$17,494.96	\$218,603.05
1-6-01-02.00 Delinquent Taxes	\$0.00	\$98,879.40	\$0.00
1-6-01-03.00 Delinquent Tax Interest	\$0.00	\$889.35	\$875.00
1-6-01-04.00 Delinquent Penalties	\$0.00	\$7,767.38	\$7,000.00
1-6-01-05.00 Prop. Taxes Paid Early	\$0.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00
Total TAX RELATED - GEN. GOVT. REVENUE	\$0.00	\$931,280.55	\$226,478.05
1-6-02 STATE OF VERMONT			
1-6-02-01.00 Land Use / Hold Harmless	\$32,000.00	\$45,100.00	\$32,000.00
1-6-02-02.00 Pilot - ANR & State Gar.	\$24,000.00	\$28,793.20	\$26,000.00
1-6-02-04.00 Reappraisal - State \$	\$4,000.00	\$4,012.00	\$4,000.00
1-6-02-05.00 Equalization Study \$	\$475.00	\$472.00	\$475.00
1-6-02-06.00 Trans. from Reappraisal CD	\$22,500.00	\$29,347.65	\$0.00
1-6-02-07.00 Municipal Plan. Grant – Scenic View	\$19,957.00	\$13,970.00	\$5,987.00
1-6-02-08.00 COVID-19 Technology Elections Grant	\$0.00	\$1,318.65	\$0.00
Total STATE OF VERMONT REVENUE	\$102,932.00	\$123,013.50	\$68,462.00
1-6-03 CLERKS OFFICE			
1-6-03-01.00 Recording Fees	\$5,000.00	\$6,361.00	\$5,500.00
1-6-03-02.00 Copies	\$650.00	\$848.10	\$800.00
1-6-03-03.00 Animal License	\$1,800.00	\$2,171.00	\$2,000.00
1-6-03-04.00 Liquor License	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
1-6-03-06.00 DMV Fees	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
1-6-03-07.00 Zoning Permits	\$500.00	\$1,085.00	\$750.00
1-6-03-08.00 Cemetery Lot Sales	\$750.00	\$570.00	\$600.00
1-6-03-09.00 Marriage License	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
1-6-03-10.00 Vault Fees	\$100.00	\$201.00	\$200.00
1-6-03-11.00 Restore. Fund Collected	\$2,000.00	\$772.00	\$2,400.00
Total CLERKS OFFICE REVENUE	\$10,970.00	\$12,308.10	\$12,550.00
1-6-09 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE			
1-6-09-01.00 Interest on Check Book	\$500.00	\$1,501.75	\$1,000.00
1-6-09-02.00 Good Neighbor Fund - Wind	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$10,500.00	\$11,501.75	\$11,000.00
1-6-40 COMMUNITY CENTER REVENUE			
1-6-40-01.01 Community Center Rent	\$1,000.00	\$135.00	\$150.00
Total COMMUNITY CENTER REVENUE	\$1,000.00	\$135.00	\$150.00
1-6-50 RECYCLING REVENUE			
1-6-50-01.00 Recycling Revenue	\$25,000.00	\$27,747.91	\$28,000.00
1-6-50-01.01 Tire Revenue	\$1,000.00	\$1,373.00	\$1,500.00
1-6-50-01.03 Steel	\$0.00	\$432.05	\$425.00
Total RECYCLING REVENUE	\$26,000.00	\$29,552.96	\$29,925.00
TOTAL REVENUES-GENERAL GOV'T FUND	\$151,402.00	\$1,107,791.86	\$348,565.05

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL GOVERNMENT-continued

Account	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
1-7 EXPENSES GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND			
1-7-10 PAYROLL			
1-7-10-10.02 Selectboard	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,850.00
1-7-10-10.03 Town Clerk	\$33,660.00	\$37,131.59	\$38,250.00
1-7-10-10.04 Treasurer	\$13,500.00	\$11,606.88	\$12,000.00
1-7-10-10.05 Office Assistant	\$12,000.00	\$11,624.35	\$12,000.00
1-7-10-10.06 Listers	\$10,300.00	\$5,809.28	\$7,500.00
1-7-10-10.07 Auditors	\$700.00	\$951.44	\$1,200.00
1-7-10-10.08 Election Officials	\$3,200.00	\$3,619.74	\$2,000.00
1-7-10-10.09 Delinquent Tax Collector	\$5,000.00	\$6,975.35	\$7,000.00
1-7-10-10.10 Constables	\$700.00	\$725.00	\$750.00
1-7-10-10.16 Listers - Reappraisal Payroll	\$1,000.00	\$478.58	\$0.00
1-7-10-10.20 Zoning Administrator	\$500.00	\$451.70	\$500.00
1-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	\$7,500.00	\$7,915.34	\$8,200.00
1-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	\$3,750.00	\$2,313.60	\$2,300.00
1-7-10-12.01 U. I. Tax Exp.	\$1,000.00	\$2,050.20	\$2,500.00
1-7-10-13.00 911 Coordinator Payroll	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
1-7-10-14.00 Planning Commission	\$2,000.00	\$950.00	\$1,000.00
1-7-10-15.00 Health Officer	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$325.00
1-7-10-16.00 Assistant Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
1-7-10-17.00 Zoning By-Law Consultant-one-time exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Total PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$100,310.00	\$97,303.05	\$111,875.00
1-7-15 TOWN OFFICE			
1-7-15-20.00 Town Office - Supplies	\$1,800.00	\$1,891.50	\$1,800.00
1-7-15-20.01 Town Office - Postage	\$1,500.00	\$860.01	\$900.00
1-7-15-21.00 Town Office - Equipment Maintenance	\$1,400.00	\$1,341.49	\$1,350.00
1-7-15-22.00 Town Office - Equipment Purchase	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-7-15-23.00 Zoom Expenses	\$0.00	\$127.12	\$200.00
1-7-15-30.00 Town Office - Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,105.89	\$1,500.00
1-7-15-31.00 Town Office - Heat	\$1,300.00	\$1,016.20	\$1,300.00
1-7-15-32.00 Town Office - Telephone	\$1,800.00	\$2,336.53	\$2,450.00
1-7-15-33.00 Town Office - Water	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
1-7-15-34.00 Preserve Town Records	\$3,100.00	\$109.52	\$0.00
1-7-15-35.00 NEMRC	\$6,000.00	\$3,050.16	\$4,000.00
1-7-15-36.00 Town Office - Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$4,214.63	\$4,000.00
1-7-15-37.00 Town Office - Marr. License to State	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1-7-15-39.00 Town Office - Animal License to State	\$1,200.00	\$1,433.77	\$800.00
1-7-15-98.00 Town Office - Cap. Improvement	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
1-7-15-99.00 Town Office Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total TOWN OFFICE EXPENSE	\$25,580.00	\$18,116.82	\$20,880.00
1-7-20 GENERAL EXPENSES			
1-7-20-30.00 Electric Street/Common	\$4,000.00	\$3,969.30	\$4,000.00
1-7-20-31.00 Line of Credit Interest	\$0.00	\$321.41	\$0.00
1-7-20-42.00 Membership Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,000.00	\$3,122.99	\$3,200.00
1-7-20-43.00 Employee Training	\$1,300.00	\$770.00	\$1,300.00
1-7-20-46.01 Legal Fees	\$1,000.00	\$192.50	\$500.00
1-7-20-47.01 Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,200.00	\$81.20	\$600.00

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL GOVERNMENT-continued

Account	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
1-7-20-48.01 Property & Casualty Insurance	\$13,000.00	\$12,496.00	\$13,000.00
1-7-20-48.02 Workers Compensation Insurance	\$5,500.00	\$5,163.75	\$5,500.00
1-7-20-50.00 Supplies for Town	\$1,000.00	\$937.28	\$1,000.00
1-7-20-51.00 Municipal Planning Grant – Scenic View	\$21,957.00	\$15,382.50	\$7,982.70
1-7-20-62.01 North Hill Cemetery	\$3,000.00	\$1,674.60	\$1,700.00
1-7-20-62.02 Westfield Cemetery	\$6,000.00	\$4,104.48	\$5,000.00
1-7-20-63.00 Town Landscaping/Maintenance	\$700.00	\$1,831.22	\$0.00
1-7-20-71.00 County Taxes	\$10,500.00	\$10,545.40	\$10,600.00
1-7-20-72.00 Advertising	\$800.00	\$246.38	\$800.00
1-7-20-74.00 Transfer to Good Neighbor Fund CD	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1-7-20-80.00 Medical Insurance Expense	\$8,650.00	\$9,181.66	\$7,663.00
1-7-20-81.00 Print Town Report	\$720.00	\$735.00	\$850.00
1-7-20-95.00 Lister's Expense	\$300.00	\$963.88	\$300.00
1-7-20-95.01 Reappraisal Expense	\$22,500.00	\$19,742.10	\$0.00
1-7-20-95.02 Lister's Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,032.40	\$0.00
1-7-20-96.00 Unemployment Expense	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-7-20-98.00 Maps	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,725.00
1-7-20-99.00 Unexpected Expense	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1-7-20-99.01 Retire Prev. Years Debt/one-time expense	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total GENERAL EXPENSES	\$186,427.00	\$112,494.05	\$85,720.70
1-7-30 PLAYGROUND			
1-7-30-20.00 Playground Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,225.92	\$600.00
Total PLAYGROUND EXPENSE	\$1,500.00	\$1,225.92	\$600.00
1-7-40 COMMUNITY CENTER			
1-7-40-30.00 C.C. - Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,127.91	\$1,500.00
1-7-40-31.00 C.C. - Heat	\$5,000.00	\$2,748.55	\$3,000.00
1-7-40-32.00 C.C. - Telephone	\$700.00	\$661.95	\$700.00
1-7-40-33.00 C.C. - Water	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
1-7-40-34.00 C.C. - Supplies	\$500.00	\$464.73	\$200.00
1-7-40-35.00 C.C. - Gas	\$750.00	\$724.78	\$500.00
1-7-40-62.00 C.C. - Maintenance	\$3,700.00	\$7,090.70	\$4,000.00
1-7-40-98.00 C.C. - Cap. Improvement	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total COMMUNITY CENTER EXPENSE	\$15,630.00	\$13,298.62	\$10,380.00
1-7-45 LIBRARY			
1-7-45-10.11 Librarian Payroll	\$7,700.00	\$5,573.08	\$7,100.00
1-7-45-19.00 Library - Books Purchases	\$700.00	\$439.71	\$600.00
1-7-45-20.00 Library - Supplies	\$400.00	\$484.44	\$300.00
1-7-45-30.00 Library - Electricity	\$800.00	\$606.25	\$700.00
1-7-45-31.00 Library - Heat	\$3,000.00	\$2,136.58	\$3,000.00
1-7-45-32.00 Library - Telephone	\$600.00	\$553.94	\$600.00
1-7-45-33.00 Library - Programs	\$700.00	\$280.59	\$500.00
1-7-45-62.00 Library - Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$1,230.63	\$2,000.00
1-7-45-63.00 Library - Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Total LIBRARY EXPENSE	\$16,400.00	\$11,305.22	\$15,300.00

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-GENERAL GOVERNMENT-continued

Account	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
1-7-50 RECYCLING			
1-7-50-10.00 Recycling Expenses	\$17,000.00	\$17,721.88	\$17,000.00
1-7-50-10.14 Recycling Payroll	\$6,700.00	\$6,573.08	\$6,700.00
1-7-50-10.15 Tire Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,882.40	\$2,000.00
1-7-50-10.16 Recycling Mileage Reimbursement	\$300.00	\$258.10	\$300.00
1-7-50-10.17 Recycling Supplies	\$400.00	\$90.26	\$100.00
1-7-50-10.18 Recycling Tire P.R.	\$500.00	\$856.40	\$1,000.00
1-7-50-10.19 Recycling Pick-Up Fees	\$3,100.00	\$2,471.00	\$3,100.00
1-7-50-10.20 Recycling Member Fee	\$500.00	\$482.40	\$510.00
Total RECYCLING EXPENSE	\$30,000.00	\$30,335.52	\$30,710.00
Total EXPENSES GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$375,847.00	\$284,079.20	\$275,465.70
1-8-95 APPROPRIATIONS			
1-8-95-07.00 Taxes to School	\$0.00	\$615,890.08	\$0.00
1-8-95-95.01 Fire Protection-Troy Vol. Fire Dept.	\$24,744.50	\$24,744.50	\$27,218.95
1-8-95-95.02 Fire Protection-Montgomery Fire Dept.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
1-8-95-95.03 Orleans County Sheriff	\$13,875.49	\$13,774.52	\$14,882.40
1-8-95-95.04 Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service	\$16,146.00	\$16,146.00	\$16,281.00
1-8-95-95.05 Orleans Essex VNA	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
1-8-95-95.06 American. Legion-Jay Peak Post No. 28	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
1-8-95-95.07 American Red Cross	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-8-95-95.08 NEK Council on Aging	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
1-8-95-95.09 Felines & Friends Foundation	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1-8-95-95.10 Green Mountain Farm to School	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
1-8-95-95.11 Green Up Vermont	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
1-8-95-95.12 Hazen's Notch Assoc. Campership Program	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
1-8-95-95.13 Jay Food Shelf	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-8-95-95.15 Jay Focus Group & Halloween	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
1-8-95-95.16 Missisquoi River Basin A	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
1-8-95-95.17 No. Co. Friends of VT Symphony Orchestra	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1-8-95-95.18 NEK Comm. Action Inc. NEKCA	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
1-8-95-95.19 NEK Human Services	\$1,072.00	\$1,072.00	\$1,072.00
1-8-95-95.20 NEK Learning Services	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$200.00
1-8-95-95.21 Orleans Co. Citizen Advocacy	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-8-95-95.22 Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-8-95-95.23 Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
1-8-95-95.24 Rural Community Transportation. RCT	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
1-8-95-95.25 Troy & Area Lions Club-Mealsite	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
1-8-95-95.26 Umbrella	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
1-8-95-95.27 VT Center for Independent. Living	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
1-8-95-95.28 VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1-8-95-95.29 Orleans Co. Fair Assoc.	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
1-8-95-95.30 Big Heavy World-NEW	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
1-8-95-95.31 VT Family Network-NEW	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Total APPROPRIATIONS EXPENSE	\$70,232.99	\$686,022.10	\$73,099.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-GEN. GOV'T including APPROPRIATIONS	\$446,079.99	\$970,101.30	\$348,565.05

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-HIGHWAY FUND

Account	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
REVENUE HIGHWAY			
2-6-01 HIGHWAY REVENUE			
2-6-01-01.00 Property Taxes	\$381,933.00	\$381,933.00	\$271,285.81
2-6-02-01.00 State Aid to Highways	\$52,000.00	\$67,521.97	\$53,000.00
2-6-02-02.00 Road Fines	\$2,000.00	\$1,744.49	\$1,000.00
2-6-03-01.00 Overweight Permits	\$200.00	\$205.00	\$200.00
2-6-03-11.00 North Hill Grant - NVDA	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	\$6,300.00
2-6-03-13.00 NVDA Grants-In-Aid	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,300.00
2-6-03-14.00 Better Roads Grant - Kennison Rd.	\$36,286.00	\$0.00	\$36,286.00
2-6-03-15.00 Structure Grant - Balance	\$112,500.00	\$106,310.92	\$0.00
2-6-10-16.00 Wild and Scenic Grant	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$5,000.00
2-6-10-18.00 Carryover from Previous Year	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,844.19
TOTAL REVENUE-HIGHWAY REVENUE	\$599,019.00	\$570,715.38	\$451,216.00
EXPENSES-HIGHWAY FUND			
2-7-10 H.W. PAYROLL EXPENSE			
2-7-10-10.01 Payroll	\$32,000.00	\$29,825.92	\$32,000.00
2-7-10-11.00 FICA/Medicare Expense	\$2,375.00	\$2,246.10	\$2,500.00
2-7-10-12.00 VMERS Expense	\$1,785.00	\$2,091.32	\$1,940.00
2-7-10-13.00 Highway Medical Insurance Expense	\$1,860.00	\$3,600.65	\$7,663.00
2-7-10-14.00 Unemployment Expense	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
Total PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$38,820.00	\$37,763.99	\$44,263.00
2-7-15 TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE			
2-7-15-20.00 Town Garage - Supplies	\$100.00	\$217.21	\$250.00
2-7-15-30.00 Town Garage - Electricity	\$1,500.00	\$1,605.73	\$1,600.00
2-7-15-31.00 Town Garage - Heat	\$3,000.00	\$2,132.20	\$3,000.00
2-7-15-33.00 Town Garage - Water	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
2-7-15-98.00 Town Garage - Cap. Improve.	\$5,500.00	\$8,181.68	\$0.00
2-7-15-99.00 Town Garage - Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$2,735.35	\$1,000.00
Total TOWN GARAGE EXPENSE	\$13,580.00	\$15,352.17	\$6,330.00
2-7-20 GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE			
2-7-20-20.00 Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
2-7-20-54.00 Grader Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$1,038.16	\$5,000.00
2-7-20-59.00 MRGP Permit	\$740.00	\$500.00	\$740.00
2-7-20-95.01 Transfer to Road Reserve	\$23,621.00	\$25,286.52	\$0.00
2-7-20-95.02 Transfer to Grader Reserve	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Total GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE	\$36,911.00	\$34,324.68	\$13,290.00

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT-HIGHWAY FUND-continued

Account	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
2-7-25 ROAD MAINTENANCE			
2-7-25-45.00 Hired Equipment	\$205,000.00	\$189,445.63	\$205,000.00
2-7-25-55.01 Gravel & Sand	\$41,100.00	\$24,172.00	\$41,100.00
2-7-25-55.03 Salt	\$8,000.00	\$4,940.17	\$8,000.00
2-7-25-55.05 Paving	\$30,000.00	\$28,121.87	\$30,000.00
2-7-25-55.06 Chloride & Calcium	\$8,000.00	\$6,659.73	\$8,000.00
2-7-25-56.00 Culverts	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
2-7-25-57.00 Road Signs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
2-7-25-57.01 Radar Speed Sign - Installation	\$2,000.00	\$1,394.50	\$0.00
2-7-25-58.00 Guard Rails	\$3,000.00	\$2,151.75	\$3,000.00
2-7-25-63.00 Bal. Rock Rd./ 2019 Garage Expansion	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
Total ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$330,600.00	\$256,885.65	\$328,600.00
2-7-27 HWY GRANT EXPENSES			
2-7-27-09.00 Better Roads Grant - Kenn. Rd.	\$45,358.00	\$0.00	\$45,358.00
2-7-27-10.00 Grants-in-Aid / NVDA	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,875.00
2-7-27-11.00 Structure Grant / Bal. Rock Rd.	\$123,750.00	\$118,323.24	\$0.00
2-7-27-26.00 Wild & Scenic Grant Exp.	\$0.00	\$11,807.46	\$5,500.00
Total HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSES	\$179,108.00	\$130,130.70	\$58,733.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES-HIGHWAY FUND	\$599,019.00	\$474,457.19	\$451,216.00



For everyone’s safety..... The Road Crew does their best to avoid causing damage to personal property, but despite their best efforts, sometimes items within the town highway right-of-way get damaged, either by snow removal or other highway maintenance equipment. Please be aware, the town is not responsible for damages obtained within the 49 ½ foot right-of-way. Also be advised that placing objects such as vehicles, fences, trees, signs, etc. within these boundaries can cause the objects to be removed at the owner’s expense.

A friendly request.....For everyone’s safety, please do not park in front of the garage doors at the Town Garage on Saturday’s during recycling. The road crew is working hard to keep our roads clear and they need to be able to move their equipment in and out of the garages. It’s a challenge to see those little cars when backing out of the bays and maneuvering the parking lot.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

REPORTS FROM TOWN BOARDS & AGENCIES (Non-Appropriation)

SELECTBOARD RECAP FOR 2020

A Message from Yves Daigle, Selectboard Chair

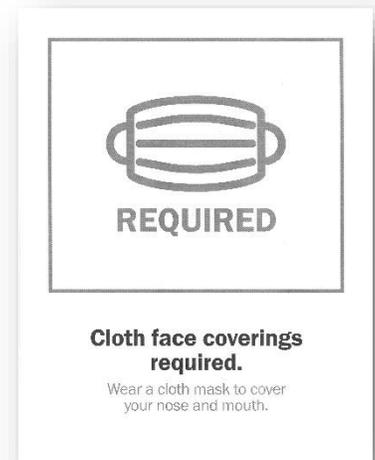


Another year is behind us. 2020 is a year that we all want to forget, the sooner the better. It has been a challenging and brutal year for all of us. We have had to go through a presidential election that was filled with hatred and animosity that included destruction of properties and even deaths. It has been a year that has divided our great country and even families. Really, that's not who we are or should be as citizens of this good old U.S.A.

In March we were introduced to the COVID-19 virus that has taken the lives of 381,536 of our fellow citizens as of today's count. We are all tired of wearing masks and social distancing, but we must make that sacrifice to make things better in the long run.

We all miss not being able to gather together for holidays with our families and friends. This includes Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and even birthdays and family events.

This past year we have had to cancel town functions and gatherings. Our Christmas Caroling on the Common was canceled, kids functions at the Library were canceled. We had to close the Library twice to comply with the COVID protocols. The Selectboard is happy to report the Library will be reopening on February 16th with social distancing, masks, and cleaning protocols in place. We have also had to close our Town office twice. The Recycling Center closed for 3 weeks. It has reopened and running full speed every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. More and more people are recycling and that is a step in the right direction. It is good for the environment and also good for the people. When all recyclables are pulled out of the trash, it makes the trash bill much smaller because recycling is "FREE". The Selectboard wants to take this opportunity to thank all of you who support our Recycling Program. I also want to say thank you to everyone for wearing your masks when you come to recycle. I really appreciate it! The Westfield Recycling Center is the place to be on Saturdays! A lot goes on there, good conversations and visiting with friends and neighbors. I know that much of my weekend is spent there and the enjoyment of meeting so many of you good people make it all worthwhile. I always come back home with the feeling, "I HAD A GOOD DAY".



Every year our four buildings get inspected by our insurer, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. After the conclusion of the inspection, we get a notification from them notifying us with a list of things that we need to do to comply with regulations and insurance mandates. They always find something, but this year was a good year. We had no major construction in any of the buildings. The "to do list" that we received was for minor repairs and small projects, mostly for the safety of the community.

- The Community Center needed some work done. The doors were scraped and painted, the windows and porch on the front of the building were in bad shape, they were all scraped and painted. The outside of the vestibule, window and jets required work and painting. In the near future the upstairs windows will have to be replaced. They are leaking air and the sills are rotting.
- The library steps in the back entry of the building did not pass inspection. As a result, the old steps were removed, and new cement steps were constructed to comply with safety recommendations by the insurance inspectors.



- The siding of the Town office building was badly in need of a cleaning and received a “complete bath” with a pressure washer. The building passed inspection with no problems with no added repairs or construction to the building.

- The town garage passed inspection with no major problems except for the recommendation of painting the ceiling and walls of the new stall that was constructed as an addition to the garage. There were a few other minor things that needed to get done. Those will be taken care of.

The Recycling Center passed the fire extinguishers were not month to make sure they are promise to do a better job of new floor in the room next to the floor that housed the loader. we were able to put the loader in for the growing need of

In closing, we the Selectboard, hoping it will be better than the who have helped us solve how to make Westfield a good

Westfield Selectboard
Yves Daigle, Chair; Jacques



inspection in good shape, except for initialed as being checked every working properly. That is my fault, I taking care of that. We cemented a recycling room. It was an old asphalt Since a new stall was built last year, the main garage which freed a stall recycling.

wish you the very best in 2021. Here’s last. We also want to thank all of you problems and gave us good ideas on place to live.

Couture; and Anne Lazor

RECYCLING CENTER NEWS-Accepted Recyclables



The Westfield Recycling Center accepts FREE OF CHARGE the following recyclables:

- newspapers, magazines, office paper, books and junk mail
- corrugated cardboard, brown kraft bags and boxboard (NO wax coated containers, i.e. milk/ice cream cartons, meat containers, coffee cups, broth boxes or Styrofoam). BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED.
- clean tin cans (labels okay-flattening not required—separate from aluminum cans)
- aluminum cans (labels okay-flattening not required), clean aluminum foil and food trays, snack bags are trash.
- #1-4 plastics & 5 food-grade containers. NO black plastic containers accepted. (clean/completely drained of fluids) NO rigid plastic, NO oil containers and NO containers over 2 gallons accepted. NO plastic caps.
- Any plastic bag-any color or packaging labeled #2, #4 or #5 (NO metallic bags, NO potato chip bags)
- special wastes such as oil, oil filters, automotive batteries, rechargeable batteries, cellular phones, empty aerosol cans, agricultural bale wrap (NO netting inside), scrap metal, hardback books and fluorescent bulbs
- electronics (accepted: computers, monitors, printers, TV’s, stereos, VCR’s, DVD players, digital converter boxes, video game consoles, personal music players, PDA’s, phones and chargers)
- all colors-clean glass jars & bottles-lids removed (NO crystal, NO light bulbs, NO Pyrex, NO porcelain)
 - food scraps of any kind-including meat, bones and dairy. Remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.

Visit the municipal website for a complete list of recyclables as well as the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day Flyer www.westfield.vt.gov/recycling-center/ Trash and tire disposal fees & information can be found on page 33.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Will Young took over as Zoning Administrator, with Andrew Emery as Assistant Zoning Administrator in September of 2020, after the unexpected passing of Thomas Schrock. The Town is grateful to Tom for his dedication and work and to Ellen Fox for assisting with the transition to a new Administrator. Below is a list of all zoning permits applied for in the past year.

The Zoning bylaws can be found on the municipal website <http://westfield.vt.gov/ordinances-bylaws/>. Projects requiring Zoning permits include, but are not limited to:

- Construction
- Ponds
- New Driveways
- New or replacement well or septic system
- Land subdivision



For questions, contact Will Young at westfieldzoning@gmail.com or visit the Permits and Fees page <http://westfield.vt.gov/permits/> for more zoning information and applications.

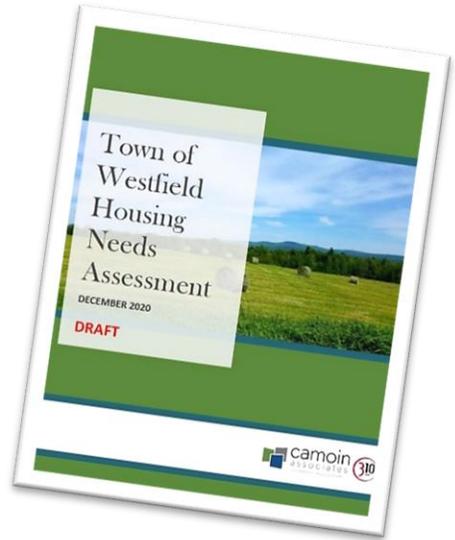
Respectfully submitted,
Will Young, Zoning Administrator

Permit #	Application Date	Owner	Location	Permit For:	Approved/Denied
2020-01	3/18/2020	Bathalon, Robert and Joanne	VT Route 100	Subdivide House	Approved
2020-02	6/1/2020	Degre, Richard and Jan	Loop Rd.	Farm Garage	Exempt
2020-03	6/15/2020	Mahoney, Robert and Karen	Sniderbrook Rd.	Primitive Camp	Approved
2020-04	7/21/2020	Rondeau, Jerome and Darlene	Corrow Basin Rd.	Roof over Containers	Approved
2020-05	7/21/2020	Rondeau, Jerome and Darlene	Corrow Basin Rd.	Accessory Structure	Approved
2020-06	7/28/2020	Pfenning, Shelly	Forest Haven Rd.	Storage Shed	Approved
2020-07	7/27/2020	Johnson, Heather and Bruce	Balance Rock Rd.	Animal Shed	Exempt
2020-08	7/13/2020	Petzoldt, Loren and Rita	North Hill Rd.	Sugar House	Exempt
2020-09	7/13/2020	Bathalon, Robert and Joanne	VT Route 100	Subdivide for Building Lot	Denied
2020-10	7/13/2020	Bathalon, Ethan	VT Route 100	House and Garage	Denied
2020-11	8/31/2020	Prue, Chad	VT Route 100	Storage Building	Approved
2020-12	8/18/2020	Klima, Sandy/ Langlands, Robert	Corrow Basin Rd.	Screen Porch	Approved
2020-13	8/19/2020	Bathalon, Robert and Joanne	VT Route 100	House and Garage	Approved
2020-14	8/31/2020	Muller-Powell, Marion	Loop Rd.	Deck on Barn	Approved
2020-15	9/17/2020	Emery, Andrew	Kettle Farm Rd.	Cider/Apple House	Exempt
2020-16	9/18/2020	Croizet, Gerard and Rosemary	VT Route 100	Greenhouse	Exempt
2020-17	11/4/2020	McAvinney, Daniel	School St.	Wheelchair Ramp	Approved
2020-18	11/18/2020	Demuth, Mark and Marielle	VT Route 100	Subdivide, Construct Warehouse	Undecided at end of Year
2020-19	12/11/2020	HD Enterprises	VT Route 100	Solar Panels	Approved

PLANNING COMMISSION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Zoning Bylaw Update. Throughout 2020, the Planning Commission continued to identify proposed updates to the Zoning Bylaw. Much of the writing to revise and update the Bylaw requires technical expertise beyond that on the Planning Commission. To meet that need we sought, but were not successful, securing state grant funds through a Municipal Planning Grant. NVDA has committed staff time in 2021 for the significant rewrite and update of the Flood Hazard Mitigation sections so residents with properties in a floodway can access federal funds in the event of flood damage. An appropriation was submitted to the Selectboard to contract a writer familiar with Vermont Statute and small-town zoning issues to assist in drafting the Zoning Bylaw update. The Bylaw update process includes notification to residents when a draft of the proposed amended Zoning Bylaw is ready for review. Property owners and voters will have opportunities to submit comments on the draft. Our goal is to complete the Zoning Bylaw update before January 1, 2022.

Housing Assessment Planning Grant. The town hired Camoin Associates to compile the housing needs assessment data, focusing on Westfield's housing needs now and in the near future. The assessment includes options for how the former Scenic View Community Care Facility might be adapted to meet identified housing needs and/or other identified community needs. A video presentation of project findings is available on the town website. Hard copies of the power point presentation are available at the Town Office and at the Library. The 77-page assessment is available on the Town website and hard copies can be borrowed from the Town Clerk or the Library.



Town Plan Update Schedule. The next scheduled review of the Town Plan will occur during 2026, with a timeline to ensure it can be re-adopted in January 2027. Previously, the State mandated town plans be updated and re-adopted every five years. That timeframe was recently extended to eight years.

In 2021. The Planning Commission will continue updating the Zoning Bylaws to achieve identified goals:

- Align the Bylaws with the Town Plan
- Ensure the Bylaw supports economic development under Westfield's Village Center Designation.
- Make the Bylaws more user-friendly. These changes include, but are not limited to: standardizing the use of terminology, clarifying confusing language, and emerging issues (e.g. housing density, tiny houses, accessory use requirements).

The Bylaw adoption process includes outreach to property owners and required public hearings.

The Planning Commission may have a role to implement recommendations in the Housing Needs Assessment.

Thank You. The Planning Commission appreciates and thanks the Selectboard, Town Clerk, LaDonna Dunn, and former Zoning Administrator, Tom Schrock, who died unexpectedly July 5, for their support and suggestions to update the Bylaws and permitting process. Special thanks to NVDA, and Alison Low, NVDA Senior Planner, for guidance and expertise.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Sagui, Chair, Westfield Planning Commission
Loren Petzoldt, Vice Chair; Ellen Fox, Secretary; Shawn Baraw; Brian Dunn; Kitty Edwards; Yvan LaPlume



LISTERS REPORT 2020

The reappraisal process has been successfully completed, although with difficulty because of the Pandemic issues. The Lister Board will contact some property owners to address a small number of discrepancies still affecting assessments. Our plan is to collect the data by phone whenever possible.

The final result of the reappraisal is in line with expectations. The new CLA is now 102.32% compared to 108.56% before reappraisal. Our COD was the trigger for requiring reappraisal at 20.98% in 2016, with the new ratio at 5.87%.

A CLA is a measure of how close a property sells to its assessed value. The COD is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is throughout the town. A high COD means many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. Per 32 V.S.A. § 4041a, once a reappraisal is triggered, the Town must reappraise even if the triggering factor falls back into compliance.

In Vermont, all property is subject to a statewide education property tax to pay for the State's schools. There are two education tax rates: homestead and non-homestead. Bills may show one or both rates. If you filed a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) this year and have no business or rental use, your bill will show only the homestead education rate. If you filed the HS-122 and you have business and/or rental use, your bill should show both the homestead and non-homestead rates based on the relative percentage of homestead and business or rental use. If the property is not your primary residence, you cannot declare it as your homestead. Your bill will show only the non-homestead rate.

The Homestead Declaration form (HS-122) must be filed each year by every Vermont resident whose property meets the definition of a homestead. A Vermont homestead is the principal dwelling and up to 2 acres of land surrounding the dwelling, owned by a resident individual as of April 1st and occupied as a person's domicile. The Vermont Department of Taxes must annually receive a Homestead Declaration (Form HS-122) on or before April 15th. Homeowners need to comply with this deadline even when requesting an extension to file their Vermont State Income Tax. No extension is granted for filing a Homestead Declaration. Unfortunately, if a Homestead Declaration is filed late, there is a penalty.

The State also requires you to declare (on your Homestead Declaration) if more than 25% of your home's floor space is used for business or if any floor space is rented. If an outbuilding (sheds, garages, farm building, shops, etc.) is located on your property and is used for business or is rented, it is also necessary to declare such. If the business ceases to exist for any reason, you need not declare this in subsequent years. However, informing the Listers of such a change may assist them in keeping your current assessment accurate.

Do not forget, if you have more than one property in Westfield make sure to use the SPAN (School Parcel Account Number) that is assigned to your Homestead parcel. If your Homestead straddles two or more towns, you need to file Homestead Declarations for each town the property is located in using the correct SPAN.

For further information, refer to the Vermont Department of Taxes website: <http://tax.vermont.gov>

The Town Tax Maps will be updated on schedule this year. Russell Graphics, our former mapper, has sold his business to CAI Technologies, based in Littleton, NH. Our new contract should bring no change in appearance compared to past maps but will show ownership changes since 2019.

The Tax Maps represent and give a visual interpretation of all the deeds and surveys filed with the Town land records. The acreage on the Tax Maps should be the same as in the Grand List. During the map updating process, the Listers try to identify any parcels where the acreage on the Tax Map does not match the acreage in the Grand List. The goal is for an accurate description and assessment of all parcels.

Respectfully submitted,

Westfield Listers: Danny Young, Scott Dunn and Scott Dean



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2020

Last year, we did our best to accommodate requests during Covid. We scanned two land records index books in order to assist lawyers, and title searchers to complete part of their title searches from the convenience of their offices. We completed much work through email, the drop box outside of the office, and by fax. We continue to ask your assistance by making appointments for the vault, DMV renewals, and notarization services. Please check our website www.westfield.vt.gov and the town Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TownOfWestfieldVt> for office and library updates or email townofwestfield@comcast.net

Updates:

- **Town & School Annual Meeting-March 2nd-will be entirely by Australian ballot. NO IN-PERSON MEETING THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19.** Please see the warning on pages 4-6 for Informational Meeting dates. The Zoom links will be posted closer to the dates. You may participate electronically or by phone. Call me if you have any questions or would like an absentee ballot. Everything that would be voted from the floor at Town Meeting is now (for this year only) on the Australian ballot so you can imagine it will take a little time to cast your votes this year. For this reason, I'm strongly encouraging people to request an absentee ballot.
- **Municipal Planning Grant** – The Housing Needs Assessment has been completed. If you have not had a chance to review it, visit the website. We are very pleased with the data we gathered. The results are clear that senior and rental housing are the number one needs in our area.
- **Administered Road Grants** – The town received three road grants last year to complete work related to water quality. The town received two grants from the Wild and Scenic Committee to fix water quality issues on the Cemetery and Loop Roads. On the Cemetery road, a culvert was replaced and ditches were reestablished to provide better flow into the Missisquoi and alleviate flooding issues. On the Loop Road, most of the road by the Davis Bridge had washed into the field. The grant provided funds to restructure the road to prevent future flooding. The town also received a Highway Structures Grant to increase the size of a culvert on Balance Rock Road, as this culvert was too small to handle stormwater flows.

2020 Vital Statistics Report: There were five marriage certificates issued, six birth and four death records recorded in the Town Clerks office in 2020. Vital records are public information and are available at the Town Clerk's office for viewing during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Regrettably, privacy and identity theft concerns have led to the omission of printed names from this report. To receive a certified copy of a birth or death certificate, the state now tracks the engraved, numbered paper. We are required to have a completed application on file to print these records.

Dog Licenses: Dog license time is just around the corner. April 1, 2021 at 4 p.m. is the licensing deadline to avoid penalty. Please check your dog's vaccination records early to make sure they do not require a rabies vaccination before the April 1st deadline. There will be a **Rabies Clinic (for dogs and cats) on Saturday, March 20th at the Animal Doctor**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 56 Eastern Avenue, Newport Center. This will be a curbside service Rabies Clinic. I plan to be at Recycling for a couple of Saturdays before April 1st to make it easier for you to license your dog. For your convenience, you may mail a check or put your payment in the drop box next to the office front door and your license and tag will be mailed to you. Dog license fees are: Spayed/Neutered \$9; Un-Spayed/Neutered \$13 until 4 p.m. on April 1st. After April 1st fees increase to \$11 and \$17.

Thank you for your patience as we maneuvered through last year's challenges and have had the office closed to the public during two periods. I'm hoping the office will reopen soon. It's not an ideal situation, but we've tried to make the best of it while providing the services needed to keep the town running smoothly. Please do not hesitate to call if you need assistance

Be well, stay safe and remember, we are just a phone call away.

LaDonna Dunn, Town Clerk; Heather Johnson, Ass't Town Clerk (Mondays); and Karen Blais, Ass't Town Clerk (Thursdays)

DID YOU KNOW?

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) helps income challenged owners of cats/dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is funded ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs which is mailed to the state by Town Clerks. For application, send a SASE: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both.

VSNIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs *can* be licensed. Call, provide the rabies certificate, include a check for that amount, and a SASE. **Rabies is in Vermont and is deadly.** Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog: 1) identifies your dog if lost 2) provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal (but would still need immediate medical attention) 3) provides current proof of inoculation if your dog bites another animal/person, which could result in quarantine or possible euthanasia to test for rabies 4) helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & SHELTER REPORT FOR 2020

Emergency Management Report: There no incidents requiring action during 2020
Westfield Community Shelter: There were no events requiring action during 2020. The shelter volunteer's group could use more volunteers. The group now has seven members. Another six or so volunteers would help to ensure enough hands are available should the shelter need opening. So, please contact us if you are willing to help. Many of the current members have asked for more training. Once we know if we have more volunteers, training will be scheduled.
Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Neumann and Dan Backus, Coordinators



HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL MUSEUM & LIBRARY

1252 VT Route 100 • Westfield, VT 05874 • 802-744-8258

Tuesday & Thursday Hours: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Winter) then 7 p.m.

Free wifi access both inside and outside the building

♦ No password required

As we are all aware, 2020 has brought its fair share of challenges and impacted nearly every facet of our lives. As a result, the day-to-day operations and the services provided by the Library have evolved throughout the year, and we have seen periods of closure (from mid-March to mid-June, and again most recently from mid-November to the present).



Some of the challenges the Library faced this year include:

- Patrons from other parts of the country and the world were unable to visit due to travel restrictions.
- Local patrons were also not visiting the library with the same frequency, since many have been staying at home.
- The Library was unable to facilitate most of its Holiday Celebrations as it normally would (Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Decorating Party, etc.)
- No after-school program.
- During periods of closure, the community suffered the loss of resources (internet access, books, movies, and social interaction opportunities).

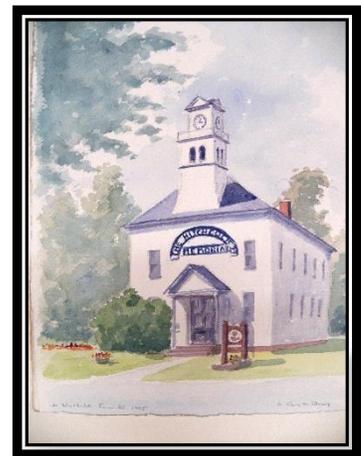
That being said, there have been a number of successes throughout the year:

- The Library was able to host its annual Halloween event. Held outside and in compliance with social distancing guidelines, the pumpkin decorating event attracted approximately 35 attendees of all ages.
- The Library once again received a donation from the Jay Focus Group. This year, the funds went towards the Halloween event for candy, arts and crafts supplies, etc.
- Although overall the number of Library patrons has decreased, the COVID shutdown seemed to inspire a wider demographic of community members to take advantage of the Library's selection of books and movies. It was nice to see new faces, in addition to the "regulars".

I miss seeing all of the parents and children and am happy to report the Library will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th! Stay happy and healthy and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

MaryLee Daigle
Librarian



WESTFIELD FIRE DISTRICT #1

P.O. Box 142 ♦ Westfield, VT 05874

TO: Westfield Fire District #1- Members

DATE: January 6, 2020

1. The following is provided as a breakdown of all items contained on the Westfield Fire District #1 financial reports for the period of 1 December 2019 through 30 November 2020.

Assets

Parcel ID 06-001-21 Property on North Hill – as listed on the Town of Westfield Grand List Tax Year 2020. The town changed the appraisal to \$133,100.00.

Balance Savings and Checking – As shown on attached Balance Sheet \$87,459.77.

Balance Sheet

Total Liabilities and Equity:

\$87,038.08 an increase of \$9,255.63 from last years \$77,782.45.

Profit & Loss:

Significant items.

Income from fees at \$23,347.91 water bills paid by users.

The Professional Fees Accounting of \$50.00 was paid to a representative of the Community National Bank for auditing the books in January 2020. The reports are on file, there were no errors found or corrective actions to be taken.

Total expenses from Profit and Loss statement are \$10,622.33.

This amount makes up the real operating cost of the system as detailed on the statement. Equipment, materials, insurance, office supplies, postage, water testing, repairs, snow plowing, lawn mowing, electric, gas, phone, permit to operate.

Income by Customer Summary

The report shows all customers and amounts paid for the year of the report totaling \$23,347.91.

Expense by Vendor Summary

Most vendors listed are normal expenses for the system.

Rick Danforth \$600.00 and Daniel McAvinney \$1,888.80. These payments are for reimbursements or additional time; Upgrade Project supervision, mowing, or reimbursed purchases etc., beyond normal duties which are compensated at \$12.50 per hour.

A/R Aging Summary

There are six accounts on the A/R Aging Summary (Overdue Accounts). The total amount of \$4,960.31 compares to \$5,388.22 at the end of 2019.

Overdue notices are sent out monthly, late fees of 10% are now added soon after the bill is 30 days old.

The Fire District has been considering other forms of clearing up back balances including what steps needed to be taken if need be to turn off the supply of water to the home.

Proposed Budget

The 2021 Proposed budget is \$22,555.00; adjusted for current costs of the line items.

As noted at the bottom of the proposed budget the Income projection is \$23,040.00 based on all accounts paying and paying on time.

4. This report is respectfully submitted as a full accounting of the current financial standing of the Westfield Fire District #1 for the period of 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020. If at any time, any member of the Fire District desires to see records of the system they will be made available for review. If you have comments or questions, please call me at 744-4039.

Kelly Bouchard
Treasurer/Tax Collector
Prudential Committee

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (NEKWMD)

224 Church St. ♦ P.O. Box 1075 ♦ Lyndonville, VT 05851
802-626-3532 or 1-800-734-4602

The NEKWMD finished 2020 by processing less recycling compared to 2019 – 2,211 tons in 2020 compared to 2,615 tons in 2019. Significant drops in mixed paper and plastic were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including food scraps, tires, and cardboard saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, glass, and battery tonnages were approximately the same as 2019. Recycling markets remained stable but low throughout most of 2020.

The District ended 2020 with a deficit of \$8,338.22. Revenues in 2020 were 5% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 6% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did disrupt our work schedule for several weeks in the spring, but it does not appear to have impacted the District significantly over the course of the entire year. Legal fees and truck repairs were the primary drivers of the deficit in 2020. The pandemic will impact our budget process for 2021. The 2021 budget will be approved by the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors and not a direct vote by District members. This is a temporary one-year change directly related to changes in Town Meeting Day.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2020. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2021 with a proposed budget of \$809,527 – an increase of 1.85% compared to 2020. Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the District's 2021 budget will be acted upon by the District Board of Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2021. The District sought and received a one-time legislative remedy in order to act on the budget internally. There will be 2 additional public hearings to receive input on the 2021 proposed budget. These meetings will be held via ZOOM on February 18 and 25, 2021 at 6pm.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2020. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

WESTFIELD RECYCLING CENTER TRASH AND TIRE DISPOSAL FEE SCHEDULE

Located at the Westfield Town Garage: 757 VT Route 100

Hours: Saturday 8 a.m. until Noon

Trash & tires may be disposed of **ONLY** during Recycling Center regular business hours.

REMINDER:
CAMERA
SURVEILLANCE
IS NOW
OPERATIONAL

TRASH DISPOSAL PRICING

(effective March 1, 2020)

13 Gallon White Trash Bag....	\$2.00/bag
30 Gallon Trash Bag.....	\$3.50/bag
50 Gallon Trash Bag.....	\$4.50/bag

Large trash items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, box springs and furniture are accepted with negotiated pricing.

TIRE DISPOSAL PRICING

14", 15", 16" & 17" tires without rims...	\$3.50
14", 15", 16" & 17" tires with rims.....	\$5.50

Larger tire sizes are accepted with negotiated pricing.



SEE PAGE 26 FOR A LISTING OF ACCEPTED RECYCLABLES

NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA)

36 Eastern Ave., Suite 1, P.O. Box 630 ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0630

Phone: 802-748-5181 ♦ Fax: 802-748-1223

To the Voters of Westfield:

For 70 years, the Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) has been a regional advocate for stronger communities and vibrant local economies. As the state's only combined regional planning and economic development organization, we are uniquely suited to simultaneously serve the municipalities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom.

This year, we are once more requesting dues from our member communities. These funds are vital as they allow our team of professionals to provide direct technical assistance to the 50+ municipalities and the many businesses in our region. Municipal contributions also allow us to leverage other state and federal funds for our region.

Local governance is increasingly complex -- and even more so during a pandemic! Since last March NVDA staff has been swift and agile in meeting the pandemic's unprecedented challenges. We quickly mobilized to help local governments secure expense reimbursements due to COVID and connect so many of our businesses to the available state and federal recovery resources. Our regular services continued without interruption as well. They include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning and regulation – town plans, zoning bylaws, and on-call technical assistance for local officials;
- Transportation studies, Infrastructure inventories, and Project planning;
- Digital mapping and GIS services;
- Grant writing and administration for community and regional projects;
- Direct business support, referral services, and lending to employers in our region;
- Energy planning and water quality planning to help communities meet evolving statutory requirements;
- Local emergency planning and hazard mitigation planning;
- Brownfield assessments and planning;
- Economic development planning to grow and strengthen businesses in our communities;
- Municipal education and training opportunities for local officials;



How is this relevant to your community? During 2020 NVDA staff assisted the Town of Westfield with a Housing study and a grant application. Our Emergency Planner also assisted with updating Westfield's Local Emergency Management Plan, which has been approved by Vermont Emergency Management. Local Emergency Management Plans are required to be updated annually. Finally, NVDA staff daily provided local officials with COVID 19 related information, such as grant assistance and health information.

NVDA's municipal dues remain at a very affordable \$0.75 per capita rate, with a maximum of \$3,500 and a minimum of \$250. We take great pride in providing cost-effective professional services to the communities and businesses of the Northeast Kingdom. We keep communities aware of new opportunities through our e-newsletter and social media. Contact us at tgonyaw@nvda.net to receive our e-newsletter and like us on Facebook.

Sincerely,
David Snedeker
Executive Director



VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS (VLCT)

89 Main Street, Suite 4 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone: 802-229-9111 ♦ Fax: 802-229-2211

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. In 2020, VLCT's timely legal and technical assistance included answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and several new groups of FAQs explaining how municipalities can implement the state's COVID-19 requirements. To support Vermont's towns and cities in responding to the pandemic, VLCT quickly researched, assembled, and distributed important information about fiscal impacts, grant opportunities, and how to adapt town operations, hold public meetings remotely.
- **Trainings and timely communications on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out their duties required by state law, as well as pertinent statewide topics. In response to the pandemic, the League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information from state officials about how to comply with requirements and access to funding and assistance.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, equity and inclusion, and ensuring the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each official and employee carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memberguide to download the VLCT Member Guide.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.



NEK Community Broadband Communication Union District (CUD)

These days, reliable, fast internet is a necessary utility for business, work, school, and healthcare. Just as happened when the infrastructure for electric service was being created in the 20th century, commercial internet providers have not stepped up to serve the most rural areas of the state and country. In some ways similar to the electric co-ops that were created back then to fill the need, Communication Union Districts around Vermont are working to equitably fill the internet needs of 21st century Vermonters and beyond. The NEK Community Broadband Communication Union District was formed in March of 2020, and now includes 33 member towns. Ours is one of them.

As a first step, NEK Community Broadband has completed a study that shows areas in the district that can be cash flow positive in three years. These would be areas that have enough homes and businesses to pay for the cost of the construction and operation of the infrastructure required. Our town, being very rural, is not one of these areas.

At the end of 2020, over \$18 Billion in federal grants was awarded to serve rural America with broadband. Several companies received funding to construct infrastructure that could serve a large part of the Northeast Kingdom. Our town, unfortunately, does not have any areas covered by these planned projects. NEK Community Broadband's next steps will be to develop a five-year plan with a detailed 2-year work plan. This plan will focus on areas such as Westfield, which are not covered by the federally grant funded projects.

NEK Community Broadband will continue to work on behalf of member towns to obtain financial support for supplying broadband. Meanwhile, it is very important for residents to communicate with state and federal representatives about the importance of infrastructure investments to make broadband available to all.

Where to learn more and find updates:

- NEK Community Broadband website: nekbroadband.org
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nekcommunitybroadband>
- Westfield CUD Representative: Carrie Glessner - c.e.glessner@gmail.com, 744-6122
- Westfield Alternate CUD Representative: Laura Emery

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Glessner, Westfield Representative

NEK Broadband Communications Union District (CUD)

Annual Report to Member Towns Activities through December 7, 2020

NEK Broadband Communications Union District (NEK CUD/ CUD) was formed through affirmative Town Meeting votes on March 3, 2020 by 27 NEK towns: Albany, Barnet, Barton, Brighton, Burke, Concord, Coventry, Craftsbury, Danville, East Haven, Glover, Greensboro, Groton, Hardwick, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Newark, Peacham, Ryegate, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Stannard, Sutton, Waterford, Westfield and Wheelock. Within two weeks, Vermont and much of the country, and world, entered a state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus.

The safety measures instituted to protect public health exacerbated and laid bare existing deficiencies in our region's broadband infrastructure. Since then, additional attention and funding has been made available to begin to tackle the problem. In addition, all our meetings have been conducted via the online video conferencing application Zoom, following emergency open meeting rules provided by the Vermont Secretary of State. On April 30, 2020, NEK CUD held its organizational meeting with Governing Board members and alternates appointed by each member town. We adopted bylaws and established an Executive Committee and elected seven members to serve. The CUD was officially recognized by the Vermont Secretary of State on May 6, 2020. By our June meeting, we established a regular meeting time, the second Thursday of each month between 5:30 and 7 p.m. as well as a website where we post agendas and minutes: nekbroadband.org.

Highlights of the past year include:

- (May) Created standing Finance and Technology Committees with appointed members. These two committees are open to both Governing Board members and members of the public.

- (June) Adopted a Statement of Mission, Service Goals, Operating Principles and Immediate Priorities. Approved a Hybrid Public-Private Operator as a preferred operating model, which means the CUD would not be an Internet Service Provider (ISP), but would strive to own assets that would be leased to one or more private operators.
- (July) Recommended Tilson Technology Management, Inc. as the communications consultant to conduct our feasibility study and business plan. Partnered with Tilson Technology Management, Inc., VELCO (Vermont Electric Power Company), Green Mountain Power and the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) to prepare for the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) reverse auction. Joined an Interlocal Agreement with other Vermont Communication Union Districts to explore collaboration.
- (August) Approved a 2020 Budget which included contract positions: a part-time Project Manager, Bookkeeper/Clerk and Administrator/Treasurer. Hired Christine Hallquist of Hyde Park as part-time Project Manager for the months of August and September.
- (September) Approved COVID-Response Connected Community Resilience Program grant-funded broadband project with Kingdom Fiber, which will fund the customer portion of fiber connections for up to 100 underserved addresses in Albany, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick and Irasburg by the end of the year. Hired Jami Jones of Hardwick as part-time Bookkeeper/Clerk.
- (October) Hired Christine Hallquist as Administrator/Treasurer. Adopted draft 2021 budget and annual report. Approved applying for a second COVID-Response Connected Community broadband project with Tilson Technology Management, Inc. in Concord, VT. This project is conditional upon Tilson moving forward with their Lunenburg, VT project and funding may be reallocated to other projects elsewhere in the CUD.
- (November) Tilson completed the feasibility study highlighting 8 strategic projects that would cash flow positive in three years. Study also presented multiple sources for financing the initial projects including Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) loans, grants and private equity.
- (December) FCC announced RDOF awards for Vermont. Significant awards were given to 3 ISP's who will be required to provide service speeds of at least 100Mbps. In 2020 thus far, membership has grown to 31 towns. Wolcott and Irasburg joined on May 29. Westmore joined on July 9. Brownington joined on November 12, 2020. Walden joined December 10th.

Respectfully,

Evan Carlson, Chair



UPPER MISSISQUOI & TROUT RIVERS (UMATR)

Wild and Scenic Committee

2839 VT Route 105 ♦ East Berkshire, VT 05447

Phone: 802-393-0076 ♦ Email: info@vtwsr.org ♦ Website: www.umatrwildandscenic.org

Dear Residents of Westfield,

The Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers (UMATR) Wild & Scenic Committee strives to protect, enhance, and encourage enjoyment of our beautiful rivers. Designated as Wild and Scenic in 2014, 46.1 miles of the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in Westfield, Troy, North Troy, Richford, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery, and Jay are protected. Our Committee is made up of appointed representatives from each of these 8 municipalities, as well as our great partners.

Despite the oddities that we all collectively faced this year, UMATR is proud to report on our 2020 accomplishments: we pivoted several of our regular events to be socially-distanced and COVID-safe, and we were able to support 12 great projects in our towns and region with \$77,767 in grant funds. In Westfield, \$13,000 of those funds were granted to support the removal of sediment from the area on Loop Rd that was flooded during the 2019 Halloween storm, and culvert work on Cemetery and Balanced Rock Rd. We are pleased to be continuing both our River Community Grants and our Town Infrastructure Grants programs for 2021; more information may be found at www.umatrwildandscenic.org.

Outside of the grant programs that we administer, UMATR was the recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the National Park Foundation that enabled us to stabilize an eroding bank along Mill Brook. Partnership between UMATR, landowners Jacques and Pauline Couture, the National Park Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Northwoods Stewardship Center, and Kennison & Son Excavating enabled this large-scale bioengineering project to be implemented. The rock toe, coir fabric soil lifts, and ~4,800 willow whips will help keep an annual estimate of 340 cubic yards of soil and the associated phosphorus nutrient load out of Mill Brook and the Missisquoi River. We hope to support more projects like this in the future - additional information about this project can be found at www.umatrwildandscenic.org/bank-stabilization

Respectfully submitted by your representatives to the W&S Committee: Jacques Couture & Ellen Fox, and the Committee coordinator, Lindsey Wight. Please contact us with any questions or comments.



APPROPRIATION REPORTS

AMERICAN RED CROSS (Requesting \$500)

32 N. Prospect Street ♦ Burlington, VT 05401

1-800-464-6692

On the web: www.redcross.org/nhvt

Orleans County Service Delivery July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **11 disaster incidents**, assisting **28 residents** of **Orleans County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe. City: Barton, 2 disasters & 4 individuals; Greensboro, 3 disasters & 3 individuals; Newport, 1 disaster & 3 individuals; North Derby, 1 disaster & 2 individuals; Troy, 2 disasters & 6 individuals; and West Glover 2 disasters & 10 individuals.

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Orleans County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **24 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **16 of Orleans County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Collections

During the last fiscal year, we collected **1,073 pints** of lifesaving blood products in **Orleans County**.

Training Services

Last year, **204 Orleans residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Orleans County is home to **6 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization. work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zelle
Regional Development Specialist



Every Solution Starts Somewhere.



VERMONT 2-1-1 is a valuable 3-digit phone number to remember for information about health, community, and human services in your community and throughout the state. At Vermont 2-1-1, callers will speak with specialists who problem solve and make referrals to the appropriate local and state government programs and services, or community-based organizations, support groups, and other valuable resources as needed.

Dialing 2-1-1:

- is a local call from anywhere in Vermont for accurate, updated information from a database of over 850 agencies and organizations
- provides free, confidential telephone assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- enables live translation services for non-English speakers
- provides access for persons who have special needs
- provides the ability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 when necessary

BIG HEAVY WORLD FOUNDATION, INC. (Requesting \$250) *NEW

P.O. Box 428 ♦ Burlington, VT 05402-0428
802-865-1140

On the Web: www.bigheavyworld.com; email: jim@bigheavyworld.com

Big Heavy World is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office and archive of Vermont-made music, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians, inclusive of artists of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization was founded in 1996 and manages many ongoing and special projects that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

Artists from all across Vermont are invited to be a part of our work. We manage an archive that currently holds about 5,000 Vermont-made recordings; a community radio station that plays original Vermont-made music 24/7 between its volunteer DJs; a website about Vermont's music sector; and a new award-winning tiny museum of Vermont music history. Our recent special projects include a statewide economic survey and action plan; professional development workshops hosted in partnership with Vermont's theater and dance communities, including topics of digital marketing, fundraising, streaming, and getting press exposure; a prominent speaker was brought to Vermont to present about skills-building to prevent identity-related harassment in public spaces; we co-hosted a statewide virtual prom with Vermont Public Radio and the Vermont Agency of Education; we brought a seventeen-year-old Vermont songwriter into a national songwriting project; hosted a virtual music festival with performances from studios located across the state; and have addressed our music community's needs with our broadcasting and streaming infrastructure throughout the ongoing public health crisis. We are presently working with an ACCD Restart Vermont Marketing grant to promote shopping for local music in stores and online with a campaign to launch in November and have recently begun making special efforts to include and highlight Vermont's BIPOC artists on our radio station.

In September, the organization also received the tremendous international honor of juried recognition as the 'Best Global Music Office,' in competition with top nominees from Memphis and Australia, presented by Music Cities Events, a worldwide consultancy for music-related community and economic development.

We hope our grass roots work makes you proud of Vermont's can-do spirit and our extraordinary arts community, of which you and the musicians of your town are a part. Thank you for considering this request for \$250 to support the operating costs of Big Heavy World in the coming fiscal year (our 25th); we are deeply grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
James Lockridge, Executive Director

FELINES & FRIENDS FOUNDATION (Requesting \$100)

P.O. Box 1316 ♦ Newport, VT 05855
802-323-4793

On the Web: www.FFFVT.org

Felines and Friends Foundation strives to stabilize barn cat colonies and greatly reduce the number of free-roaming cats in the Northeast Kingdom (and beyond) through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), with the goals of improving the health and welfare of cats, minimizing the negative impacts on people and wildlife, reducing the number of cats/kittens entering local shelters.

We humanely trap, spay/neuter and vaccinate for rabies un-owned or loosely-owned cats in neighborhoods and on farms for FREE. When possible, we also assist low-income residents with free cat spay/neuter services and request a small donation to cover the cost of vaccines. Many cats we service are re-homed through regional animal shelters and local adoptions; others are returned to caretakers or owners to live a better life but with reduced nuisance behaviors.

Since Felines and Friends Foundation began on April 1, 2013 we have spayed/neutered and vaccinated over 3,500 cats mostly in Orleans County, including more than 50 in Westfield. The approximate expense per each cat is \$75 for a total value of service to date to Westfield of \$3,750. We've also done extensive work in the surrounding towns of Lowell, Jay, Troy, North Troy and Newport Town.

We are seeking an appropriation of \$100 to continue this work in 2021.

Thank you for your consideration,

Connie Knaggs
President, Felines & Friends Foundation



FIRE DEPARTMENTS

MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT (Requesting \$4,000)

P.O. Box 356 ♦ Montgomery Center, VT 05471
Fire Station Phone: 802-326-4555 or Emergency: 911

State of the Fire Department

As of December 14, 2020, the Montgomery Fire Department responded to a total of 68 calls with a continuing trend of increased call volume for the seventh consecutive year. Once again reflecting an increase in medical First Response and Agency Assist/or Lift Assist calls. This increase is also due in part to the emotional and physical distress created by the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. Our members have adjusted to new protocols and worked diligently to serve our community and the mutual aid requests of other agencies. Our current roster stands at 15 members.

In July of this year the department took on ownership of a 2020 Freightliner 4-WD Tanker Pumper capable of 2,000-gallon capacity and 1,000 gallons per minute pumping ratio. The truck is custom built by V-Tec from Williamstown Vermont. Upon arrival it was immediately loaded with hose, ladders, pumps, SCBA's, Nozzles, fittings and other critical equipment purchased in anticipation of its use. It has already been out to one of its first structure fires and performed well. After years of slow steady progress, the Fire Department has also completed the retro-fit of a 1995 International Ambulance into a fully outfitted Rescue Truck! Replacing the old 1983 Chevy step-van, this truck is capable of transporting a crew of six Firefighters with the necessary tools, firefighter gear, and equipment built into it.

Our Fundraising efforts this year have been limited due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, however we did manage to host the Annual 4th of July Chicken BBQ with pre-order online sales and a drive-thru style pickup right outside the station. We are proud of the success of our sales at 200 chickens providing dinners in a manner that was not only safe for the community but still offered a sense of normalcy in carrying out a beloved tradition. To complete the day a socially distant parade of Fire Trucks and various community member rigs organized a ride throughout the Center, Village, and beyond! It was nice to see so many people coming out of their homes to enjoy the spectacle, determined to participate in a socially distant Independence Day.

We would like to thank Sandy Alexander for inviting us to escort the 8th Grade graduating class from Montgomery Elementary School in a joyful parade through the Center and Village before their outdoor graduation ceremony. It was an honor to help celebrate their accomplishments and see them off to their next adventure in Education! Sandy even provided the opportunity for the department to showcase our tent raising skills at the school while assisting with putting up the new outdoor tent for the students. 2020 has been a trying year, truly a lesson in patience, but our department has survived and adapted and will continue to do so to meet the challenges ahead. We thank everyone for your love, support, donations, roadside parade watching, and perseverance! It is always an honor to serve our community and neighbors.

Be safe, keep your chimneys cleaned, and your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors working!

Thank you,
Doug Kopacz, Chief Montgomery Fire Department

2020 Westfield Demographics ♦ Some Fun Facts

- **First Recorded land records:** 1802
- **Registered voters:** 448
- **Size of Town:** 40 square miles
- **Miles of roads:** 22.73
- **Homesteads:** 184



- **Population:** 536 (2010 Census)
- **Registered Dogs:** 145
- **Taxable parcels:** 453
- **Pages recorded in Land Records:** 670

TROY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. (Requesting \$27,218.95)

P.O. Box 51 ♦ Troy, VT 05868

Fire Station Phone: 802-744-2231 or Emergency: 911

The Troy Fire Department responded to 49 Fire and emergency calls in the year 2020. Our Department stands strong with 34 dedicated members.

This past year has certainly been trying for us, along with everyone else. We continue to hold meetings and training (PPE worn) to keep our members skills and knowledge top notch and also to keep our equipment in good operating condition. In the past year, State and regional trainings have been suspended due to the current pandemic. All training has been done in-house and will continue to be until it allows.

In April of 2020, we made the decision it was time to upgrade our Rescue Truck. The Box Truck we had, had been outgrown and wasn't meeting our needs. We Purchased a 1998 Pierce Heavy Rescue to replace it. The new to us truck has very low miles and low hours. The truck is now equipped with all of our Jaws of Life equipment, stabilization equipment and many other tools. Our members bunker gear is also carried on the truck. This truck is a great asset to the department and the community.



We also have replaced many of our outdated air bottles for our self-contained breathing apparatus. We will Continue to replace these as needed in the future.

For the year 2021, we are asking for a 10% increase of funds for our yearly allocation. That will bring our amount from \$24,744.50 to \$27,218.95. That would be an increase of \$2,474.45. There are many reasons we are asking for an increase. Insurances prices, equipment prices, gear prices, and all operating costs continue to increase. Another big reason is that due to the current pandemic, we were unable to hold our extremely beneficial fundraiser, which affects us financially.

We would like to thank the community in the continued support and donations that we receive and appreciate your consideration in the increase of our funding in 2021.

Thank you,
Bobby Jacobs, Chief, Troy Fire Department



GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-TO-SCHOOL, INC. (Requesting \$600)

115 2nd Street ♦ Newport, VT 05855
802-334-2044

On the Web: www.GreenMountainFarmtoSchool.org



Green Mountain Farm-to-School (GMFTS) is a non-profit organization providing fresh, local food and nutrition education to over **10,000 students** at schools across Northern Vermont. Over the years, your support has helped us distribute over **\$2.4 million in local food** to partners around the state, serve over **14,000 free meals to children**, produce over **27,000 pounds of fresh produce** for school cafeterias, take students on hundreds of farm field trips, and conduct hundreds of in-class workshops. This past year, in response to the pandemic, we also distributed **\$225,000 worth of free local food to the charitable food system** to address rising food insecurity in the NEK.

Major accomplishments from the last year:

- While school was in session, Farm to School (FTS) Coordinators reached **2,370** students at **21** schools with **286** educational workshops, **71** taste tests, and **4** farm field trips. They also facilitated **13** FTS committee meetings and maintained **18** school gardens.
- When schooling went virtual in March, our FTS team quickly transitioned to develop a **series of educational videos and at-home lessons** for students. Coordinators also started seedlings for school gardens at home, and **planted all school gardens** later in the spring. The process was documented in a couple of fun videos that were shared with schools.
- Distributed **\$418,855** worth of local food from **42** farms and producers to **106** schools, retailers, restaurants, food shelves, and other institutions through our food hub, Green Mountain Farm Direct.
- Served **4,210** free COVID safe to-go meals to children from the Lunchbox food truck in the summer of 2020.
- Provided training and technical assistance to educators in **4** new schools in the Kingdom, and partnered with **7** VT organizations to develop an **online professional development series** open to all educators in the state.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Westfield in the past. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Catherine Cusack. Executive Director



GREEN UP VERMONT (Requesting \$50)

P.O. Box 1191 ♦ Montpelier, VT 05601-1191
802-229-4586 or 1-800-974-3259

Email: greenup@greenupvermont.org ♦ On the Web: www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Vermont celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Green Up Day on May 30, 2020. Although 99% of all events were cancelled due to Covid-19, Green Up Day was successfully executed with social distancing by 14,000+ volunteers, cleaning up over 241 tons of litter, and 9,000 tires statewide. It is imperative for all of us to keep building awareness and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment. Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride and engagement.

Support from municipalities is essential to our program. Funds help pay for administration, supplies (including 65,000 Green Up trash bags), promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, poster and writing contests, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Early awareness initiatives for Green Up Day tripled the number of submissions to our annual poster art and writing contests and produced 184 applicants for our first scholarship. We were able to offer "Greener" bags made with 70% post-consumer waste; add a Green Scuba team to clean in Lake Champlain; and had over 100 editorial stories in the news as well as a national mention in the *Washington Post*.

Donations can be made to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.



Visit our website and follow us on Facebook (@greenupvermont) and Instagram (greenupvermont).

Green Up Day, May 1, 2021 ♦ Green Up Day bags will be available at the Westfield Recycling Center.

HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION CAMPERSHIP FUND (Requesting \$0)

P.O. Box 478 ♦ Montgomery Center, VT 05471
On the Web: www.hazensnotch.org

Dear Westfield Voters,

We are very grateful to the voters of Westfield for their support over many years. We will not request an appropriation for 2021.

Sincerely,

Rolf Anderson
President



JAY AREA FOOD SHELF (Requesting \$500)

1036 VT Route 242 ♦ Jay, VT 05859
802-988-2996

These funds are used to purchase additional items for the Food Shelf that benefit the residents of Jay, Lowell, Westfield and Troy.

Thank you,
Kim Lucier, Director



JAY FOCUS GROUP (Requesting \$200)

On the Web: www.jayvt.com

The Jay Focus Group requests an appropriation of \$200.00 towards operating expenses from the Town of Westfield. The Jay Focus Group, a 501(c) 3 non-profit Charitable Organization serving the greater Jay area & Orleans County, raises funds through events, fundraisers and donations.

In 2020 we were able to distribute \$20,000 to organizations and individuals with Scholarships, Annual Donations and Special Covid Related Needs which included funds received and funneled (\$10,100) to the Jay Area Food Shelf from individuals, businesses and charitable organizations.

We are proud to announce the launch of our own website www.jayfocusgp.com

We invite you to visit us often for updates on all our activities, find out who we are, what we do, how you can help by volunteering and/or with a donation.

The Jay Focus Group spent \$4000 this year in response to the Covid19 Crisis which varied according to the needs of our community organizations & businesses.

How we helped:

- Jay Area Food Shelf (serving 5 local towns) purchasing emergency items in April and facilitated the local collection and donation of desperately needed items via Jay Peak Resort, Troy & Area Lions Club & Green Mountain Farm to School.
- Area businesses. We purchased gift cards and meals from local businesses and distributed them to local essential workers: Jay/Westfield Elementary School staff, post office workers, the Missisquoi Valley Ambulance service and North Country Hospital workers.
- Jay/Westfield Elementary School. We purchased and donated arts & craft supplies to children learning remotely due to closure of the school. We also coordinated the collection, purchase and distribution of seeds and potting soil for the 90 children so they could grow and care for food and flowers for their family. Teachers at the school reached out to us to help with the purchase of 4 picnic tables for outdoor learning. We were happy to help.
- We provided 2000 fabric face masks, made by our members, free of charge to any individual or business in need. We purchased 100 plastic face shields for the Orleans Essex Visiting Nurses & Hospice Organization.

At the same time our annual fundraising event, the Jay Summer Fest, was canceled. Not known for standing still, we organized a "Super Tag Sale" at a member's home and in 5 days we cleared \$6000.... more than what Jay Summer Fest normally brought in with multiple events: 50/50 Cow Plop Raffle, Silent Auction, Tag Sale and Horseshoe Tournament. People so generously cleaned out their basements and attics and donated to our cause. We cannot thank them and those who attended our Covid style event enough for their generosity.

We truly do not know what all our fundraising events will look like in 2021, but we know one thing for sure: we will find ways to keep on giving and plans are underway for the "2nd Annual Super Tag Sale". Donations will be taken starting April 2021.

Please do visit www.jayfocusgp.com for updates on 2021 events:

Leprechaun Romp on the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA

Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA

2nd Annual Super Tag Sale, Date TBA

14th Annual Jay Summer Fest Fundraiser for Orleans County Organizations, normally 2nd Sat of August

6th Annual Jay Oktoberfest benefits the Jay Community Recreational Centre, Date TBA

Annual Town of Jay Tree Lighting/Caroling/Santa Visit, normally 1st Friday of December

Jay Focus Group monthly meetings, pre and post Covid, normally the 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm, Jay Town Hall. If you have ideas for events/ fundraising, have experience writing grants, are willing to help find sponsors and/or sponsor our events, are willing to help at an event or have an organization in need please do contact us for information: email jayfocusgp@gmail.com, visit www.jayfocusgp.com. We appreciate and are humbled by the scope and generosity of our Sponsors - Individuals, Local Businesses, Foundations and Corporations. A great big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered their time and energy, sponsored and attended our events. We all feel blessed to be part of this great organization, and the great Northeast Kingdom. Like us on Facebook.

Respectively submitted by -Peggy Loux - Executive Director and Secretary; Sally Rivard – President; Kellie Flanders - Vice President; Denise Rossignol – Treasurer & Grant Writer

JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC.-AMERICAN LEGION (Requesting \$250)

254 Dominion Avenue ♦ North Troy, VT 05859-9701
802-988-2861

First on behalf of Jay Peak Post #28 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion) we wish to thank you for your support of the American Legion.

The appropriated funds provide the means of the Post to purchase flags and markers for replacement near a veteran’s headstone in neighboring cemeteries. We also rely on these funds to replace American service flags that fly at the Post flag park, support Memorial Day Observances and defray operational costs.



This year Post #28 is requesting \$250.00.

In Appreciation,
Stephen A Russell

**MEAL SITE (Requesting \$0)
TROY AND AREA LIONS CLUB**

Community Center: 59 North Hill Road ♦ Westfield, VT 05874
802-744-6839 (Denny Lyster) ♦ 802-744-5466 Community Center Phone

The Westfield Senior Meal Site was going strong until the Covid-19 pandemic hit us. Our last sit-down meal was on March 12. Until then our attendance had continued to be strong with an average of 37 including take outs and volunteers.

With some community encouragement we decided to start a curbside service. This required some logistical effort and a host of volunteers (8 or more) to make it function smoothly. A huge thanks to all those who pitched in. We did this from April 30 through August 27, 18 weeks. Although the response initially was very positive with an average of 46 curbside meals, interest waned, and we were unable to predict the numbers to cook for. We decided to stop for a month to give our volunteers a break. During that period, we reassessed the situation and it was the consensus that the curbside service mostly was not reaching those in need.

Furthermore, the social aspect was entirely absent such that it was not a rewarding experience for our volunteers, unlike the sit-down assembly, always filled with conversation and laughter.



We expect normalcy will return in the spring and look forward to serving the community again.



ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE PROGRAM

FREE exercise class to help prevent or reverse osteoporosis

New Participants: Due to Covid-19 challenges, please call before first session to make sure group is meeting

Offered Every Tues./Thurs. 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Westfield Community Center (before the meal site) or Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Jay Community Center

Classes consist of a variety of exercises to improve balance and increase strength. Participants start out using very light weights which are gradually increased as strength develops (weights provided). Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has implemented over 100 classes across the state.

Benefits: Increase bone density, which decreases chances of fractures; improve balance; increase strength; increase energy and feeling of well-being; and it’s FUN!

Contact: Maureen McGuire at 334-7746 or email: mamcguire77@gmail.com for more information.

MISSISQUOI RIVER BASIN ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$300)

2839 VT Route 105 ♦ East Berkshire, VT 05447
802-393-0076

Email: mrba@pshift.com ♦ Website: www.mrbavt.com

The Missisquoi River Basin Association (MRBA) is a non-profit organization with a focus on water quality. We are able to maximize our impact throughout the watershed thanks to our dedicated volunteers, including school groups, teachers, paddlers, and farmers, to name just a few. We have been working with community members since 1996 to identify and address issues that affect water quality in the Missisquoi River and its tributaries.

MRBA Projects and Programs:

Ecological restoration, streambank stabilization and river clean-up efforts: MRBA volunteers have dedicated over 21,000 volunteer hours to plant trees, stabilize streambanks, and clean up trash along our waterways. In 2020, nine volunteers paddled 4 miles of river in Westfield and removed 8 tires and rusty metal debris. In partnership with UMATR in 2020, we stabilized over 500 feet of streambank along Mill Brook with soil lifts and willow stakes.

Water quality sampling: In 2020 we had to adjust our program given lack of state funding for lab analysis, but we continued to monitor water quality at 9 sites in Westfield using test strips for phosphorus and nitrogen concentrations.

Assisting farmers and landowners: We reduce streambank soil erosion and filter field runoff by planting trees in riparian buffer areas, installing water bars or lining culvert outlet basins, and seeding down areas of bare earth.

Educational programs: We provide hands-on educational opportunities to students with our watershed model, rainfall simulator and Bugworks program. In 2020, we cultivated an edible rain garden at the Jay/Westfield Elementary School and we were able to provide outdoor lessons with the rainfall simulator to the pre-K, 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade students.

We respectfully request the Town's support of MRBA through a \$300 donation so that we may continue to serve our community with these programs. Your donation will help us meet our overhead expenses (i.e. rent, telephone, internet, postage, newsletters) which amount to over \$12,000 annually and which are virtually impossible to cover through grant funding.

Your support of our organization in past years is so greatly appreciated and the funds have been put to good use. We thank you very much for your consideration of our 2021 request.

Sincerely,

John Little, MRBA Chair



MISSISQUOI VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE, Inc. (Requesting \$16,281)

1390 Cross Road ♦ Jay, VT 05859
802-988-1098

Email: missisquoivalleyambo@gmail.com



Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service, Inc. of Jay, Vermont will provide the towns of Jay, Lowell, Troy, Westfield and the Village of North Troy with 24-hour Paramedic level emergency medical services. We are licensed and governed by the Vermont Department of Health and will consistently strive for improvement and growth to provide the best service to our communities at the most economical costs possible. **We responded to more than 335 emergency calls this year.** Breakdowns listed below, all other calls were mutual aid to other towns or transfers.

Troy	87
Jay Peak	44
Jay	23
Lowell	35
North Troy	101
Westfield	21

Missisquoi Valley Ambulance Service (MVAS) would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the support we get every year. Community service is a difficult but very rewarding job and it's your support and thanks that keeps our members motivated.

This past year has been a tough one for all of us. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way that we are working every day. We have seen a significant decrease in our call volumes but an increased complexity and an increase of time for each call to ensure that our equipment and providers are safe to provide care for the next patients. We have had to keep up with an often-evolving situation along with all of the education that comes along with a pandemic. Each call is requiring more equipment and specialized resources and is taking a toll on our workforce. We have been a significant decrease in our labor force due to illnesses and other circumstances. We have seen significant decrease in our labor force due to illnesses and other circumstances. We have applied for and received the paycheck protection program loan, workforce stabilization grant, and

hazard pay grant and have passed that on to our employees. We have opted to keep our appropriations requests level for a 2.25% of the grand list this year to help support our communities that have also suffered.

MVAS is committed to serving our communities and devoted to the health and safety of our neighbors. Anyone with questions and concerns about our organization should call 988-1098 or email us at missisquoivalleyamb@gmail.com.

Jennifer Piette, Paramedic
President

**THE NORTH COUNTRY FRIENDS
OF THE VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Requesting \$100)**

c/o Eleanor Long ♦ 2 Church Street, Suite 3B ♦ Burlington, VT 05401
802-864-5741 Ext. 10



The North Country Friends Group of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra appreciates the Town of Westfield for supporting *SymphonyKids* programs for the children in your town. *SymphonyKids* is an outreach program with a mission to engage children in classical music through audience participation and encourage students to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for music.

It is our understanding that the Select Board can make the decision to add our request for an appropriation of \$100.00 to the 2021 Town Meeting Warning. We hope that you will consider sharing this letter with town voters.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) has a long history of bringing *SymphonyKids* programs to the Northeast Kingdom. Small ensembles from the VSO performed for students in their local communities. Between March 2019 and March 2020, *SymphonyKids* reached 3623 school children in 33 presentations, serving 27 schools in Northeast Kingdom communities. The VSO Fanfare program performed for 92 students 11/22/19 at Jay/Westfield School.

The 2021 appropriation from your town will go towards a new *SymphonyKids* program called *Musical Chairs* for the students in your town and will help us reach the greatest possible audience in the Northeast Kingdom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VSO education team started the *Musical Chairs* program in October 2020, a weekly online program aimed at children in kindergarten through sixth grade who love music. Host Toby Aronson travels to a different fun, kid-friendly location for each episode of *Musical Chairs* to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra, teach them how they can make musical instruments with everyday household items, and to explore instruments from around the world. *Musical Chairs* is a free 45-minute program available on VSO's YouTube channel (VermontSymphony) with a new show each Tuesday.

Your support in providing access to classical music for ALL children is greatly appreciated! Should you have questions or need more information, please contact me at 802-673-2447 or raamarq@hotmail.com.

Thank you!
Ruth Marquette

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.–NEKCA (Requesting \$300)

71 Seymour Lane ♦ Newport, VT 05855
802-334-8224

NEKCA Administrative Office: P.O. Box 346, 70 Main Street ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Court Diversion is a community response to juvenile and adult offenders. A Review Board comprised of community residents' reviews cases after the offender has met certain program criteria. The Review Board designs a contract, with the participant, using a restorative process, which specifies the conditions of the person's participation. If the participant satisfactorily completes the contract, the State's Attorney dismisses the charges. The contract could include an apology and restitution to the victim, community service, counseling and other remedial, educational, or corrective services. Approximately 89% of those referred to Court Diversion successfully complete their contracts. In addition, Diversion is cost effective; it takes far less money to process a case through Diversion than through Court, and the Diversion process is controlled by community people with vested interest in making sure there are not repeat offenses.

One (1) Westfield resident participated in the Diversion Program.

Your support at Town Meeting is vital to the continuation of the program.

Sincerely,

Stephanie R. Bowen, MS, HS-BCP
Diversion Director



NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING (Requesting \$300)

481 Summer Street, Suite 101 ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Phone: 802-748-5182; Fax: 802-748-6622 or email: info@nekouncil.org

On the Web: www.nekouncil.org

Local Office: 5452 US Route 5, Suite A ♦ Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-2190

For over 41 years, the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging has been a valued and trusted resource for older Vermonters to age in place. Our mission is to deliver the person-centered support necessary for our older Vermonters to sustain their independence and live well in their communities.

Our valuable services include a Helpline, Medicare counseling and Bootcamp, specially-trained staff who help people develop long-range planning as they age, exercise and mobility programs, family and caregiver support programs and grants, case management for those who need a bit more support with aging in place, as well as assistance in applying for fuel, food, and pharmacy programs.

Our nutrition programs partially fund meal sites and home delivered meals under the guidance of our registered dietitian. Working with RCT and Legal Aid, we provide solutions for the complex challenges people face while living in a rural community. In addition, our work is supplemented by over 370 volunteers who serve as Senior Companions, Home Delivered Meals drivers, wellness program leaders, and home-based caregivers.

Our service area extends across the entire Northeast Kingdom. During this past year 32 residents of Westfield used the services of our organization to meet their needs. People called our Helpline for assistance with caregiving and programs such as 3SquaresVt, Medicaid and Medicare, fuel assistance, and transportation, among other services. Our website www.nekouncil.org provides information on many of our programs and services.

We sincerely thank the residents of Westfield for your continued support to make a difference in the lives of your residents who are often the most vulnerable. As a private non-profit, we are able to remain independent and put the focus on our clients who need unbiased assistance.

If you have a friend or family member who may benefit from our services, please contact us. We're just a phone call away at the Senior Helpline: 800-642-5119.

In gratitude,
Meg Burmeister, Executive Director

The staff at the NEK Council on Aging wish to extend a special note of thanks to all the residents of the towns that supported us with an appropriation or donation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Requests for our services increased substantially and we remain grateful for the support of all our friends in the Northeast Kingdom as we continue to help our elders to remain healthy and safe.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES-NKHS (Requesting \$1,072)

181 Crawford Road – Derby, P. O. Box 724, Newport, VT 05855 ♦ 802-334-6744 or 800-696-4979

2225 Portland Street, P. O. Box 368, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 ♦ 802-748-3181 or 800-649-0118

Emergency Crisis Line 802-334-6744 – 24 hours a day/7 days a week

NKHS Parent Support Line 802-749-1111, a free community service

www.nkhs.org

Thank you, Town of Westfield voters, for your appropriation support last year. Annual appropriations are a vital funding source supporting community members who otherwise cannot afford care to improve their lives through confidential program services for Emergency/Crisis Services, mental health, addiction, and/or developmental/intellectual disabilities. Our mission is to empower individuals, families, and communities by promoting hope, healing, and support.

Summary data for July 2019 through July 2020:

- **3,663** = Total number of individuals of all ages in our service area that utilized support services in the past year.
- **16** = Number of individuals **from the Town of Westfield** who accessed supportive care at Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.
- **Over 100 hours** = Employees provided community consultation, education, and outreach in community meetings, events, and trainings in Northeast Kingdom Human Services offices, area schools, and businesses. Training examples include QPR Gatekeeper and Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- **512 total, 4 from the Town of Westfield** = Dedicated professional employees who support community members in the Derby or St. Johnsbury offices, the satellite office in Hardwick, telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic, in homes, in schools, and throughout Northeast Kingdom communities.
- **18%** = There was an increase of 18% in unanticipated expenses not reimbursed by the state or other grants for technology, cleaning supplies, and personal protective equipment needed to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Good mental health is important for everyone. As a Designated Agency serving the Vermont's system of care, NKHS has a responsibility for assuring that a comprehensive range of services are available regardless of an individual's ability to pay. A sliding fee scale is available for those in financial need. Northeast Kingdom Human Services is asking the Town of Westfield voters to consider helping neighbors, family members, and friends receive the supports they need to live a happy, fulfilling life and be an active and contributing member in your community. The 2021 appropriation request of \$1072 is the same amount voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting. This represents 1.11% of appropriation requests from 48 towns.

Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Northeast Kingdom Human Services Board of Directors



NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES, INC.-NEKLS (Requesting \$200)

55 Seymour Lane, Suite 11 ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-334-6532 ♦ Fax: 802-334-6555

On the Web: www.neklsvt.org



NEKLS began with one woman, Eva Warner, teaching area residents to read at their kitchen table.

It is ***so much more*** almost 50 years later.

It is our mission to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.

- **The High School Completion Program (HSCP)** collaborates with local schools to provide a path to a high school diploma for anyone 16 or older. Program participants may have left school or may still be enrolled in their partnering high school. **In FY20 35 HSCP students earned their high school diploma**
- **The General Educational Development Program (GED)** leads to a high school diploma equivalency. In 2020 18 students earned their GED through the NEKLS GED Testing Centers.
- **Adult Education and Literacy Programs** served **163 students for more than 6,336 hours in FY 2020 in the tri-county region**. In addition to HSCP and GED services, our teachers provided math, reading and writing skill development, job skills development, computer literacy and support in students' transition to work or college. Since March, many of our services are now also being offered remotely.
- NEKLS teaches English as a second or other language (**English For Speakers of Other Languages**) to students from around the world who have come to settle in our beautiful Northeast Kingdom. **In FY 2020, NEKLS served 5 ESOL students in the tri-county region.**
- NEKLS Community Learning Centers offer **group and individual digital literacy training**. In addition to computer instruction classes, an average of **106 community members a month** access email, search the web, perform job searches, complete online job applications, or apply for unemployment benefits at the **five Community Learning Centers in the tri-county region.**
- **Children's Integrated Services (CIS)** is Vermont's comprehensive approach to provide child development and family support services. In **FY 2020**, Northeast Kingdom Learning Services **Early Intervention and Family Support Specialists received over 300 referrals to EI and Family Support services.**
- **The Tutorial Program** provides one-on-one and group instruction to K-12 students at any number of locations including area libraries and town halls. In **FY 2020, NEKLS served 31 K-12 students in the tri-county region.**
- In FY20 **NEKLS trained over 50 community members in Mental Health First Aid** and has a staff member that was named one of the top 100 MHFA trainers in the USA. NEKLS transitioned their foundational prevention work to Umbrella's Social Change Program at the end of the four-year Regional Prevention Partnership Grant.
- In September of 2019, **Ready, Set, Grow Childcare** opened its doors to children and NEKCA Head Start opened their Head Start Program. The COVID19 Pandemic has greatly impacted families, child cares and schools. While both programs had to shut down for a period of time, Head Start was able to provide remote services to their children and Ready, Set, Grow Childcare was able to reopen to children in June. **At that time, 42 children were enrolled.** Ready, Set, Grow is actively working towards full staffing and full enrollment for 2021.

*NEKLS has a staff of **61 dedicated professionals** committed to serving the needs of the Northeast Kingdom. Please contact us at **1-844-GO NEKLS (466-3557)** if you or someone you know has need of our services or at info@neklsvt.org. **Thank you for your generous support!***

Thank you for your generous support!

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Faust, Executive Director

THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM & HISTORIC VILLAGE (Requesting \$550)

Orleans County Historical Society, Inc.

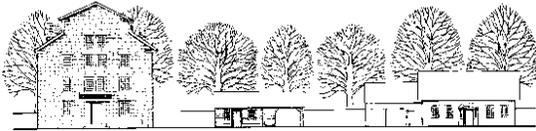
109 Old Stone House Road ♦ Brownington, VT 05860

802-754-2022

Email: information@oldstonehousemuseum.org ♦ On the Web: www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

This Town Meeting Day we humbly ask that you support the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village—a museum and historic village that is more than just a place to visit.

We are working harder than ever in these challenging times to meet this unique moment from donating fresh, organic veggies grown in our Giving Gardens, to building a new accessible educational trail available for all to safely enjoy throughout the seasons. We provided safe and enriching children's programming and gave away free lunches to children under 18-years old throughout the summer.



We need your help to continue our increasingly important work. Your town's contribution allows us to fulfill our mission to preserve our region's unique history, educate the young and not-so-young, who participate in our programs and events, and inspire all to live a better and brighter future. We need your help to continue to make a real difference in our community!

Thank you for all you do for our organization. We value your support and look forward to your next visit.

Sincerely,
Molly Veysey, Executive Director

ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY-OCCA (Requesting \$500)

P.O. Box 1058 ♦ Newport, VT 05855

802-673-2515 (Sandi White, Executive Director)

Orleans County Citizen Advocacy (OCCA) was founded in 1988 to promote friendships between individuals with developmental disabilities and community volunteers. Through one-to-one matches, OCCA helps our members build relationships where each person is respected, included, heard and empowered. We support enduring, positive connections that have enhanced our Orleans County communities for over thirty years.

2020 was a year like no other. Covid has severely limited our in-person interactions and has increased the isolation and loneliness of many of our members. We are also getting more people with disabilities joining who are seeking our help and companionship, but less people are volunteering. We therefore have changed our approach in response to Covid. Our goal is to safely bring people together, reduce isolation and increase meaningful connections. This means more outside, small group and online activities for our members. We hope to secure funding to assess technology needs and provide equipment and instruction when needed. We plan to conduct online workshops, support groups, and instruction in a variety of life skills. We are also providing healthy outdoor activities and will resume small group indoor activities when it becomes safe to do so. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer to contact us.

Since its inception, OCCA has initiated and supported over 100 matches without any federal or state funding. We have a small budget and low overhead. Our activities are funded through town appropriations, donations and small grants. All appropriations stay in Orleans County and directly impact and benefit our neighbors. We thank Westfield voters for your past support, and once again ask for your help.

Best Wishes,

Rich Ossias and Ann Stannard
Co-Chairs, OCCA Board of Directors



"Our Mission is to create and support relationships between community volunteers and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities so that all are heard, empowered and fully included in the community. We strive to engage all members in opportunities that enhance quality of life."

ORLEANS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (Requesting \$500)

278 Roaring Brook Rd. ♦ P.O. Box 580 ♦ Barton, VT 05822

Phone: 802-525-3555 (Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer)

Email: ocftreas@gmail.com ♦ On the Web: www.orleanscountyfair.net

The Orleans County Fair Association has taken great pride in hosting the Orleans County Fair for over 150 years and we hope to continue the tradition for another 150 years, but we need your help.

Roaring Brook Park is a beautiful venue but has numerous historic buildings which are costly to maintain. As a member of the executive committee, we are working to restructure operations and generate a business plan that will keep the Orleans County Fair viable for years to come, but we are in immediate need of financial support. We are requesting a \$500 appropriation from each of the towns that make up Orleans County, and hope your community will support the Roaring Brook Park as a fixture in Orleans County for generations to come.

The year 2020 was challenging due to COVID restrictions but we were able to successfully have smaller events. We are hoping to continue with these types of events to allow communities a place to gather in a socially distancing COVID manner.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Shelia Martin, Director/Treasurer

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT (Requesting \$14,882.40)

P.O. Box 355 ♦ Newport, VT 05855

Phone: 802-334-3333 **Emergencies: 911**



The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department provided **252.50** hours of patrol services to the Town of **Westfield** during January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020. The chart below shows the total incidents, total arrests and traffic violations for your town. A monthly breakdown of services provided by the Sheriff’s Department is available through your Town Clerk.

The past year has forced many challenges on our community and the Orleans County Sheriff’s Department recognizes how difficult it has been for the citizens of Orleans County. COVID has forced everyone to change their daily routines, how we socialize and how we currently exist. The Orleans County Sheriff’s Department made every effort to bring joy to our community in such difficult times. We were able to provide over 110 gifts to children during the Governor’s orders while conducting Birthday Parades with area Law Enforcement, Ambulance Services, Fire Services, Towing Services, and other community members. Thank you everyone for helping to celebrate our children’s birthdays.

This year we have had to say goodbye and wish a few Deputies the best in their next endeavors. Deputy Phil Brooks resigned in February 2020; Deputy Kyle Ingalls and Deputy Chase Walters joined Custom and Border Protection and at the time of this letter are currently in the academy. They have all moved on to better themselves and their careers and we wish them well.

Sergeant Tyler Jacobs and K-9 Jonah have also moved onto the Department of Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division with the State of Vermont and we are very sad to see them go but are so happy for Sergeant Jacobs as this has been a goal of his for several years. The team will be missed by all.

The Orleans Sheriff’s Department has hired some great new Deputies. Deputy Andrew Gonyaw is a full-time Patrol Deputy who has made such a great impact in a short period of time he has been here. Deputy Kirsten Kingsley who has been working, patrol, in the court and is currently assigned to the State’s Attorney’s Office as part of the STOP grant to further investigate crimes throughout Orleans County. Deputy Corey Marcoux; comes with 10 years of law enforcement experience and is a certified Field Training Officer, to the position of State Transport Deputy. Deputy Marcoux has and will continue to be a great asset to this department. Deputy Paul Barnard was hired and quickly showed an interest in the vacant School Resource Officer position at North Country Union High School. Deputy Barnard has already had a great impact in the school and we look forward to building those relationships with the students and staff. Deputy Testut was able to head back to Lake Region Union High School as their Resource Officer. Deputy Testut has been instrumental throughout these challenging times, helping school staff keep open communication with students and families, delivering school supplies and food to students and families.

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The Orleans Sheriff's Department was able to bring Richard Wells on with the department as a Sergeant. Sergeant Wells comes with 13 years of law enforcement experience, is a Field Training Officer, Death Investigator, NHTSA Radar Instructor, Advanced Roadside Impairment Enforcement, certified DUI checkpoint supervisor and several other strengths and expertise. Orleans County is fortunate to have Sgt. Wells as one of the newest members to the team.

We continue to work in partnership with the Newport Restorative Justice Board to maintain a "Drug Take-back" box in our lobby at the Sheriff's Department, which has collected approximately 167.5 lbs. of prescriptions in 2020. We also participate with Wal-Mart and Kinney Drugs in Derby on National Drug Take Back Day. Each year this program, in cooperation with the DEA, is responsible for getting hundreds of pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and off the street and properly disposed of by incineration.

In December, the Sheriff's department celebrated the 13th anniversary of "Operation Santa". We received generous, overwhelming support from many local area businesses and community members. **Thank you!** The program helped bring a happy holiday season to over 283 school children, to include Brighton Elementary this year as they are within our Supervisory Union. We want to once again thank our own Tammy Lacourse who works tirelessly all year to make this a success. This is the highest number of children we have been able to provide for in the past 13 years and we hope next year will be just as successful.

January 1, 2021, the Orleans County Sheriff's Department will be dispatched by Newport Police Department from 4:30 pm – 8:00 am Monday –Friday, Friday starting at 4:30 pm – Monday 8:00 am. When a community member calls the Orleans County Sheriff's Department 802-334-3333 after normal hours, they will no longer receive an answering machine, they will speak to a live person. While Newport PD is dispatching after normal hours, they will be able to assign a Deputy to the call, call out a Deputy if need be, but will be able to give **immediate** assistance to whoever is calling and that is what is most important.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Jennifer L. Harlow

Town of Westfield - Total Law Incident Report	
Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Assist-Agency	2
Animal Problem	1
Background Investigation	1
Citizen Assist	1
Directed Patrol	15
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	4
Phone Problem/Harassment	1
Public Speaking	1
Social Media/Internet	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	1
Threatening	1
VIN Number Inspection	3
Wanted Person	1
Total Incidents for Town of Westfield	34
Town of Westfield - Total Traffic Violation Report	
Total Traffic Tickets	30
Total Warnings	16
Town of Westfield - Total Arrest Report	
Statute Description	Total
Attempting to Elude Police	2
C&N Reckless Driving	2
Driving License Suspended Criminal	1
Excessive Speed	5
Total Arrest (by count) for Town of Westfield	10
Total Arrests (by person) for Town of Westfield	6

ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE INC. (Requesting \$2,500)

46 Lakemont Road ♦ Newport, VT 05855
Phone: 802-334-5213 ♦ Fax: 802-334-8822

Orleans Essex Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) and Hospice, Inc. provides professional quality home health services to the residents of the 24 communities in Orleans and northern Essex counties. We serve the elderly, homebound and chronically ill through the VNA and homemaker programs and the terminally ill through our Hospice program. Special programs include a variety of clinics available to the public. As the only not-for-profit agency serving the area, our services are available to anyone in need regardless of their ability to pay and all clients are charged the same fee for the same service. We are locally controlled by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the towns we serve. We adhere to strict regulations, which prohibit the practice of charging more to a client who can afford services to compensate for those who cannot. All revenue, by law, goes back into the Agency to provide, maintain, and improve services and programs.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES:



Total Agency Visits FY 2020.....	39,369
Total Visits FY 2020- Town of Westfield.....	269

During Fiscal Year 2019, home based services were provided to 22 individuals in Westfield for a total of 402 multi-disciplinary visits. 17 residents received services through Agency-sponsored wellness programs.

Appropriation Request for 2021.....	\$2,500.00
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Members of your community are in need of services daily and they receive them from the dedicated staff of the Orleans Essex VNA and Hospice, seven days a week, 24-hours a day. The funds your community appropriates to our Agency allow us to continue providing much needed care to individuals without third party insurance and those unable to pay, and provide special programs open to all community members. The Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice is supported by donations, service fees, and the generosity of communities who realize that in order to continue providing high quality home health services to their family members, friends, and neighbors, appropriations are desperately needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyne B. Limoges, MSN, RN
Executive Director

POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER, INC. (Requesting \$500)

4473 Barton-Orleans Road ♦ Orleans, VT 05860
802-754-2228

On the Web: www.frontieranimalsociety.com



The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. has continued to rescue, provide healthcare and housing to and adopt into caring homes over 510 dogs and cats in 2020. Town appropriations are a very necessary part of the shelter’s yearly survival and the monies are used to provide food, veterinarian services, medicines, utilities and maintenance. In addition, the shelter announced a new group within our organization...NEK Lost Pets Recovery. This is a small and evolving group of volunteers dedicated to the recovery of lost pets in Orleans County. Since the formation of our group this summer, we have responded with our volunteers and traps and aided in the recovery of four lost dogs who were reunited with their families.

Thank you to all the townspeople who love and care for unwanted pets and who offer support to the shelter.

Betsy Hampton, Treasurer and PMFAS Board Member

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.-RCT (Requesting \$600)

1677 Industrial Parkway ♦ Lyndonville, VT 05851

Phone: 802-748-8170 ♦ Fax: 802-748-5275

On the Web: www.riderct.org

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. (RCT) respectfully requests an appropriation in the amount of **\$600.00**. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. In Fiscal Year 2020, RCT provided 354 trips to 21 residents of the Westfield, travelling 13,011 miles at a total cost of \$6,067.00.



RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require 20% - 50% local match dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match.

We hope you will be able to assist with this request and look forward to our continued service to the residents of Westfield.

Sincerely,
Lila Bennett, Community Relations Manager

UMBRELLA (Requesting \$400)

1216 Railroad Street, Suite C ♦ St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Phone: 802-748-1992 or 800-916-8645

On the Web: www.umbrellanek.org



Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that cultivate a Northeast Kingdom where all people thrive free from abuse and oppression. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client-centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence.

Services offered include:

Social Change: Social Change focuses on a variety of initiatives in schools and in the community that aim towards preventing gender-based violence, substance misuse and tobacco use while creating a community where abuse and oppression are acknowledged and addressed. In FY20: 1717 Youth were served through 73 sessions, 258 adults were trained in 24 workshops. Umbrella also has 15 school partners throughout the Northeast Kingdom.

Advocacy: The Advocacy Program serves survivors and children of survivors who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, human trafficking as well as violence related to gender or sexual orientation. In FY20: 519 people served; 60 households including 41 children (101 people housed in emergency shelter). New to our advocacy program this year, Umbrella added 12 new beds for emergency shelter for families fleeing domestic violence. Also new this year, 6 households including 8 children (14 people) were housed in transitional housing. \$64,974 was given out to support clients, which includes help with security deposits, food, personal belongings, moving expenses, transportation, and rent.

Family- Based Services: Family Based Services focuses on connecting families to child-care and strengthening family relationships. Kingdom Child Care Connection assists families in Caledonia and southern Essex counties to receive subsidized childcare, appropriate child care referrals and specialized childcare placement support. The Family Room offers supervised visitation for families throughout the Northeast Kingdom. Families are connected to needed support including child care through our Kingdom Childcare Connection. In FY20 560 households received Umbrella support to access child care, 120 families connected to children's integrated services and there were 60 new referrals to child care. Children participate in supervised visitation with support of the Family Room. FY20 saw 93 children served with supervised visitation.

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Economic Empowerment: Economic Empowerment supports women with significant barriers to employment to work on their challenges with wrap-around, no-judgment support. Participants gain experience through culinary service and transition to employment on the pathway to meet their financial goals.

Women package and prepare food for homebound seniors via Cornucopia's Meals on Wheels program and food service at the Ready, Set, Grow Center in Newport. In FY20 the Cornucopia program had 8 graduates, of which 100% gained employment post-graduation. 12 former graduates received follow-up support. Cornucopia produced 37,276 meals (717 weekly average). We have 5 clients in the extended Cornucopia program and 2 new jobs were created.

Women and youth expand marketable skills while earning money towards our mission through our social enterprise, Dolcetti Gelato. \$3,000 earned with 8 pop up events in the summer of 2019. Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 5 households in Westfield were served by Umbrella in FY20 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Westfield's support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane Executive Director

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING-VCIL (Requesting \$95)

11 East State Street ♦ Montpelier, VT 05602

Phone: 802-229-0501 ♦ Voice & TTY: 800-639-1522 ♦ Fax: 802-229-0503

Email: info@vcil.org ♦ On the Web: www.vcil.org

For the past 41 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'20 (10/2019-9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The Rise Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'20, **2** residents of **Westfield** received services from the following programs:

- Peer Advocate Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance I,R&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK (Requesting \$250) *NEW

600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240 ♦ Williston, VT 05495-7549
Phone: 802-876-5315, Ext. 105 ♦ On the Web: www.vermontfamilynetwork.org/

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P) merged, Vermont Family Network has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years and created a virtual “one stop shop” for families of children with special needs and the providers who serve them.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Westfield and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Westfield where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we are able to do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland, an annual conference and much more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vfn.org, or 802-876-5315, ext. 105 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development and Communications Manager



VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE-RFP (Requesting \$100)

c/o Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)

170 Lower Sumner Hill Road ♦ Sumner, ME 04292
802-828-4582 ♦ On the Web: www.vacd.org



On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **23+ years** of the program, over **1200 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New

rural fire protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 20120 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

215 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities. For more information, please contact Troy Dare at 802-828-4582 or dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

JAY-WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORTS

Principal's Report

January 4, 2021

Dear Jay and Westfield Communities,

It is with tremendous pride that I introduce myself to you as the new lead learner at your beloved and very special school. All things Pandemic are hard, but transition to the school and the outpouring of support from the community have been nothing but positive. I feel right at home in the school and in this role, and have a stellar team supporting student learning and achievement, too.

School reopened this September after Labor Day to many new rules and restrictions, to which we prepared staff carefully and taught to students intentionally, to good results. We have had no transmissions at school and see student and staff adherence to mask wearing, social distancing and other protocols with fidelity. To what I call Covid Silver Linings, we have also made some improvements to the school day and facilities. Our campus now features many picnic tables for outdoor instruction and a fully outdoor Pre-K classroom. Students enjoy more time than ever outdoors for mask breaks and exercise and have more elbow room with thoughtfully spaced seating!

Teachers continue their high academic expectations with a focus on Literacy and reading instruction. We enjoyed weekly trips to the Jay Recreation trails in the fall where school took place outside those mornings. Should the need to go remote recur, we would be ready! All students have a device assigned to them and have been practicing interacting with platforms such as Google Classroom or Seesaw. While we are prepared for many contingencies, one thing has been clear – the children are happy to be here and benefitting from in-person instruction and the care that our dedicated staff provide.

I present to you a modest budget, with no changes to professional staff or new programming. In the future, I hope to explore adding a Guidance School counselor and more support staff to address the growing need for mental health supports in schools.

Yours in education,

Jessica Villeneuve
Principal



Jay Westfield Elementary School
257 Revoir Flats Road ♦ Jay, Vermont 05859
(802)-988-4042

JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Phone: (802) 988-4042

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Principal

Jessica Villeneuve

Teachers

Pre-K
K & 1
Grade 1 & 2
Grade 3 & 4
Grade 5 & 6
Math, Literacy Intervention & Library-Media
Special Educator
Special Educator and Intervention
Music (2 days a week)
Physical Education (2 days a week)
Art (1 day a week)
School-Based Counseling
Nurse (2 days a week)
Nurse (3 days a week)

Julie Ste. Marie
Lara Starr
Jane Halbeisen
Gerardo Ortiz
Sue Vanier
Heather Stetson
Kelley Stafford
Abigail Axtel
Wendell Hughes
Amy Clements
Michelle Ingram
Ashley Sevigny
Kristy Pillsbury
Lisa Anderson

Support Staff

Administrative Assistant
Paraeducator Pre-K
Paraeducator / Encore Coordinator
Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
Social emotional / Behavioral Support
Food Service
Custodian

Deveney Choquette
Julia Bolton
Eva Lemieux
Emily Loan
Alanna Whittier
Helen Before
Paul LeGrand

Community

Transportation
Jay Town Clerk
Jay Bookkeeper
Westfield Town Clerk
Westfield Bookkeeper

H. Morse & Son
Lynnette Deaette
Tara Morse
LaDonna Dunn
Rita Petzoldt

School Directors

Westfield Kevin Amyot, Board Chair; Nicole Dunn, Justin Leyva
Jay Janet Butler, Tracy Hinton, Jeff Morse
NCUHS Le-Ann Tetreault (Jay), Shawn Baraw (Westfield)

A word about student enrollment names: Due to student confidentiality issues, student's names are no longer printed in the Town Report.

Student Enrollment Count:

Jay-Westfield Joint Elementary School

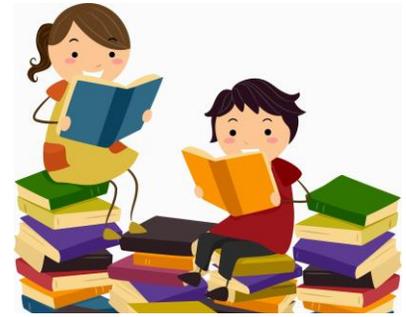
Westfield	39 Students
Jay	<u>42 Students</u>
	81 Total Students

Jr. High School

7 th grade	5 Students
8 th grade	<u>3 Students</u>
	8 Total Students

High School

9 th grade	4 Students
10 th grade	4 Students
11 th grade	3 Students
12 th grade	<u>6 Students</u>
	17 Total Students



JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FY2022 ANTICIPATED BUDGET

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	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
LOCAL REVENUE				
Investment Earnings - Interest	\$0	(\$3,803)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)
Other Revenues - Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Elem Assessment	(\$1,269,453)	(\$1,269,453)	(\$1,503,191)	(\$1,562,992)
Refund of Prior Years Expenditure	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc. Other Local Revenue	\$0	(\$1,148)	\$0	\$0
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	(\$1,269,453)	(\$1,274,404)	(\$1,505,691)	(\$1,565,492)
SUBGRANT REVENUE				
Medicaid Sub Grant	\$0	(\$8,114)	(\$14,500)	(\$7,000)
Title IIA NCSU Funds	\$0	(\$488)	\$0	\$0
Subgrants for Schoolwide Programs	(\$46,300)	(\$58,459)	(\$46,000)	(\$43,999)
Other Subgrants	\$0	(\$519)	\$0	(\$650)
TOTAL SUBGRANT REVENUE	(\$46,300)	(\$67,581)	(\$60,500)	(\$51,649)
TOTAL REVENUE	(\$1,315,753)	(\$1,341,985)	(\$1,566,191)	(\$1,617,140)
1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Salary - Elementary Teachers	\$314,427	\$356,367	\$386,871	\$364,127
Salary - Pre K Teacher	\$60,839	\$69,719	\$71,147	\$68,410
Salary - Elementary Para	\$17,812	\$48,389	\$24,211	\$23,673
Salary - Pre K Para	\$18,076	\$18,119	\$19,087	\$18,741
Substitutes Pay - Elementary	\$3,500	\$13,050	\$4,500	\$10,000
Substitutes Pay - Pre K	\$0	\$1,777	\$500	\$1,000
Health Ins - Elementary	\$129,580	\$91,834	\$104,250	\$94,291
Health Ins - Pre K	\$0	\$18,581	\$20,538	\$23,897
HRA	\$0	\$12,442	\$19,215	\$20,685
HRA	\$0	\$594	\$3,150	\$4,200
FICA - Elementary	\$31,415	\$30,375	\$33,910	\$30,432
FICA - Pre K	\$0	\$6,556	\$5,481	\$6,667
Life Insurance - Elementary	\$453	\$361	\$453	\$376
Life Insurance - Pre K	\$0	\$67	\$48	\$77
VSTRS FEDERAL ASSESSMENT RETIREMENT	\$4,578	\$5,263	\$8,401	\$0
VSTRS New Hire Health Care	\$0	\$3,793	\$2,500	\$2,500
Municipal Retirement	\$4,343	\$2,057	\$1,089	\$1,065

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	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$770	\$811	\$843
Workers Comp	\$2,479	\$2,210	\$2,778	\$3,103
Workers Comp - Pre K	\$0	\$620	\$653	\$688
Unemployment - Elementary	\$996	\$1,321	\$1,258	\$77
Unemployment - Pre K	\$0	\$189	\$248	\$22
Tuition - Elementary	\$5,000	\$6,714	\$5,000	\$9,357
Tuition - Pre K	\$0	\$6,713	\$17,000	\$1,366
Dental Ins - Elementary	\$2,500	\$2,117	\$2,000	\$2,630
Dental Ins - Pre K	\$0	\$354	\$384	\$384
Long Term Disability - Elementary	\$1,129	\$1,105	\$1,395	\$1,319
Long Term Disability - Pre K	\$0	\$216	\$269	\$296
Purchased & Technical Services - Element	\$18,000	\$9,881	\$20,000	\$19,410
Purchased Property Services - Elementary	\$3,000	\$3,836	\$3,500	\$6,000
Medicaid	\$0	\$8,114	\$7,000	\$7,000
Field Trips - Elementary	\$0	\$2,029	\$1,250	\$1,250
Field Trips - Pre K	\$0	\$85	\$250	\$250
Tuition Pre K Students	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,072
Travel - Elementary	\$500	\$134	\$500	\$500
Mileage-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies - Elementary	\$7,500	\$12,874	\$10,500	\$10,500
Supplies - Pre K	\$0	\$520	\$500	\$500
Books\Periodicals - Elementary	\$6,000	\$9,423	\$5,000	\$5,000
Books\Periodicals - Pre K	\$0	\$134	\$1,000	\$1,000
Books\Periodicals - Secondary	\$0	\$24	\$0	\$0
Books/Periodicals-REAP Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Books/Periodicals-PreK REAP Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Computer Software - Elementary	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Software - Pre K	\$0	\$226	\$0	\$0
Equipment - Elementary	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues\Fees - Elementary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Misc. Expenses-Sunshine Fund	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$644,377	\$748,953	\$787,647	\$750,207
1121 SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS				
Salary - Schoolwide Teacher	\$30,023	\$26,575	\$26,082	\$25,570
Salary-Schoolwide Tutor	\$0	\$2,929	\$0	\$0
Health Ins - Schoolwide	\$10,526	\$6,299	\$8,538	\$7,355
HRA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,100
FICA - Schoolwide	\$1,728	\$2,257	\$1,870	\$1,956
Life Insurance - Schoolwide	\$22	\$22	\$24	\$48
VSTRS Pension Payment	\$0	\$2,967	\$0	\$5,114
Workers Comp - Schoolwide	\$183	\$172	\$181	\$199
Unemployment - Schoolwide	\$63	\$95	\$124	\$11

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	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
Tuition - Schoolwide	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,366
Dental Ins - Schoolwide	\$192	\$192	\$192	\$192
Long Term Disability - Schoolwide	\$70	\$82	\$95	\$87
Purchased & Technical Services Schoolwide	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1121 SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS	\$42,807	\$41,590	\$38,106	\$43,999
2130 HEALTH SERVICES				
Salary - Nurse	\$18,037	\$56,661	\$58,390	\$56,144
Wages-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Substitutes Pay	\$0	\$386	\$0	\$500
Health Ins	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$2,200
FICA	\$1,380	\$4,364	\$4,142	\$4,295
FICA-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance	\$44	\$72	\$45	\$96
Life Insurance-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Retirement-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Workers Comp	\$142	\$382	\$390	\$438
Unemployment	\$290	\$126	\$401	\$22
Tuition	\$775	\$135	\$500	\$2,732
Long Term Disability	\$55	\$176	\$211	\$191
Long Term Disability-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchased Property Services	\$100	\$164	\$0	\$165
Other Purchased Services	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Supplies	\$500	\$414	\$500	\$500
Supplies-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2130 HEALTH SERVICES	\$21,423	\$62,880	\$65,579	\$67,283
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION				
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2220 LIBRARY				
Salary - Teacher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,880
Health Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,175
Health Reimbursement Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$315
FICA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$603
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7
Dental Ins	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$58
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27
Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2220 LIBRARY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,064

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2230 TECHNOLOGY				
Purchased & Technical Services	\$2,475	\$8,994	\$0	\$0
Contract Services	\$9,000	\$19,090	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Computer Software	\$9,000	\$1,175	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$20,475	\$29,259	\$5,000	\$5,000
2290 PATH EXPENSE				
Path Stipend	\$0	\$650	\$650	\$650
FICA	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$28	\$0	\$31
TOTAL 2290 PATH EXPENSE	\$0	\$727	\$700	\$731
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Wages - Minute Keeper	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500
FICA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$115
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$71
Legal	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Liability Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$3,350	\$4,052
Advertising	\$0	\$33	\$500	\$500
Dues	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Contingency for Wage/Benefit Increase	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$56,932
TOTAL 2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$0	\$33	\$5,450	\$64,670
2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT				
NCSU Assessment	\$35,045	\$35,045	\$45,431	\$49,895
TOTAL 2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	\$35,045	\$35,045	\$45,431	\$49,895
2405 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Legal	\$1,000	\$1,668	\$0	\$0
Liability Insurance	\$2,835	\$3,513	\$0	\$0
Advertising	\$300	\$1,623	\$0	\$0
Dues	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Board Expenses	\$700	\$683	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2405 BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$6,035	\$7,488	\$0	\$0
2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL				
Salary - Principal	\$76,902	\$76,902	\$85,000	\$82,000
Salary - Clerical	\$28,842	\$29,138	\$30,240	\$33,000
Substitute - Clerical	\$400	\$436	\$500	\$500
Health Ins	\$29,493	\$24,134	\$27,953	\$23,911
Health Savings Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,200

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	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
HRA	\$0	\$1,458	\$4,725	\$0
FICA	\$8,120	\$7,708	\$8,854	\$8,836
Life Insurance	\$200	\$198	\$200	\$220
Municipal Retirement	\$1,226	\$1,238	\$1,285	\$1,568
Workers Comp	\$832	\$783	\$832	\$901
Unemployment	\$580	\$252	\$248	\$22
Tuition	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,800
Dental Ins	\$804	\$845	\$840	\$420
Long Term Disability	\$236	\$238	\$283	\$391
Postage	\$500	\$303	\$250	\$250
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Equipment	\$250	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Dues\Fees	\$800	\$847	\$500	\$1,000
TOTAL 2410 OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$150,185	\$144,480	\$164,210	\$160,518
2520 FISCAL SERVICES				
Salary- Bookkeeper	\$10,851	\$10,851	\$11,936	\$0
FICA	\$830	\$830	\$913	\$0
Workers Comp	\$0	\$80	\$0	\$0
Unemployment	\$0	\$127	\$0	\$0
Contracted Services From NCSU	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$18,500
Postage	\$350	\$220	\$300	\$0
Supplies	\$400	\$57	\$0	\$0
Misc. Expenses	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2520 FISCAL SERVICES	\$12,431	\$12,181	\$15,149	\$18,500
2526 AUDIT SERVICES				
Audit Services	\$4,850	\$4,850	\$4,850	\$4,850
TOTAL 2526 AUDIT SERVICES	\$4,850	\$4,850	\$4,850	\$4,850
2600 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$30,679	\$26,870	\$32,282	\$36,400
Health Ins	\$0	\$14,377	\$13,925	\$15,311
HRA	\$0	\$2,827	\$3,150	\$4,200
FICA	\$2,347	\$1,839	\$2,470	\$2,785
Life Insurance	\$0	\$26	\$29	\$29
Municipal Retirement	\$1,304	\$1,142	\$1,372	\$1,729
Workers Comp	\$2,068	\$1,905	\$2,001	\$2,370
Unemployment	\$126	\$127	\$124	\$11
Dental Ins	\$0	\$510	\$420	\$420
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$124
Rentals/Leases of Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Sewer	\$4,273	\$4,273	\$4,273	\$4,273

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	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
Water Services	\$1,300	\$753	\$1,000	\$1,000
Water Testing	\$2,500	\$3,725	\$2,000	\$2,000
Rubbish Services	\$3,500	\$4,446	\$4,000	\$5,000
Purchased Services	\$0	\$10,872	\$10,000	\$10,000
Contract Services-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mowing	\$2,500	\$1,130	\$3,000	\$2,500
Contracted Serv.	\$6,500	\$280	\$0	\$0
Property Ins.	\$3,085	\$3,737	\$3,901	\$4,079
Telephone	\$3,200	\$3,172	\$2,700	\$2,700
Travel	\$0	\$132	\$0	\$150
Supplies	\$6,500	\$3,431	\$4,500	\$4,500
Supplies-COVID Related	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electricity	\$11,000	\$9,391	\$10,000	\$9,500
Heating Oil	\$15,000	\$16,034	\$14,000	\$14,000
Non-Instructional Equip.	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$96,882	\$110,998	\$116,647	\$123,580
2711 TRANSPORTATION				
Bus Monitor Wage	\$0	\$524	\$0	\$0
Health Ins	\$0	\$306	\$0	\$0
FICA	\$0	\$36	\$0	\$0
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Retirement	\$0	\$22	\$0	\$0
Dental Ins	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contract Services-NCSU	\$54,045	\$62,509	\$92,000	\$92,530
TOTAL 2711 TRANSPORTATION	\$54,045	\$63,407	\$92,000	\$92,530
2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION				
Field Trips	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,500
TOTAL 2720 EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,500
4791 REAP				
REAP Grant Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 4791 REAP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5000 DEBT SERVICES				
Fund Transfers	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 5000 DEBT SERVICES	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Wages-Summer	\$0	\$223	\$0	\$0
Salary - Para	\$21,335	\$41,197	\$35,212	\$34,447

**JAY/WESTFIELD JOINT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FY2022 ANTICIPATED BUDGET**

	FY2020 BUDGET	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 BUDGET	FY2022 DRAFT BUDGET
	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2019- 6/30/2020	7/1/2020- 6/30/2021	7/1/2021- 6/30/2022
Substitutes Pay	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Health Ins	\$8,145	\$6,710	\$7,415	\$9,252
HRA	\$0	\$1,896	\$1,575	\$2,100
FICA	\$1,710	\$3,059	\$2,770	\$2,712
Life Insurance	\$44	\$39	\$69	\$43
Municipal Retirement	\$907	\$1,585	\$1,497	\$1,636
Workers Comp	\$173	\$248	\$334	\$269
Unemployment	\$126	\$141	\$186	\$17
Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dental Ins	\$420	\$400	\$420	\$342
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$117
Purchased & Technical Services	\$17,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchased Services SU	\$111,330	\$116,095	\$137,710	\$143,921
Advertising	\$0	\$186	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$44	\$0	\$0
Books\Periodicals	\$0	\$66	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$162,190	\$171,889	\$188,188	\$200,856
2150 SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES				
Salary - Para	\$24,569	\$12,927	\$12,833	\$12,542
FICA	\$1,880	\$989	\$982	\$959
Life Insurance	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$14
Municipal Retirement	\$1,044	\$549	\$545	\$596
Workers Comp	\$199	\$90	\$92	\$98
Unemployment	\$116	\$48	\$82	\$6
Long Term Disability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43
Purchased & Technical Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contract Services - SLP	\$15,000	\$0	\$7,500	\$0
TOTAL 2150 SPEECH/AUDIOLOGY SERVICES	\$42,808	\$14,616	\$22,034	\$14,258
2170 PHYSICAL THERAPY				
Contract Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2170 PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION				
Encore-ASP	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$10,200
TOTAL 1100 DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$10,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,315,753	\$1,458,597	\$1,566,191	\$1,617,140
NET BALANCE	\$0	\$116,612	\$0	\$0

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

		Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22
Revenues:					
1000	Local				
1500	Interest	200.00	418.80	200.00	200.00
	Total 1000	200.00	418.80	200.00	200.00
3000	State				
3110	Ed fund and Education Prop Tax	424,647.70	425,600.00	495,499.00	502,715.26
3146	Small Schools Financial Stability Grant				
3145	Small Schools Grant	20,000.00	30,238.00	25,000.00	26,000.00
3202	Special Ed Reimbursement		4,128.00	12,600.00	14,000.00
	Total 3000	444,647.70	459,966.00	533,099.00	542,715.26
	Hot Lunch Reimbursement				
2430	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		357.82		
2433	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		51.00		
2474	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		113.20		
2458	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		561.18		
2459	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		1,425.00		
2460	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		5,249.03		
2462	Hot Lunch Reimbursement		2,624.42		
	Total 4000		10,381.65		
	Previous Year's Surplus	40,483.00	40,483.00		15,393.37
	Total Revenues	485,330.70	511,249.45	533,299.00	558,308.63
Expenditures					
1100	Regular Programs				
562	J/W Assessment	474,140.70	474,140.70	521,307.00	545,953.00
	J/W Special Ed Assessment				
591	Hot Lunch				
	Hot Lunch Reimbursement to J/W		10,381.65		
591	Ski Program	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	Total 1100	474,640.70	485,022.35	521,807.00	546,453.00
1211	Special Programs				
300	EEE - Local	4,590.00	4,589.85	5,392.00	5,755.63
	Total 1211	4,590.00	4,589.85	5,392.00	5,755.63
2311	Board of Education				
110	Stipends	1,350.00	1,165.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
2520	Fiscal Services				
339	Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Audit	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
	Ballots/legal costs	0.00	328.88	0.00	0.00
	Total 2520	4,750.00	5,078.88	4,750.00	4,750.00
	Total Expenditures	485,330.70	495,856.08	533,299.00	558,308.63

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION REPORTS

Superintendent's Annual Report

Schools have never experienced the challenges we've seen from the impact of COVID-19 since mid-March of last year. We have risen to meet those challenges in our schools, supervisory union and communities. We have seen countless ways in which faculty, staff and administrators have stepped up to support students and families.

The response was immediate. Teachers quickly adapted to delivering remote learning with no formal training or preparation. We had an amazing effort from our school food service programs and the Abbey Group in providing meals for delivery. Our bus drivers and contracted transportation services delivered meals and often, school resources, with the assistance of school staff. NCSU Encore Coordinator Beth Chambers spearheaded our efforts, and was assisted by Kristin Beswick, to provide childcare to essential workers, while numerous faculty and staff volunteered to assist. Samantha Stevens, our Equity and Community Outreach Coordinator was instrumental in supporting multiple initiatives and, most importantly, families struggling the most with the impact of the pandemic. We even pulled off a surely memorable drive-through graduation at NCUHS! The response to school closure and going remote was remarkable.

By mid-May, we had constituted five work groups to prepare for our return to school in September: Facilities, Transportation, Special Education, Learning Design and Early Childhood Programs. These groups met numerous times through the summer to examine the Strong and Healthy Start guidance from the Vermont Agency of Education and Vermont Department of Health. We created our own extensive handbook to support implementation at the school level.

By early July, we determined that providing a virtual option for students was important to many families. NCSU Director of Learning Design, Jessica Applegate, created virtual programs for students K-6 by hiring five new teachers and setting up an option with the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative. Given the short turnaround time, I truly believe this was our "Apollo 13 moment." We were incredibly fortunate that NCUJHS created their own virtual courses and provided access to other 7th and 8th grade students from our K-8 schools to attend. The high school also responded by creating a range of virtual sections and delivering a hybrid model.

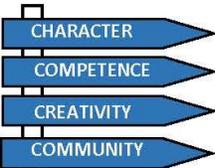
Throughout the summer custodial and maintenance personnel went above and beyond to prepare schools for reopening by building handwashing stations, creating plexiglass dividers, organizing classrooms, and putting up tents for outdoor learning. Principals worked with faculty and staff to establish new routines and practices. We appreciate the collaborative problem solving with the Northeast Kingdom Education Association to work through a range of issues related to employment that were important to a successful reopening and fall school session.

I'm especially grateful for the coordination of our COVID-19 mitigation efforts by our NCSU School Nurse Leader Lindy Perry, and School Nurse Liaison Kristy Pillsbury. They ensured we had the necessary protocols in place, PPE available, and they are always responsive to questions from the field. We had an incredible outpouring of support for our mask making initiative led by Liz Butterfield. I also appreciate the dedication of our COVID positive case response team who convened with short notice, including on many weekends, to support principals and to work with the Vermont Department of Health whenever there was a positive case in our schools.

All along, our local school boards and NCSU Full Board have supported our efforts as we balanced Freedom and Unity in navigating the many collective decisions that needed to be made. If there was ever a time that we needed to draw upon our mission of Character, Competence, Creativity and Community it has been this past year. It is evident that we have seen much courage and caring throughout this year. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our students, staff, and each other!

Sincerely,

John A. Castle
Superintendent of Schools



NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION

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LEARNING BELIEFS

Learning takes place in a culture that fosters...

**Growth Mindset ❖ Curiosity ❖ Perseverance ❖ Relevance
Mutual Respect ❖ Feedback & Reflection ❖ Instructional Access
Equity ❖ Diversity ❖ Personal Responsibility ❖ Shared Leadership
Individual & Collective Accomplishments ❖ Community Partnerships**

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

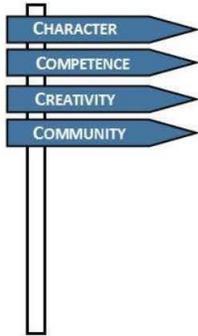
Learners participate in experiences that/to...

**Support Personal Pathways ❖ Include Problem-Based Projects
Are Academically Rigorous ❖ Make Inter-Disciplinary Connections
Contain Experiential Discovery ❖ Utilize Transferable Skills
Encourage Student Voice ❖ Incorporate Technology
Involve Physical Activity ❖ Create & Perform ❖ Engage the Community
Occur In the Natural World ❖ Happen Anywhere & Any Time**

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learners succeed by becoming...

**Caring, Kind & Grateful ❖ Confident & Self-Directed ❖ Honest & Fair
Independent Thinkers ❖ Innovative Problem Solvers
Academically Accomplished ❖ Effective Communicators & Collaborators
Technologically Skilled ❖ Globally Aware ❖
Contributing Citizens ❖ Respectful of Our Environment
Physically, Emotionally & Socially Healthy
Appreciative Of & Skilled In the Visual & Performing Arts**



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SUPERVISORY UNION WORK & LEARNING PLAN

Equity

- Advance equity principles and practices

Social & Emotional Learning

- Deliver research-based practices with consistency that advance positive attitudes, habits, and actions

Content Standards and Transferable Skills

- Implement curricula based on current content standards
- Implement curricula based on NCSU transferable skills
- Promote effective digital learning

Student Engagement

- Promote inquiry-based learning
- Support interdisciplinary instruction
- Create multiple pathways
- Foster personalization

Student Voice & Leadership

- Promote student contributions and leadership in their communities
- Include students in authentic decision making at all levels

Formative Assessment and Data

- Provide multiple opportunities for feedback and reflection
- Use technology to support assessment, reporting and reflection
- Students engage in goal setting in age-appropriate ways
- Use qualitative and quantitative data to guide the reflection and review of programs, practices, systems and structures

Approved by the NCSU Full Board December 2018

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY2022 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET (continued)

Account Number / Description	FY2021 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	FY2022 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
ASSESSMENT REVENUE		
INTEREST		
INTEREST INCOME-CASH ACCOUNT	(\$4,500)	(\$18,000)
INTEREST INCOME-MONEY MARKET	(\$1,000)	(\$600)
INTEREST REVENUE	(\$5,500)	(\$18,600)
ASSESSMENTS	(\$1,571,563)	(\$1,571,531)
TOTAL 1931 TOWN ASSESSMENT	(\$1,571,563)	(\$1,571,531)
1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE		
FUND BALANCE AS REVENUE	(\$42,000)	(\$73,000)
INDIRECT COSTS REVENUE	(\$35,000)	(\$65,200)
MISC REVENUE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 1990 MISC OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	(\$77,000)	(\$138,200)
TOTAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE	(\$1,654,063)	(\$1,728,331)
ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES		
1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS		
SALARY MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$3,500	\$4,000
FICA	\$268	\$306
W COMP	\$12	\$26
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$1,110	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$1,110	\$1,000
TOTAL 1100 MIDDLE LEVEL ATHLETICS	\$6,000	\$6,332
2111 SCHOOL NURSE LEADER		
SALARY SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$7,800	\$8,034
BCBS SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$700	\$770
HRA SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$420	\$0
FICA SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$602	\$615
LIFE INS SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$8	\$8
W COMP SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$30	\$35
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$0	\$12
DENTAL SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$40	\$40
LONG TERM DISABILTY SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$23	\$25
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$0	\$400
TRAVEL SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$500	\$600
SUPPLIES SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$350	\$350
TOTAL 2111 SCHOOL NURSE LEADER	\$10,473	\$10,889
2210 Improvement of Instruction Services		
SP PROJECTS P SERV	\$8,000	\$6,000
SP PROJECTS PRINCIPAL MENTORING	\$0	\$0

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY2022 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET (continued)

Account Number / Description	FY2021 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	FY2022 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
SP PROJECTS SUPPLIES	\$2,000	\$1,000
SPEC.PROJ.-FOOD	\$5,000	\$3,500
SPEC.PROJ.-SOFTWARE	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2210 Improvement of Instruction Services	\$15,000	\$10,500
2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM SALARY	\$43,992	\$45,312
WAGES CURRICULUM ADMIN ASST	\$18,063	\$18,605
BCBS	\$15,178	\$16,696
HRA	\$6,300	\$6,300
FICA	\$4,997	\$4,900
LIFE INSURANCE	\$90	\$78
MUN. RETIREMENT	\$1,125	\$1,175
WORKERS COMP	\$380	\$450
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$100	\$100
TUITION	\$770	\$770
DENTAL	\$378	\$378
LTD	\$193	\$200
TRAINING	\$750	\$750
TRAVEL	\$645	\$645
SUPPLIES	\$1,200	\$1,200
BOOKS & PERIODICALS	\$500	\$500
CONF & DUES	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL 2212 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$96,661	\$100,059
2230 TECHNOLOGY		
DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY	\$74,003	\$90,000
NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	\$39,002	\$40,172
SUPPORT TECH WAGES	\$80,000	\$80,000
BCBS	\$21,340	\$44,770
HRA	\$7,875	\$8,400
FICA	\$8,645	\$16,078
LIFE INSURANCE	\$200	\$300
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$6,516	\$9,957
WORKERS COMP	\$550	\$550
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$403	\$100
TUITION	\$1,800	\$1,800
DENTAL	\$762	\$1,000
LTD	\$335	\$500
PURCHASED SERVICE	\$12,500	\$12,500
PURCHASED SERVICE TECH SERVICE CONTRACT	\$58,350	\$60,000
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	\$110,398	\$111,000
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$2,000
ROOMS & MEALS	\$400	\$400
SUPPLIES	\$500	\$2,000

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY2022 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET (continued)

Account Number / Description	FY2021 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	FY2022 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
SOFTWARE	\$17,000	\$3,500
EQUIPMENT	\$15,500	\$5,500
DUES & FEES	\$1,500	\$1,000
TOTAL 2230 TECHNOLOGY	\$460,578	\$491,527
2300 Support Services - General Admin		
ANNUITY	\$0	\$0
SUP'T SALARY	\$133,307	\$128,180
SECRETARY WAGES (2)	\$80,548	\$82,964
BCBS	\$40,988	\$46,200
HRA	\$10,200	\$8,200
FICA	\$16,360	\$16,153
LIFE INSURANCE	\$226	\$226
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$4,745	\$4,810
WORK COMP	\$1,600	\$1,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$500	\$500
DENTAL	\$1,182	\$1,200
LTD	\$629	\$646
AUDIT NCSU	\$12,200	\$10,200
LODGING & MEALS	\$1,500	\$1,500
TRAVEL	\$3,000	\$3,000
VSA DUES	\$4,500	\$5,000
PROF DEVELOPMENT-SECRETARY	\$200	\$200
PROF DEVELOPMENT	\$1,600	\$1,600
TOTAL 2300 Support Services - General Admin	\$313,285	\$312,179
2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS		
HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT	\$0	\$0
LEGAL MISC TOWNS	\$250	\$1,000
MAINTANCE CONTRACT ADS	\$6,000	\$11,000
STORAGE PURCHASE SERVICE	\$700	\$210
LEGAL SERVICES	\$3,000	\$3,000
STIPEND TREASURER'S	\$1,050	\$1,050
PURCHASE SERVICE	\$600	\$600
EQUIP MAINT	\$1,000	\$1,000
PHONE EQUIP MAINT	\$2,500	\$2,500
MACHINE LEASES & RENTALS	\$10,200	\$8,200
CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE	\$14,000	\$16,000
TELEPHONE	\$5,800	\$6,000
POSTAGE	\$10,000	\$12,000
INTERNET	\$1,000	\$1,000
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$7,000	\$7,500
MISC TOWNS ADVERTISING	\$400	\$750
ADVERTISING	\$5,000	\$5,000
MISC FOOD MEETINGS	\$10,000	\$8,000

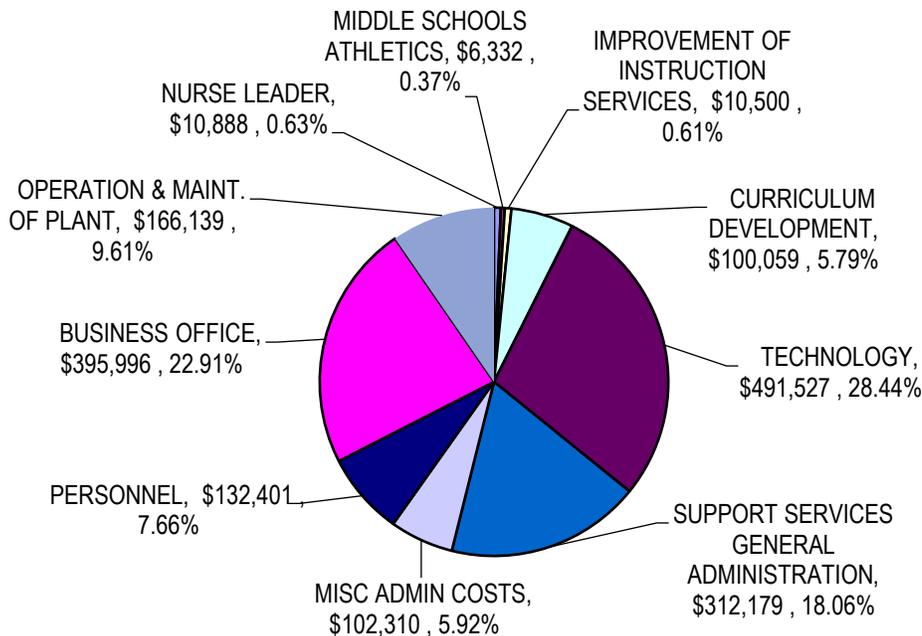
NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY2022 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET (continued)

Account Number / Description	FY2021 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	FY2022 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
MISC TOWN INVOICES	\$500	\$500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$10,000	\$10,000
BOOKS	\$500	\$500
EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$1,000
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$2,000	\$0
PHONE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0
FURNITURE	\$2,500	\$2,500
MISCELLANEOUS DUES/FEES	\$2,000	\$3,000
FSA/HRA PARTICIPANT FEES	\$0	\$0
TOTAL 2320 MISC ADMIN COSTS	\$97,000	\$102,310
2323 PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL WAGES	\$89,199	\$93,942
PERSONNEL BCBS	\$13,629	\$14,992
PERSONNEL HRA	\$0	\$4,200
PERSONNEL FICA	\$7,015	\$7,186
PERSONNEL LIFE INS	\$52	\$52
PERSONNEL RETIREMENT	\$5,273	\$5,637
PERSONNEL WORKERS COMP	\$560	\$650
PERSONNEL UNEMPLOYMENT	\$475	\$100
PERSONNEL TUITION	\$3,450	\$3,450
PERSONNEL DENTAL	\$762	\$762
PERSONNEL LTD	\$271	\$280
PURCHASED SERVICE PERSONNEL	\$500	\$500
PERSONNEL TRAVEL	\$100	\$100
PERSONNEL CONF/DUES	\$550	\$550
TOTAL 2323 PERSONNEL	\$121,835	\$132,401
2520 BUSINESS OFFICE		
SALARY DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$78,188	\$80,533
WAGES FINANCE ASSISTANTS	\$80,020	\$82,420
WAGES BUSINESS ADM ASST	\$29,775	\$30,668
WAGES COURIER	\$2,000	\$2,000
SALARY STAFF ACCOUNTANT	\$46,860	\$48,266
BCBS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$74,564	\$81,675
HRA	\$10,000	\$12,000
FICA BUSINESS OFFICE	\$17,965	\$18,659
LIFE INS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$208	\$225
RETIREMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$14,473	\$16,000
WORKERS COMP BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$1,500
UNEMPLOYMENT BUSINESS OFFICE	\$675	\$400
TUITION BUSINESS OFFICE	\$3,800	\$2,000
DENTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,499	\$1,600
LTD DIRECTOR BUSINESS	\$670	\$750
PURCHASE SERVICE BUSINESS OFFICE	\$0	\$10,000

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
FY2022 BOARD APPROVED ASSESSMENT BUDGET

Account Number / Description	FY2021 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	FY2022 Board Approved Budget 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022
TRAVEL BUSINESS OFFICE	\$5,000	\$5,000
ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS OFFICE	\$400	\$400
DUES & FEES BUSINESS OFFICE	\$1,400	\$1,400
PROF DEV BUSINESS OFFICE	\$500	\$500
TOTAL 2520 BUSINESS OFFICE	\$369,397	\$395,996
2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
WAGES CUSTODIAN	\$2,716	\$2,818
OPERATION AND MAINT PURCHASE SERV	\$3,500	\$3,500
CUSTODIAN-P.SERV	\$14,200	\$14,200
RUBBISH REMOVAL	\$1,800	\$1,800
STORAGE RENTAL SPACE	\$900	\$1,020
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	\$2,800	\$2,800
TOTAL 2600 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$25,916	\$26,138
2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT		
RENT	\$137,917	\$140,000
TOTAL 2640 OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	\$137,917	\$140,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,654,063	\$1,728,331

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION FY2022 BUDGET



**NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL
FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 UNAUDITED**

		General Fund 2020
<u>Revenues</u>		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$	2,829,138
Operating grants and contributions		10,574,726
General Revenues:		
Grants and contributions not restricted to Specific programs		1,426,009
Miscellaneous		194,045
Total revenues		15,023,918
<u>Expenses</u>		
General administration		1,393,886
Student support services		1,735,188
Special education		7,815,816
Technology program		540,221
Transportation and maintenance		2,639,713
On-behalf payments		839,376
Total Expenses		14,964,200
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		59,718
Fund balance - beginning		1,469,091
Fund balance - ending	\$	1,528,809

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

*PHOTO INDEX: Were you able to identify the agricultural photo's in this
edition of the Town Report? If not, here's a little help.....*

Cover: Daigle Farm on Loop Road (now O'Donnell Farm); First plow brought to Westfield by Rodolphus Reed; Early grain bagger; Phil Sheltra plowing with his horses, Charlie and Duke; Inside front cover: 1859 Westfield Tax Map; Scythe at Hitchcock Museum; 1909 Main St. Westfield (Berry Creek Farm on left); Jack Lazor of Butterworks Farm; Page 27: Barn First Creamery cave under construction; Page 28: Sundog over Spring Brook Farm (photo courtesy: David Miner); Farmers, Lyle and Kitty Edwards (the shirts say it all!); Page 29: Aerial view of O'Donnell Farm on the Loop Road; Page 34: Scenic photo of Robert and Joanne Bathalon's farm; Page 37: Couture's Sugarhouse; Pauline Couture serving up some maple treats to Lillian Bathalon; Jacques Couture and the Raboin family checking maple lines; Page 41: Future farmer at Spring Brook Farm; Page 42: Mainline for sugaring at Corrow Basin Maple; Tapping those maples!; Heather and Bruce Johnson (Corrow Basin Maple) fixing mainline laterals; Page 44: l to r: Picturesque Lazy Lady Farm (Laini Fondiller); One of the lazy ladies taking a coffee break!; a sampling of Lazy Lady Farm's award winning goat cheeses; Michel and Terry Couture sugaring and their sugarhouse; bottom row: Jack and Anne Lazor and family of Butterworks Farms; a wintery view of Butterworks Farm; Oh those Jersey cows Juniper) make the best yogurt!; haying the fields at Butterworks Farm; Page 50: l to r: Berthiaume Farm before remodeling; Josh White's hives (Northwoods Apiaries); Page 59: l to r: Degre farm back in the day (then); (now) Windy River Farm remodeled into a wedding barn venue; middle l to r: Kearney Farm now owned by Dana and Wendy Burkewitz; bottom: panoramic view at O'Donnell farm; Inside Back Cover: top: organic offerings at Berry Creek's farmstand; middle: Rebecca Velazquez ladling her award winning goat cheese in her cheese room; bottom l to r: Josh White of Northwood Apiaries tending to his bees; the lazy ladies at Lazy Lady Farm; Spring Brook Farm cows waiting to get milked. **Disclaimer**: *It was the intention to include as many current ag producers as possible. If someone was left out inadvertently, please accept my apology and provide some photo's for the next issue.....LaDonna Dunn, Town Report Editor*

Vermont's Current Use Program, conservation easements, 'buy local' promotion, and adoption of organic farming methods helped stabilize Westfield's agricultural land use. Today, there are larger farms created by the purchase or lease of crop and pasture land, that was part of smaller dairy farms in the 1800s and 1900s. 'Back-to-the-land' dreamers bought abandoned hill farms and returned them to homesteading agricultural production and commercial ventures.

Yet, despite advances and new incentives, there are striking past/present parallels.

Challenges that remain unchanged

- Unpredictability – weather, pests, disease, pollinators, cash flow
- Markets – access, expansion, price competition, consumer demand
- Evolution of transportation & communication
- National policy – war, emigration/immigration, western expansion.



Practices that have stood the test of time

- Farm-scale 'vertically integrated' business model –grow, process, distribute products
- Barter & sharing between farmers –equipment, labor, livestock, seed, construction
- Farmer owned cooperatives to meet market demand –processing, trucking, advertising
- Centuries old agriculture and land management practices that continue to be used, demonstrated and shared by Indigenous peoples.



These parallels and evolving policy and practice beg the question: What will Westfield's agricultural legacy be from the early decades of the 21st Century?

One could pose that weather is the most overarching challenge, and promise. Will landowners manage the predicted increase in rainfall intensity and drought by improving soil's infiltration and water holding capacity? Will Westfield's latitude on a warming planet increase the diversity of crops grown here? Will it attract a next generation of farmers and land stewards?

If history and the Town's land use vision are our guide, in 2021 we are hopeful Westfield's agricultural legacy will endure.



*The Town offers this brief historical perspective with appreciation for your contribution to Westfield's agricultural legacy – as farmers, landowners, consumers, policymakers, educators – and in memory of those friends we lost this year:
Jack Lazor; Thomas Schrock; Mel Hastings; Roger and Rolande Catudal*

About this essay: It was decided to use the inside front and back covers of the 2020 Town Report for a brief history of how Westfield's present day agricultural diversity evolved. In past years these pages were used to explain the cover photos, and to provide procedural information for Town Meeting attendees. Photo's depicting our legacy are scattered throughout the book for your enjoyment. Story ideas for future issues are welcomed.

A special thank you to Pat Sagui for historical research, drafting and editing of this essay. Much appreciation to the Old Stone House Museum and the readers of early drafts.

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