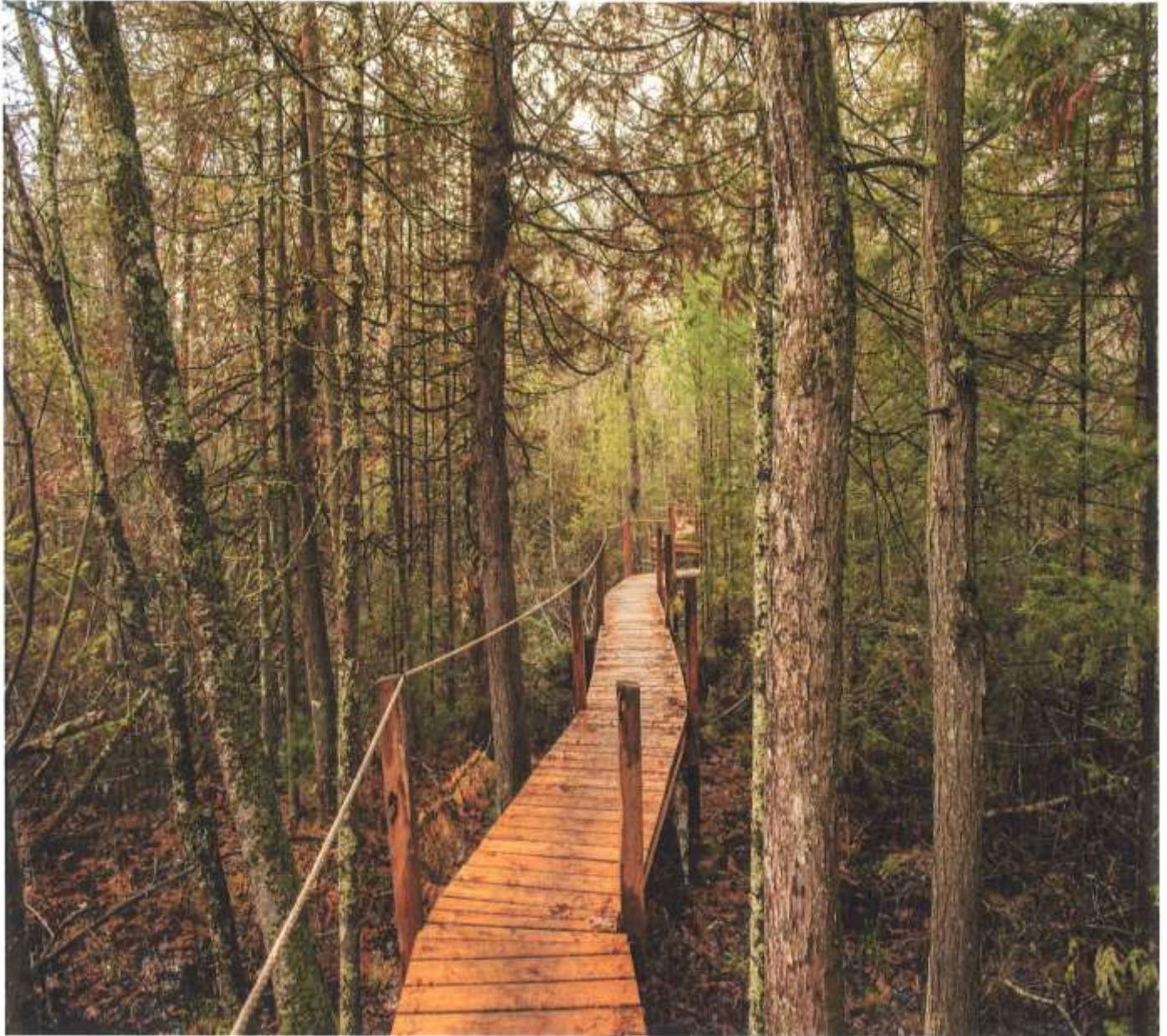


TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

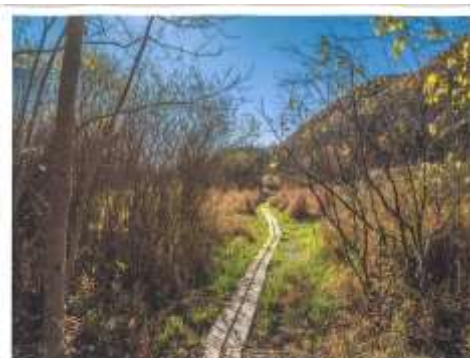
West Rutland's New Marsh Trail

From ages 2 to 92, residents and visitors are enjoying the new Marsh Trail featuring a boardwalk and trail at 1468 Whipple Hollow Road. The trail offers accessibility and a rare opportunity to look deep within the marsh habitat as the boardwalk winds around existing trees raised above the water. It offers a true sanctuary.

Planning began in 2019, when Rutland County Audubon Society and the Town of West Rutland collaborated on and received a \$42,024 grant from the Recreational Trails Program. The grant allowed the construction of Phase 2 of a three-part trail, envisioned by Rutland County Audubon members to enable them to monitor marsh birds without traveling on the busy Whipple Hollow Road. Phase 1 had been built with a Wetland Funds grant the previous year in an adjacent meadow and lowland just south of the newest phase. COVID - 19 intervened and construction on Phase 2 did not begin until June of 2021, at which time Rutland County Audubon and West Rutland hired the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps to construct the two-part boardwalk through a cedar and hemlock swamp. The National Audubon Society also provided a collaborative grant for equipment and tools needed for construction. After more than five weeks of labor in intense humidity and difficult working conditions, the VYCC completed this project. The VYCC camped on site and were quoted ***“Every morning we are awoken by the song of happy birds and we are inspired by the importance of expanding access to this habitat. Visits from Audubon members and excited neighbors and townspeople invigorate us in our daily work.”***

In the fall, the Town of West Rutland constructed a parking lot and Stafford Technical School's construction class built a sturdy kiosk that will soon provide information about the new trail. Rutland County Audubon continues to add improvements to both ends of the trail including trail markers and a rope railing for the boardwalk.

Come and visit this exciting local hometown project to see the enhancements and access to the natural beauty right in our backyard! And, watch for Phase 3 of this wonderful collaboration coming in 2023!



~~ On the Cover ~~

The serene view of the Boardwalk at the new West Rutland Marsh Trail at 1468 Whipple Hollow Road

Photos this page and cover courtesy of Donna Wilkins, Donna Wilkins Photography

In Memoriam....



John J. Socinski

After graduating from West Rutland High School, John married his best friend and high school sweetheart, Janet (Carlson), and settled in Proctor, later moving to Center Rutland. He spent a great deal of his life in the stone business. He owned and operated McCue Memorial Co. and later partnered with his son, David, in RMG Stone Products in Castleton. In his retirement, he continued to donate his time and expertise to many projects involving military memorials. He was most proud of the West Rutland WWII Veteran's Memorial and the Essex County War Memorial in Tappahannock, Virginia. John followed his passion for love of country and the military, honoring veterans of all wars by planning these war memorials. John committed himself to public service positions, organizations and projects. One of his favorite local service projects was being a part of Rutland's Angel of Hope. He served on the Proctor School Board, Rutland Town Select Board, College of St. Joseph's Board of Directors and Rutland Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Rutland South Rotary for 34 years. He served 20 years in the Vermont National Guard 40th Army Band.

John never strayed from his roots in the family marble business in West Rutland. He shared his knowledge and experience with the West Rutland community and left a legacy which demonstrates his love for country and the town where he was raised and educated. In 1945, John's uncle Francis Socinski, was killed in the Pacific during WW II. John's memories of that event, and of the men called to defend America spurred his interest and study of the military. John was a member of the WW II committee that created the monument located on the Town Hall green; he chose the stone and supervised its installation during the summer of 2015.



Edward A. Fabian

As a young teenager, Ed went to work with his father, Tony, where he drove a dump truck. In 1961, he branched out forming Edward Fabian Earthmoving, which started him on the path to sitework. In 1967, he helped build the original Devil's Bowl Speedway, which strengthened his appreciation for racing. He was an avid Dale Earnhardt fan and collector of racing memorabilia. He was a founding member and for a time, the vice president of R.A.V.E. or Rutland Area Vehicle Enthusiasts. The club's first formal meeting took place in Ed's basement on Dec. 4, 1978. Ed loved his Mack trucks and was a member of the American Truck Historical Society, the Model A Ford Club of America and many other organizations throughout his 83 years. In 1994, he drove the lead truck delivering the national Christmas tree from Vermont to Washington, D.C.; 1998 took him to Boston Harbor, delivering new mast lumber to repair the USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides." On Sunday mornings, he'd show his appreciation for the "Polish Hour" from VPR by taping down the button on his CB radio and holding it to the speaker, sharing tunes with his fellow truckers, most likely with a smirk on his face and his hat slightly askew. In his later days, you'd see Ed driving one of his many "toys" around town. He always appreciated it when people dropped by unexpectedly. You'd be welcomed with, "What's up, Sonny?" or "Hey, Toots." It gave him an excuse to show off his "Museum" of antique toys, strike up some conversation and share some advice. Ed was an extremely proud father and grandfather, and undoubtedly one of a kind. He will be forever missed.

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 (802-438-2263)
Treasurer’s Office (802-438-2263)
Patricia Kulig, Treasurer
Melissa Carlson, Bookkeeper
Stan Jagodzinski, Assistant Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator
Chris Wener, Town Clerk, (802-438-2204)
Jeff Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator (802-438-2204)
Listers: Lisa Wright, Patrick Trepanier, Robert Higgins, (802-438-2263)

FAX: (802-438-5133)

TOWN GARAGE: (802-438-2854) 24-hour Pager Service

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: (802-438-5633)

WATER DEPARTMENT: (802-438-5633)

LIBRARY: (802-438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays in 2022:

New Year’s Day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Presidents’ Day
Memorial Day	Juneteenth	Independence Day
Labor Day	Indigenous People’s Day	Veterans’ Day
Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Friday	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day		

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

2nd 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: 626 141 9334

Monday, February 28th, 2022 at 6:00 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 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 Clerk 3 Year, Town Treasurer 3 Year, Town Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1), Selectpersons 1 Year (2), Lister 3 Year, Library Trustee 3 Year and Town Law Agent.
- Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$1,529,952 to be raised by taxes?
- Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$100,000 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 \$1,000 to the Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) for the purposes of economic development and promotion?

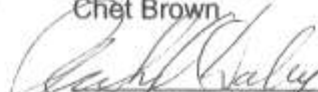
- Article #11 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?
- Article #12 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs 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 developmentally 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 10, 2022


John Harvey, Chairperson


Jayne Pratt


Chet Brown


Dick Daley


Nick Notte

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD

12th day of January 2022

AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes A M

And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc.

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Attest 

Town Clerk

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
Annual School District Meeting

February 22 and March 1, 2022

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 at Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union or virtually at the following link:

- meet.google.com/ghm-dhfd-rbp
- Or via phone:(US) +1 401-552-4816 PIN: 800 185 901#

on February 22, 2022, 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 1st, 2022 for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot.

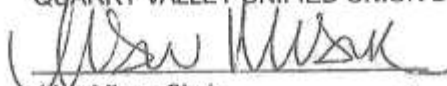
Town of Poultney	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Poultney Fire House
Town of Proctor	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Proctor Jr/Sr High School
Town of West Rutland	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	West Rutland Town Hall

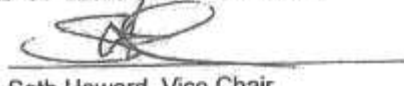
- Article 3. To elect the following officers:
a. Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
b. Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
c. Clerk for a term of one (1) year
- Article 4. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$19,096,029.63 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 \$16,870.49 per equalized pupil which is 1.85% more than last year.

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.

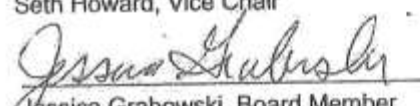
Approved by the Quarry Valley Unified School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Rutland, Vermont this 19th day of January 2022.

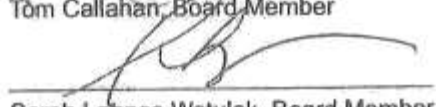
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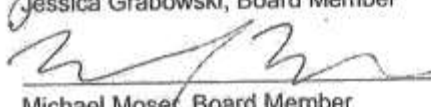

Lisa Miser, Chair

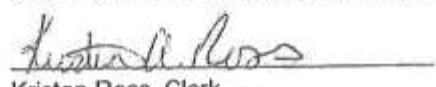

Seth Howard, Vice Chair

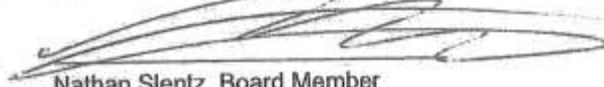

Tom Callahan, Board Member

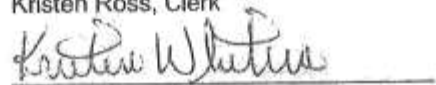

Jessica Grabowski, Board Member


Sarah Lohnes-Watulak, Board Member


Michael Moser, Board Member

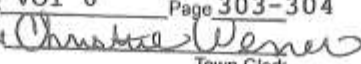

Kristen Ross, Clerk


Nathan Slentz, Board Member


Kristen Whitman, Board Member

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Betsy Wescott
Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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21st day of January A.D. 2022
AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes A.M.
And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc.
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Attest 
Town Clerk

Town Manager Report 2021

Here we are a year later, Covid is not over but together we will find a way to live with this virus and learn to appreciate all the important things in life. We thank our community for their continued patience, diligence, cooperation and understanding.

We know the difficulties many are facing and we are always mindful of our budget despite seeing cost increases across every department. We continue to look for cost savings and grant opportunities. This year's overall budget will see an increase of 3.2%. This represents a \$34.77 annual increase in the municipal tax on a \$100,000 home.

Our town office was able to reopen and despite everything we were able to complete many projects throughout the year.

- Constructed the remaining segment of the \$750,000 VT bike/pedestrian grant with a new sidewalk on Thrall Avenue.
- Installed 2,000 feet of replacement water line on Pleasant Street from Sheldon Avenue to Thrall Avenue. Funded with the Vermont Drinking Water Loan Fund.
- Secured \$758,608 in FEMA funding to fix the Dewey Avenue Road failure. Belden Construction began the work this fall and it will be completed in the spring.
- Stormwater work on Clark Hill Road to include culvert replacements and stone lined ditches. Project was funded with two grants: Better Roads Grant \$20,000 and Grants-in-Aid \$ 9,400.
- We worked with the Rutland County Audubon and were awarded a \$42,024 recreation trails grant and completed phase 2 of the Marsh Trail off Whipple Hollow Road.
- We were able to bring back some events such as our monthly senior luncheons, bone builders, block party and tree lighting. We are hopeful for a full calendar of events for 2022.

As part of the American Rescue Plan, The Town of West Rutland will receive \$642,690 of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are awaiting more information/guidelines from U.S. Treasury but we will be soliciting public input.

New projects for 2022 include:

- \$24,000 VTrans Transportation Alternative Grant for a feasibility study for new sidewalks on portions of Ross, Main, Thrall, Pleasant and Dewey Avenue.
- \$320,000 VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to construct the Marbleway Path along the channel from Thrall to Gilmore Street.
- \$7,245 Bylaw Modernization Grant to update our zoning regulations to allow more flexibility and use of property to stimulate redevelopment and smart growth opportunities.

We continue to work with our regional partners such as Chamber and Economic Development of the Rutland Region, Rutland Planning Commission, Otter Creek Communication District, Housing Trust of Rutland County, NeighborWorks of Western Vermont and Rutland County Audubon to improve performance in workforce development, economic development, broadband connectivity, affordable housing and recreation opportunities.

As always, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their service, the Selectboard for its direction and leadership, the various committee members that our town needs to be effective, and the thoughtful and passionate volunteers who continually and selflessly serve our needs. Your community appreciates you!

Please consider volunteering, serving on a committee, or running for office. Community involvement is a meaningful and rewarding experience! Stay safe and healthy!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager

WEST RUTLAND TOWN OFFICERS

POSITIONS	OFFICERS	TERM	TERM ENDING
Moderator Town	*Michael Moser	1 year	March 2022
Town Clerk	*Christine Wener	3 year	March 2022
Treasurer	*Patricia Kulig	3 year	March 2022
Selectpersons	John Harvey, Chair	3 year	March 2024
	*Nicola Notte, Vice Chair	1 year	March 2022
	*Richard Daley	3 year	March 2022
	Chester Brown	3 year	March 2023
	*Jayne Pratt	1 year	March 2022
Quarry Valley Unified Union	*Tom Callahan	3 year	March 2022
School Directors	Jessica Grabowski	3 year	March 2024
	Michael Moser	3 year	March 2023
Listers	Lisa Wright, Chair	3 year	March 2024
	*Robert Higgins	3 year	March 2022
	Patrick Trepanier	3 year	March 2023
Grand Juror	*Michael Moser	1 year	March 2022
Town Law Agent	*Michael Moser	1 year	March 2022
Library Board of Trustee	Shelly Williams	3 year	March 2022
Development Review Board	Michael Moser, Chair	By Appointment	March 2023
	Anthony (Tim) Ponto	By Appointment	March 2022
	Denis Lincoln	By Appointment	March 2023
	Jon Wallace	By Appointment	March 2022
	Deb Higgins	By Appointment	March 2022
Emergency Management Director	MaryAnn Goulette	By Appointment	March 2022
Fire Chief	Michael Skaza	By Appointment	March 2022
Forest Fire Warden	Steve Czachor	By Appointment	March 2024
Health Officer	MaryAnn Goulette	By Appointment	March 2022
Planning Commission	Denis Lincoln, Chair	By Appointment	March 2023
	Sean Barrows	By Appointment	March 2022
	Leona Minard	By Appointment	March 2023
	Michael Brzoza	By Appointment	March 2023
Police / Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	March 2022
RCSWD Representative	Chet Brown (Primary)	By Appointment	March 2022
	John Harvey Alternate)	By Appointment	March 2022
Regional Ambulance Representative	Paul Kulig	By Appointment	March 2022
Rutland Region Planning Commissioner	Leona Minard (Primary)	By Appointment	March 2023
	Denis Lincoln (Alternate)	By Appointment	March 2022
Rutland Reg. Transportation Council Rep.	Sean Barrows (Primary)	By Appointment	March 2022
	MaryAnn Goulette (Alternate)	By Appointment	March 2022
Town Service Officer	Mike Moser	By Appointment	March 2022
Tree Warden	Denis Lincoln	By Appointment	March 2022
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Biasuzzi	By Appointment	March 2023

****Positions to be voted in 2022***

NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by January 30, 2022. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 18, 2022.

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.

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. The latest you can request ballots for the March 1, 2022 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on February 25, 2022. (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 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	CHANGE
GENERAL REVENUES					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,433,119	\$ 1,474,557	\$ 1,529,952	3.8%
OTHER	\$ 219,589	\$ 251,242	\$ 199,300	\$ 207,650	4.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,600,556	\$ 1,684,361	\$ 1,673,857	\$ 1,737,602	3.8%
GENERAL EXPENDITURES					
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 369,808	\$ 393,870	\$ 408,175	\$ 431,860	5.8%
HIGHWAY	\$ 636,364	\$ 671,133	\$ 674,449	\$ 681,488	1.0%
FIRE	\$ 206,381	\$ 208,227	\$ 209,751	\$ 212,889	1.5%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	\$ 88,700	\$ 88,308	\$ 89,800	\$ 94,400	5.1%
TOWN HALL	\$ 104,053	\$ 89,917	\$ 85,046	\$ 86,154	1.3%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 76,387	\$ 91,227	\$ 97,439	\$ 100,902	3.6%
RECREATION	\$ 64,838	\$ 62,417	\$ 59,830	\$ 70,145	17.2%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 14,521	\$ 16,951	\$ 17,112	\$ 17,910	4.7%
OTHER	\$ 39,504	\$ 38,804	\$ 41,354	\$ 41,854	1.2%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,600,556	\$ 1,660,854	\$ 1,682,956	\$ 1,737,602	3.2%

Municipal Tax Rate PROJECTION Fiscal Year 2022-23

Town Expenditures	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
General & Highway	\$ 1,599,956	\$ 1,660,854	\$ 1,673,857	\$ 1,737,602
Services Articles	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,604	\$ 23,264	\$ 23,004
Voted Town Articles	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 20,010
Town Total Expenses	\$ 1,707,840	\$ 1,769,238	\$ 1,784,901	\$ 1,880,616
Less Other Revenues	\$ 219,589	\$ 219,915	\$ 199,300	\$ 207,760
Expenses less Revenues	\$ 1,488,251	\$ 1,549,323	\$ 1,585,601	\$ 1,672,856
Grand List Value	\$ 2,090,553	\$ 2,091,224	\$ 2,112,634	\$ 2,130,192
Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value	0.712	0.741	0.751	0.785

ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION						annual change
Municipal Tax	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23		
home value						
100,000	\$ 711.89	\$ 740.87	\$ 750.53	\$ 785.31	\$	34.77
150,000	\$ 1,067.84	\$ 1,111.30	\$ 1,125.80	\$ 1,177.96	\$	52.16
200,000	\$ 1,423.79	\$ 1,481.74	\$ 1,501.07	\$ 1,570.62	\$	69.55

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023
REVENUES					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,439,894	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,433,119	\$ 1,474,557	\$ 1,529,952
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$ 80,974	\$ 83,036	\$ 105,569	\$ 83,000	\$ 83,000
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 360	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 380	\$ 380
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500
ORDINANCE FINES	\$ 14,164	\$ 10,053	\$ 10,819	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE	\$ 5,186	\$ 5,534	\$ 6,344	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000
CLERK FEES	\$ 16,305	\$ 14,985	\$ 20,457	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,000
ZONING FEES	\$ 3,866	\$ 2,417	\$ 1,587	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,000
COPIER	\$ 543	\$ 329	\$ 315	\$ 300	\$ 300
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	\$ 2,126	\$ 1,789	\$ 1,801	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
INTEREST	\$ 5,359	\$ 3,322	\$ 5,889	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000
TOWN HALL RENT	\$ 3,855	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,725	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
LIQUOR LICENSE	\$ 765	\$ 655	\$ 830	\$ 650	\$ 700
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	\$ 30,508	\$ 25,526	\$ 29,636	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
PERMITS	\$ 785	\$ 550	\$ 480	\$ 500	\$ 500
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 1,757	\$ 19,657	\$ 4,634	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 2,000	\$ 400	\$ 5,750	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	\$ 3,479	\$ 2,681	\$ 1,615	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	\$ 3,180	\$ -	\$ 2,630	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 2,691	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070	\$ 3,070
STATE LAND USE	\$ 8,611	\$ 10,320	\$ 13,640	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
REC SOCCER	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 500	\$ 500
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,003	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR	\$ 2,185	\$ 100	\$ 2,710	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
DOG PARK	\$ 221	\$ 320	\$ 1,945	\$ 300	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$ 1,659,361	\$ 1,601,774	\$ 1,884,361	\$ 1,673,857	\$ 1,737,602

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

EXPENDITURES							
ADMINISTRATIVE		ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
MANAGER'S SALARY	\$	76,165	\$ 78,221	\$ 81,500	\$ 83,730	\$ 86,242	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE	\$	3,414	\$ 2,815	\$ 2,360	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TREASURER'S SALARY	\$	9,847	\$ 10,559	\$ 14,499	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,450	
OFFICE BACK UP	\$	1,481	\$ 1,095	\$ 1,860	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,304	
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$	40,880	\$ 42,025	\$ 44,000	\$ 45,180	\$ 46,535	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES	\$	1,471	\$ 1,565	\$ 2,159	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,050	
COPIER LEASE	\$	3,018	\$ 3,292	\$ 3,355	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/CLOUD	\$	2,357	\$ 4,105	\$ 6,525	\$ 12,824	\$ 13,807	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE	\$	3,890	\$ 4,306	\$ 3,056	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
EDUCATION	\$	1,260	\$ 988	\$ 393	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	
LISTERS	\$	8,710	\$ 9,584	\$ 17,610	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,000	
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY	\$	1,240	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,118	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,500	
ZONING MILEAGE	\$	73	\$ 100	\$ 22	\$ 200	\$ 200	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY	\$	10,436	\$ 11,173	\$ 12,200	\$ 14,040	\$ 15,000	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY	\$	1,350	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY	\$	53,398	\$ 57,364	\$ 57,770	\$ 62,852	\$ 72,667	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$	23,826	\$ 24,269	\$ 16,260	\$ 16,420	\$ 19,441	
FICA	\$	17,527	\$ 13,442	\$ 22,055	\$ 18,225	\$ 21,832	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$	9,852	\$ 9,852	\$ 10,257	\$ 10,257	\$ 3,096	
WORKERS COMP	\$	890	\$ 692	\$ 633	\$ 633	\$ 60	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)	\$	7,739	\$ 12,179	\$ 9,198	\$ 13,700	\$ 16,177	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE	\$	3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,575	\$ 2,575	\$ 637	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	\$	43	\$ 397	\$ 330	\$ 327	\$ 346	
DISABILITY	\$	990	\$ 1,055	\$ 445	\$ 446	\$ 411	
PUBLIC OFFICE LIAB.	\$	3,810	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,012	\$ 3,023	\$ 748	
AUDITING	\$	14,605	\$ 24,875	\$ 19,432	\$ 18,400	\$ 19,000	
SINGLE AUDIT	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 3,567	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	
ELECTIONS	\$	5,290	\$ 1,955	\$ 5,198	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,800	
TAX BILLING	\$	220	\$ 1,574	\$ 796	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
DATA PROCESSING/EQUIPMENT	\$	4,855	\$ 6,964	\$ 7,045	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
LEGAL FEES	\$	3,665	\$ 4,501	\$ 4,774	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS	\$	-	\$ 42,016	\$ 51,187	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	3,031	\$ 2,129	\$ 3,997	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	
POSTAGE	\$	3,233	\$ 1,433	\$ 1,901	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	
TOWN REPORT	\$	610	\$ 921	\$ 972	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ADVERTISING	\$	1,067	\$ 1,406	\$ 445	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
TELEPHONE	\$	2,392	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	
REGIONAL PLANNING	\$	1,335	\$ 1,335	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 975	
VLCT DUES	\$	3,710	\$ 3,811	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,968	\$ 3,882	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	1,027	\$ 629	\$ 1,136	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,000	\$ 2,919	\$ 1,751	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	\$	337,957	\$ 403,342	\$ 429,736	\$ 408,175	\$ 431,860	5.8%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 75,000	
LABOR	\$ 155,423	\$ 144,747	\$ 168,800	\$ 170,000	\$ 179,690	
FICA	\$ 10,846	\$ 10,375	\$ 10,918	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,746	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	\$ 8,617	\$ 8,004	\$ 8,706	\$ 9,771	\$ 10,332	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 43,431	\$ 40,704	\$ 45,809	\$ 48,215	\$ 49,595	
WORKMANS COMP	\$ 12,604	\$ 11,818	\$ 11,395	\$ 11,395	\$ 1,615	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 6,568	\$ 6,128	\$ 6,137	\$ 5,797	\$ 1,750	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 207	\$ 244	\$ 279	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,272	\$ 617	\$ 648	\$ 591	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,993	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
SALT	\$ 71,623	\$ 92,459	\$ 91,305	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	
SAND	\$ 8,476	\$ 10,456	\$ 7,605	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,500	
MAG. CHLORIDE	\$ 2,213	\$ -	\$ 2,773	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
ENGINEERING	\$ 6,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CULVERTS	\$ -	\$ 1,806	\$ 4,622	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	
GRAVEL	\$ 7,509	\$ 9,822	\$ 10,308	\$ 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	\$ 243	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,681	\$ 7,447	\$ 6,008	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
TREE WORK	\$ 2,747	\$ 1,601	\$ 16	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$ 582	\$ 1,233	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
PAGER SERVICE	\$ 539	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550	\$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,896	\$ 3,319	\$ 3,539	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
SUPPLIES	\$ 98	\$ 1,372	\$ 1,093	\$ 200	\$ 1,000	
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 45,000	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$ 2,037	\$ 1,350	\$ 234	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PERMITS	\$ 240	\$ -	\$ 240	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,600	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$ 73	\$ 29,390	\$ 45	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
STREET CLEANING	\$ 1,156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 11,256	\$ 19,233	\$ 11,347	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	\$ 4,059	\$ 2,301	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAINING	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 150	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	\$ 18,351	\$ 13,708	\$ 8,182	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
REPAIR PARTS	\$ 6,763	\$ 5,159	\$ 9,097	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,500	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 9,141	\$ 7,599	\$ 8,935	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	\$ 3,541	\$ 3,043	\$ 1,476	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
PLOW BLADES	\$ 5,462	\$ 5,778	\$ 3,540	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,224	\$ 1,152	\$ 2,021	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
INSURANCE - AUTO	\$ 4,356	\$ 4,356	\$ 3,922	\$ 3,542	\$ 950	
RADIOS	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 205	\$ 350	\$ 350	
GARAGE HEAT	\$ 6,093	\$ 4,841	\$ 5,082	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	\$ 2,664	\$ 2,737	\$ 2,497	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 576	\$ 629	\$ 668	\$ 600	\$ 700	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,852	\$ 2,078	\$ 466	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
GARAGE LOAN BOND	\$ 20,629	\$ 18,562	\$ 18,494	\$ 18,427	\$ 18,359	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,108	\$ 5,838	\$ 5,670	\$ 5,431	
Total HIGHWAY	\$ 606,190	\$ 626,794	\$ 582,208	\$ 674,449	\$ 681,488	1.0%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

FIRE DEPARTMENT	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
LABOR	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 133	\$ 506	\$ 324	\$ 400	\$ 400	
POSTAGE	\$ 64	\$ 87	\$ 126	\$ 100	\$ 100	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 644	\$ 2,287	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,932	
TOOLS	\$ 687	\$ 1,343	\$ 10,078	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,077	\$ 1,021	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$ 148	\$ 209	\$ 188	\$ 300	\$ 300	
PHONE	\$ 1,799	\$ 2,312	\$ 3,218	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,400	
TRAINING	\$ 514	\$ 1,489	\$ 292	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
DUES			\$ 488	\$ 550	\$ 550	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$ 5,172	\$ 4,908	\$ 5,014	\$ 5,014	\$ 5,008	
INSURANCE AUTO	\$ 5,635	\$ 5,927	\$ 6,165	\$ 6,165	\$ 6,088	
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 3,531	\$ 3,546	\$ 2,875	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,938	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,908	\$ 1,928	\$ 1,928	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 2,823	\$ 7,598	\$ 5,882	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	
UNIFORMS	\$ -	\$ 802	\$ 347	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 2,858	\$ 3,377	\$ 464	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 4,332	\$ 2,954	\$ 3,564	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,600	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 3,267	\$ 4,019	\$ 4,822	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,877	\$ 6,480	\$ 7,745	\$ 5,400	\$ 6,000	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,286	\$ 5,085	\$ 2,868	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	
MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE	\$ 699	\$ 547	\$ 702	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 242	\$ 345	\$ 515	\$ 500	\$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 74,107	\$ 71,657	\$ 66,948	\$ 66,554	\$ 64,185	
Total FIRE DEPT	\$ 184,165	\$ 201,443	\$ 203,112	\$ 208,751	\$ 212,889	1.5%
MISCELLANEOUS	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 32,166	\$ 38,777	\$ 36,425	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,000	
SOLID WASTE MGT	\$ 958	\$ 1,358	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
LIBRARY	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 52,500	
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 3,437	\$ 372	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
IRA TOWN TAXES	\$ 625	\$ 652	\$ 737	\$ 700	\$ 800	
CHILD ADVOCACY FIRST		\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	
Total MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 87,186	\$ 91,759	\$ 89,864	\$ 89,800	\$ 94,400	5.1%
TOWN HALL	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	\$ 2,878	\$ -	\$ 78	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,940	\$ 4,163	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	\$ 4,372	\$ 5,908	\$ 3,250	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,856	
ELECTRIC	\$ 6,008	\$ 6,337	\$ 707	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,702	\$ 3,973	\$ 2,578	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
FUEL OIL	\$ 10,951	\$ 7,748	\$ 7,351	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 606	\$ 7,275	\$ 1,706	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,109	\$ 5,838	\$ 5,870	\$ 5,431	
BOND - RESTROOMS	\$ 46,680	\$ 45,687	\$ 44,577	\$ 43,376	\$ 42,067	
Total TOWN HALL	\$ 93,498	\$ 95,975	\$ 75,248	\$ 85,046	\$ 88,154	1.3%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 318	\$ -				
HUMANE SOCIETY		\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 500	\$ 500	
POLICE FORCE-LABOR	\$ 79,541	\$ 88,478	\$ 96,474	\$ 97,439	\$ 100,402	
Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 79,859	\$ 88,478	\$ 96,674	\$ 97,939	\$ 100,902	3.0%
RECREATION	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
ELECTRIC	\$ 735	\$ 850	\$ 295	\$ 700	\$ 700	
TELEPHONE / WIFI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
LABOR	\$ 5,871	\$ 4,894	\$ 7,132	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,316	
FICA					\$ 1,325	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	\$ -	\$ 695	\$ 439	\$ 74	\$ 69	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,792	\$ 1,362	\$ 1,961	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 3,900	\$ 271	\$ 2,569	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	\$ 428	\$ 428	\$ 455	\$ 456	\$ 135	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 3,315	\$ 431	\$ 520	\$ 600	\$ 600	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	\$ 1,697	\$ 387	\$ 3,273	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BOYS BASEBALL	\$ 1,471	\$ -	\$ 1,541	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
SPONSOR BANNERS	\$ 316	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 1,876	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BABE RUTH	\$ 2,515	\$ 280	\$ 1,587	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	\$ 490	\$ -	\$ 551	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,365	\$ 2,262	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
MISC PROGRAMS	\$ 1,634	\$ 2,049	\$ 496	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
FIELD MOWING	\$ 6,449	\$ 4,975	\$ 6,569	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,500	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 133,968	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
DOG PARK	\$ 458	\$ 412	\$ 175	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Total RECREATION	\$ 173,828	\$ 49,296	\$ 48,158	\$ 59,830	\$ 70,145	17.2%
COUNTY TAX	14,143	14,184	16,483	17,112	17,910	4.7%
OTHER	ACTUAL 2019	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 4,773	\$ 5,664	\$ 4,321	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
REDEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 2,506	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,595	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
GREEN UP	\$ 1,079	\$ 25	\$ 801	\$ 200	\$ 800	
PROPERTY & GIS MAPPING	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,065	\$ 1,650	\$ 5,150	\$ 4,950	
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 4,953	\$ 7,425	\$ 6,753	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,777	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,800	
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	
Total OTHER	\$ 35,920	\$ 37,942	\$ 37,201	\$ 41,354	\$ 41,854	1.2%
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,612,746	\$ 1,609,213	\$ 1,578,664	\$ 1,683,456	\$ 1,737,602	3.2%

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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, 2021.

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

Sullivan, Powers & Company

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2021
 * = Paid as of 1/12/2022
 @ = Payment Agreement in Effect

	Name	Previous Years	2020-2021	
Bartlett	John L		\$94.04	
Bassett	Joseph P		\$2,247.51	@
Bennett	William D		\$1,215.75 *	
Bradley	Eric		\$126.51 *	
Brewster	Todd	\$3,511.29 *	\$2,845.91 *	@
Brown	Gertrude		\$537.81	@
Bruno	James A & Kathleen		\$579.99 *	
Burrell	Nancy B		\$2,575.14	
Carris	Jessie		\$21.23 *	
Chadwick	Julie	\$68.05 *	\$1,779.13	
Clifford	Gary H		\$21.44 *	
Coombs	Francesca E	\$1,675.32	\$2,243.96	@
Curtis	Glen		\$557.74	
Davis	Albert H	\$1,325.96 *	\$1,173.53 *	
Davis	Jonathan M	\$9,084.66 *	\$7,960.90 *	
Davis	Shawn	\$2,280.37 *	\$1,508.24	
Dee-Cliff Farm LTD		\$5,507.53	\$2,072.77	@
Dejong	Sarah D		\$675.83	
DePhillips	Robert, Sr.		\$3,343.92 *	
Dodds	Jeffrey		\$1,113.49	
Fabian	Walter F II		\$26.01 *	
Federal Home Loan		\$469.53 *		
Felion	Gregory		\$1,067.04	
Fitzgerald	Scott		\$2,026.34 *	@
Grant	Erica		\$800.10	
Greene	Lauretta		\$1,177.95 *	
Henry	Michael, Jr.		\$3,262.25	
Higgins	Patrick C		\$3,773.54	@
Hyjek	Helen T	\$3,696.58		
Jarrosak	Kevin	\$5,997.07	\$3,045.41	@
Lebo	Sandra	\$3,991.22 *	\$3,796.86 *	@
Lebo	Sandra	\$19.71 *		@
Lincoln	Denis A		\$113.93 *	
Lynch	Marcia A		\$2,816.91 *	
Martindale	Frances	\$1,986.09	\$502.98	

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
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Name		Previous Years	2020-2021	
Michaud	Jeffrey		\$732.99	*
Miller	Gary		\$1,518.81	
NAYLA, LLC			\$110.28	*
NAYLA, LLC			\$212.38	*
Northeast Hemp Com			\$1,752.82	
Pearo	Robert W, Jr.		\$884.26	*
Pierce	Brian R		\$2,884.56	
Poczobut	Eric		\$1,508.54	*
Poploski	Michael J	\$3,977.63	\$3,359.77	
Prevendoski	Charles	\$3,147.97	\$2,712.19	@
Ray	Mary V		\$1,299.67	*
Reed	Rebecca L	\$971.12		@
Reed	Rebecca L	\$2,629.70	\$535.76	@
Sawyer	Elizabeth	\$22.39	\$2,435.32	
Sherman	Cecil	\$1,920.26	\$1,368.51	
Shull	Richard L	\$910.51	\$3,201.26	@
Stannard	Patricia		\$20.38	*
Therrien	Elizabeth	\$161.19	\$2,806.42	
Thornton	Michael	\$769.84	\$3,533.09	@
Trepanier	Kathleen	\$6,234.84	\$1,012.25	
Trigo	Linda		\$24.86	*
Viggle	Ronald		\$667.15	*
Waters	Danielle & Al	\$2,393.91	\$2,282.35	
WCEC Revocable Trust		\$6,821.03	\$3,399.58	
Wright	David	\$484.90		
Yarson	Kerianne		\$3,415.31	
Totals		\$70,058.67	\$96,782.67	

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

WATER DEPARTMENT					
ADMINISTRATION	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	change
SALARIES	53,212	48,885	61,934	65,304	
ASSISTANT LABOR	108		1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	13,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	
FICA	4,217	3,587	4,738	4,881	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	437	698	500	500	
DATA PROCESSING	120	2,486	1,000	2,000	
ADVERTISING	-	-	200	200	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	-	-	350	350	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	7,744	7,870	12,901	15,857	
RETIREMENT VMERS	2,861	2,651	3,561	3,669	
DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE	165	154	154	205	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,532	1,338	1,338	404	
WORKERS COMP INS	3,894	3,630	3,630	78	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	10	77	163	85	
TESTING & SAMPLING	1,672	2,172	1,500	2,000	
PERMITS	5,932	2,983	5,600	5,000	
POSTAGE	-	-	200	500	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	95,404	95,031	117,269	120,533	2.8%
WELL & LINE OPERATIONS					
PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	500	-	500	500	
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	338	270	500	500	
PHONE	514	541	500	600	
PAGER SERVICE	300	300	500	500	
CONTRACT SERVICES	1,500	1,300	1,500	2,500	
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	6,588	1,270	6,000	6,000	
TANK MAINTENANCE	5,375	-	200	500	
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	2,236	492	3,000	5,000	
LINE MAINTENANCE	14,507	10,206	25,000	25,000	
PROPANE-WELL	727	1,150	1,000	1,000	
ELECTRIC-WELLS	33,596	4,087	34,000	34,000	
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	2,239	603	2,200	2,200	
PROPANE-PINE HILL	215	235	400	400	
PHONE-PINE HILL	514	541	500	550	
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	1,192	522	1,000	1,000	
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	84	36	100	100	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	25,000	25,000	35,000	35,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,082	660	608	321	
VEHICLE FUEL	903	624	800	800	
VEHICLE MAINT.	1,273	3,100	500	500	
UNIFORMS	512	461	660	660	
TRAINING	829	327	2,000	2,000	
ENGINEERING	-	1,000	2,000	2,000	
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	74	200	200	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	865	865	1,500	1,500	
Total WELL & LINE	100,889	53,664	120,168	123,331	2.6%
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	187,679	186,998	186,315	185,629	
Total Water Department	383,972	335,693	423,752	429,493	1.4%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

WASTEWATER EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2022	PROPOSED 2023	change
SALARIES	91,267	82,780	93,089	95,632	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	18,243	18,728	23,722	28,482	
DISABILITY/LIFE INSURANCE	387	289	445	205	
WORKMAN'S COMP	5,840	5,444	5,444	1,209	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	20	154	81	85	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	5,872	4,460	4,460	1,346	
F I C A	6,608	5,982	7,121	7,239	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	5,060	4,681	5,353	6,388	
UNIFORMS	961	860	1,140	1,140	
ASSIST LABOR	212	-	1,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	16,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	
DATA PROCESSING	630	665	1,000	2,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	55,000	69,645	65,000	65,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2,279	6,533	2,000	2,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,320	1,215	608	321	
VEHICLE-FUEL	953	1,247	1,200	1,500	
LAB CHEMICALS	-	434	1,200	1,200	
LAB EQUIPMENT	1,557	1,823	1,600	2,000	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	4,713	12,032	5,000	10,000	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1,951	1,701	2,000	2,000	
LAB TESTING	3,436	3,440	3,500	3,500	
SODA ASH	1,080	-	1,200	1,500	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	9,386	10,477	11,000	11,000	
UV BULBS	4,042	1,990	5,000	5,000	
TELEPHONE	2,378	2,490	2,500	2,500	
MODEM PHONE	1,607	1,667	1,800	1,800	
PAGING SERVICE	311	300	600	600	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	823	1,396	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,479	1,357	1,500	1,500	
TRAINING / EDUCATION	422	497	2,000	2,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	10,216	15,431	20,000	20,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	-	1,000	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	6,894	8,447	8,000	10,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	1,435	1,751	1,600	2,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	750	9,564	2,000	5,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,337	1,332	1,500	1,500	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	1,895	1,895	2,000	2,000	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	11,200	15,059	14,000	15,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	39,863	42,575	40,000	40,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	1,350	2,700	1,350	1,350	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	-	-	3,000	3,000	
Sub Total	318,777	363,041	371,213	385,197	3.8%
PLANT - ELECTRIC	25,083	4,212	25,000	25,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	7,611	7,127	8,000	10,000	
ELM STREET	10,921	1,748	11,000	11,000	
ELM ST FUEL	924	796	1,000	1,000	
HARRISON AVENUE	4,776	1,307	5,000	5,000	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	-	23	100	100	
BARNES STREET	871	429	1,000	1,000	
BAXTER STREET	1,615	325	1,700	1,700	
CLARENDON AVENUE	1,774	435	2,000	2,000	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	-	-	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,584	371	1,600	1,600	
THRALL AVENUE	805	295	800	800	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4	269	275	400	400	
Sub Total	56,233	17,343	57,750	59,750	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	375,010	380,384	428,963	444,947	3.7%
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	127,025	254,051	127,025	127,025	
Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.	502,035	634,435	555,988	571,972	2.9%

DELINQUENT UTILITIES

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Agard	John F.	\$425.77	
Anagnos	Sheila	\$738.48	
Austin	Charles	\$1,758.01	@
Bartlett	John L.	\$419.31	*
Bassett	Joseph	\$734.34	
Bedard	Mark	\$1,443.90	
Bennett	William D.	\$468.20	*
Bissitte	Michael, Jr.	\$889.72	
Borowy	Stanislaus	\$1,741.34	* @
Boynton	Justin	\$630.69	
Bradley	Eric	\$619.27	
Bruno	James	\$865.65	*
Burrell	Nancy	\$532.94	
Cain	William, Jr.	\$831.57	@
Chadwick	Julie	\$119.69	*
Chandler	Holly	\$729.11	
Chandler	Holly	\$2,276.43	
Coombs	Francesca	\$1,982.32	@
Covell	Candace	\$830.31	*
Cushman	Steve	\$2,120.61	
Davis	Bettina	\$919.00	*
Davis	Shawn	\$322.14	*
Delpha	Michelle	\$307.57	*
Dephillips	Robert C. & Maryann	\$2,688.88	*
Dephillips	Robert C., Sr. & Maryann	\$2,267.47	*
Dodds	Jeffrey	\$778.03	
Dumas	Robert	\$667.36	
Duncan	Charles	\$900.64	*
Fales	Chad	\$719.95	*
Fitzgerald	Kathy	\$437.46	*
Flanders	Travis	\$425.98	
Fox	Edward	\$1,433.21	*
Furman	Zachary	\$1,858.22	
Gallipo	Lawrence	\$429.15	*
Gauthier	Lee	\$2,331.21	
Gelbar	Edward	\$834.94	
Geryk	Robert	\$1,299.75	
Graham	Bonnie	\$656.91	@
Grant	Erica	\$409.63	*
Greene	Lauretta	\$1,958.52	@
Hawver	Perry J.	\$116.86	*

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Henry	Michael, Jr.	\$75.95	
Hewitt	William	\$428.97	
Higgins	Patrick C.	\$1,490.45	@
Higgins	Patrick C.	\$3,237.67	@
Jalbert	William	\$2,054.91	@
Jarrosak	Kevin	\$2,145.89	@
Johnson	Dennis D.	\$1,100.75	
Kearney	Kevin	\$2,790.03	*
Kinsman	Rita	\$882.79	@
Korzun	Constance	\$2,738.18	@
Lacz	Jeffrey	\$428.67	*
LaFlam	Jody	\$1,831.02	@
Lasante	William	\$101.39	*
Lio	Mark	\$435.44	*
Lio	Mark	\$349.42	*
Loso	Gary T	\$928.07	* @
Lynch	Marcia	\$538.55	
Maguire	Robert	\$25.24	*
Marcoux	Stephen	\$1,313.21	
Martindale	Frances	\$2,354.54	
Martucio	Margaret	\$695.69	*
Michaud	Jeffrey	\$586.91	*
Miller	Sean	\$626.35	@
Miner	Richard	\$1,477.86	*
Molinari	Keith	\$891.26	
Moore	Thomas	\$1,447.58	* @
Mumford	James, Jr.	\$2,198.15	
Nayla LLC		\$20.08	*
OGrady	Justin	\$1,535.75	*
Paquette	Joseph	\$429.26	*
Pearo	Robert	\$1,816.55	*
Pease	John R. Jr.	\$261.80	*
Peters	Hal Mitchell	\$1,837.89	* @
Peters	Hal Mitchell	\$513.17	*
Picard	Jason	\$809.67	
Poploski	Michael	\$1,306.16	
Prevendoski	Charles	\$1,397.97	@
Reed	Rebecca	\$441.18	

DELINQUENT UTILITIES

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Reynolds	Jeffrey	\$317.45 *
Rivers	Michael	\$1,060.25 @
Sawyer	Elizabeth	\$432.23
Sienicki	Phil	\$417.92 *
Smith	Richard J.	\$827.40 * @
Smith	Robert	\$344.38 * @
Sorrentino	John	\$1,723.26 @
Therrien	Elizabeth	\$1,233.80 *
Therrien	Kyle B	\$821.43 *
Thornton	Michael	\$494.77 @
Torres	Tina	\$656.42
Trepanier	Kathleen	\$1,341.23
Trigo	Linda	\$149.45 * @
Viggue, Jr.	Ronald	\$1,134.05 *
WCEC Revocable Trust		\$204.39 *
Webster	Rick	\$1,958.61 @
Welch	Daniel	\$398.79
Whitt	Gary	\$1,683.34
Wiese	Mariah	\$650.23
Wolk	Stephen	\$1,510.30 *
Total		\$102,824.66

Water & Wastewater Department

This last year, 2021, brought some much-needed upgrades to the Town of West Rutland Water System. As most of you probably saw the construction on the new water line that was installed on Pleasant Street. This line now provides more pressure and flow to the residents in that area, along with much greater fire protection. A section of new line also went in on Dewey Avenue, replacing some of the oldest line in town. Overall, the town's water system, along with the wastewater system ran well and in compliance with all regulations. The wastewater system saw some upgrades to out dated equipment in 2021. The shortage of materials slowed some of the upgrades and scheduled changes. They are still on the docket though, and we are excited for them and even more upgrades in 2022. The wastewater system will be getting a brand-new UV system installed in the coming months and hopefully, a rebuild of our Elm Street pump station, which is the main station in town and collects all the wastewater before sending it over to be treated at the wastewater plant. On the water side, there are plans for an upgrade to our chlorine sampling system.

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, patience 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

2021

Another year has come to a close. Working around the Covid-19 epidemic continues to be a challenge.

This past year, we installed 5 new culverts on Pleasant Street to allow for paving.

Paving was also completed on Thrall Avenue and Ross Street.

New sidewalk was also installed on Thrall Avenue.

Last year also saw the completion of 2 grants on Clark Hill and Five Birch Road. The work consisted of culverts, gravel and hammering out of ledge ditch.

We also worked on road side mowing, various road grading, and hauling of our winter sand.

Currently, we are working on winter maintenance on our equipment. We have also added a new 1-Ton Truck to our fleet.

As always, we continue to work with the Water Department. We would like to as always, thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of our road department. We would also like to thank the Select Board as well as MaryAnn Goulette for their support.

Frank Woolf, Road Supervisor

Dave Zawistowski, Assistant Road Supervisor

Sean Barrows

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

2021

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

- Recorded 1099.00 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were \$20,456.
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled \$7,109. These fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 14 Births
- 24 Deaths
- 12 Marriages

We did 227 dog licenses totaling \$2497.00 in fees:

- \$1135.00 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are \$18.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are \$22.00.
- Due to the Covid Pandemic **we will not** hold a Rabies Clinic this year. Dog Licenses are still due by April 1, 2022. 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 32 renewals. These renewals generated \$96.00 in fees.

I would like to extend a thank you to all of the voters, volunteers and BCA members for your participation in our Elections. With all the restrictions and guidelines, your patience is greatly appreciated.

The March Election will be held on **March 1, 2022**. 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**.

Town Clerk's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Call (802) 438-2204

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Wener, Town Clerk



ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) REPORT – Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The ZA reviewed 27 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; a 16% reduction of the over-all permit level from the previous (pandemic) year. As is the trend in many towns, the major number of permits were for residential accessory structures.

Summary of permits requested:	#Applications
Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches	5
Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences	14
New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes)	1
Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations	4
Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)	0
Miscellaneous (“No Permit Required” determination; amended permit)	2
Signs (business)	1
Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	0
Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	0
Denied, incomplete, or withdrawn Applications	0
Total # Permits:	27

The **PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)** is nearing completion of its 20 month effort to update the Zoning Regulations to address new uses and clarify rules. To accomplish this important work, the **Planning Commission welcomes your input!** In 2022, 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). Please share your thoughts and suggestions!

The **PLANNING COMMISSION NEEDS an ADDITIONAL MEMBER!** Join current commissioners Denis Lincoln, Leona Minard, Stan Brzoza and Sean Barrows in developing better rules and the Town Plan! 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 (438-5077) 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. When considering a project, please **check with the ZA** (not the contractor, salesperson, or neighbor) on if a permit is required! I am usually available to assist you on completing the permit or site plan on Mondays or on Thursday mornings; contact me at zoning@westrutlandvt.org or 438-2204 ext. 16 for additional Information. *“The Right Information, at the Right Time, is 9/10ths of any Battle”*

Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Z.A.

WEST RUTLAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Report for 2021

Our board consists of Deb Higgins, Denis Lincoln, Jonathan Wallace, 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 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Moser – Chairman

West Rutland Development Review Board

West Rutland Board of Listers Annual Report 2021

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 2021, we had 645 homesteads; compared to 643 in 2020 and 657 in 2019. 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 2021, the Listers heard 9 Lister Grievances. Two parcels went on to appeal before the Board of Civil Authority. Both 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 2021 the CLA has been determined to be 100.38% and the COD is 9.61%, compared to the 2020 CLA of 105.64% and COD of 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 inspections for any properties for which there have been any building permits or other known changes to the property since last April 2021. 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 2021. This notice will show previous and current assessed value, including homestead and housesite values. This notice will also indicate the dates of Lister 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. You can also contact the Listers office at 438-2263 or e-mail **listers@westrutlandvt.org**.

West Rutland parcel mapping is now on GIS and online and available to the public. In addition to viewing the parcels, and applying various overlays to the map, you can also access a copy of your full property record card (aka "Lister Card") from the GIS mapping. The mapping can be accessed at the following link:

https://www.axisgis.com/West_RutlandVT/

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, 2020 \$ 313.62

Receipts

Friendship Tree	\$	567.00
Donations	\$	1,122.91
Trf. Frm Heritage	\$	1,200.00
Total Receipts	\$	2,889.91

Expenses

General Fund	\$	1,421.46
Friendship Tree	\$	86.75
Trans. To Heritage	\$	1,000.00
Donations	\$	324.75
Total Expenses	\$	2,832.96

Balance June 30, 2021 \$ **370.57**

Current Assets (Dec. 31, 2021)

Checking Account	\$	837.97
Heritage Fam. Svgs.	\$	1004.43
Heritage Fam. MM		
	\$	11,261.60
Total Assets	\$	13,104.10

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 visited with the kids in the Town Hall, 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 2021 the fund distributed \$22,334.49 to five families and/or 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

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

The West Rutland Historical Society greatly appreciates the help and support it receives from all of its members and from the citizens of the Town of West Rutland.

Due to the varied uncertainties of trying to schedule any indoor meetings or events this past year, the Board of Director's decided to cancel all of our scheduled monthly meetings.

This year Historical Society members continued their work documenting and cataloging items donated to the Society in the Red Sutkoski Room for Historical Research at the West Rutland Town Hall. Curiously, because of the Covid isolation regulations, some town residents have told us they are now finding spare time to clean out unwanted items from attics, closets, etc... As a reminder, if anyone finds books, photos, clothing (uniforms), pins, badges and other memorabilia and are not sure what to do with them, then please consider donating these items to the Historical Society where we will catalog and store them in a safe place for future generations to enjoy.

A few outdoor activities were planned this year. On Saturday - June 19, 2021 members of the Historical Society joined with members of the Crown Point Road Association for a field trip to explore the archaeological dig site of the 1770 Wright-Roberts cabin at the base of Boardman Hill. The outing was led by Julia Purdy, a descendant of Solomon Purdy, a Revolutionary War veteran, who acquired the cabin and 100 surrounding acres along the Clarendon River.

We continue to get inquiries from descendants of former West Rutland residents on the location of the markers of their ancestors who they believe are buried in our cemeteries. Our members try to research all requests, but unfortunately, many families could not afford markers in the early 20th century. This is especially true for families who lost children or suffered greatly during the influenza pandemic of 1918. Evidence of this can be found in the pine stands of the Catholic cemeteries and the back slope of the Pleasant Street cemetery. We continue to clean markers in respect for our ancestors and research town and church records for information to share with the families.

To help support the Historical Society in its mission to collect, archive and exchange information about our own unique community, please consider becoming a member.

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

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

The West Rutland Free Library is committed to everyone being welcome to pursue information, friendship, research, materials, and programs.

We offer patrons thousands of choices for books and DVDs. Don't forget we also offer Passes to Echo, Hildene, Shelburne Museum, Vermont Historical Sites, Vermont History Museum and Vermont History Center, Vermont State Parks, and Wonderfeet. These passes are for free or discounted admission.

Our regular 2021 programs included our gem, Mary Beaulieu, leading Lego Club and Craft Club. If you are interested in any other programs, please make a suggestion.

In 2021 at the library we offered help with research, job applications and creating resumes, computer questions, and loaning books, DVDs, and snowshoes. Our courier brings us materials we don't currently own but have borrowed from other libraries which gives our patron's a much larger selection.

We rearranged the Children's section and added many books from the Who Was series and National Geographic easy readers. These books are very popular and informative for children. Our July Wild West and August Pirates themes were certainly hits with kids and adults. The main floor of the library was dedicated to these themes and we offered books, DVDs, games, prizes, resources, history, and fun props! The library gave out Halloween Craft Bags and Holiday Craft Bags that were full of cool and educational things to make at home, thanks to Mary.

Free WiFi is always available outside the building and inside when we are open.

We are happy to serve our community and strive to make the library a welcoming place.

Hours: **Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 1:30-5:00**

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30-5:00

Saturday: 9:30-12:30

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Cressy

Director, West Rutland Free Library



West Rutland Free Library

2021 Budget versus 2022 Budget

INCOME	2021	2022
Town of West Rutland	50,000.00	50,000.00
Proctor Trust	16,075.00	16,075.00
Miscellaneous	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total	74,575.00	74,575.00
EXPENSES		
Donations (for patron passes)	500.00	500.00
Green Mtn Library Consortium	400.00	400.00
Insurance	3,200.00	3,400.00
Job Supplies	450.00	450.00
Magazines	200.00	200.00
Office Supplies & Software	800.00	850.00
Other Business Expenses	850.00	2,250.00
Payroll Expenses	8,774.00	9,300.00
Purchases (Books, DVDs, Magazines)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,600.00	3,600.00
Salaries & Wages	36,455.00	38,600.00
Shipping, Freight & Delivery	960.00	900.00
Taxes & Licenses	20.00	20.00
Telephone & Internet	1,500.00	985.00
Travel	500.00	300.00
Utilities (including heat and a/c)	8,500.00	8,000.00
Total	74,709.00	77,755.00
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(134.00)	(3,180.00)



West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206

West Rutland, VT 05777

2021 – 2022 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 85 emergency calls throughout the past year.

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors provide the best protection for your family to escape a fire or carbon monoxide situation in the home. This year, we received free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors from a State Fire Safety Program. We made these detectors available to any single-family, owner occupied home in West Rutland that needed them. Our firefighters distributed or installed a total of 172 smoke detectors and 55 carbon monoxide detectors in 32 homes.

This year, we were awarded a grant from the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts to install a dry hydrant in Whipple Hollow. This dry hydrant is installed in the river at the end of Pleasant Street and provides year-round access to a water supply. This greatly improves the water supply for firefighting in this area and will improve our ability to provide fire protection to this rural area that is without pressurized fire hydrants.

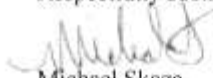
Each year, we provide fire prevention safety education to West Rutland School's kindergarten through third grade classes during Fire Prevention Week. Since we were unable to meet with these students in person this year, we provided fire prevention educational materials for them to review in the classroom 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. One of our newest members, Sam Grandchamp, completed his training at the Vermont Fire Academy this year, earning his Firefighter I Certification.

This year we recognized Pete Guay for 30 years of service, Lori Lyons for 25 years of service, Tyler Alexander for 10 years of service, and Dillon Notte for 5 years of service to our fire department. We also recognized Steve Czachor for 35 years of service as the Town Forest Fire Warden. These examples are typical of the commitment that our members have, and we could not serve you without them. I would like to thank the community and the families of our firefighters for their continued support. Our firefighters would not be able to do what they do, without you by their sides.

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.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Skaza
Chief

Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Year of Service	Name	Years of Service
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	43	Jeff Wos, Captain	16
Tom Lacz, Assistant Chief	34	Tyler Alexander	10
Chris Jakubiak	34	Andrew FitzGerald, Lieutenant	7
Pete Guay	30	Dillon Notte	5
Jeff Lacz	28	David Joslin	3
Michael Skaza, Chief	28	William Grabowski	2
Lori Lyons, Clerk	25	Brandon Groh	2
Scott FitzGerald	21	Dave Jeffers	1
Rod Kenyon	17	Sam Grandchamp	1

2021 Emergency Call Volume

Motor Vehicle Crash	23	Hazardous Material Spill/Leak	2
Mutual Aid Given	22	Equipment/Appliance Fire in Building	2
Fire Alarm / Smoke Detector Activation	9	Chimney Fire	2
Assist EMS, Medical Call	8	Structure Fire	1
Outdoor Fire (swamp, grass, brush, and unpermitted burning)	7	Electrical Wires Down	1
Smoke / Odor Investigation	4	Agency Assist, Law Enforcement	1
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation	3		

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

2021 REPORT

To the Town of West Rutland: My name is Steve Pietryka. I was hired as the Recreation Department Director in mid-September. It was not a position I was seeking, but growing up in West Rutland, as did my siblings and parents, when the opportunity presented itself, I accepted as a way to hopefully, give back to the community. I will give it my best effort, although it has been years since I have been involved with school aged children.

The first program I was able to offer the children was a skills, drills and fun basketball program for 5 Saturday mornings from early November to the first Saturday in December. All the feedback from this program has been very positive. Next, our grade 3 and 4 girls and boys will participate in a Rutland Recreation Department 8 game basketball schedule from January 8 through the last Saturday in February.

The Town Recreation Department will offer minor league and major league baseball this summer as well as soccer in the fall. My hopes are to offer a variety of activities throughout the year. These include, but are not limited to, winter sports activities, ice cream day, golf, corn hole, volleyball and a fishing derby to name a few. I also welcome and encourage parents and grandparents to give me suggestions for other activities and to also, volunteer your time and talents. Volunteers are always needed to assist with programs, coach, maintain our grounds and fields, etc. The town has opened a new walking trail in Whipple Hollow that leads you into the marsh, woods and meadows along an approximately 2-mile trail. More trails and extending current trails are a possibility. There are also discussions regarding possible tennis courts and putting greens for golf at the town recreation area.

Lastly, I want to give a big "THANK YOU", to all who have helped. Especially, everyone at the town offices as they have been instrumental in getting me started with all the current programs and potential opportunities for the towns people of West Rutland. Also, I need to thank the town maintenance crew, water and wastewater department, select board, volunteers, parents, coaches, Mr. Joe Harrington and a special Thanks to Carl Serrani and the members of his team for all the time and talents they have provided to the Saturday morning basketball program.

I will always welcome new ideas and assistance in the future. I look forward to working with all the aforementioned people and new comers in the coming year for all to enjoy in West Rutland.

Sincerely,

Steve Pietryka

Town of West Rutland Recreation Director

<https://www.facebook.com/westrutlandrecreation>

<https://www.westrutlandvt.org/recreation/>



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.

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. During the past year, 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 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, state agencies, and the federal government,** 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 respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure 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. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it reached every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **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 them carry out the important work of local government. For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit vlct.org/memborguide.

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

Rutland County Sheriff's Department

Report for West Rutland

Thus far in the 2021-2022 contract time frame RCSD has responded to 767 incidents, preformed 396 traffic stops and had 20 criminal arrests in the town of West Rutland.

Sheriff's Deputies provide coverage 7 days a week in West Rutland.

The above mentioned 767 incidents range from neighbor disputes to aggravated assaults with many other types of calls in between. West Rutland is in a cooperative patrol with the Town of Proctor providing each town 40 hour per week of patrol coverage. This cooperative patrol essentially provides each town with 80 hours of coverage per week.

I would like to say it's a privilege to work in the Town of West Rutland and participate in town functions.

RCSD would love to continue supporting your town for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted

Sheriff

David J. Fox



38th
ANNUAL REPORT
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021)
38 Years of Service 1983 - 2021

To the Honorable Citizens of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 38th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-eight years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 240,091 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2021, the service responded to a total of 9,722 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 216 "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. This includes treatment, transport and COVID vaccination and testing.

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 37 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, 1,309 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



Community Care Network

COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK

2022 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY21 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 15,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 40 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 456 volunteers. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 97,719 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,623,735.

Services Provided to West Rutland Residents

In FY21, 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, Pittsford Food Shelf, Rutland Regional Medical Center, 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,

Maryesa White
Interim Director

Rutland Regional Medical Center | 200 West Main Street | Rutland, VT 05701 | Fax: 775-822-1727
Website: www.rutlandvol.org | Email: info@rutlandvol.org

VNA & HOSPICE
of the Southwest Region
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

Town of West Rutland

To THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND:

In 2020, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the 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 healthcare services to Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2020, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 160,581 visits to 3,298 patients. In the town of West Rutland, we provided 105 visits to 3,269 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.

Sincerely,



Sara C. King
CEO



Dan DiBattista
President of the Board of Directors



Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2021, 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 2021, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 8,490 hours of services to 84 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, 2021**

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 975 students statewide in fiscal year 2021. 140 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided approximately 4111.50 hours of education. We provided 280.5 hours of instructional service to 6 students from West Rutland, including 3 students 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
Or call 775-0617 ext. 5011



December 15, 2021

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 **194** 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



ARC

Advocacy * Resources * Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



Annual Report 2021

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Andrew Juettner, PhD

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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.

PROGRAMS:

The Mary and Leonard F Wing Jr Sensory Center: The center promotes mindfulness through sensory awareness, life skills and provides community integration. The center is open to both members and community agencies. The center is open Monday through Thursday and is projected to provide **500 hours sensory awareness in 2022.**

The Great Outdoor Initiative: The program provides outdoor recreation and socialization for members. Events include nature adventure with Vermont Adaptive, a summer BBQ at Lake Bomoseen and a fall barn picnic. The services provided **359 participants with outdoor social experiences.**

Representative Payee Program: The program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security and need assistance to manage their own finances. The representative payee program services 50 clients monthly with financial management, **providing 600 financial management services annually.**

Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club: Facilitates monthly meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and AKtion Club, a member of Kiwanis. SABE-R sets group and individual goals while practicing advocacy and communication skills. The AKtion Club is a community service club. Activities including fund raisers, "Creative Minds" developing craft projects, and sharing life experiences. The groups have sponsored several abilities awareness trainings in conjunction with Green Mountain Self Advocates. The club members also donate to Tatum's Totes to assist foster families at Christmas. The clubs provided monthly advocacy for 28 individuals in 2021, **providing 336 points of services.**

Social Events: Events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support and social experiences. Activities included five themed dances, bingo, mindfulness coloring, and other activities throughout the year. The social events **provided 461 individuals with social experiences in 2021.**

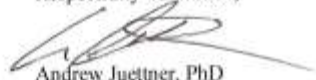
During 2021 Advocacy Resources Community provided 1756 points of service!

STAFF:

Andrew Juettner, PhD, is the Executive Director. Andrew has extensive experience in both clinical practice and nonprofit management. Denise Leach continues her role as Representative Payee. Office operations are supported by Vocation Rehab, RSVP and A4TD as well as individual volunteers. ARC has a volunteer Board of Directors and community patrons.

Advocacy Resources Community offers its sincere thanks for your continued support. We do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming. **We rely on the support of Rutland County** along with grants, and fundraisers to support. **Our dedication to our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for over 60 Years.** Typically, **1000 individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually.** Visit our website at: arcrutlandarea.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Juettner, PhD
Executive Director



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
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 2021:

Nutrition Support

The Council helped provide 4,626 meals that were delivered to the homes of 30 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 45 West Rutland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 337 meals were provided.

Additionally, SVCOA provided 19.5 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 22 residents of West Rutland.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 36 elders in your community for a total of 286.75 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 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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January 6, 2021

Town of West Rutland
Attn: Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager
35 Marble Street
West Rutland, VT 05777

Re: 2021 Town Report

Dear Clerk Custer and Selectboard Members,

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and customers at NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, we want to sincerely thank you for your continued support! My name is Heather Starzynski, the new executive director at NWWVT.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners, the state of Vermont, and West Rutland, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, and rental assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area.

In the last fiscal year (January – December 2021), our services comprised of:

- 308 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits and 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed for which homeowners received a rebate from Efficiency Vermont.
- 11 Energy Loans, totaling \$138,242, were made to help homeowners make energy improvements to their home.
- 69 rental units rehabilitated (2020 and 2021 federal COVID assistance program only)
- 31 Down Payment Assistance Loans totaling \$ 949,236 were made to assist homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier.
- 13 Home Repair Loans totaling \$ 227,874 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades.
- 1 first mortgage loan in partnership with Habitat for Humanity was made in the amount of \$145,000 to a first-time home buyer.
- 2 loans totaling \$98,250 were made to homebuyers who utilized the state of Vermont's Share Equity Program.
- 149 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those, 79 became homeowners.
- 124 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching.
- 228 households were assisted with financial counseling and grant assistance through the COVID assistance program called the Housing Stabilization Program (2022 and 2023 federal COVID assistance program only).

Again, thank you for your support as we wouldn't otherwise be able to provide these services.

Sincerely,

Heather M. Starzynski, Executive Director
hstarzynski@nwwvt.org | 802.797.8602

Rutland West Neighborhood Housing
d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont
Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008



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YEAR 2021 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 - a total of 22 residential units for families in West Rutland. We are currently in the preliminary stages of our next project in hopes it comes to fruition in 2023.

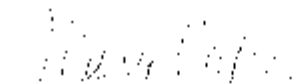
Over the past almost 30 years, we have provided over 2,500 people – seniors, families and people with disabilities - with a safe, attractive and affordable place to rent and call home. We have developed and maintain over 300 rental housing units in eight of our local communities. Each year over 800 people directly benefit from our affordable housing.

Further more, 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,



Mary Cohen
Executive Director

Submitted by: Mary Cohen



Otter Creek communications union district

2021-2022 Annual Summary and Proposed Budget

This past year the Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) has worked to identify the best path forward as well as the funding to pursue it. Being unique from most CUDs, OCCUD covers a region of Vermont that has substantial coverage from existing providers, even if not the quality of coverage the OCCUD seeks to see provided to the region overall. As such, it was decided the best approach to pursuing the deployment of high speed internet throughout the region was to procure services for a high level engineering study.

Thanks to funding made available through H315, OCCUD acquired the financial means necessary to procure services through Finley Engineering for the high level engineering study. The study is due to be completed early November 2021.

Once completed the study will allow the OCCUD to pursue potential partnerships from an informed position.

Early November will also see the start of the initial work towards a business plan. This will be undertaken through funding provided initially by the Broadband Innovation Grant – which expired in August 2021 to no fault of the OCCUD's – and is currently funded under the CARES (COVID Economic Recovery funds) grant. Rural Innovation Strategies Inc. (RISI) and ValleyNet will be the main consultants on the project with Doug Dawson of CCG Consulting (an advisor under the Finley Engineering Contract) providing advisory services and a main conduit for the ongoing high level engineering study. The business plan will be completed by 12/31/2021.

The current goal of the OCCUD is to confirm an ISP partner or partners early 2022. This confirmation combined with the completed business plan will result in a far more detailed and realistic timelines for the OCCUD in the coming year.

Current Assets as of 20 October 2021 \$77,644.32

Remaining Funds to be invoiced (H315) \$63,000

Anticipated expenditures:

- Administration of the district \$20,000.00
- High level engineering study \$59,000.00
- Legal Support \$11,000.00
- Additional strategic planning and negotiations \$36,000.00

West Rutland Food Shelf

The Food Shelf has continued to operate throughout the year, operating under COVID guidelines. We knew, this year more than ever, our services were needed. We are currently serving 40 families and distributed 27 turkeys for Thanksgiving.

We operate the second Saturday of every month from Noon until 2:00pm, with the exception of November and December when we are open the second and third Saturdays from Noon until 2:00pm.

Anyone in West Rutland is welcomed. Patrons need to wear a mask and may need to wait at the door for entry as only 5 patrons are allowed in the food shelf at one time.

We want to thank the community of West Rutland for once again approving funding in the amount of \$1000.00 for the year 2021. Without the help of the towns people, town office and employees, all churches, the schools, boy and cub scouts, American Legion, Auxiliary & SALS, West Rutland Post Office and local businesses and Masonic Lodge, we could not have done it again.

This year, 2022, will be our 14th year of operation. We hope that normalcy will return to all of our lives very soon. Thank you to the people of West Rutland for helping us accomplish as much as we did. Best wishes that 2022 will be a better year for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Desjardins, Director

Ruth Manning, Assistant Director



Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2021 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Lee Bizon, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty fifth 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 330,700 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 1,300 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.

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

Live Green – Ride the Bus

FY2021 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

A sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2020/2021:

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). Due to Covid 19 restrictions a survey was sent to landowners and partners this year.

Programs:

Agricultural Outreach Specialist – The District in cooperation with the Poultney Mettowee and Bennington County NRCD's share staff who provides education and outreach, nutrient management planning, assistance with grant writing and letters of support, wetlands outreach, and overall support to landowners for water quality improvements.

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 – The District has a portable skidder bridge available for rent to loggers and foresters. Skidder 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:

Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete a Phosphorus Control Plan for the City of Rutland. The goal of the Phosphorus Control Plan (PCP) is to provide a plan for the City to achieve the percent phosphorus (P) reduction target for the Otter Creek segment of Lake Champlain. This work will build upon the work completed during the Moon Brook Stormwater Master Plan completed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC December 1, 2019.

- Worked with the Rutland Recreation and Parks Department to implement Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) designed by Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC at Rotary Park. This included rehabilitating and expanding an existing infiltration trench to provide extra capacity for stormwater runoff and install a new bioretention facility.
- Continues to work with the VT DEC and the Town of Clarendon on a floodplain restoration project on the Cold River.

Received a 100% a final design for 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.

Received final designs for 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, and worked with the Town of Brandon to hire a Construction Contractor to implement these practices.

Hired an Engineering Consultant to complete a final design for stormwater best management practices (BMP's) identified in the Town of Wallingford Stormwater Master Plan at Wallingford Elementary School.

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 plans.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

Rutland County Service Delivery July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **14 disaster cases** in **Rutland County**, providing assistance to **43 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disaster Events	Individuals
Cuttingsville	1	1
Fair Haven	3	9
Pittsford	1	1
Proctor	1	2
Rutland	6	25
West Rutland	2	5

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Rutland County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We made **9 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **30 of Rutland County's Service Members, veterans, and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **3113 pints** of lifesaving blood at **87 drives** in **Rutland County**.

Training Services

Last year, **332 Rutland County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Rutland County is home to **15 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



Wonderfeet Kids' Museum

PO Box 6243, Rutland, VT 05702
wonderfeetkidsmuseumvt@gmail.com

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum 2021 Impact

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum, located on Center Street in downtown Rutland, is a children's museum designed for open-ended and imaginative play. Wonderfeet fosters curiosity and exploration, inspires creativity, and engages the imagination through play. With a significant focus on interaction between parents/adults and children, the museum creates a unique learning and growth opportunity for both. Rather than focusing on observation, the exhibits engage families in collaborative experiences.

2021 has continued to be challenging for all of us, but Wonderfeet has found lots of bright spots along the way. Our spring and summer were busy providing programs for class field trips, afterschool, and summer enrichment programs. Wonderfeet led six weeks of summer camps at the museum with themes from Pirates to Community Service. And Wonderfeet staff planned activities, packed, and helped distribute 10,000 free activity kits for kids in our community as part of the Out of the Boxes program this summer.

Wonderfeet works with Rutland Regional Medical Center to host a weekly play and support group for families with babies and toddlers and has had over 400 attendees this year - an important resource for family mental health and early childhood development. Wonderfeet also assisted EasterSeals VT in hosting over 50 visits for families in the foster care system. We've been part of free community events like Friday Night Live, Just Play, No Way!, and Halloween-Palooza at the Rutland Free Library.

Even with COVID restrictions and closures, Wonderfeet has still welcomed over 4,500 visitors this year. We provided free passes through Come Alive Outside Passport program and Community Health's Pediatric Vaccine Clinics, and Family Passes at 21 local libraries. In an effort to keep the museum accessible to everyone in our community, Wonderfeet made available reduced-cost memberships to over 50 families in 2021. Wonderfeet believes that all children and families deserve access to safe, creative, and high-quality learning and play experiences and we strive to fulfill that need for Rutland County this year and every year.

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 2021

For 42 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 FY21, NewStory Center served 522 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, 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.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of West Rutland for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

REQUEST

NewStory Center is requesting the sum of \$500, to be voted on at the town meeting in March 2022, 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 **9 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.

NewStory Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05702 • www.nscvt.org
Crisis: (802) 775-3232 • Office: (802) 775-6788 • Fax: (802) 747-0470



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 2020, The Child First Advocacy Center served 180 clients and 150 family members. As of November 1, 2021, we provided services to 167 clients and 129 of their family members. **We were able provide wrap around services and support to at least three 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

802-747-0200 or wendy.loomis@partner.vermont.gov

2021 Local Health Annual Report

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

COVID-19

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

494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.

Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.

Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website:

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

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

In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.

The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.

As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

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



The 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 Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Town of West Rutland continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives, including:

- Worked with Town Manager on a successful grant application to VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for Marbleway Path.
- Provided technical assistance to Planning Commission and assisted with Bylaw Modernization Grant application.
- Worked with Planning Team to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Started Municipal Project Management for Sidewalk Scoping Study.
- Coordinated planning meetings with VTrans and Town for repurposing of former US-4 “jug handle”.
- Worked with Road Foreman to complete FY21 Grants in Aid construction projects (22 segments improved) and applied for FY22 GIA construction and equipment purchase programs funding.
- Worked with West Rutland’s Otter Creek Communications District (OCCUD) town representative to continue the growth and work of the CUD in its pursuit of expanded high speed internet access in the region.

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!

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, Vermont
P.O Box 430 | Rutland, Vermont 05701
RutlandRPC.org | (802) 775-0871

Cooperative planning in the region

Rutland County Solid Waste District | Annual Report - Calendar Year 2021

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 eighteen 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.

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. 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 did complete the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025. 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. Milestones will need to be reported back as required. 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.

The town of Pittsfield, Vermont was able to provide more services to their residents and business and reduced their tax rate by joining the Solid Waste District. We are very happy to have them on board.

Our website has been updated! This is your virtual Solid Waste Administration Office. Appointments, permits, and so much information and detail at your fingertips 25-hours a day. Please see our 2021 Annual Report Book which covers detail and all our programs to include but not limited to:

Waste Disposal: During 2021, 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 2013 the facility has processed over 222,911.35 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. An additional 32 events are scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within eighteen 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 45.95 tons of material.

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

2021

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

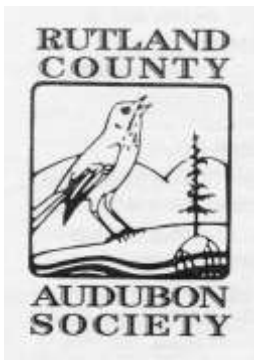
We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

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 14 animals from the Town of West Rutland from December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at 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

RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY (RCAS) REPORT FOR 2021 FOR TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

During 2021, RCAS began our twenty first year of monitoring the West Rutland Marsh for birds and other wildlife. It was during this year that we had the highest number of bird species in ten years, that being 150 species. During this year, also, we were able to re-open to the public the marsh walks which had been closed during 2019 and 2020 due to the pandemic.

Another exciting event of 2021 was the installation of a boardwalk and trail off Whipple Hollow Road, a collaboration of the Town of West Rutland, RCAS, VT. Youth Conservation Corp, and Stafford Tech Construction Class, made possible by a Recreational Trails grant. The .75 mile trail and boardwalk, which runs through a cedar swamp and pine island, has been a big hit with the many visitors it has had since the end of the summer and will serve as a great resource to West Rutland for years to come.

During 2021 many repairs were also made to the older boardwalk on Marble Street, due to both weather-related events and vandalism. A new warning sign to deter vandals has been installed as a result.

Multiple new copies of the Bridge to Bridge brochure describing the Marsh walk were printed this past year to replenish the stock at the kiosk near the older boardwalk. Those using the brochures will learn much about the plants and wildlife surrounding the marsh.

Brenda Johnson and her husband had a bench built and placed in the meadow over-looking the marsh this past summer in memory of Brenda's parents, the Bruces, who lived on Whipple Hollow Road for 60 years. The public is welcome to enjoy it.

Thanks to Fred Stone of Pawlet, a Bluebird trail of four Bluebird houses was placed in the meadow off the new Whipple Hollow trail last spring. We are happy to say the houses were quickly inhabited by both Tree Swallows and Bluebirds.

Because of the pandemic, RCAS was not able to offer a Marsh Education Day to elementary school children as we have in the past. RCAS was able to lead an alternative education class from Fair Haven on a nature walk around the marsh at the end of the summer. In the offing, also, is an educational adventure for the Tapestry Program of Rutland in 2022.

Hoping to feature the West Rutland Marsh, RCAS had planned a float called Mystery in the Marsh for the Rutland Halloween Parade in October. Unfortunately, due to weather, the parade was not held this year. RCAS is saving its props for the parade next year, so be sure to watch for it. The many secretive birds that reside in the reeds of the marsh are parade-worthy .



Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Town Report - December 31, 2021

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. Perhaps most importantly is the way we have come together as a community and supported one another. Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) exists to serve our region's families, communities, and businesses, each of which forms a supportive bond for all of us.

The [2020-2021 Annual Report](#) can be found on our CEDRR website as well as in the references provided below. As you read the report, you will see there is a lot worth celebrating. In its pages, you will find stories that highlight our signature events, impactful initiatives, committee updates, and information about our recent decision to merge two organizations into one. A [video of our Annual Meeting](#) can also be found on our CEDRR website.

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 sixth year of the Regional Marketing Initiative, which has provided direct and positive results with an increase of more than 50 households, including more than 100 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. We encourage you to visit our Real Rutland website for highlights of the Region.

We exist to serve your families, communities, and area businesses and 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.

With respect,

Lyle P. Jepson - Executive Director

References

Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region: <https://rutlandvermont.com/>

Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Report:

https://www.flipsnack.com/vtredc/2020_2021-cedrr-annual-report.html

Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Meeting: <https://vimeo.com/635386794>

Real Rutland: <https://realrutland.com/>

Real Rutland Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/therealrutland/>

Real Rutland Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/therealrutland/>

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PMNRCD Annual Report 2021

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy 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, Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown, and Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Rachael Burt.

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 continued work on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority mitigation projects.

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. This year we held a series of community meetings focused on climate adaptations. 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 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 to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

Agricultural Programs The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via 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. Many 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 high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information. PMNRCD looks forward to partnering with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local **Clean Water Service Provider!**

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



Vermont 211

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-10:00pm, Monday-Friday.)

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

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

- One call or text gives you access to resources across your community. 211 is efficient, fast and easy to use.
- No more wrong numbers; no more wasted time trying to find the right resource(s).
- 211 is a private and confidential call or text; most often the name of the caller is not even taken. Language translation services are also available.
- 211 maintains the integrity of the 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
- 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 **2,813** calls or text conversations from Rutland County residents between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, and **614** searches on vermont211.org were conducted by people identifying themselves as being from Rutland County.

Residents of West Rutland made **37** contacts to Vermont 211 during fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) for a range of needs, resulting in **46 referrals**. The referrals included resources and services in the following categories: *Basic Needs*, such as food assistance, general relief, electric service payment assistance, housing/shelter, and rent payment assistance; *Public Health* advisories related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and *Organizational/Community Services*, such as specialized information and referral and services for senior citizens.

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

The organizations receiving the most referrals to assist West Rutlanders were the *Vermont Agency of Human Services--Economic Services Division*, *Vermont Department of Health*, and *Help Me Grow Vermont* (see description below).

Ten people identifying themselves as residents of West Rutland conducted searches of our online database at vermont211.org during FY '21. There may have been others who did not enter their location.

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 VERMONT

www.greenupvermont.org

Green Up Day

May 7, 2022



Green Up Day on May 1, 2021 was a huge success thanks to nearly 22,000 volunteers statewide who Greened Up. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is needed and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play a very special place. As one of Vermont's favorite holidays, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship.

Along with Green Up Day, we work year-round to further our impact with waste reduction initiatives, additional clean-up efforts, and educational programs.

Green Up Vermont is a private nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride, and community engagement. Thank you for your support of this crucial program that takes care of all our cities and towns.

Your donations make a huge impact and can be made on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Visit our website, like us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), and follow us on Instagram (greenupvermont). greenup@greenupvermont.org 229-4586



Green Up Day

First Saturday in May ~ May 7, 2022

- 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 on Green-Up Day, contact the Town Office by May 5, 2022, at **802-438-2263** for rates and instructions.*



TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022
8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

For more information or to rent a space call 802-438-2263



Town of West Rutland

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 30, 2022 * 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 802-438-2263***

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 24, 2022

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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



**West Rutland
Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 pm
West Rutland Town Hall**

This event brought to you by The Friends of the Town Hall & The Town of West Rutland



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

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

Do you?

Find out at 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.

Want forms & instructions?

Find Vermont forms and instructions
online at tax.vermont.gov.

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

**FREE! File your Homestead Declaration, Property Tax Credit, or Renter Rebate at
myVTax.vermont.gov**

Email: tax.individualincome@vermont.gov
Phone: (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT)
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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.



The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and Vermont e-filing for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Find out at 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.

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.

Download forms: tax.vermont.gov/forms-and-publications

Order forms: tax.vermont.gov/form-request

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RCSWD 2022 HHW Rural Collection Schedule

April 9, 2022	Castleton: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 393 Staso Rd	Poultney: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 611 Hillside Rd
April 16, 2022	Mt. Holly: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 36 Sharon Ln	Killington/Pittsfield: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 2981 River Rd
April 23, 2022	Brandon: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 31 Corona St	Pittsford: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 547-479 Depot Hill Rd
May 7, 2022	Proctor: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 84 Deere Ln	
May 14, 2022	Danby/Mt. Tabor: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 130 Brook Rd	
May 21, 2022	Wallingford: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 90 Waldo Lane	Clarendon: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 1577 Route 7B
May 28, 2022	Brandon: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 31 Corona St	Pittsford: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 547-479 Depot Hill Rd
June 11, 2022	Ira: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Ira Town Hall, 51 West Rd	West Rutland: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM 265 Ross St
June 18, 2022	Castleton: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 393 Staso Rd	Poultney: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 611 Hillside Rd
June 25, 2022	Danby/Mt. Tabor: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 130 Brook Rd	Wells: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 174 Bullfrog Hollow Rd
July 9, 2022	Ira: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Ira Town Hall, 51 West Rd	West Rutland: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM 265 Ross St
July 16, 2022	Mt. Holly: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 36 Sharon Ln	Killington/Pittsfield: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 2981 River Rd
July 23, 2022	Danby/Mt. Tabor: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 130 Brook Rd	
Sept. 3, 2022	Castleton: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 393 Staso Rd	Poultney: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 611 Hillside Rd
Sept. 10, 2022	Proctor: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 84 Deere Ln	Wells: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 174 Bullfrog Hollow Rd
Sept. 17, 2022	Wallingford: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 90 Waldo Ln	Clarendon: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 1577 Route 7B
Sept. 24, 2022	Brandon: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 31 Corona St	Pittsford: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 547-479 Depot Hill Rd

Event Information:

Rover Collection is for town residents only. Must show proof of residency.

All participants must remain in their vehicle until notified.

You must wear a mask and maintain 6 feet distance.

Excessive materials will not be accepted and will be referred to the Gleason Road facility.

Tips for gathering your HHW for safe disposal

- Seal containers tightly.
- Bring items in their original containers inside a sturdy box.
- If original container is leaking or damaged, transfer product to a safe container and re-label.
- Don't mix products together.
- Be prepared to leave your containers. Containers such as gasoline cans will not be returned at mobile events.



Need Help finding help?
Dialing 211 or *Texting your zip code to 898211
Is your first step

Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn?
Vermont 211 is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number
that connects you with the services that can help you.

Looking for help with everyday needs?
At 211, you will speak to someone who will provide the human
touch, help to solve problems, and link callers throughout
Vermont with government programs, community-based or-
ganizations, support groups, and other local resources.

When should you contact 211?
Call 211 for everyday needs and in
Difficult times. 24/7/365 or 1-866-652-4636 toll-free in Vermont
Or 1-802-652-4636 from outside Vermont
Or **Text your zip code to 898211** *8am-10pm Monday-Friday

Also visit: www.vermont211.org

*In Vermont, call 9-1-1 to save a life, stop a crime or report a fire;
Contact 211 for community information and referral.*

TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Manager	438-2263
Town Clerk Fax	438-5133
Town Treasurer's Office/Bookkeepers	438-2263
Town Clerk	438-2204
Listers' Office	438-2263
Zoning Administrator	438-2204
Town Garage	438-2854
Wastewater Treatment Plant	438-5633
Water Department	438-5633
West Rutland Library	438-2964
West Rutland School	438-2288
West Rutland 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