

# TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

## TOWN REPORT RECOGNITION

### *Genevieve H. Prenevost*

This year, we recognize the Town's oldest resident, Genevieve H. Prenevost, who celebrated her 100th birthday this past April.

Genevieve was born on the Castleton Road in West Rutland, Vermont, and is a lifelong resident of West Rutland. She attended St. Stanislaus Kostka School in town. In 1940, she married Richard P. Prenevost.

Genevieve was a member of St. Ann's Society at the Sacred Heart Church in West Rutland and is a current parishioner of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Currently, Genevieve is a member of American Legion Post 87 Auxiliary.

Genevieve is known as a gracious homemaker and wonderful neighbor, and also for the meticulous care and pride she has always taken in maintaining her West Rutland home.



Genevieve and her Son, Rick, viewing the "Happy Birthday Car Parade" motorcade which traveled up Chapel St., Franklin St., Blanchard Ave., and Clarendon Ave.



## ON THE COVER

Introducing The Town of West Rutland's new Logo!!! This beautiful graphic illustrates some of the many beautiful features of our Town. Many thanks to John Gicewicz, Owner/Designer, from JEG Design, for making our thoughts a reality.

# ***In Memoriam....***



## ***Leonard P. DiGangi October 21, 1926—September 6, 2020***

Leonard (Leo) DiGangi was a long-time resident of West Rutland and served his town in many capacities. He was a founding member of the West Rutland Development Corporation which created the Industrial Park on Sheldon Avenue. Over the years, he was a resource to town officials with economic development strategies with his years of experience. A most memorable moment was in 2019 at the unveiling of the WWII monument at the Town Hall. Leo was one of the last remaining West Rutland WWII Veterans and was honored at the event and stood proudly with his family by his side.



## ***Michael R. Chaloux November 15, 1954—October 27, 2020***

If you didn't personally know him, you certainly knew and enjoyed his many photos of West Rutland posted on Facebook. Michael's photos portrayed the Town he loved with beautiful landscapes, heart capturing moments or a small token that you might otherwise pass by. Whether it was the winter's first snowfall, a parade through town or a bird sighting, Michael was there to capture it. He was often first on the scene of an accident or fire offering a quick update of reassurance to residents. When Michael became sick, the outpouring of love and support was overwhelming. Michael captured the hearts of so many but his beautiful photography of the town he loves will live on forever.



## ***William J. Kulig July 25, 1953—January 6, 2021***

William "Bill" Kulig was new to municipal government but didn't let that stop him. He quickly engaged himself and served four years as a Selectboard member. Bill's inquisitive nature led to him learning many of the ins and outs of municipal duties but his passion was the recreation area and dog park. His blue truck was often found parked at the recreation area, picking up garbage or driving around town checking on things and chatting with townspeople. He made himself available to work at local and presidential elections. He also served on the appeal board for tax appeals. Bill was a dedicated selectboard member and served the Town with a fair and honest approach.

## INFORMATION

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday-Thursday, Friday by appointment

**TREASURER’S OFFICE:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Thursday  
8:00 AM—Noon, Friday

**ZONING OFFICE:** 8:15AM – 4:00PM, Monday  
8:15 AM—Noon, Thursday

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:** Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager (438-2263)  
Treasurer’s Office (438-2263)  
Patricia Kulig, Treasurer  
Melissa Carlson, Bookkeeper  
Stan Jagodzinski, Assistant Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator  
Chris Wener, Town Clerk, (438-2204)  
Jeff Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator (438-2204)  
Listers: Lisa Wright, Patrick Trepanier, Robert Higgins, (438-2263)

**FAX:** (438-5133)

**TOWN GARAGE:** (438-2854) 24-hour Pager Service

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** (438-5633)

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** (438-5633)

**LIBRARY:** (438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Year’s Day	Martin Luther King Jr.	Presidents’ Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day	Labor Day
Veteran’s Day	Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Day before Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve (since Christmas is on a Saturday this year)	
New Year’s Eve		

**DUE DATE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS:** April 15 and October 15  
**DUE DATE FOR TAX PAYMENTS:** August 15, November 15, May 15

**Payment Methods:** Cash, Check, Credit Card, On-line

- **Online Payments:** A transaction fee of 2.65% of the payment amount will be charged (minimum \$3 charge) for use of this service. E-Checks may also be used through this service with a transaction fee of \$1.50 per E-Check. Select the **Pay Online** Link on our Website (<https://www.westrutlandvt.org>)
- Payments can be mailed, paid in person, placed in the drop box in back parking lot, or set up for automatic bank withdrawal. Postmarked are not allowed.

**MEETING HOURS:**  
SELECTBOARD  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Town Hall Conference Room

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**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT**  
**WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to Join  
Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 963 8519 4814

Passcode: 182600

Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 6:00 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3.  
And to meet on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35  
Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-22. Polls to close at 7:00 PM.

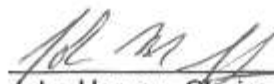
- Article #1 To act on the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article #2 To discuss the proposed Selectboard's Budget for the expenses of the Town and Highway Department.
- Article #3 To transact any other legal and proper business, not involving Town funds or any other articles on this warning.

**THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

- Article #4 To elect by Australian Ballot all necessary Town Officers:  
Town Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1), Selectpersons 1 Year (3), Lister 3 Year, Grand Juror and Town Law Agent. Quarry Valley Unified Union School District: Director 3 Years (1) and Director for an unexpired 2 Year of a 3 Year Term (1).
- Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$1,474,557 to be raised by taxes?
- Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements?
- Article #7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
- Article #8 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? (\$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$4,500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)
- Article #9 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article #10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,260 to the Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) for the purposes of economic development and promotion?
- Article #11 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?

- Article #12 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROCC – Community Action in Southern Vermont?
- Article #13 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to support ARC – Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmental disabled citizens?
- Article #14 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article #15 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
- Article #16 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$750 for Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?
- Article #17 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?
- Article #18 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?
- Article #19 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
- Article #20 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?
- Article #21 Shall the Town of West Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3000 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to the residents of the town?
- Article #22 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$500 to NewStory Center, formally the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, to support victims in Rutland County?


Selectboard: January 25, 2021


  
John Harvey, Chairperson

  
Chet Brown

Bill Kulig

  
Nick Nottle

  
Jayne Pratt

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
19th day January A.D. 2021  
AT 9 O'Clock 45 Minutes A.M.  
And Recorded in Town Meetings & Misc  
Book Vol 6 Page 295-296  
Attest   
Town Clerk

**QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**  
Annual School District Meeting

**February 23 and March 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland, are hereby warned to meet virtually at the following link:

- [meet.google.com/vvm-nqqb-tkd](https://meet.google.com/vvm-nqqb-tkd)
- Or via phone: (US) +1 631-591-6896 PIN: 120 255 138#

on February 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District Officials  
Article 2. To hear the Board of School Directors of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District present its estimate of expense for the ensuing year.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot.

**Quarry Valley Voting Locations**

Town of Poultney	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Poultney Fire House
Town of Proctor	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Proctor Jr/Sr High School
Town of West Rutland	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	West Rutland Town Hall

- Article 3. To elect the following officers:  
a. Moderator for a term of one (1) year.  
b. Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.  
c. Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Article 4. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$18,420,200.65 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 \$16,530 per equalized pupil which is 1.07 % less than last year.
- Article 5. Shall the voters authorize a Quarry Valley athletic/extra-curricular reserve fund, pursuant of 24 V.S.A §2804, for the purpose of funding unanticipated or unbudgeted expenses for the District's athletic/extra-curricular programs, and appropriate up to 20 percent from the fiscal year 2021 year-end surplus to such reserve fund?



Article 6. Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer surplus funds to the District's Capital Improvements and Facility Repair and Maintenance Reserve Fund, up to 50 percent, existing at the end of the fiscal year 2021?

Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

**Approved by the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Rutland, Vermont this 18th day of January 2021.**

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

  
Lisa Miser, Chair

  
James Mumford, Vice Chair


  
Seth Howard, Board Member

  
Nathan Slentz, Board Member

  
Kristen Ross, Clerk

Art Saceric, Board Member


Tom Callahan, Board Member

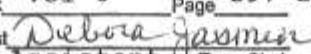
  
Sarah Gecha, Board Member

  
Kristen Whitman, Board Member

Gail Curtis, Board Member

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Betsy Wescott  
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
25th day January A.D. 2021  
AT 9 O'Clock 05 Minutes A.M.  
And Recorded in Town Meetings & Misc  
Book Vol 6 Page 297-298  
Attest   
Assistant Town Clerk

## **Town Manager Report 2020**

What a year! Certainly no one could have imagined a pandemic and all the events that have transpired this year. With the vaccine now in place, hope is on the horizon that we can all return back to some semblance of normality again.

Our town office may have closed its doors but our employees continued to work tirelessly and safely to serve our residents. We transitioned some of our workers to remote, implemented social distancing, health checks with strict rules and increased sanitization for all areas. The clerk's office and her staff ran the presidential election in a unique and unprecedented way. The highway crew oversaw the installation of 3,000 feet of sidewalks and the Class 1 paving of Main Street and Clarendon Avenue. The water and sewer completed a generator project at Elm Street pump station and secured funding for the Pleasant Street water line project. Our office staff was able to maintain a dedicated level of service throughout the year. I wish to thank them and all of you for your patience, dedication and trust.

We are seeing a decrease in revenues and higher delinquencies and we know the difficulties many are facing. This year's budget shows an overall increase of .8% resulting in a .008 municipal tax rate increase per \$100 value. This represents less than a \$10 annual increase on a \$100,000 home. We have tabled most of our larger projects and will continue to look for cost savings and grant opportunities.

The two larger projects we plan to complete this year is the installation of 2,000 feet of water line on Pleasant Street from Sheldon Avenue to Thrall Avenue. We will replace the 4-inch line with a 12-inch to eliminate hydraulic limitations and reduced fire flow capacity. We have secured the contractor and a Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. We will also be awaiting FEMA's decision on the Dewey Avenue permanent fix for the road failure.

We applied for and received over \$40,000 in Covid relief dollars to digitize land records and card indexes in the clerk's office, listers cards and tax maps. We added a fiber network at the town hall, cloud based software and unveiled a new website and logo. Adding these amenities will ensure complete access to the Town Hall services.

Again, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, the Selectboard for their service, direction and leadership, the various committee members that our town needs to be effective, and the thoughtful and passionate volunteers who continually serve as needed. Stay Safe!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mary Ann Goulette*, Town Manager

## 2020-2021 WEST RUTLAND TOWN OFFICERS

POSITIONS	OFFICERS	TERM	TERM ENDING
Moderator Town	*Michael Moser	1 year	2021
Town Clerk	Christine Wener	3 year	2022
Treasurer	Patricia Kulig	3 year	2022
Selectpersons	*John Harvey, Chair	3 year	2021
	*Nicola Notte, Vice Chair	1 year	2021
	William Kulig	3 year	2022
	Chester Brown	3 year	2023
	*Jayne Pratt	1 year	2021
Quarry Valley Unified Union	Tom Callahan	3 year	2022
School Directors	*Sarah Gecha	2 year	2021
	*James Mumford	3 year	2021
Listers	*Lisa Wright, Chair	3 year	2021
	Robert Higgins	3 year	2022
	Patrick Trepanier	3 year	2023
Grand Juror	*Michael Moser	1 year	2021
Town Law Agent	*Michael Moser	1 year	2021
Library Board of Trustee	Shelly Williams	3 year	2022
Police	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Health Officer	MaryAnn Goulette	By Appointment	
Town Service Officer	Mike Moser	By Appointment	
Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Emergency Management	MaryAnn Goulette	By Appointment	
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Biasuzzi	By Appointment	

*\*Positions to be voted in 2021*

# NOTICE TO VOTERS

## For Local Elections

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 19, 2021.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). The latest you can request ballots for the March 2, 2021 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on February 26, 2021. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.

Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting**, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

## **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

Go to the entrance checklist table.

Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

An election official will give you a ballot.

Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

### **MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.

**WRITE-IN candidate(s).** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.



# BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	PROPOSED 2022	CHANGE
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,439,694	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,440,939	\$ 1,474,557	2.3%
OTHER	\$ 219,667	\$ 219,589	\$ 219,915	\$ 199,300	-9.4%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,361</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,556</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,854</b>	<b>\$ 1,673,857</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 337,957	\$ 403,342	\$ 393,870	\$ 404,375	2.7%
HIGHWAY	\$ 606,190	\$ 626,794	\$ 671,133	\$ 674,449	0.5%
FIRE	\$ 184,165	\$ 201,443	\$ 208,227	\$ 209,751	0.7%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	\$ 87,186	\$ 91,759	\$ 88,308	\$ 89,800	1.7%
TOWN HALL	\$ 93,498	\$ 95,975	\$ 89,917	\$ 85,046	-5.4%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 79,859	\$ 88,478	\$ 91,227	\$ 92,639	1.5%
RECREATION	\$ 173,828	\$ 49,296	\$ 62,417	\$ 59,330	-4.9%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 14,143	\$ 14,184	\$ 16,951	\$ 17,112	0.9%
OTHER	\$ 35,920	\$ 37,942	\$ 38,804	\$ 41,354	6.6%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,612,746</b>	<b>\$ 1,609,213</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,854</b>	<b>\$ 1,673,857</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

## Municipal Tax Rate PROJECTION Fiscal Year 2022

Town Expenditures	FY19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	
General & Highway	\$ 1,570,730	\$ 1,599,956	\$ 1,660,854	\$ 1,673,857	
Services Articles	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,604	\$ 22,764	
Voted Town Articles	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	
<b>Town Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,678,614</b>	<b>\$ 1,707,840</b>	<b>\$ 1,769,238</b>	<b>\$ 1,784,401</b>	
Less Other Revenues	\$ 221,403	\$ 219,589	\$ 219,915	\$ 199,300	
<b>Expenses less Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,211</b>	<b>\$ 1,488,251</b>	<b>\$ 1,549,323</b>	<b>\$ 1,585,101</b>	
<b>Grand List Value</b>	<b>\$ 1,903,393</b>	<b>\$ 2,090,553</b>	<b>\$ 2,091,224</b>	<b>\$ 2,112,634</b>	
Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value	0.766	0.712	0.741	0.750	
				0.009	change

ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION						
Municipal Tax home value	FY19	FY20	FY21	F22	change	
100,000	\$ 765.59	\$ 711.89	\$ 740.87	\$ 750.30	\$ 9.43	
150,000	\$ 1,148.38	\$ 1,067.84	\$ 1,111.30	\$ 1,125.44	\$ 14.14	
200,000	\$ 1,531.17	\$ 1,423.79	\$ 1,481.74	\$ 1,500.59	\$ 18.85	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	PROPOSED 2022	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,439,694	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,440,939	\$ 1,474,557	
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$ 80,974	\$ 83,036	\$ 80,000	\$ 83,000	
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 360	\$ 380	\$ 360	\$ 380	
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	
ORDINANCE FINES	\$ 14,164	\$ 10,053	\$ 14,000	\$ 8,000	
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE	\$ 5,186	\$ 5,534	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,500	
CLERK FEES	\$ 16,305	\$ 14,985	\$ 17,000	\$ 15,000	
ZONING FEES	\$ 3,866	\$ 2,417	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,400	
COPIER	\$ 543	\$ 329	\$ 400	\$ 300	
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	\$ 2,126	\$ 1,789	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,700	
INTEREST	\$ 5,359	\$ 3,322	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,000	
TOWN HALL RENT	\$ 3,855	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	
LIQUOR LICENSE	\$ 765	\$ 655	\$ 765	\$ 650	
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	\$ 30,508	\$ 25,526	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
PERMITS	\$ 785	\$ 550	\$ 400	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 1,757	\$ 19,657	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 2,000	\$ 400	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	\$ 3,479	\$ 2,681	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	\$ 3,180	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	
PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 2,691	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	
STATE LAND USE	\$ 8,611	\$ 10,320	\$ 10,320	\$ 10,500	
REC SOCCER	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 500	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,003	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR	\$ 2,185	\$ 100	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	
DOG PARK	\$ 221	\$ 320	\$ 200	\$ 300	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,361</b>	<b>\$ 1,601,774</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,854</b>	<b>\$ 1,673,857</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATIVE		ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	PROPOSED 2022	
MANAGER'S SALARY	\$	76,165	\$ 78,221	\$ 81,500	\$ 83,730	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE	\$	3,414	\$ 2,815	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	
TREASURER'S SALARY	\$	9,847	\$ 10,559	\$ 14,500	\$ 15,000	
OFFICE BACK UP	\$	1,481	\$ 1,095	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$	40,880	\$ 42,025	\$ 44,000	\$ 45,180	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES	\$	1,471	\$ 1,565	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
COPIER LEASE	\$	3,018	\$ 3,292	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
COMPUTER EQUIP/SOFTWARE	\$	2,357	\$ 4,105	\$ 9,500	\$ 12,824	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE	\$	3,890	\$ 4,306	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	
EDUCATION	\$	1,260	\$ 988	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
LISTERS	\$	8,710	\$ 9,584	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY	\$	1,240	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	
ZONING MILEAGE	\$	73	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 200	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY	\$	10,436	\$ 11,173	\$ 14,040	\$ 14,040	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY	\$	1,350	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,400	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY	\$	53,398	\$ 57,364	\$ 60,918	\$ 62,852	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$	23,826	\$ 24,269	\$ 15,752	\$ 16,420	
FICA	\$	17,527	\$ 13,442	\$ 14,658	\$ 18,225	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$	9,852	\$ 9,852	\$ 11,234	\$ 10,257	
WORKERS COMP	\$	890	\$ 692	\$ 927	\$ 633	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)	\$	7,739	\$ 12,179	\$ 13,331	\$ 13,700	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE	\$	3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,953	\$ 2,575	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	\$	43	\$ 397	\$ 410	\$ 327	
DISABILITY	\$	990	\$ 1,055	\$ 446	\$ 446	
PUBLIC OFFICE LIAB	\$	3,810	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,758	\$ 3,023	
AUDITING	\$	14,605	\$ 24,875	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,400	
SINGLE AUDIT	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	
ELECTIONS	\$	5,290	\$ 1,955	\$ 6,300	\$ 2,500	
TAX BILLING	\$	220	\$ 1,574	\$ 800	\$ 1,000	
DATA PROCESSING	\$	4,855	\$ 6,964	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
LEGAL FEES	\$	3,665	\$ 4,501	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS	\$	-	\$ 42,016	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	3,031	\$ 2,129	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	
POSTAGE	\$	3,233	\$ 1,433	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	
TOWN REPORT	\$	610	\$ 921	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ADVERTISING	\$	1,067	\$ 1,406	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
TELEPHONE	\$	2,392	\$ 2,550	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,800	
REGIONAL PLANNING	\$	1,335	\$ 1,335	\$ 975	\$ 975	
VLCT DUES	\$	3,710	\$ 3,811	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,968	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	1,027	\$ 629	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,000	\$ 2,919	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	\$	337,957	\$ 403,342	\$ 393,870	\$ 404,375	2.7%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	BUDGET 2021	PROPOSED 2022	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
LABOR	\$ 155,423	\$ 144,747	\$ 168,800	\$ 170,000	
FICA	\$ 10,846	\$ 10,375	\$ 11,416	\$ 13,000	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	\$ 8,617	\$ 8,004	\$ 9,660	\$ 9,771	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 43,431	\$ 40,704	\$ 44,868	\$ 48,215	
WORKMANS COMP	\$ 12,604	\$ 11,818	\$ 11,818	\$ 11,395	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 6,568	\$ 6,128	\$ 6,128	\$ 5,797	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 242	\$ 244	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,272	\$ 645	\$ 648	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
SALT	\$ 71,623	\$ 92,459	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	
SAND	\$ 8,476	\$ 10,456	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
MAG. CHLORIDE	\$ 2,213	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
ENGINEERING	\$ 6,300	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CULVERTS	\$ -	\$ 1,806	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRAVEL	\$ 7,509	\$ 9,822	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
HOT MIX	\$ 590	\$ 625	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
RESURFACING	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
DUST CONTROL/CHLORIDE	\$ 468	\$ 467	\$ 500	\$ 500	
COLD PATCH	\$ 3,777	\$ 2,781	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,681	\$ 7,447	\$ 6,800	\$ 7,500	
TREE WORK	\$ 2,747	\$ 1,601	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$ 582	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
PAGER SERVICE	\$ 539	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,896	\$ 3,319	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
SUPPLIES	\$ 98	\$ 1,372	\$ 200	\$ 200	
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$ 2,037	\$ 1,350	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PERMITS	\$ 240	\$ -	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,590	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$ 73	\$ 29,390	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
STREET CLEANING	\$ 1,156	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 11,256	\$ 19,233	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	\$ 4,059	\$ 2,301	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAINING	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	\$ 18,351	\$ 13,708	\$ 17,000	\$ 15,000	
REPAIR PARTS	\$ 6,763	\$ 5,159	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 9,141	\$ 7,599	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	\$ 3,541	\$ 3,043	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
PLOW BLADES	\$ 5,462	\$ 5,778	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,224	\$ 1,152	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
INSURANCE - AUTO	\$ 4,356	\$ 4,356	\$ 3,922	\$ 3,542	
RADIOS	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350	
GARAGE HEAT	\$ 6,093	\$ 4,841	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	\$ 2,664	\$ 2,737	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 576	\$ 629	\$ 600	\$ 600	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,852	\$ 2,078	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	
GARAGE LOAN BOND	\$ 20,629	\$ 18,562	\$ 18,495	\$ 18,427	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,108	\$ 5,839	\$ 5,670	
Total HIGHWAY	\$ 606,190	\$ 626,794	\$ 671,133	\$ 674,449	0.5%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	
LABOR	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 133	\$ 506	\$ 500	\$ 400	
POSTAGE	\$ 64	\$ 87	\$ 150	\$ 100	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 644	\$ 2,287	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,680	
TOOLS	\$ 687	\$ 1,343	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,077	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$ 148	\$ 209	\$ 400	\$ 300	
PHONE	\$ 1,799	\$ 2,312	\$ 2,675	\$ 3,100	
TRAINING	\$ 514	\$ 1,489	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	
DUES			\$ 550	\$ 550	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$ 5,172	\$ 4,908	\$ 4,908	\$ 5,014	
INSURANCE AUTO	\$ 5,635	\$ 5,927	\$ 5,927	\$ 6,165	
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 3,531	\$ 3,546	\$ 3,615	\$ 3,600	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,928	\$ 2,094	\$ 1,928	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 2,823	\$ 7,598	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000	
UNIFORMS	\$ -	\$ 802	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	
ELECTRIC	\$ 2,858	\$ 3,377	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 4,332	\$ 2,954	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,500	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 3,267	\$ 4,019	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,877	\$ 6,480	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,400	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,286	\$ 5,085	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500	
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	
MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE	\$ 699	\$ 547	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 242	\$ 345	\$ 500	\$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 40,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 74,107	\$ 71,657	\$ 66,948	\$ 66,554	
<b>Total FIRE DEPT</b>	<b>\$ 184,165</b>	<b>\$ 201,443</b>	<b>\$ 208,227</b>	<b>\$ 209,751</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 32,166	\$ 38,777	\$ 34,000	\$ 35,000	
SOLID WASTE MGT	\$ 958	\$ 1,358	\$ 1,608	\$ 1,500	
LIBRARY	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 3,437	\$ 372	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
IRA TOWN TAXES	\$ 625	\$ 652	\$ 700	\$ 700	
CHILD ADVOCACY FIRST		\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$ 87,186</b>	<b>\$ 91,759</b>	<b>\$ 88,308</b>	<b>\$ 89,800</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	\$ 2,878	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,940	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	\$ 4,372	\$ 5,906	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 6,008	\$ 6,337	\$ 5,800	\$ 6,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,702	\$ 3,973	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
FUEL OIL	\$ 10,951	\$ 7,748	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 606	\$ 7,275	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,109	\$ 5,839	\$ 5,670	
BOND - RESTROOMS	\$ 46,660	\$ 45,687	\$ 44,578	\$ 43,376	
<b>Total TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$ 93,498</b>	<b>\$ 95,975</b>	<b>\$ 89,917</b>	<b>\$ 85,046</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 318	\$ -			
HUMANE SOCIETY		\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 500	
POLICE FORCE-LABOR	\$ 79,541	\$ 88,478	\$ 91,227	\$ 92,139	
Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 79,859	\$ 88,478	\$ 91,227	\$ 92,639	1.5%
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	
ELECTRIC	\$ 735	\$ 850	\$ 600	\$ 700	
TELEPHONE / WIFI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
LABOR	\$ 5,871	\$ 4,894	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	\$ -	\$ 695	\$ 751	\$ 74	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,792	\$ 1,362	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 3,900	\$ 271	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	\$ 428	\$ 428	\$ 766	\$ 456	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 3,315	\$ 431	\$ 800	\$ 600	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	\$ 1,697	\$ 387	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BOYS BASEBALL	\$ 1,471	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	
SPONSOR BANNERS	\$ 316	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 1,876	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BABE RUTH	\$ 2,515	\$ 280	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	\$ 490	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,365	\$ 2,262	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	
MISC PROGRAMS	\$ 1,634	\$ 2,049	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	
FIELD MOWING	\$ 6,449	\$ 4,975	\$ 6,400	\$ 5,500	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 133,968	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
DOG PARK	\$ 458	\$ 412	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Total RECREATION	\$ 173,828	\$ 49,296	\$ 62,417	\$ 59,330	-4.9%
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	<b>14,143</b>	<b>14,184</b>	<b>16,951</b>	<b>17,112</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 4,773	\$ 5,664	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
REDEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 2,506	\$ 2,725	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	
GREEN UP	\$ 1,079	\$ 25	\$ 200	\$ 200	
PROPERTY & GIS MAPPING	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,600	\$ 5,150	
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 4,953	\$ 7,425	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	
Total OTHER	\$ 35,920	\$ 37,942	\$ 38,804	\$ 41,354	6.6%
<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,612,746</b>	<b>\$ 1,609,213</b>	<b>\$ 1,660,854</b>	<b>\$ 1,673,857</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

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January 14, 2021

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main body of text.

# DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2020

\* = Paid as of 1/15/2021

@ = Payment Agreement in Effect

Name		Previous Years	2019-2020
Alberico	Darrell J		\$3,139.65
Barker	Jennifer		\$70.35 *
Beaulieu	Francis		\$12.13 *
Bennett	William D		\$816.57 *
Brewster	Todd	\$728.07	\$3,252.11 @
Breznick	Joseph		\$1,030.34 *
Brown	Gertrude		\$283.07 * @
Burke	John F	\$854.27	\$644.64 *
Burke	John F		\$2,445.04 *
Burrell	Nancy B		\$533.27
Capen	Charlton	\$208.17	\$789.24
Carris	Jessie		\$228.37 *
Chadwick	Julie		\$1,871.19
Clifford	Gary H		\$1,607.49 *
Coombs	Francesca E	\$1,371.38	\$2,047.10
Corey Knoll	Land C		\$2,347.66 *
Cox	Gregory		\$1,303.37 * @
Curtis	Glen	\$296.46 *	\$1,265.05
Davis	Albert H	\$668.66 *	\$1,882.06
Davis	Jonathan M	\$3,312.96	\$4,600.98
Davis	Shawn		\$1,972.93
Dee-Cliff Farm LTD		\$7,056.02	\$1,510.11 @
Dodds	Jeffrey		\$2,367.77 * @
Federal Home Loan		\$799.76	
Felion	Gregory		\$1,916.68 *
Grant	Erica	\$1,468.65	\$2,212.10 *
Greene	Lauretta		\$2,263.23 *
Harte	Michael P		\$994.30 *
Henry	Michael, Jr.		\$1,750.01
Higgins	Patrick C		\$3,921.62 * @
Higgins	Patrick C	\$2,693.50	@
Hyjek	Helen T	\$3,218.14	
Jarrosak	Kevin	\$4,576.82	\$2,770.18 @
Lebo	Sandra		\$3,453.02 @
Lebo	Sandra	\$1,403.40	@
Long	Stephen P		\$159.90 *
Martindale	Frances		\$1,718.25
Mayne	Christopher		\$138.33 *
McDevitt	Patrick		\$516.70 *

# **DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES**

**Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2020**

\* = Paid as of 1/15/2021

@ = Payment Agreement in Effect

Name		Previous Years	2019-2020	
Michaud	Jeffrey		\$713.33 *	
Mills	Connie	\$3,066.09	\$1,188.82 *	
Moore	Christina		\$618.67 *	
Pearo	Robert W, Jr.		\$3,348.86 *	
Peters	Hal M		\$1,384.94 *	
Pierce	Brian R		\$3,557.85	
Poczobut	Eric		\$1,007.66 *	
Poploski	Michael J	\$3,313.05	\$3,054.76	
Prevendoski	Charles	\$3,468.08	\$2,502.69	@
Ray	Mary V		\$1,600.99	
Reed	Rebecca L	\$2,359.38	\$2,275.10	@
Rigg	Joe		\$315.89 *	
Roman	Gregory		\$101.69 *	
Sawyer	Elizabeth		\$700.90	
Seigny	Raymond		\$1,099.52 *	
Sherman	Cecil	\$422.61	\$1,243.61	
Sherowski	Henry	\$631.61		
Shull	Richard L	\$2,221.58 *	\$2,689.29	@
SJ Wilk Property			\$845.61	
Spafford	Michael		\$338.98 *	
Taste of the North			\$1,621.74 *	
Terounzo	Joseph		\$760.83 *	
Therrien	Alain		\$1,396.88 *	
Therrien	Elizabeth		\$883.72	
Thornton	Michael		\$2,643.33	@
Trepanier	Kathleen	\$3,479.61	\$2,876.85	
Trepanier	Leo H Jr.		\$40.97 *	
Trigo	Linda		\$197.43 *	@
Tuttle	Timothy		\$814.26 *	
Viggle	Ronald		\$385.83 *	
Vitagliano	Paul		\$1,537.94 *	
Waters	Danielle		\$2,070.99	
WCEC Revocable Trust		\$4,011.84	\$2,955.20	
Wilk & Wilk Realty			\$2,262.17	
Wright	David		\$416.62	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$51,630.11</b>	<b>\$107,288.73</b>	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>WATER DEPARTMENT</b>					
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	61,890	53,212	60,179	61,934	
ASSISTANT LABOR	-	108	1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	13,500	13,500	16,000	16,000	
FICA	4,562	4,217	3,800	4,738	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	431	437	700	500	
DATA PROCESSING	-	120	1,000	1,000	
ADVERTISING	-	-	200	200	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	370	-	350	350	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	10,518	7,744	15,380	12,901	
RETIREMENT VMERS	3,291	2,861	3,944	3,561	
DISABILITY INS	377	165	200	154	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,740	1,532	1,532	1,338	
WORKERS COMP INS	3,967	3,894	3,893	3,630	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	10	10	252	163	
TESTING & SAMPLING	1,011	1,672	1,500	1,500	
PERMITS	5,447	5,932	5,600	5,600	
POSTAGE	-	-	200	200	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	107,114	95,404	115,730	114,769	-0.8%
<b>WELL &amp; LINE OPERATIONS</b>					
PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	66	500	500	500	
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	472	338	500	500	
PHONE	469	514	500	500	
PAGER SERVICE	258	300	500	500	
CONTRACT SERVICES	-	1,500	1,500	1,500	
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	2,843	6,588	6,000	6,000	
TANK MAINTENANCE	20	5,375	2,000	200	
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	(501)	2,236	2,000	3,000	
LINE MAINTENANCE	18,680	14,507	25,000	25,000	
PROPANE-WELL	-	727	1,000	1,000	
ELECTRIC-WELLS	29,660	33,596	35,000	34,000	
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	1,974	2,239	2,200	2,200	
PROPANE-PINE HILL	181	215	400	400	
PHONE-PINE HILL	468	514	500	500	
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	1,179	1,192	1,000	1,000	
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	-	84	100	100	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	25,000	25,000	25,000	35,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	-	1,082	660	608	
VEHICLE FUEL	935	903	1,000	800	
VEHICLE MAINT.	658	1,273	500	500	
UNIFORMS	538	512	660	660	
TRAINING	300	829	2,000	2,000	
ENGINEERING	-	-	2,000	2,000	
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	-	200	200	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	850	865	1,500	1,500	
Total WELL & LINE	84,050	100,889	112,220	120,168	7.1%
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	167,538	187,679	186,998	186,315	
Total Water Department	358,702	383,972	414,948	421,252	1.5%



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>WASTEWATER EXPENSES</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2019</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2020</b>	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2022</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	104,955	91,267	95,000	93,089	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	21,961	18,243	27,650	23,722	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	787	387	350	445	
WORKMAN'S COMP	5,951	5,840	5,840	5,444	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	20	20	83	81	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	5,129	5,872	5,872	4,460	
F I C A	7,676	6,608	5,769	7,121	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	5,739	5,060	5,350	5,353	
UNIFORMS	1,128	961	1,140	1,140	
ASSIST LABOR	-	212	1,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	16,000	16,000	18,500	18,500	
DATA PROCESSING	440	630	1,000	1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	55,000	55,000	65,000	65,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,143	2,279	1,200	2,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,461	1,320	660	608	
VEHICLE-FUEL	1,571	953	1,500	1,200	
LAB CHEMICALS	1,032	-	1,200	1,200	
LAB EQUIPMENT	850	1,557	1,500	1,600	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	788	4,713	3,000	5,000	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	2,258	1,951	2,000	2,000	
LAB TESTING	2,963	3,436	3,500	3,500	
SODA ASH	1,053	1,080	1,200	1,200	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	15,549	9,386	11,000	11,000	
UV BULBS	2,937	4,042	4,000	5,000	
TELEPHONE	1,624	2,378	2,100	2,500	
MODEM PHONE	1,550	1,607	1,600	1,800	
PAGING SERVICE	258	311	600	600	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,174	823	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,467	1,479	1,500	1,500	
TRAINING / EDUCATION	517	422	4,000	2,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	10,976	10,216	15,000	20,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	-	-	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	11,589	6,894	10,000	8,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	2,173	1,435	1,500	1,600	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	-	750	2,000	2,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,315	1,337	1,500	1,500	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	-	1,895	2,000	2,000	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	16,869	11,200	15,000	14,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	43,842	39,863	32,000	40,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	3,400	-	3,000	3,000	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>354,495</b>	<b>318,777</b>	<b>362,664</b>	<b>368,713</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
PLANT - ELECTRIC	20,184	25,083	22,000	25,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	1,262	7,611	6,000	8,000	
ELM STREET	8,811	10,921	10,000	11,000	
ELM ST FUEL	564	924	800	1,000	
HARRISON AVENUE	4,261	4,776	3,500	5,000	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	-	-	100	100	
BARNES STREET	808	871	1,000	1,000	
BAXTER STREET	1,623	1,615	1,500	1,700	
CLARENDON AVENUE	1,750	1,774	2,000	2,000	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	-	-	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,459	1,584	1,500	1,600	
THRALL AVENUE	521	805	600	800	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4	258	269	400	400	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>41,501</b>	<b>56,233</b>	<b>49,550</b>	<b>57,750</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>395,996</b>	<b>375,010</b>	<b>412,214</b>	<b>426,463</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>BOND PRINCIPLE &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>127,025</b>	
<b>Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.</b>	<b>523,021</b>	<b>502,035</b>	<b>539,239</b>	<b>553,488</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

# DELINQUENT UTILITIES

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2020

\* = Paid as of 1/15/2021

@ = Payment Agreement in Effect

Agard	John F.	\$421.54
Austin	Charles	\$1,807.44 @
Axelson	Renee	\$1,398.23
Bach	Robert	\$136.66 *
Barker	Jennifer M	\$395.82
Bassett	Joseph	\$231.39
Bathalon	Jason	\$250.11 *
Bedard	Mark	\$965.42
Bills	Dale	\$412.15 *
Borowy	Stanislaus/Krystyna	\$1,150.49 @
Boynton	Justin	\$420.87
Bradley	Eric	\$962.27 *
Breznick	Joseph	\$401.38 *
Bryant	Cheryl	\$743.91 *
Burditt	Thomas	\$302.45 *
Burke	John	\$1,739.33 *
Burke	John F.	\$1,849.13 *
Burrell	Nancy	\$211.97 *
Cain	William, Jr.	\$161.61 * @
Chadwick	Julie	\$300.83 *
Chandler	Holly	\$1,905.76 *
Chandler	Holly	\$1,259.22
Coombs	Francesca	\$1,436.39 @
Cushman	Steve	\$1,630.85
Davis	Bettina	\$1,266.02 *
Davis	Shawn	\$269.58 *
Delpha	Michelle	\$226.72 *
Dephillips	Robert C.	\$1,484.15
Dephillips	Robert C., Sr.	\$1,312.87
Desjardins	John Paul	\$436.38 *
Dodds	Jeffrey	\$1,360.32 *
Dumas	Robert	\$1,841.76 *
Duncan	Charles	\$1,606.67 * @
Dusablon	Milan William	\$441.42 *
Fales	Chad	\$418.48 *
Fellon	Gregory	\$882.59 *
Fitzgerald	Kathy	\$185.37 *
Flanders	Travis	\$392.58 *
Fleming	Jeremy	\$421.71
Fowler	Leonard	\$12.48 *
Fox	Edward	\$1,448.79
Furman	Zachary	\$1,338.33 @
Gauthier	Lee	\$1,326.49
Gelbar	Edward	\$425.91 *
Geryk	Robert	\$1,098.23
Graham	Bonnie	\$760.89 @
Grandchamp	Betty	\$13.90 * @
Grant	Erica	\$844.74 *
Greene	Lauretta	\$417.30 *
Greene	Lauretta	\$1,681.53 @
Greene	Sandra	\$423.10 *
Henry	Michael, Jr.	\$15.06 *

# DELINQUENT UTILITIES

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Hewitt	William	\$1,412.16
Higgins	Patrick C.	\$2,697.17 @
Higgins	Patrick C.	\$2,617.61 @
Hunter	Heather	\$101.50 *
Jalbert	William	\$1,546.80 @
Jarrosak	Kevin	\$1,895.79 @
Johnson	Dennis D.	\$548.15
Kearney	Kevin	\$3,161.59 @
Kinsman	Rita	\$929.01 * @
Korzun	Constance	\$2,698.53 @
LaFlam	Jody	\$2,287.10 @
Lafond	Thomas	\$485.80 *
Lasante	William	\$741.87 *
Logan	Paul	\$421.88 *
Loso	Gary T	\$1,316.75 *
Lynch	Marcia	\$403.80 *
Maksimovic	Sasa	\$316.36 *
Maranville	Alex	\$759.65 *
Marcoux	Stephen	\$411.95
Markie	Logan and Ashley	\$403.11
Martindale	Frances	\$1,350.40
Martucio	Margaret	\$975.65 *
McLaren	Paul	\$1,597.71 * @
Miller	Sean	\$1,041.82 * @
Mills	Connie	\$885.74 *
Miner	Richard	\$428.99
Molinari	Keith	\$1,390.93 *
Moore	Thomas	\$1,344.74
Mumford	James, Jr.	\$1,617.81
Nayla LLC		\$2,714.13 * @
Nayla LLC		\$5,412.11 * @
OGrady	Justin	\$1,520.92
Paquette	Joseph	\$65.20 *
Patch	Veda	\$1,026.49 * @
Pearo	Robert	\$863.99
Pease	John R. Jr.	\$438.33 *
Perkins	Mark	\$194.73 *
Peters	Hal Mitchell	\$1,784.59 @
Peters	Hal Mitchell	\$312.91 *
Picard	Jason	\$1,341.56
Pierce	Brian R	\$473.77 *
Poploski	Michael	\$1,848.47
Prevendoski	Charles	\$1,420.42 @
Reed	Rebecca	\$1,800.79
Reeves	Holly	\$411.86 *
Reynolds	Jeffrey	\$395.00 *
Rivers	Michael	\$1,136.25 @
Russell	Richard	\$403.27 *
Sawyer	Elizabeth	\$500.20 *
Sienicki	Phil	\$871.67 * @
SJ Wilk Property LLC		\$353.42 *
Smith	Greg	\$192.78

# **DELINQUENT UTILITIES**

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2020

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Smith	Richard J.	\$424.47 * @
Smith	Robert	\$1,013.32 @
Sorrentino	John	\$1,845.25 @
Souza	Joshua	\$160.09 *
Therrien	Elizabeth	\$797.79
Therrien	Kyle B	\$411.26 *
Thompson	Lori	\$425.87 *
Thornton	Michael	\$683.60 *
Torres	Tina	\$613.96
Trepanier	Kathleen	\$1,262.27
Trepanier	Kathleen	\$187.22 *
Trigo	Linda	\$147.52 * @
Viggue, Jr.	Ronald	\$986.87
Vitagliano	Paul	\$484.16 *
Webster	Joshua	\$419.35 *
Webster	Rick	\$2,118.91 @
Welch	Daniel	\$679.52 *
Whitt	Gary	\$757.96
Wysolmerski	Sigismund	\$505.00 * @
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$118,046.21</b>

# Water & Wastewater Department

2020... what a year! Throughout the pandemic, we were, thankfully, able to work every day at the water and wastewater plants and maintain water quality numbers well within our limitations. The towns water and wastewater system both operated well. We continued to find and repair water leaks all throughout town which has dropped our daily usage to numbers that haven't been seen in years! This has helped our well pump run more efficiently and save energy. We also found some deficiencies in the wastewater collection system that were repaired. A Generac generator was installed at our Elm St. pump station. The Elm St. pump station is vital in the wastewater system as it pumps all of the towns sewage to the wastewater plant so, knowing that elm St. will work properly 24/7 is very nice.

On the plate for 2021. We will be replacing a water line on Pleasant St. from the corner of Sheldon Ave. to the corner of Thrall St. The existing line there is undersized. The new line will provide better pressure for fire protection and allow us to be able to flush the hydrants more effectively to clean the lines easier. We will also be starting to make much needed upgrades to the wastewater plant. We have a lot of original equipment from 1999 which is designed to last for 20 years. Replacing and upgrading some of this equipment will make a huge impact on the plant's efficiency.

We would like to take a bit of your time and point out some things that homeowners and other users of the water and wastewater systems could do to make the systems work better and cost less to operate. One of the best ways to help is to make sure that what goes into the waste stream is free of all fat and grease. The fat and grease can cause many problems from plugging the sewer mains to fouling the operation of the wastewater facility. Also, please be careful what you flush, many of the new flushable towelettes do not break down fast and they can plug pumps and sewer lines. When you use the water, please be sure to only run the tap when you need the water and make sure that any leaks are repaired as soon as possible.

If you hear what sounds like water running and you are not using water, please call us and we will come out and check for a leak in our line. If you see anyone other than us opening any manholes, please call us! And if you live near a fire hydrant, we want to thank you for shoveling the snow and keeping the grass and brush trimmed from around it. Please be sure to run your water on extremely cold nights if you have experienced frozen water in the past.

We take a lot of pride in our work at the treatment plant and providing the town with high quality water. We work 365 days a year testing the water and wastewater to make sure the systems are operating safely and in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

A big THANKS to the town for your support and help you provide us with! We also want to thank Mary Ann and the Board for their continued support. The Staff at the Town Hall are also a great help and we appreciate all the work that they do for us. We also continue to work with and get help from the road crew, thank you!

We are available 24/7 at (802)438-5633

Thank you,

**Seth Pietryka**, Superintendent

**Frank Gorham**, Assistant Chief Operator





## **Highway Department**

**2020**

**Long and busy winter. I want to thank the Water and Sewer department for stepping in to help as the road department was a man down for a while.**

**Then comes COVID-19.**

**As with most of the country, we were limited in what we were able to accomplish this year.**

**We screened the tar grindings from the paving job on Clarendon Avenue, and put them on Boardman Hill.**

**We also completed the road side mowing, road grading, and hauled our winter sand.**

**Please join us in welcoming Sean Barrows to the road crew.**

**As always, we would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support.**

***Frank Woolf, Road Supervisor***

***Dave Zawistowski, Assistant Road Supervisor***

***Sean Barrows***



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2020

The Town Clerk's office is full of statistics. Here are a few:

- Recorded 1106 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were \$16,590.00.
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled \$3,673.00. These fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 16 Births
- 24 Deaths
- 7 Marriages

We did 253 dog licenses totaling \$2738. in fees:

- \$1310.00 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are \$16.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are \$20.00.

Due to the Covid Pandemic **we will not** hold a Rabies Clinic this year. Dog Licenses are still due by April 1, 2021. Checks can be mailed or dropped in the drop box at the Town Hall. Your new license will be mailed to you. A current rabies certificate must be on file or included with your payment.

The Town Clerk's office continues to do vehicle registration renewals.

- This year we processed 39 renewals. These renewals generated \$117.00 in fees.

I would like to extend a thank you to all of the voters, volunteers and BCA members for your participation and help in the November Election. With all the restrictions and guidelines, your patience greatly helped everything go smoothly.

The March Election will be held on **March 2, 2021**. Poll hours will be **10:00am - 7:00pm**. We will be following social distancing practices and masks will be required. There is plenty of Handicap Parking by the side door entrance. As always, the elevator is there for your use. Please call if you would like to request an **Absentee Ballot (802) 438-2204**.

Until further notice the Town Clerk's Office is currently **operating on an appointments only basis**. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Call (802) 438-2204 to set up an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Christine Wener, Town Clerk*



## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) REPORT – Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

The ZA reviewed 32 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; similar to the over-all permit level from the previous year. There was a decrease in permits for new single family homes. Despite the pandemic, however, commercial activity increased six-fold!

<b>Summary of permits requested:</b>	<b>#Applications</b>
Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches	7
Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences	6
New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes)	2
Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations	11
Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)	2
Miscellaneous; Driveway access; Earthen Fill (greater than 2 dump truck loads)	0
Signs (business)	1
Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	0
Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	2
Denied, incomplete, or withdrawn Applications	1
<b>Total # applications</b>	<b>32</b>

The **PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)** continues its efforts to update the Zoning Regulations to address new uses and clarify rules. To accomplish this important work, the **Planning Commission welcomes your input!** In 2021, the **PC** will hold regular Meetings at Town Office on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm. The Public may participate by phone or Zoom video conferencing. Please notify the ZA one week in advance of your interest in remote attendance. Agendas, meeting minutes and remote Log-On instructions are posted in the Post Office, Town Office, and on the Town's website ([www.WestRutlandVT.org](http://www.WestRutlandVT.org)). Please share your thoughts and suggestions!

The **PLANNING COMMISSION NEEDS an ADDITIONAL MEMBER!** Join current commissioners Denis Lincoln, Leona Minard, Stan Brzoza and new member Sean Barrows in developing better regulations! Requirements are a desire to contribute to the future of your Community, common sense, and approximately three hours per month. A stipend and training is offered. If interested, please contact Denis Lincoln (779-6060) or this Zoning Administrator for more information.

F.Y.I, the Zoning, Flood Hazard, & Subdivision Regulations (as well as application forms) are available on the Town website. The Zoning Regulations identifies certain **EXEMPTIONS for a required permit**. If NOT on this list of Exemptions, a local permit is likely required. I am usually available to assist you on completing the permit or site plan on Mondays, or on Thursday mornings; and you are welcome to contact me at [zoning@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:zoning@westrutlandvt.org) or 438-2204 ext. 16 for additional Information.

**Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Z.A.**

# **WEST RUTLAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

## **Report for 2020**

Our board consists of Deb Higgins, Denis Lincoln, James Mumford, Anthony Ponto (Vice Chair), and Michael Moser (Board Chair).

The Board works with Jeffrey Biasuzzi, the West Rutland Zoning Administrator, when cases for consideration are brought before the Board.

I'd like to thank the Board Members for their dedication of time and thoughtful attention to each case with which we were presented. Our goal is to examine each case brought before us by the Zoning Administrator, and to use as a "yardstick" the regulations with which we are provided to insure that a fair ruling can be equally applied.

Our challenge and desire is to provide equal judgment as we serve the citizens of West Rutland, Vermont.

Due to Covid-19, meetings that were held in person and via zoom met with favorable success.

Our meetings are open to the public on the third Wednesday of the month, as needed, and are held in the Conference Room of the West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the Development Review Board, you can contact the Zoning Administrator, Jeffrey Biasuzzi at 438-2204 Ext. 16.

We look forward to continuing our service to the community and the cases brought before the Board in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Moser – Chairman

West Rutland Development Review Board

## **West Rutland Board of Listers Annual Report 2020**

The Board of Listers are charged with determining the assessed value of property in West Rutland and setting the Grand List for each tax year. The Select Board uses the total value of the Grand List to set the tax rate based on budgets that the Town voters have passed, which provides town services. Please keep in mind that the State of Vermont determines the final rate property owners will pay for the educational portion of your tax bill.

Here are some statistics from our Grand List: In 2020, we had 643 homesteads; compared to 657 in 2019 and 663 in 2018. The number of homesteads has remained fairly constant over the past 5 years. Out of 1004 total taxable parcels, this equates to 64% of our parcels occupied by full-time residents of the town.

In 2020, the Listers heard 7 Lister Grievances. 4 parcels went on to appeal before the Board of Civil Authority. Two of those parcels appealed to the further level of Superior Court.

On an annual basis, the State of Vermont Property Valuation & Review (PVR) conducts a Sales Study in each town and uses that study to calculate a CLA, or Common Level of Assessment, and COD, or Coefficient of Dispersion. The CLA is a driver of the education tax rates for the following tax year. For 2020, the CLA has been determined to be 105.64% and the COD is 3.75%. The CLA is the average ratio of list price to sale price, using valid sales over the last three years. For more information about the sales cited in this study and the calculations you can visit the PVR website at the following link:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study>

A CLA over 100% results in a decrease in the tax rate and a CLA less than 100% results in a higher tax rate. This is designed to make the statewide base rates more equitable by applying a decrease in the tax rate to towns over 100% and applying an increase in the tax rate to towns under 100%. The COD is a measure of the dispersion of the range of sales ratios for valid sales in the study and is intended to measure uniformity or equity of assessments. The higher the COD the less uniform assessments become.

The Listers will be conducting property inspection for any properties for which there have been any building permits or other known changes to the property since last April 2020. This includes re-valuing any properties listed as a percentage of completion last year. Taxpayers whose property has been revalued will receive a change of assessment notice in the mail in June of 2020. This notice will show previous and current assessed value, including homestead and housesite values. This notice will also indicate the dates of Listers Grievances to be held and the process for submitting a grievance if the taxpayer chooses to do so.

The Listers hold office hours on Tuesday mornings and by appointment. We have been working remotely due to COVID and town office closure and this may continue into 2021. You can also contact the Listers office at 438-2263 or e-mail [listers@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:listers@westrutlandvt.org).

Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15 and complete the Property Tax Adjustment Form at the same time. This avoids having to pay late fees.

## FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

PO Box 591  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2019               \$    **1,240.87**

### Receipts

Friendship Tree               \$       888.00

**Total Receipts               \$       888.00**

### Expenses

General Fund               \$       190.25

Friendship Tree               \$       425.00

Trans. To Heritage           \$    1,200.00

**Total Expenses               \$    1,815.25**

Balance June 30, 2020           \$       **313.62**

### Current Assets (Dec. 31, 2020)

Checking Account       \$       995.82

Heritage Fam. Svgs.   \$       28.45

Heritage Fam. MM       \$   11,245.62

**Total Assets               \$   12,269.89**

Before the pandemic our facility was well used and enjoyed by many.

The annual Christmas Tree lighting event was different-because of the pandemic-but still was enjoyed by young and old. Santa and Mrs. Claus were the "stars" of a drive-by visit, and goody bags were given out by our crew of elves.

If anyone would like more information about the **Friends of the Town Hall**, please call the town office at 438-2263.

# CARROL B. AND HARRIET ROSS MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established by the late Donald Ross in memory of his parents.

The purpose of the fund is to assist “the residents of the Town of West Rutland who have encountered unexpected misfortunes by reason of sickness, accident or financial distress beyond the relief furnished by governmental agencies, as determined by a Committee of all the clergy in the Town of West Rutland.”

In 2020 the fund distributed \$22,886 to seven families and institutions.

If any West Rutland resident requires assistance and meets the conditions set in the trust please do not hesitate to contact:

Bill Harvey

802-438-5771 or

[wfharvey972@gmail.com](mailto:wfharvey972@gmail.com)

# West Rutland Historical Society

P.O. Box 385 35 Marble Street West Rutland, VT 05777

Peter Kulig - President \* Mary Reczek - Vice-President

Barbara Trepanier - Treasurer \* Lynn Jenne - Secretary

Chris Mathewson - Trustee \* Ceil Scott - Trustee

Marge Salengo - Trustee \* Beth Moser - Trustee

Kitty Furman - Trustee

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At the beginning of the year, several members of the Historical Society formed a committee to begin collecting memorabilia, photographs, newspaper clippings and all types of information on the history of the schools in W. Rutland and the establishment of a standardized educational system for the town. Their goal was to publish a pamphlet on this subject in time for distribution at our Annual membership meeting on April 14.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Historical Society to cancel its Annual meeting and all its planned events for the rest of the year.

Fortunately, the committee members, working remotely, were able to continue their work on the project and the manuscript was sent to the printer.

Since we could not hold any public meetings, the Board of Directors decided to mail a first edition copy of the book "Reading, 'riting, 'RITHMETIC A History of schools in West Rutland, Vermont" to all current members of the Historical Society.

It is our sincere hope that in the near future the Historical Society will return to holding its regular monthly meetings and public programs of interest to our fellow citizens of W. Rutland.

The Historical Society greatly appreciates its support from its members and the citizens of West Rutland. To help support the Historical Society in its mission to collect, archive and exchange information about our own unique community, please consider becoming a new member or purchasing a copy of our publication on the history of schools in West Rutland.

The book is available by writing to the address listed below and enclosing a payment of \$10.00 per copy and \$3.00 added for shipping and handling.

Annual membership dues in the Historical Society are: Individual-\$15.00; Family-\$30.00; Youth (under18) \$5.00; Institutional-\$25.00; Sustaining-\$50.00.

Checks may be mailed to: **The West Rutland Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 385**

**West Rutland, VT 05777**

Please include Name, Address, Phone, and Email.

Or contact us at: [history@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:history@westrutlandvt.org)

Or look for us on Facebook: @West Rutland Historical Society

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Kulig*, President, West Rutland Historical Society

The West Rutland Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



## WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

Not only was 2020 the beginning of a new decade, it will go down in history as one of the most unprecedented, unrivaled, exhausting, and stressful. The West Rutland Free Library kept the doors open as long as we could. After closing for a while we reopened offering our community curbside pickup for requested materials.

During January and until we had to close we were happy to provide Knitting, Adult Coloring, Craft Club, and Lego Club. The downstairs room was borrowed for meetings and tutoring. Patrons had use of computers and WIFI.

While we were closed to visitors free WIFI was always available outside the building. We gave out 60 Halloween Craft Bags and 52 Holiday Craft Bags. New books and movies were always available as was interlibrary loans. Snowshoes were available to borrow.

The library is grateful to our patrons and our community. In our continuing effort to offer West Rutland a valued service we are always welcome to suggestions for materials. The year 2020 forced us all to change and evolve but the library will always be a constant part of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rene Cressy*

Director, West Rutland Free Library



## West Rutland Free Library

### 2021 Budget versus 2020 Budget

INCOME	2021	2020
Town of West Rutland	50,000.00	50,000.00
Proctor Trust	16,075.00	15,540.00
Miscellaneous	8,500.00	8,000.00
Total	74,575.00	73,540.00
EXPENSES		
Donations (for patron passes)	500.00	500.00
Green Mtn Library Consortium	400.00	328.00
Insurance	3,200.00	3,200.00
Job Supplies	450.00	425.00
Magazines	200.00	200.00
Office Supplies & Software	800.00	800.00
Other Business Expenses	850.00	850.00
Payroll Expenses	8,774.00	8,574.00
Purchases (Books, DVDs, Magazines)	8,000.00	8,500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,600.00	3,600.00
Salaries & Wages	36,455.00	35,394.00
Shipping, Freight & Delivery	960.00	780.00
Taxes & Licenses	20.00	20.00
Telephone & Internet	1,500.00	985.00
Travel	500.00	900.00
Utilities (including heat and a/c)	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total	74,709.00	73,556.00
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(134.00)	(16.00)



## West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206

West Rutland, VT 05777

### 2020 – 2021 Annual Report of the Fire Chief

It is my honor to provide this Annual Report to the residents of the Town of West Rutland. The West Rutland Fire Department continued to provide high-quality emergency services to our residents and visitors, answering 84 emergency calls throughout the past year.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, we have made many operational adjustments to make sure that our emergency force remains strong and able to serve our community. We have adjusted our response procedures to minimize exposure, provided appropriate personal protective equipment to our responders, and replaced in-person non-emergency gathering with virtual meetings and training when dictated by increasing case counts in accordance with Health Department guidance. We hosted a face mask distribution event to provide for our community and will continue to seek out ways to help our community through these unprecedented times.

Each year, we provide fire prevention safety education to West Rutland School's kindergarten through third grade classes during Fire Prevention Week. Since we were unable to meet with these students in person this year, we provided fire prevention educational materials for them to review in the classroom and at home with their families. We continue to encourage all families to discuss fire safety at home.

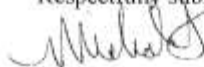
Our department is currently served by 18 very dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours each year responding to emergency calls, training, performing equipment and building maintenance, and performing public education within our community. Two of our newest members have completed their initial training at the Vermont Fire Academy this year. Congratulations to William Grabowski for earning Firefighter II Certification and Brandon Groh for earning Firefighter I Certification.

Any West Rutland resident who is interested in serving our community as a firefighter can obtain more information by contacting the fire chief. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a willingness to serve their community, be a resident of the Town of West Rutland, and be a citizen in good standing.

This year we recognized Scott FitzGerald for 20 years of service, Jeff Wos for 15 years of service, and Josh Webster for 5 years of service to our fire department. We also recognize the retirement of Joe Skaza from the fire department after providing 48 years of service to our community. These examples are typical of the commitment that our members have and we could not serve you without them.

Finally, I would like to thank the families of our firefighters for supporting them as they serve our community. We recognize the important role that you play in our success. Emergency calls follow no schedule and you support our members no matter when the call comes. For all of the dinners interrupted, birthday parties missed, kids sporting events cut short, numerous nights of sleep interrupted, and the many other inconveniences we put you through, thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael Skaza  
Chief

### Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	42	Tyler Alexander	9
Thomas Lacz, Assistant Chief	33	Andrew FitzGerald, Lieutenant	6
Christopher Jakubiak	33	Josh Webster	5
Pete Guay	29	Dillon Notte	4
Jeff Lacz	27	Cliff Jagodzinski	4
Michael Skaza	27	Brandon Groh	1
Lori Lyons, Clerk	24	William Grabowski	1
Scott FitzGerald	20	Sam Grandchamp	0.5
Jeffrey Wos, Captain	15	Dave Jeffers	0.5

### 2020 Emergency Call Volume

Motor Vehicle Crash	23	Furnace / Boiler Malfunction	2
Mutual Aid Given	16	Utility Pole Fire / Electrical Wires Down	2
Fire Alarm / Smoke Detector Activation	13	Motor Vehicle Fire	2
Assist EMS, Medical Call	7	Unfounded Calls	2
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation	5	Citizen Assist	1
Smoke / Odor Investigation	4	Structure Fire	1
Outdoor Fire (swamp, grass, brush, and unpermitted burning)	5	Hazardous Material Spill/Leak	1

### *Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!*

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

### *Post your address number clearly.*

When an emergency occurs, it is important that emergency services can quickly locate the incident. Please be sure that you display your address number in a location that can easily be seen from the roadway. Posting your address number helps us to find both you and your neighbors quickly.

### *Outdoor Burning Regulations*

Burn permits are required for outside burning within the Town of West Rutland and can be obtained by calling Forest Fire Warden Steve Czachor at 438-2840. Permits can only be issued for the burning of natural products when conditions are safe and burning will not create a nuisance. All outside burning must comply with Town Ordinance.

# **WEST RUTLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

## **2020 REPORT**

This past year we have started and completed a new playground area, upgraded the Rec Building, and added a new trail at our Rec Area! Thank you to the Town Road Crew, Town Waste Water Crew, Select Board Members, and Town Manager for all your tireless work to get the jobs done.

The West Rutland Recreation Area had an exciting edition with the new Parks for Paws Dog Park. The response to the park has been overwhelmingly positive with upwards of 100 people and their canine companions visiting the park daily.

Recreational Sport Baseball, one week Camp, was a great success. Thank you to David Bartlett and his son, and to Jeff and Adrian Tedesco for helping get the field prepped for the season. Even though we couldn't have a season with all the Covid-19 guidelines, we did get a mini baseball camp in. So, thank you David Bartlett, Dave Bartlett Jr., Mark Trepanier, and others who volunteered to help keep it safe.

We would like to give special thanks and recognition to our generous sponsors, who provide vital support to our Recreational Baseball/Softball program. They are as follows: **West Rutland American Legion, Bailey Motors, Fabian Earthmoving, Poultney Pools, Stewarts Shops, Carpet King, and Carris Reels.**

The Recreational Soccer program was again managed by Ian Akin (IMX Football Club). The knowledge, skill and love he has for the game is an invaluable asset. IMX Soccer also offers many different programs that run throughout the summer, building on the skills their players develop during their regular season.

A debt of gratitude is owed also to all our volunteers! Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. We need people to help with maintenance of our fields, coaches for our teams, gardeners for our grounds and people to help maintain our trails. Your time and talents can always be put to good use. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Town Hall at 438-2263.

Additionally, I would like to thank Mary Ann Goulette and the West Rutland Select Board for their continued support of Recreation programs for our community. I am certain with the continued support of the parents and the community, the recreation program will continue to grow and our recreation area will become one we all can enjoy.

***Mike Senecal***

**Recreation Director**

***Thank you to our Annual Sponsor—Fabian Earthmoving !!!***

**Vermont League of Cities and Towns**  
*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](https://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/memborguide](https://vlct.org/memborguide) to download the VLCT Member Guide.

**To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](https://vlct.org).**



# RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff David J. Fox

## 2020 REPORT

### Command Staff

LIEUTENANT  
JAMES BENNICK,  
PATROL COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT  
JOHNATHAN BIXBY

LIEUTENANT, GHSP  
KEVIN GENO  
FBINA SESSION 196

SERGEANT  
ANDREW CROSS

SERGEANT  
LEMA CARTER

OFFICE MANAGER  
PENELOPE F. GAROFANO

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR  
JENNIFER COFFIN

"THE RUTLAND  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE  
WILL CONDUCT  
ITS WORK  
WITH COMPETENCE,  
PROFESSIONALISM  
AND HONOR"

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality services possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Sergeant Carter and Deputy Reilly continue to be assigned to this patrol. Their connection with townspeople, and administrators and the historical knowledge they have of the town continues to be an asset when investigating crimes and solving issues in the town.

Activity in the Town of West Rutland for the past year is as follows.

2019	2020	Activity
481	487	Total incidents
331	244	Traffic stops
224	171	Traffic tickets
160	135	Traffic warnings
38	48	Traffic accidents
5	11	Family fight
22	20	Mv complaint
29	33	Suspicious
28	36	Animal complaint
8	7	DUI
23	25	Welfare check

I want to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of the Rutland County Sheriff's Department during this exceedingly difficult year.

Respectfully Submitted

David J. Fox

Sheriff



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37<sup>th</sup>  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020)  
37 Years of Service 1983 - 2020

To the Honorable Citizens of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 37<sup>th</sup> annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-seven years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 230,369 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2020, the service responded to a total of 8,943 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 195 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

This past year, COVID-19 has and will continue to dominate activities at R.A.S. The safety of our patients and staff remains our number one priority. We diligently follow CDC and State Guidelines. We assure you that we are doing everything we can to promote a safe and secure environment for your safety. We are grateful for our dedicated employees. The R.A.S. staff have been and will be there to meet the community needs during these difficult times.

We thank everyone from the communities we serve, our co-workers, our fellow emergency service workers and everyone in the community who have been so gracious with their support, kindness and generosity.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 36 years. Since 1990 the assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

Our motto, "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employees' commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Best Practices in Decontamination/Disinfectant, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma and Medical Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. American Heart Association Training Center, 1,695 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building by appointment. We completed 80 child car seat inspections this past year.

The public is encouraged, when our facility opens back up to the public, to visit and talk to our employees at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President  
Town of West Rutland Representative  
R.A.S. Board of Directors





## RSVP & The Volunteer Center



Community Care Network  
Rutland Community Programs  
thriving community, empowered lives.

### 2021 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY20 TOWN OF: WEST RUTLAND • AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$400.00

#### Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP & The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 25,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 47 partner agencies and an estimated 1,200 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 711 volunteers. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 124,606 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,389,276.

#### Services Provided to West Rutland Residents

In FY'20, West Rutland residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. West Rutland RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Community Cupboard, Bridges & Beyond, Loretto Home, Mountain View, Pittsford Food Shelf, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Come Alive Outside, Dismas, Rutland Library, the Chaffee, Ira Go Getters, Congregate Meals West Rutland Town Hall, RSVP Bone Builders, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our organization. Our volunteers are continuing to support the communities through the pandemic; and we have added new initiatives such as mask making for local agencies and wellness calls to isolated seniors. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Sincerely,

Alix O'Meara  
Director

6 Court St. | Rutland, VT 05701 | Office: 802-775-8220 | Fax: 802-775-8221

Website: [volunteersinvt.org](http://volunteersinvt.org) | Email: [rsvpfgp@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpfgp@gmail.com)

# VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region  
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

## Town of West Rutland

### TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF WEST RUTLAND:

In 2019, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2019, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 141,507 visits to 3,212 patients. In the town of West Rutland, we provided 3,008 visits to 98 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.



Ronald J. Cioffi, CEO  
CEO



Dan DiBattista  
President of the Board of Directors



## Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2020, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of West Rutland assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2020, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 5,251 hours of services to 109 West Rutland residents. We value our partnership with the Town of West Rutland in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Dick Courcelle*

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617

**Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report  
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit, seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older confidential, education and literacy services with no cost to students. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We are an official GED and PSI testing site.

Our Flexible Pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with many options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, on line classes, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning is a partner in a multi-year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called Strengthening Working Families Initiative or SWFI. The grant provides parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you. There are many manufacturing jobs currently that need trained employees in Rutland County.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1150 students statewide in fiscal year 2020. 144 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 9741.75 hours of education. We provided 659 hours of instructional service to 10 students from West Rutland. Two students from West Rutland received high school diplomas. Two students were between the ages of 16-21.

Classes are five days a week, Monday – Friday, with evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. VAL staff responded early to the COVID-19 crisis. We have successfully adapted our classes to an online platform. We have also taken the initiative and supplied our students with ChromeBooks so they may remain engaged in their educational goals.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of West Rutland.

**Contact: Chrispin White Regional Director**  
**Email: [cwhite@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:cwhite@vtadultlearning.org)**  
**Or call 775-0617 ext. 5011**



December 10, 2020

To the Citizens of the Town of West Rutland,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted **235** residents of the Town of West Rutland. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$1,250.00.***

We truly value our collaboration with West Rutland as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO  
[tdonahue@broc.org](mailto:tdonahue@broc.org)

BROC, 5786,

13 Union Street, Rutland, VT 05701  
53 Orchard Road, Bennington, VT 05201

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# ARC

## Advocacy \* Resources \* Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



### ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

#### BOARD OFFICERS:

Melissa Stevens  
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Vice President

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Treasurer

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#### BOARD MEMBERS:

John B Wing

Kate Tibbs

Bob Baxter

Herman Goldberg

#### HONORARY MEMBER

Terry Mangieri

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Ross W Almo

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE  
Denise Leach

**Mission Statement:** *To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.*

#### INNOVATIONS

- Adapting to COVID ARC has kept connected to its members and clients via electronic media, phone, and standard post.
- The Mary and Leonard F Wing Jr Sensory and Resource Center planned opening in December 2020. The center will sponsor daily Social and Life Skill Programming and Calming Time through sensory awareness.
- The Great Outdoor Initiative, monthly fitness and adventure was received with much enthusiasm. The program ceased in March 2020. Future programming will resume when deemed safe to do so.

#### PROGRAMS

- **Representative Payee Program:** ARC services over 50 clients as a representative payee. This program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security but are unable to manage their own finances.
- **Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and Aktion Club:** ARC typically facilitates monthly meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and the Aktion Club, a member of Kiwanis. Unfortunately, the groups were unable to meet from April through June of this year. In July, the first outdoor, social distancing, mask wearing meeting was held. In August, the group met at Crystal Beach on Lake Bomoseen for a meeting and some relaxation. During ARC's "out of office" time. Daily Trivia questions were posted on ARC's Facebook page, we even played Bingo via a conference call. In May members were mailed two designs and were encouraged to participate in ARC's Great coloring Contest. In June members were mailed vegetable and herb seeds for the Summer Grow and Show Contest. In July ARC's Self Advocates joined the Green Mountain Self Advocates in a ZOOM meeting to celebrate 30 years of the American Disability Act (ADA). In both July and August "Fun & Learning" packets were mailed to members with challenges, containing education materials and a treat. We all hope the future will offer opportunities to continue our community awareness efforts with donations and fundraisers.
- **Social Events:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support, practicing social skills and physical exercise. Typically, activities include: five themed dances. We were able to hold the Valentines Dance, but the Easter and Spring Fling dances were cancelled. An outdoor, fall Barn Picnic and Activity Day is anticipated with great expectations. We hope to participate in the Rutland City Halloween Parade with our Kiwanis partners. Winter looks promising for snow sports with Vermont Adaptive. The 2019-2020 period may have been a little slower than in the past, but ARC served just under 800 attendees in the rolling twelve-month cycle.

#### STAFF

- Executive Director, Ross Almo is experienced in nonprofit - association management and has been with ARC for a year and a half. Denise Leach continues her role as Repetitive Payee. Office operations are supported by Voc Rehab, RSVP and A4TD as well as individual volunteers. ARC has a volunteer Board of Directors and community patrons.

ARC offers its sincere thanks for your continued support. As always, we do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming. We rely on the support of Rutland County and adjoining towns along with grants, and fundraisers. Our dedication to our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for over sixty years. Typically, a thousand individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually. Visit our website at: [arcrutlandarea.org](http://arcrutlandarea.org) and like us on Facebook. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Ross W. Almo, Executive Director





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**Helpline: 1-800-642-5119**

## **Report to the Citizens of West Rutland**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in West Rutland in 2020:

### ***Nutrition Support***

The Council helped provide 4,144 meals that were delivered to the homes of 28 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 73 West Rutland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 624 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 5.75 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 14 residents of West Rutland.

### ***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 34 elders in your community for a total of 75.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### ***Other Services and Support:***

1) “Senior Helpline” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



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Chris Wener, Town Clerk  
Selectboard Members  
Town of West Rutland  
35 Marble Street  
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Re: 2021 Ballot Item - \$500.00

Dear Chris Wener & Selectboard Members,

On behalf of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, I am writing to ask that we be placed on your ballot with a repeat request for \$500.00 for the 2020/2021 year. This has been quite a year for everyone, and we are glad to report that during this difficult time we were able to help many Vermonters through loans and grants. We have provided a look at the specific services we were able to provide to the residents of your town as well as state-wide. We have also included a short financial statement on a separate sheet for your use in any resident newsletters or publications. In the last fiscal year, our services in the area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties comprised of:

- **152 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on homes
- **44 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont
- **30 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$397,823.00 to help homeowners make energy improvements
- **66 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,494,097.00 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- **13 Rehab Loans**, a total of \$159,798.00 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- **168 families attended Homebuyer Education** and of those, **87 became Home Owners**
- **154 households participated in Financial Coaching**

In West Rutland alone, we were able to:

- **Provide 1 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audit**
- **Coach 4 households through Homebuyer Education**
- **Work with 5 households to provide Financial Coaching**
- **Help 4 families become Home Owners**

We look forward to your continued support of our organization and our work with the residents of West Rutland.

Sincerely,

Svea Howard  
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Rutland West Neighborhood Housing d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS

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## YEAR 2020 ACTIVITY IN WEST RUTLAND

The Housing Trust of Rutland County is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to energize neighborhoods, providing housing you can trust. We build quality rental housing that is affordable, and provide exceptional service that is responsive to residents and neighborhoods.

We continue to invest in West Rutland through our properties including Stanislaus Apartments on Barnes Street, Colonial Apartments on Marble and Barnes, and 259 Marble Street.

Over the past almost 30 years, we have provided over 2,500 people – seniors, families and people with disabilities - with a safe, attractive and affordable place to rent and call home. We have developed and maintain over 370 rental housing units in eight of our local communities. Each year over 800 people directly benefit from our affordable housing.

Furthermore, the surrounding community benefits from improved neighborhoods, increased tax assessments and payment of property taxes, and work opportunities. Several West Rutland business owners work with us to manage our properties, and people working in West Rutland live in housing we've created throughout the region. We are pleased to continue working in West Rutland and ask that on Town Meeting Day you vote in favor of the following question:

**"Does the Town vote to raise \$750.00 for the Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?"**

We thank you for your support last March, and appreciate your vote this year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Cohen".

Mary Cohen  
Executive Director

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## Otter Creek Communications Union District

### FY2020 Annual Report

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated strains on Vermont's inadequate broadband infrastructure, legislation was passed allowing for municipal select boards to join communications unions districts without a town wide vote. In July, the select boards of the towns of Brandon and Goshen voted to form the Otter Creek Communications Union District and with an organizational meeting on July 31, 2020, the OCCUD was officially formed.

Since that first meeting, much work has been done fulfill our mission "to expand affordable broadband access to the residents of the Otter Creek Communications Union District". A list of highlights below:

- Since CUD formation in July 2020, created board and executive committee and have grown to 11 towns.
- Nearly wrapped up feasibility study.
- Applied for and have been awarded 3 grants: 2 Vermont Community Foundation grants and the CARES Act funding.
- Have coordinate the identification of multiple hotspot needs throughout the Rutland Region and shepherded the award of 11.
- Have met or spoken with the Town Managers or Boards of 13 municipalities.
- Have coordinated the contracts for retention of legal services as well as website development services.
- Have coordinated the proposal and application for funds for the development of an outreach, clearinghouse, and case management tool for the coordinated identification of internet connectivity need and outreach to the public and dissemination of State, Federal, and local resources to support this need.

Some anticipated milestones that will be reached by the end of this calendar year include:

- **The finalization of our independent municipality** – Under the guidance of our legal team, we will have our own EIN, insurance and will no longer need to have the Rutland Regional Planning Commission serve as fiscal agent, making us more financially attractive to banks, grantors and investors.
- **Adoption of a business strategy** - This critical step will be informed by the results of the feasibility study and will give our members a concrete path that we can follow, including a business plan development, which will allow for us to work toward a target buildout of infrastructure and provide broadband service to our members' residents.
- **A full service Otter Creek Communications Union Website AND Marketing Campaign**– Aside from announcing our existence to the county and the ability to provide outreach and information about our "good works", the website will also allow us to connect folks with broadband resources and utilize our custom pre-subscription gateway, which is a critical step in demonstrating need and raising the capital to support a buildout. A countywide mailing campaign and the creation of promotional materials to be distributed to our targeted towns (posters that indicate WiFi hotspots, rack cards for town offices) will aid in these efforts.

# **Otter Creek Communications Union District**

## **FY2020 Annual Report**

Our member towns are being served well by their appointed representatives. The deadlines around the use of CARES Act funding, which has underwritten the above referenced 2020 work, have proven to be a challenge.

Identifying the work, qualifying the vendors and executing the contracts has been made possible thanks to the tireless work of our Rutland Regional Planning Commission representative, Amanda O'Connor.

The Vermont Community Foundation has provided some essential seed money that will help sustain our efforts in 2021.

We are all committed continuing our work in an expeditious, yet prudent and fiscally responsible, manner to connect our underserved residents with the broadband access they deserve.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Moore, Chair



## West Rutland Food Shelf

As we began last January 2020 we had between 35-40 families coming to the food shelf. We had cut back to one Saturday per month due to financial insecurity issues. We were doing well until March, when the COVID 19 virus struck all of Vermont and everything shut down. We knew we had to stay open somehow for our patrons, when the Governor's office came out with guidelines to reopen. We were closed for about 1 month then reopened, trying a method that seemed to work for one local food pantry. We took lists for each family downstairs filled the list as best we could. The people didn't like that arrangement but we kept with it until the guidelines changed. By that time several people stopped coming to the food shelf, some because they didn't like the set up and others because they were afraid they might be exposed. By May we had decided to reopen twice a month. By that time we were down to 12 to 15 families. We reached out to everyone who had come to the food shelf at least once and informed them that all they had to do was wear a mask and only 5 people could be in the food shelf at a time. Slowly they have started to return, but not all.

We want to thank the community of West Rutland for once again approving funding in the amount of \$1000.00 for the year 2020. Without the help of the towns people, town offices Officers and employees, all churches, the schools, cub and boy scouts, American Legion, Auxiliary & SALS, West Rutland Post Office and local businesses we could not have done it again.

We were able to stay open twice per month for the rest of the year. We were able to once again get our Thanksgiving dinner baskets out to 25 families and end 2020 on a high note.

We have started off 2021 our 13<sup>th</sup> year of operation with a bang. And hope that normalcy will return to all of our lives. Thank you to the people of West Rutland for helping us accomplish as much as we did. January 2021 we hope will be a better year for all.

Respectfully submitted,

*Norman Desjardins* Dir.

*Ruth Manning* Asst. Dir.



**MARBLE VALLEY**

**REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT**

Marble Valley Regional Transit District  
"The Bus"

2020 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty fourth year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 672,500 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 1,800 rides to West Rutland on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the Colonial Apartments, Marble Street, West Rutland High School, West Rutland Industrial Park and Westway Mall. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to West Rutland for many years in partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x112 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of public transit.

Live Green – Ride the Bus

## FY2020 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

### A sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2019/2020:

#### Education:

**Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery** – The District organizes this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden for local elementary schools. Topics that students learn about include: stream ecology, forests and tree identification, fish shocking and identification, soils and the different fish species raised at the hatchery and their life cycles.

#### Organization:

**Local Work Group** - District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings to assist USDA in setting local priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

#### Programs:

**Land Treatment Planning** - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.

**Portable Skidder Bridges** - Two portable skidder bridges are available for rent to loggers and foresters. These bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

#### Outreach:

**Website** – Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

#### Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

With funding through grant sources, the District:

- Will work with the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department to implement Stormwater BMP's designed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC at Rotary Park. This will include rehabilitating and expanding an existing infiltration trench to provide extra capacity for stormwater runoff and install a new bioretention facility
- Worked with Watershed Consulting Associates and the City of Rutland to complete the Stormwater Master Planning process for the Moon Brook in the City of Rutland.
- Is continuing to work with the VT DEC on a floodplain restoration project on the Cold River in the Town of Clarendon.
- Participated in the development of the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan. A copy of this plan is available on the Districts website.
- Continued Water Quality Monitoring during the Summer of 2019 at eleven sites. Nine sites in the City of Rutland, one site in the Town of Pittsford and one site in the Town of Chittenden.
- Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete a 100% a final design to implement the removal of the Youngs Brook Dam located in the Town of West Rutland, which will serve to restore the floodplain and wetlands and remediate adverse stream impacts, reduce erosion and sedimentation and improve water quality.
- Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete final designs for two Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) identified in the Stormwater Master Plan for the Town of Brandon prepared by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC in October 2017. 30% conceptual designs have been completed for both projects. Once the District has received the final designs a bid will go out to Construction Contractor to implement these [BMP'S](#).
- Will continue to work with the City of Rutland, Towns and landowners to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation. These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other reports.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or [nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net). You can also visit us by appointment at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.





**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

October 14, 2020

Town of West Rutland  
Attn: Selectboard  
35 Marble St  
West Rutland, VT 5777

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well during these uncertain times. As you know, our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Established in 1881, the American Red Cross serves under the core principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles ground us and inspire us as we carry out our mission across the country, and right here at home.

Over the past year, the American Red Cross of Northern New England has succeeded in providing the following throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 17 hours**, helping nearly **2,000 individuals**.
- We installed more than **4,500** smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **31,400** people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **135,000** units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,200** service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in West Rutland. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$250.00.* These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Rutland County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or [supportnne@redcross.org](mailto:supportnne@redcross.org).

While we know the world may feel uncertain at present, rest assured that the American Red Cross will always be there to help and support local communities.

Warmly,

Rachel Zellem  
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England  
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# THE CARVINGSTUDIO& SCULPTURECENTER

January 2021

Dear Neighbors,

Thank you for your support that helped us survive this most difficult year.

When health and safety guidelines went into effect in March, we had been off to a promising start to our busy summer season. Workshop enrollment was up from the previous year and we had an exciting line up of Resident and Exhibiting Artists planned.

COVID-19 forced us to cancel most of our programming, yet we were able to offer a few workshops to in-state participants. Five residencies for Vermont sculptors included Tim Lehmann, who created a stunning "Elfdock" sculpture in his month-long stay.

Progress on the Rutland Sculpture Trail continued, with two new works installed and another in progress. Our gallery was open through the summer and fall with occupancy limits and we were gratified to see so many of you taking inspiration from our Sculpture Garden.

With grant support, we were also able to make several improvements to our physical plant such as surface grading in our outdoor welding area and wi-fi connectivity for the Gordon Marshall Coping Shop.

We look forward to better times ahead and seeing you on Marble Street as we work to reinvigorate the stone working heritage of West Rutland.

Sincerely,



Carol Driscoll  
Executive Director

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*"Elfdock" by Artist in Residence  
Tim Lehmann.*



*Rotary Club founder Paul  
Harris with artists Evan Morse  
(carver) and Amanda Sisk  
(designer).*



*Martin Henry Freeman, first  
African-American college  
president. Designed by Mark  
Burnett, carved by Don Ramey.*



# Wonderfeet Kids' Museum

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## Wonderfeet Kids' Museum 2020 Impact

Despite limited operations, we still welcomed over 4,000 guests to the museum this year. In a regular year, Wonderfeet welcomes over 15,000 guests from 21 states and over 13 countries. Wonderfeet guests shop and dine downtown - making us a vital part of the Downtown Rutland landscape.

- 15 families participated in our weekly support group and play group for babies and new parents called "It Takes a Village" in partnership with Rutland Regional Medical Center
- In the 2019/20 school year, the education team did outreach programs or field trips at 14 schools, or 424 students.
- Provided critical child care and remote learning support for 20 families through a camp collaboration with Rutland Recreation
- Worked with EasterSeals to provide over 30 supervised family visits for kids in foster care
- Provided 60 kids with summer camp opportunities
- Provided weekly summer outings for the Boys & Girls Club of Rutland County
- Designed and distributed 10,000 free activity kits as part of the Out of the Boxes team this summer
- Distributed over 200 free books with the Children's Literacy Foundation

## What is Wonderfeet?

We call Wonderfeet a "Kids' Museum" because it's not the traditional "Children's Museum" you might think of. Rather than relying on exhibits and plaques on the wall that have parents explaining things to their children, Wonderfeet creates engaging playscapes that have kids leading the learning. Children's minds and imaginations are captured by play - and through that they explore new concepts and engage their parents in important back-and-forth interactions that help families form deeper bonds and children build the brain architecture for future learning. Wonderfeet also supports local schools with field trips and fun STEM classroom programs. And we work with local partners to expand our impact - reaching families of all socio-economic levels in every corner of Rutland County.



## NewStory Center Annual Report 2020

For 41 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY20, NewStory Center served 734 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, NewStory Center services including emergency shelter, the 24/7 crisis line, supportive case management, medical and legal advocacy remained available although they looked a little different. Staff provided care packages that included food, personal care items, and household supplies for survivors who requested them.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of West Rutland for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

### REQUEST

**NewStory Center** is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2021, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of West Rutland have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. We provided services for at least **12 residents of West Rutland** this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

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Dear Citizens of West Rutland,

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the *National Children's Alliance (NCA)* in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist family's in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In calendar year 2019, The Child First Advocacy Center served 224 clients and 205 family members. As of November 1, 2020, we provided services to 190 clients and 138 of their family members. **We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least four West Rutland families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school districts ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$600 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Wendy Loomis, Executive Director

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## Vermont Department of Health Local Report

### Rutland District, 2021

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

#### COVID-19

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

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

#### Additional Programs

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

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
  - Approximately 213,00\* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season \*(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
  - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)

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The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and the Town of West Rutland continued working together in 2020 on many community development initiatives. Some highlights include:

- Worked with planning team to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Provided grant assistance for VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program.
- Worked with town officials to complete the 2020 Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Provided technical assistance with Covid-related Local Grant Expense Reimbursement (LGER) program.
- Assisted town to complete FY20 Grants in Aid projects and secure FY21 funding for stormwater best practice projects.
- Provided mapping and GIS assistance to Fire Chief.
- Conducted park-and-ride counts for use by town officials.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

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Cooperative planning in the region

## **Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2020**

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities, residents and businesses. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at 14 Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate and program information and obtaining your required annual permit on our web site, [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com).

New this year, The District has had many new challenges amid COVID-19. Being deemed essential by Governor Scott we remained on the job in full force. Each of our employee raised for the occasion in implementing the guidelines from the CDC, VOSHA, and VBOH. The District also has developed many efficiencies. A new annual permit can be obtained from the convenience of your home or business via [www.rcswd.com/permits](http://www.rcswd.com/permits). Debit and credit cards will all be accepted as an added means of payment accepted at our facilities. A small convenience fee will be charged.

The RCSWD is in the process of updating the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025-time frame. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five-year period. The community's involvement in drafting and developing this document was encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to contact with local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues over the next few years.

Watch for our updated website in 2021! You will find more detail, please see our 2020 Annual Report Book which covers detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2020, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,000 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts Zero Sort recycling from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 1995 the facility has processed over 460,000 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility by appointment only. additional scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within seventeen member towns' through the spring, summer, and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 1700 tons of material since collections began in 2004.

Other Programs: The District also offered waste management education, and reduction programs, construction, demolition waste, clean wood, and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, 350 Rutland County, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society and our valued haulers.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



ANNUAL REPORT TO  
The Town of West Rutland  
  
2020

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless.

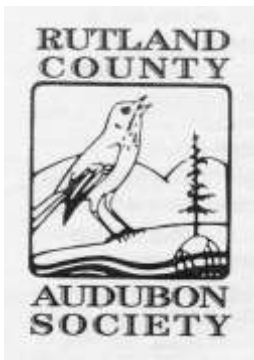
We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2020.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 71 animals from the Town of West Rutland in the past year.

Please call as at 483-9171 or visit our website at **[RCHSVT.org](http://RCHSVT.org)** if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.



RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY  
PO Box 1813, Rutland, VT 05701  
[www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org)

## 2020 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

Despite the pandemic beginning in the middle of March, RCAS has had another good year at the West Rutland Marsh, IBA.

First and foremost, the Town of West Rutland took the lead and collaborated with us on receiving a Recreational Trails Program grant for \$ 42, 000 to build Phase II of a trail off Whipple Hollow Road. This trail will take hikers through a Cedar Swamp along the Marsh and will run north of the former stump dump. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be hired to do most of the building of it, but RCAS and WR have already cleared the trail in preparation for late spring and will continue to collaborate to aid in the building of the trail. Thus far, RCAS has purchased an auger and post pounders, implements necessary for building the boardwalk which will go through the swamp.

Although RCAS was not able to offer public birding walks around the Marsh after mid- March, Board members themselves did continue monitoring the Marsh on a monthly basis throughout the year, making this the start of the 20th year of monitoring. These birding trips garnered a total of 108 species of birds, either seen or heard on the 3.8 mile walk and, this year, for the first time, a Red Crossbill was spied there.

All birds seen at the WRM are recorded at eBird VT , a data collection site run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Birds seen are also noted on the RCAS website and Facebook page, as well as on the "You're from West Rutland" Facebook page.

Early in the year, three members of the Board at RCAS also were guests on a local radio show which gave publicity to the West Rutland Marsh, regarding its beauty and diversity of wildlife species.

Of course, all news isn't good news. The boardwalk off Marble Street was vandalized several times, with boards and planks being ripped out and a sign and post to the interpretive trail being pulled out. Signs at the kiosk have been pried off and some fencing around the cellar hole was ripped out. Happily, all damage has been repaired and ten interpretive signs have been replaced either by Jarod Pratt or RCAS volunteers, but it is of note that the undercarriage of the boardwalk needs an upgrade, new plexiglass is needed for the kiosk, and better fencing is needed around the cellar hole. These projects will be undertaken in the spring of '21.

We look forward to continuing our enjoyment and data collection at the WRM in 2021. It is our hope that public participation can re-start, as well, once the vaccine is available.

Thank you, West Rutland!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Guinness, RCAS Pres.





December 31, 2020

### Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Town Report

It has been a year of change not only in our region, but across the world, with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting nearly every business sector and changing not only the way we do business, but how we live. There are countless reasons why we are proud to call the Rutland Region our home. Most importantly is the way we have come together as a community and supported one another. As you may have already heard, Rutland Economic Development Corporation and the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce have merged. Two strong organizations have become one to more fully serve Rutland County. The newly-minted “Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region” serves on behalf of families, communities, and businesses, which form a supportive bond.

The 2019-2020 Annual Report can be found on our website at [www.RutlandVermont.com/annual-report](http://www.RutlandVermont.com/annual-report). As you read the report, you will see that there is a lot worth celebrating. In its pages, you will find stories that highlight our signature events, committee updates, and information about our recent decision to merge the two organizations. For a highlight of each of the towns in our County, watch our Annual Meeting movie found at <https://rutlandvermont.com/2020-annual-meeting/>. You will see people that you know!

We look forward to continuing to use collaboration, creativity, and ingenuity to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth while creating a bridge to our community and cultural organizations to promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County. As part of these efforts, we continue to recognize the need to strengthen and protect our way of life by increasing the skilled pool from which business and industry can hire employees, as well as the need to grow our tax base. Each of these needs are the driving forces behind our focus on growing our regional population. We continue to move forward with the fifth year of the Regional Marketing Initiative, which has provided direct and positive results with an increase of more than 30 households, including more than 70 individuals, who have joined us as neighbors. We look forward to this trend continuing as Vermont leads the nation in protecting and supporting each other and our communities. Funding for the Initiative continues to be a collaboration between municipalities, local businesses, and grant opportunities. Go to [www.RealRutland.com](http://www.RealRutland.com) for highlights of the Region.

We exist to serve your family, community, and area business & industry, which make up the three-legged stool upon which we can steadfastly rest as we admire our Region and appreciate how fortunate we are to live here. Our work boldly continues so that we can both protect what those before us have created and so that we can pass on an even more prosperous and secure Region to those that are yet to come.

With respect,  
Lyle P. Jepson - Executive Director

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## POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, four employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander and Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown.

**Stormwater Management** The District is currently working with several towns on implementing ‘green stormwater’ projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, and Wells to design and implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We have begun working on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Lower Poultney River Watershed to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects for the area.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed. This past season the District implemented five projects mitigating forestry related erosion in the Flower Brook headwaters.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners for lake friendly living. We plan to continue both programs and expand work with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

**Agricultural Programs** The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields complete farm-specific, nutrient management plans through a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

**Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery** PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney’s Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. In 2020, over 22 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for Upward Bound students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

***The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.***



## Vermont 211 in West Rutland

Vermont 211 is a 24/7 Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By dialing 211 or by texting your zip code to 898211, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health and human services for your area and region. (Text between 8:00am-8:00pm, Monday-Friday.)

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

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

- One call or text gives you access to resources across your community. 211 is efficient, fast and easy to use.
- No more wrong numbers; no more wasted time trying to find the right resource(s).
- 211 is a private and confidential call or text; most often the name of the caller is not even taken. Language translation services are also available.
- 211 maintains the integrity of the 9-1-1 system; saving that vital community resource for life and death emergencies.
- 24-hour availability every day of the year by phone or by clicking on [vermont211.org](http://vermont211.org)
- 211 is an easy way to find or give help in your community.

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

### What are the needs in your community?

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

VT 211 received 2,642 calls or text conversations from Rutland County residents between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, and 536 searches on [vermont211.org](http://vermont211.org) were conducted by people identifying themselves as being from Rutland County, including West Rutland.

**Residents of West Rutland** made 37 contacts to Vermont 211 during fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020) for a range of needs, resulting in 43 referrals. The referrals included resources and services in the following categories: Organizational/Community Services, such as specialized information and referral, and government offices; Basic Needs, such as housing and food assistance; Environment and Public Health/Safety, which was for public health advisories related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and Income Support and Employment.

The top agencies to which referrals were made were: Vermont Department of Health; BROCC Community Action; and Help Me Grow Vermont. Other local agencies included: Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging; Homeless Prevention Center; Rutland Mental Health Services; and West Rutland Food Shelf.

These referrals may not represent unique individuals; sometimes multiple referrals are given to the same person.

### Want to subscribe to our monthly newsletter?

Our e-newsletter shares monthly statistics on the needs of VermonTERS, highlights resources and keeps you up to date on new initiatives. To see or subscribe to our newsletter, go to: <http://www.vermont211.org/news/monthly-newsletter>

### Vermont 211 Partners with Help Me Grow

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



# Green Up Day

*First Saturday in May ~ May 1, 2021*

- Join us on the Town Hall Green at 9:00am to divide and conquer!
- Hot Dog lunch served from 11:00am—Noon.
- Long pants, light colored clothing, boots and gloves are advised.
- Garbage bags are provided!!

## ***Green Up Day Appliance Pick-Up***

*If you have appliances that need to be disposed of and would like the town to pick them up, contact the Town Office at **438-2263** for rates and instructions.*

*Requests and payment must be made by **Thursday, April 29, 2021.***



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND**

# **TOWN WIDE YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY MAY 8, 2021**  
**8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

**For more information or to rent a space call 438-2263**



Town of West Rutland

# Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 31, 2021 \* 10:00 A.M.

Please Join Us in Honoring our Veterans and  
Celebrating Our Community!



***If you or your business would like to participate in the parade  
or be a sponsor of the event, please contact the  
Town Office at 438-2263***



# **HOME COMING BLOCK WEST RUTLAND PARTY MUSIC FOOD FUN**

**Marble Street & Town Hall Green**

Marble Street (from Main to Campbell) will be closed to traffic

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Music ~ Games ~ Vendor s  
Food Trucks**

Support the West Rutland Dog Park!



West Rutland Dog Park Bumper Stickers  
are still available at the Town Hall

**Treasurer's Office for \$5**

Proceeds benefit maintenance  
of the park

# VERMONT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VSNIP)

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs neutered for \$27.00. The balance is paid ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, and put into a designated account.

VSNIP is now at "0" funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. 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)** bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination isn't proven, **4)** helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT, and **5)** **\$3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** "the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. **Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.**" (No one want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

For an application for VSNIP, send a SASE to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Indicate if this is for a cat/dog or both. 802-672-5302

VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a "DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC" for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you would like the paperwork we've developed to share with whomever usually does rabies clinics in your area, we'd be happy to share.

## TRACTOR SUPPLY STORES: RABIES CLINICS FOR CATS & DOGS

CALL AHEAD TO BE SURE INFO IS CURRENT!

### VERMONT

<b>Bennington:</b> 300 Depot St. 05201 802-440-9937 4.22.21	TIME: 5:00 – 7:30	12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 /
<b>Middlebury:</b> 476 Foote St 05753 802-382-9292 3.27.21	TIME: 9:30 – 11:00	12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 /
<b>Montpelier:</b> 352 River St 05602 802-223-2246 3.28.21	TIME: 4:00 – 5:30	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 /
<b>Morrisville:</b> 88 Center Rd 05661 802-888-2010 3.28.21	TIME: 1:00 -2:30	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.21 / 2.28.21 /
<b>Newport:</b> 124 Commerce Way 05855 802-334-2944 3.28.21	TIME: 9:30 – 11:00	12.6.20 / 1.3.21 / 1.31.20 / 2.28.21 /
<b>No. Clarendon:</b> 1177 US RTE 7 So. 05759 747-4759 4.22.21	TIME: 1:00 – 3:00	12.3.20 / 1.28.21 / 2.25.21 / 3.25.21 /
<b>St. Albans:</b> 2636 Highgate Rd 05478 802-524-0705 3.27.21	TIME: 4:00 – 5:30	12.5.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 /
<b>Shelburne:</b> 3708 Shelburne Rd 05482 802-985-4092 3.27.21	TIME: 1:00 – 2:30	12.6.20 / 1.2.21 / 1.30.21 / 2.27.21 /



**65% of Vermonters  
qualify to e-file their  
income taxes for free.**

**Do you?**

**Find out at [tax.vermont.gov/free-file](https://tax.vermont.gov/free-file).**

**Need tax help?**

You may be eligible for free tax help through the IRS, AARP, or MyFreeTaxes.com.

To learn where to find tax help,  
visit [tax.vermont.gov/free-prep](https://tax.vermont.gov/free-prep).

**Want forms & instructions?**

Find Vermont forms and instructions  
online at [tax.vermont.gov](https://tax.vermont.gov).

To order forms, call (855) 297-5600 or  
email [tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov).

**FREE! File your Homestead Declaration, Property Tax Credit, or Renter Rebate at  
[myVTax.vermont.gov](https://myVTax.vermont.gov)**

Email: [tax.individualincome@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.individualincome@vermont.gov)  
Phone: (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT)  
Website: [tax.vermont.gov](https://tax.vermont.gov)  
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# FREE TAX HELP FOR VERMONTERS

**NOTE: To participate, you must meet each program's eligibility requirements.**

## **Free E-filing with Free File or MyFreeTaxes Partnership**

In 2019, about 65% of Vermont taxpayers qualified to e-file their federal and state income taxes through Free File, but only about 5% of those eligible actually used Free File. Are you eligible? Find out at [tax.vermont.gov/free-file](https://tax.vermont.gov/free-file).



The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and Vermont e-filing for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Find out at [myfreetaxes.com](https://myfreetaxes.com).



## **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) & Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs**

Free tax help for those who qualify: 1) lower incomes, 2) disabilities, 3) the elderly, or 4) limited English. TCE focuses on those age 60 years and older. Learn more about VITA/TCE and find a location near you by searching "VITA" or "TCE" at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov).

## **AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program**

Provides tax assistance sites to taxpayers who qualify, such as those with low and moderate incomes, giving special attention to those age 50 years and older. Learn more about the Tax-Aide Program and find a location near you by searching "tax aide" at [aarp.org](https://aarp.org).

**Download forms:** [tax.vermont.gov/forms-and-publications](https://tax.vermont.gov/forms-and-publications)

**Order forms:** [tax.vermont.gov/form-request](https://tax.vermont.gov/form-request)

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## Rutland County Solid Waste District 2021 HHW Rural Collection Schedule



Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (7am - 3pm)  
(Appointment required 24 hrs in advance at the Gleason Rd facility)

APRIL 10, 2021	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 17, 2021	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 24, 2021	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 1, 2021	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00 PM	
MAY 8, 2021	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S. 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WELLS 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 15, 2021	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 12:30PM
MAY 22, 2021	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 5, 2021	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 12, 2021	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 19, 2021	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 10:30AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 26, 2021	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S. 8:00AM - 10:00AM	
JULY 10, 2021	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 10:30AM - 1:00PM
JULY 17, 2021	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON 11:00AM to 1:00PM
JULY 24, 2021	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S. 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WELLS 11:00AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 18, 2021	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00PM	
SEPT 25, 2021	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 12:30PM
OCT 2, 2021	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
OCT 9, 2021		WELLS 11:00AM - 1:00PM

# 2021 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Questions call: 802-775-7209; or 802-770-1333 or visit  
[www.rcswd.com/hhw](http://www.rcswd.com/hhw) for more information

## **TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Town Manager	438-2263
Fax	438-5133
Town Treasurer	438-2263
Town Clerk	438-2204
Listers	438-2263
Zoning	438-2204
Town Garage	438-2854
Wastewater Treatment Plant	438-5633
Water Department	438-5633
Library	438-2964
School	438-2288
Recreation Department	438-2263
Neighbor Works of Western VT	438-2303
West Rutland Food Shelf	438-6385 or 236-2325
Friends of West Rutland Town Hall	438-2263
FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY	911
Fire Warden (Steve Czachor)	438-2840
State Police	773-9101
Ambulance	773-1700
Animal Control Officer (Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.)	775-8002