

ROYALTON, VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022



Town of Royalton Annual Meeting

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Australian Ballot vote to be held at the White River Valley School Royalton Campus in the Gym

March 7, 2023

Polls open 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM

Town of Royalton Pre-Town Meeting

In-person at the Royalton Academy Building

6:30 pm Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Visit www.royaltonvt.com for agenda and Virtual Meeting Details

**Vermont charter: December 20, 1781
New York Patent: November 13, 1769
Area: 30,000 acres
General Information**

Emergency Services – Fire, Ambulance and Police

Royalton Police Department
Police Chief
Royalton Fire Department
Vermont State Police
Fish and Wildlife Warden

911

763- 7201 (fax) 763-7711
763-7776
763 – 8133
234 – 9933
234 – 9933

Town Clerk

Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

763 – 7207 (fax) 763-8064

Treasurer's Office

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am -3:00pm

763-7441

Selectboard's Office

763 – 7967

Royalton Town Garage

Listers' Office

Pollution Abatement Facility (sewer treatment plant)

763 – 7667

763 – 2202

(802)-587-2722

Royalton Transfer Station

Hours: visit www.whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

763 – 2232

Royalton Memorial Library

South Royalton School

Orange – Windsor Supervisory Union

Royalton Fire District

763 - 7094

763 – 7740

763 – 8840

763 – 8974

Town of Royalton Notice of Regularly Scheduled Public Meetings

Royalton Selectboard – meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Royalton Town Office Building located at 2460 Vermont Route 14

Royalton School Board – visit www.wrvsu.org

Royalton Planning Commission – meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6pm (winter) 7pm (summer) at the Royalton Town Office Building located at 2460 Vermont Route 14

Royalton Recreation Commission – meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Royalton Town Office Building located at 2460 Vermont Route 14

Royalton Revolving Loan Fund – meets on an as needed basis at the Royalton Town Office Building

Prudential Board, Royalton Fire District #1 – meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire District Office Building

Board of Listers – meets on an as needed basis at the Royalton Town Office Building

Royalton Conservation Commission – Third Monday of the month at 6:30pm

Board of Civil Authority & Board of Abatement – Meets on an as needed basis at the Royalton Town Office Building

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

Title Expires	Elected Town Officers	Term
Town Moderator, 1-year term	Allison N. Fulcher	2023
Town Clerk, 3-year term	Karmen M. Bascom	2023
Selectboard, 3-year term	Christopher “Chris” Noble	2024
Selectboard, 3-year term	David Barker	2023
Selectboard, 2-year term	Jerry Barcelow	2024
Selectboard, 3-year term	John P. Dumville	2025
Selectboard, 2-year term	Timothy P. Murphy (Chair)	2023
Lister, 3-year term	Jeffrey Barcelow (Co-Chair)	2025
Lister, 3-year term	Walter Hastings (Co-Chair)	2023
Lister, 3-year term	Samantha Bruce	2024
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1-year term	Theresa Harrington	2023
Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term	Joshua B. Powers	2025
Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term	John P. Dumville	2024
Trustee of Public Funds, 3-year term	Donna Bohannon	2023
First Constable, 2-year term	Todd Ballentine	2023
Second Constable, 2-year term	Vacant	2023
Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term	Josephine Levasseur	2025
Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term	Alison S. Gravel	2024
Cemetery Commissioner, 3-year term	John P. Dumville	2023
Library Trustee, 2-year term	Bridgett Taylor	2023
Library Trustee, 2-year term	Steven W. Hall	2024

For Elected School District Officers See the White River Unified District Annual Report

Justices of the Peace 2024

Peggy Ainsworth	802-763-8017	Geo Honigford	802-359-3027
Sandra Conrad	802-565-0401	Suzanne Long	802-763-7981
Allison N. Fulcher	802-296-1583	Gidget Lyman	802-356-6478
Kate George	802-282-2962	Bruce V. Post	802-763-8466
Joan Hoffman	802-282-3991	Joshua “Bushrod” Powers	802-763-8087

Windsor-Orange 1 State Representative 2024

John O’Brien 802-889-3474 jobrien@leg.state.vt.gov

District State Senators 2024

Alison Clarkson	802-457-4627	AClarkson@leg.state.vt.us
Dick McCormack	802-793-6417	rmccormack@leg.state.vt.us
Rebecca White	802-777-4517	rwhite@leg.state.vt.us

APPOINTED OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Planning Commission

Stuart Levassuer (Clerk)	Bushrod Powers
Sarah Danley (Vice – Chair)	Geo Honigford (Chair)
David Brandeau	Roni Johnson
Peter Anderson	Nell Gwin
Patrick Dakin	

Recreation Commission

Jim Hewitt (Chair)	Miriam Clark (Director)
Troy Stratton	Stephanie Russ
DJ Craven	Mitch Rhoades
Julia Abraham	Kristen Cronan

Conservation Commission

Brad Salzmänn	Bushrod Powers
Mike Bald	John Dettwiler
David Barker	Tico Wolf

Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Sandy Conrad (Chair)	Rita Hull
Bushrod Powers	Judy Hayward
Chris Noble	

Position

Name

Town Treasurer	Rita Hull
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant
Assistant Clerk	Donna Bohannon
911 Coordinator	Jeff Barcelow
Flood Plain Admin.	Walter Hastings
Transportation Advisory Rep.	Victoria Paquin
Transportation Advisory Alt.	Vacant
Town Emergency Management Director	Brad Salzmänn
Town Emergency Management Coordinator	John Hartman
Town Health Officer	Marc Preston
Green-Up Day Chairperson	Conservation Committee
Civil Defense Chairperson	Brad Salzmänn
Fire Warden	Donald Lovejoy
Tree Warden	Fred Glanzberg
Deputy Tree Warden	Lucas Joseph
Pound Keeper	Country Animal Hospital

WARNING
TOWN OF ROYALTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Royalton are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Gymnasium of the White River Valley School (223 S. Windsor St) in said Town on March 7, 2023, between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM to transact the following business by Australian Ballot:

Article I: To elect the following town officers as required by law:

Town Moderator for a term of One Year

Town Clerk for a term of Three Years

Selectboard for a term of Three Years

Selectboard for a term of Two Years

Lister for a term of Three Years

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of One Year

Trustee of Public Funds for a term of Three Years

Second Constable for a term of Two Years

Cemetery Commissioner for a term of Three Years

Library Trustee for a term of Two Years

Article II: Shall the Town of Royalton adopt the town manager form of governance in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?

Article III: Shall the town vote to eliminate the office of constable pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2651a(d)?

Article IV: Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect real and personal taxes on or before **November 3, 2023**, with delinquent taxes subject to interest charges of one percent per month or fraction thereof and eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

Article V: Shall the voters appropriate \$410,627 to the following Royalton organizations, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

	Approved 2022	Requested 2023
Community Food Shelf	\$10,000	\$10,000
Health Hub School Clinic	\$1,000	\$1,000
South Royalton Fire Department	\$106,340	\$132,515
Royalton Memorial Library	\$79,622	\$86,549
South Royalton Rescue Squad	\$158,100	\$164,963
Royalton Town Band	\$3,900	\$3,900
South Royalton One Planet Program	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fuller Stearn Post #51 (Memorial Day)	\$700	\$700
<u>S. Royalton Area Senior Citizens</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total	\$369,662	\$410,627

Article VI: Shall the voters appropriate \$24,924 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

	Approved 2022	Requested 2023
CV Council on Aging	\$1,500	\$1,500
Clara Martin Center	\$4,180	\$4,180
The Family Place	\$200	\$200
Healthcare & Rehab of S. VT	\$2,689	\$2,689
HIV/HCV Resource Center	\$500	\$500
Orange County Parent Child Center	\$1,000	\$1,000
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$100	\$100
Safeline	\$1,000	\$1,000
TriValley Transit	\$3,800	\$3,800
Vermont Adult Learning	\$500	\$500
VT Assc. Of the Blind	\$750	\$750
VT Ctr. For Independent Living	\$305	\$305
Visiting Nurses	\$7,000	\$7,000
WR Partnership	\$500	\$500
WC Partners	\$500	\$500
<u>WC Youth Services</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$400</u>
Total	\$24,924	\$24,924

Article VII: Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,784,125, of which \$1,395,000 shall be raised by taxes, \$186,125 shall be spent from the general fund surplus, and \$203,000 raised by non-tax revenues?

Article VIII: Shall the voters authorize highway fund expenditures of \$1,104,960, of which \$850,000 shall be raised by taxes, \$99,960 shall be spent from the highway fund surplus, and \$155,000 shall be raised by non-tax revenues?

Article IX: Shall the voters disapprove the Ordinance Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) that was adopted on December 27, 2022?

TOWN OF ROYALTON ORDINANCE REGULATING ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. Under authority granted in 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59, 24 V.S.A. §§ 2291(1),(4), 23 V.S.A. § 3506, and 23 V.S.A. § 3510, the Selectboard of the Town of Royalton hereby adopts the following civil ordinance regulating the time, manner, and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles within the town.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town, and to preserve residents' rights to quiet enjoyment of homes and properties by regulating the time, manner, and location of operation of all-terrain vehicles ("ATVs") within the Town.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION

- A. "All-terrain vehicle," or "ATV," means any non-highway recreational vehicle, except snowmobiles, having not less than two low pressure tires (10 pounds per square inch, or less), not wider than 64 inches with two-wheel ATVs having permanent, full-time power to both wheels, and having a dry weight of less than 2,500 pounds, when used for cross- country travel on trails or on any one of the following or a combination thereof: land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swampland and natural terrain. An ATV does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, a motor-assisted bicycle, or an electric bicycle.
- B. "Enforcement Officer" means any law enforcement officer certified by the Vermont criminal justice training council.
- C. "Operate" includes any attempt to operate and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of all-terrain vehicles within the town whether they be in motion or at rest.
- D. Other definitions found in 23 V.S.A. § 3501 are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4. TOWN HIGHWAYS OPENED.

Gee Hill Rd. from Route 14 to intersection with Russ Hill Rd.

Rainbow St. from the intersection with Pluck Hill to Pleasant St.

Pleasant St. from Rainbow St. to Oxbow Rd.

Oxbow Rd. from Pleasant St. to the Oxbow Rd. Private Trailhead.

Otto Merrill Rd

Back River Rd. from Otto Merrill Rd. to Johnson Hill Rd.

Johnson Hill Rd.

Davis Rd.

Rousseau Rd. from Davis Rd. to Private Trail Intersection

Sewall Brook Rd.

Royalton Hill Rd (Royalton Turnpike) from Sewall Brook Rd. To Davis Rd.

****SEE MAP FOR SPEED LIMITS & INTERSECTION AREAS *****

SECTION 5. SPEED LIMITS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES. All posted speed limits and traffic control devices on Town highways shall apply to the operation of ATVs. Notwithstanding the above, no person shall drive an ATV on a public right of way at a speed greater than 20 mph except where otherwise posted and is reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having regard to the actual and potential hazards there existing. In every event, speed shall be controlled as necessary to avoid collision with any person, vehicle, bicycle, ATV, or other object on or adjacent to the ATV trail. Pursuant to 23 V.S.A § 3506 (b) (2) (C).

SECTION 6. TIME AND SEASON OF OPERATION. ATVs may only be operated within the Town between 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM, 7 days/week between May 15th through September 30th unless otherwise posted.

SECTION 7. SINGLE FILE; RACING. Where ATV travel on Town highways and sidewalks is permitted, such travel shall be single file. No racing shall be allowed.

SECTION 8. OPERATION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND CEMETERIES. ATVs shall not be operated on Town/public property not open to ATV operation, including: sidewalks, bike paths, hiking trails, recreation fields, on any public greens, in any burial grounds or cemetery, on any school playground, child care center, in any wastewater treatment plant, or in the parking lots of any religious worship, “Park & Ride” areas and hospital/clinic and nursing home, or as otherwise prohibited by law-unless specific permission is granted by the selectboard or authorized entity.

Pursuant to Title 23 V.S.A. Chapter 31 § 3506(10), ATVs shall not be operated in any burial ground in the Town.

SECTION 9. OPERATION OF ATV’s.

Pursuant to Title 23 Chapter 31

SECTION 10. PENALTIES.

- A. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties for operation of an ATV in excess of the posted speed limit as specified in *Traffic Ordinance 6-9-2020* and in the State of Vermont’s Judicial Bureau Penalty Schedule.
- B. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties for violations of this Ordinance as set out below:

- Failure to operate in single file:

1st Offense: \$100 fine. Waiver amount: \$90

2nd Offense: \$250 fine. Waiver amount: \$240

3rd Offense: \$500 fine. Waiver amount: \$490

- Engaging in racing:

1st Offense: \$100 fine. Waiver amount: \$90 2nd Offense: \$250 fine. Waiver amount: \$240

3rd Offense: \$500 fine. Waiver amount: \$490

- Operation during hours when operation is prohibited:

1st Offense: \$100 fine. Waiver amount: \$90 2nd Offense: \$250 fine. Waiver amount: \$240

3rd Offense: \$500 fine. Waiver amount: \$490

- Operation on public property:

1st Offense: \$100 fine. Waiver amount: \$90 2nd Offense: \$250 fine. Waiver amount: \$240

3rd Offense: \$500 fine. Waiver amount: \$490

For the above offenses, the Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the stated amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee.

- C. The Enforcement Officer is authorized to recover civil penalties for the following violations is as set by the State of Vermont:

- Operation along a highway that has not been opened for use by the Selectboard. 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b)(1)(A).
- Operation within a public cemetery. 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b)(10).
- Operation on a sidewalk that has not been opened for travel by the Selectboard. 23 V.S.A. § 3206(b)(12).

SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT. The violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter which may be enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq. For purposes of enforcement in the Judicial Bureau, any Enforcement Officer shall have authority to issue tickets and may be the appearing officer at any hearing.

SECTION 12. OTHER LAWS. This Ordinance is in addition to all other ordinances of the Town and all applicable laws of the State of Vermont. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or other documents inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY. If any section of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other part of this Ordinance.

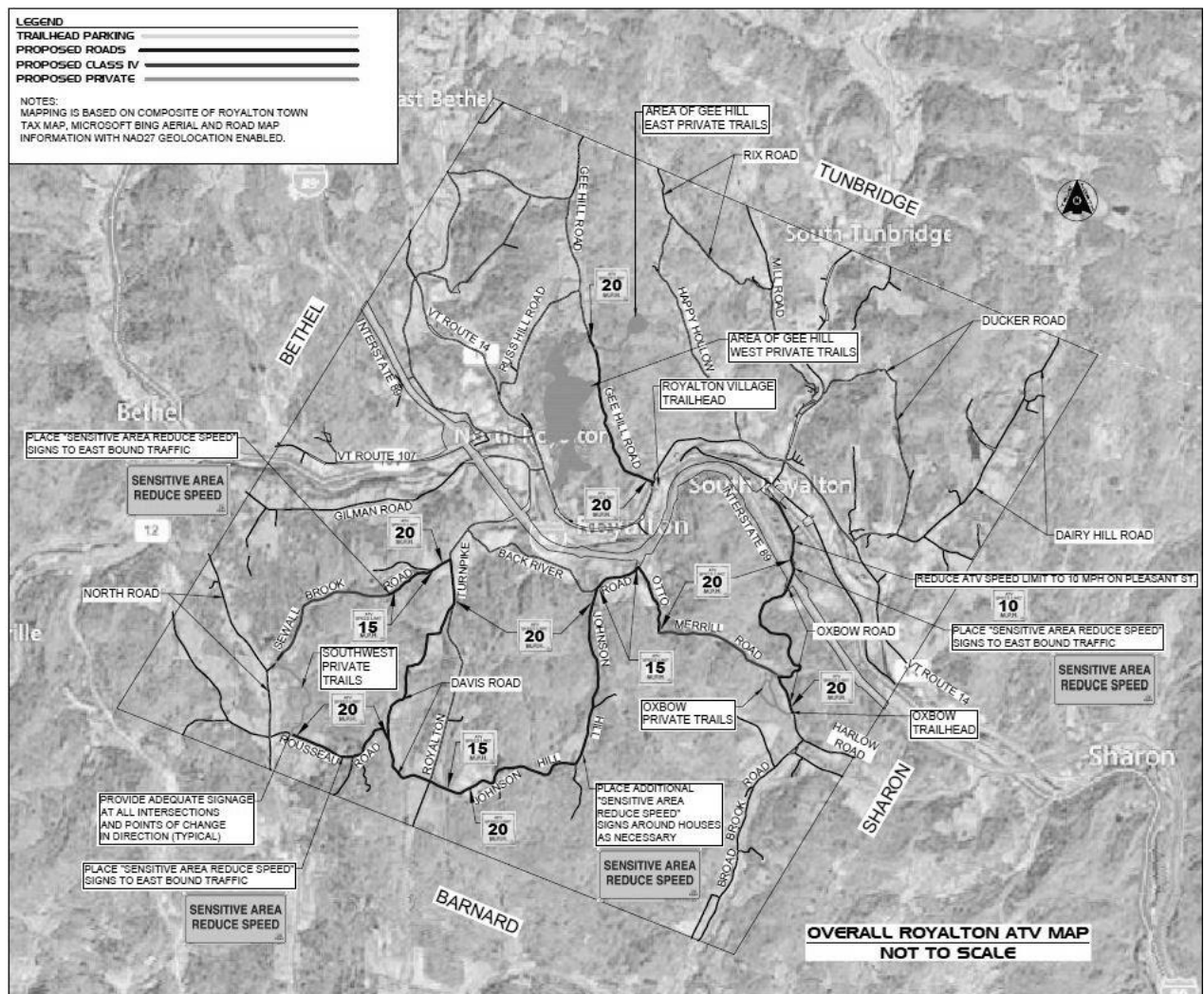
SECTION 14. YEARLY REVIEW/RENEWAL. Yearly review of this ordinance to take place at the first selectboard meeting in January after adoption. Yearly review shall include Town permission waiver to maintain Town as additional insured under VASA policy.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption or amendment by the Selectboard. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this Ordinance.

Date of adoption by the Selectboard: December 27, 2022

Adoption History

1. Agenda item at regular Selectboard meeting held on December 27, 2022.
2. Read and approved at regular Selectboard meeting on December 27, 2022 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on__.
3. Posted in public places on January 3, 2022.
4. Notice of adoption published in the Herald newspaper on January 5, 2022 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Other actions: Petition to Disapprove received by the Town Clerk January 19, 2023. Duly warned on January 30, 2023 for a vote at town meeting 202



SELECTBOARD REPORT

Due to continued concerns arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Selectboard has decided to utilize the powers granted through Act 41 to continue with Australian Ballot voting for town meeting this year. This means that on Tuesday, March 7th there will be no floor meeting and discussion, you can go to the polls and cast a paper ballot for all the articles listed on the warning. In addition to voting in person on Town Meeting Day, you can request an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk. Ballots will not automatically be mailed to voters – you must request an absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Town Meeting Day. The opportunity to discuss the issues will be pre-town meeting, which will be held at the Royalton Academy Building on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 PM. We are working on ensuring that there is also a virtual option for this meeting. Please visit our website www.royaltonvt.gov to keep up to date with meeting details and other opportunities to hear from the board.

This year, the Selectboard is asking the voters to transition to a Town Manager form of government. Many towns in Vermont have transitioned to this style of government, which allows the selectboard to hire a qualified individual to carry out some of their duties. Although job descriptions for town managers vary based on a town's specific needs, in general the town manager becomes responsible for all duties assigned to the selectboard except appointing people to vacant positions, performing the selectboard's legislative functions (such as adopting or rescinding ordinances), preparing tax bills, signing orders on the town's general fund, laying out of parks, or serving on the Board of Civil Authority.

The board feels that hiring a Town Manager will create greater responsiveness to the needs of the town. Currently, Selectboard members do their best to manage all aspects of town operations, however, this task is becoming increasingly difficult as the town continues to grow. If you have any questions about this change, we encourage you to reach out to one of us or attend pretown meeting. We are happy to have a conversation with you!

The Selectboard has the responsibility of managing and making expenditures from the town's Community Betterment Fund. This fund receives an annual contribution from Vermont Law & Graduate School and is utilized to make improvements to the town whether physically or by financially contributing to worthy projects and programs that will enhance the resident's enjoyment of the town. In FY 22 the fund was utilized to support an administrative assistant for the 4-town coalition, put up a pavilion and finish the installation of the volleyball court on Carpenter Field, support the Old Home Days celebration, install artwork on the railroad underpass at the end of Safford St., and give scholarships to WRVHS students who demonstrated civic engagement.

Dedication: This year's town report is dedicated to Royalton's incredible volunteers. In FY '22 volunteerism ensured that fires were fought, roads and waterways were cleaned of trash, the future was planned for, emergency plans were updated, the food shelf was staffed and stocked with necessary items, meals were delivered to seniors, an aging underpass was beautified, community gardens bloomed and produced bountiful sustenance, youth had recreational activities to attend, and our town was made greener and more visually appealing with plantings. Without everyone who so freely and willingly gives their time and resources, we wouldn't be the wonderful,

vibrant community that we are. We extend our most sincere thanks to all of you for being the best neighbors that folks could ask for.

TREASURER REPORT

Dear Royalton Homeowners,

EVERY YEAR IN VERMONT

- The Homestead Declaration HS--122 must be filed with your Vermont Income Tax Return along with the HI—144 by April 18th.
- These forms need to be filed by April 18th *even if you have no income* to report. File online at www.myVTax.vermont.gov
- These forms need to be filed by April 18th *even if you file for an extension*.
- Filing *after April 15th* may give you a tax break, but it will also cost you a *hefty penalty*.
- Yes, the latest you can file is October 15th but filing any time after April 15th will cost you the penalty.
- The State will not recognize any filings done after October 15th.

Remind your tax preparer!

SPREAD THE WORD

Thank you,

Rita Hull, Royalton Town Treasurer

TOWN MEETING MINUTES 2022

Town of Royalton Annual Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022

The Royalton Town Meeting was modified for a second year due to Covid-19 concerns. The selectboard held pre-town meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022. Minutes are recorded and available under selectboard meeting minutes. All voting for elected positions and articles was done by Australian balloting, which was duly recorded in the Royalton Town Records. As such, no town meeting floor vote was held resulting in no town meeting floor minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Fulcher, Royalton Town Moderator & Board of Civil Authority Chair

Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk

**Official Australian Ballot Results, Royalton Town Meeting, March 1, 2022
Polls: 8am to 7pm at 223 South Windsor Street, South Royalton, Vermont
White River Union School, Royalton Campus**

<u>Office/Article</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote Totals</u>	
Town Moderator 1 year	Allison N. Fulcher	votes	342
		write-ins	1
		undervotes	29
Selectboard 3 years	John P. Dumville	votes	301
		write-ins	22
		undervotes	49
Selectboard 2 years	Jerry Barcelow	votes	318
		write-ins	3
		undervotes	51
Lister 3 years	Jeffrey D. Barcelow	votes	315
		write-ins	1
		undervotes	56
Collector of Delinquent Taxes 1 year	Theresa Harrington	votes	337
		write-ins	2
		undervotes	33
Trustee of Public Funds 3 years	Joshua Powers	votes	314
		write-ins	7
		undervotes	51
Cemetery Commissioner 3 years	Jo Levasseur	votes	326
		write-ins	2
		undervotes	44
Library Trustee 2 years	Steven W. Hall	votes	311
		write-ins	5
		undervotes	56
First Constable 2 years	Todd Ballentine	votes	71
		write-ins (asst)	31
		undervotes	270
Second Constable 1 year remaining of 2 year term		write-ins (asst)	41
		undervotes	331
		<u>Total voted ballots 372</u>	

Article II **Shall the voters appropriate \$369,662 to the following Royalton organizations, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?**

	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
Community Food Shelf	\$10,000	\$10,000
Health Hub School Clinic	\$1,000	\$1,000
South Royalton Fire Department	\$94,345	\$106,340
Royalton Memorial Library	\$79,622	\$79,622
South Royalton Rescue Squad	\$152,410	\$158,100
Royalton Town Band	\$3,900	\$3,900
South Royalton One Planet Program	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fuller Stearn Post #51 (Memorial Day)	\$700	\$700
S. Royalton Area Senior Citizens	\$4,000	\$4,000
Total	\$351,977	\$369,662

Yes	339
No	21
Undervotes	12

Article III Shall the voters appropriate \$24,924 to the following social service agencies, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691?

	Approved 2021	Requested 2022
CV Council on Aging	\$1,500	\$1,500
Clara Martin Center	\$4,180	\$4,180
The Family Place	\$200	\$200
HCRS	\$2,689	\$2,689
HIV/HCV Resource Center	\$500	\$500
Orange County Parent Child Center	\$1,000	\$1,000
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	\$100	\$100
Safeline	\$1,000	\$1,000
TriValley Transit	\$3,800	\$3,800
Vermont Adult Learning	\$500	\$500
VT Assoc. Of the Blind	\$750	\$750
VT Ctr. For Independent Living	\$305	\$305
Visiting Nurses	\$7,000	\$7,000
WR Partnership	\$500	\$500
WC Partners	\$500	\$500
WC Youth Services	\$400	\$400
Total	\$24,924	\$24,924

Yes 329
No 33
Undervotes 10

Article IV Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$1,446,680.54 of which \$1,133,220 shall be raised by taxes pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 2664?

Yes 280
No 70
Undervotes 22

Article V Shall the voters approve total highway fund expenditures of \$1,027,744.04 of which \$805,000 shall be raised by taxes pursuant to 24 V.S.A § 2664?

Yes 296
No 57
Undervotes 19

Article VI Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer to collect property taxes on or before November 4th 2022 with delinquent taxes subject to interest charges of one percent per month or fraction thereof and eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?

Yes 316
No 38
Undervotes 18

Article VII Shall the Town establish an ordinance in accordance with 23 V.S.A. § 3506(b)(1)(A) to allow all-terrain vehicles to operate on limited sections of town highways for the purpose of connecting recreational trail systems with neighboring towns?

Yes 185
No 184
Undervotes 3
Total voted ballots 372

Total ballots cast: 372
Registered voters on checklist: 2,380
16% attendance

Respectfully submitted,
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk

Karmen M. Bascom

BUDGET ANALYSIS SUMMARY

The General Fund Budget has undergone yet another category addition this year, with the revenues and expenses of the Royalton Academy Building being added to the general fund budget. In past years, the academy building has been a separate budget. This was originally done in hopes that the Academy Building would be self-sufficient, paying all of its own expenses through rental revenue. With the pandemic, the academy building has continued to operate at a deficit, often around \$10,000 per year. Adding the Academy Building operation to the general fund budget was done for greater transparency, and so that the town may continue to budget accurately for the management and continued care of this wonderful asset. Overall, the general fund budget expenses increased by \$302,679. This is due in part to the increasing costs of general operations, salary increases for staff to reflect the increased cost of living, and the added budget of \$120,000 for salary and benefits for a town manager. Overall, the amount to be raised by taxes has increased by \$ 261,780 compared to last year.

Simple General Fund Budget	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposed Budget FY 24	Increase (decrease)
General Fund Revenues	\$ 1,222,400.00	\$ 1,400,303.00	\$ 1,294,220.00	\$ 1,604,100.00	\$ 309,880.00
General Fund Expenses					
Selectboard Office	\$ 84,020.00	\$ 91,149.00	\$ 80,735.00	\$ 230,499.00	\$ 149,764.00
Town Office Building		\$ 430.00	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 28,450.00	
Clerk Office	\$ 68,050.00	\$ 59,238.00	\$ 67,500.05	\$ 72,460.00	\$ 4,959.95
Treasurer Office	\$ 13,105.00	\$ 9,095.00	\$ 41,516.75	\$ 42,684.00	\$ 1,167.25
Lister Office	\$ 40,740.00	\$ 36,286.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 43,675.00	\$ 4,675.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 50,169.00	\$ 21,800.00	\$ 31,413.00	\$ 9,613.00
Town Report	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,724.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ -
Town Operations	\$ 207,243.00	\$ 210,284.00	\$ 197,660.11	\$ 211,785.00	\$ 14,124.89
Appropriations	\$ 376,901.00	\$ 376,901.00	\$ 394,586.00	\$ 435,551.00	\$ 40,965.00
Royalton Memorial Library Building	\$ 47,970.00	\$ 30,578.00	\$ 13,400.00	\$ 11,650.00	\$ (1,750.00)
Planning Commission	\$8,160.00	\$ 4,243.00	\$7,817.68	\$8,494.00	\$ 676.32
Meetings & Elections	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 7,005.73	\$ 3,973.00	\$ (3,032.73)
Enforcement	\$ 277,310.00	\$ 282,493.00	\$ 321,059.23	\$ 395,061.00	\$ 74,001.77
Recreation - Special Activities	\$ 35,400.00	\$ 43,057.00	\$ 26,200.00	\$ 29,478.00	\$ 3,278.00
Recreation - Sports Program	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,808.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 12,400.00
Royalton Academy Building				\$ 35,515.00	
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 37,696.00	\$ 79,250.00	\$ 105,987.00	\$ 26,737.00
Town Cemeteries	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 9,511.00	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 14,200.00	\$ 100.00
Debt Service	\$ 106,600.00	\$ 99,029.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ (35,000.00)
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 1,347,749.00	\$ 1,351,946.00	\$ 1,446,680.55	\$ 1,784,125.00	\$ 302,679.45
General Fund Gain(Loss)	\$ (106,991.00)	\$ 48,357.00	\$ (152,460.55)	\$ (180,025.00)	
Total General Fund Balance	\$ 306,561.00	\$ 354,918.00			
Unspendable Fund Balance		\$ 15,716.00			
Fund Balance Available to offset budgeted deficit			\$ 186,741.45		

The highway fund budget for FY 24 has increased in expenses by \$77,185. This increase in expenses is due to the increased cost of goods, as well as wage increases for the staff due to increased cost of living. Overall, the amount to be raised by taxes in the highway fund has increased by \$45,000 compared to last year.

Simple Highway Fund Budget	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposed Budget FY 24	Increase (decrease)
Highway Fund Revenues	\$ 987,000.00	\$ 1,014,971.00	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 1,005,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Highway Fund Expenses					
Labor Operations	\$ 309,900.00	\$ 303,201.00	\$ 350,724.50	\$ 383,205.00	\$ 32,480.50
Garage Operations	\$ 35,800.00	\$ 129,383.00	\$ 40,349.54	\$ 44,005.00	\$ 3,655.46
Special Projects	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 140,240.00	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 157,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Materials	\$ 294,500.00	\$ 191,332.00	\$ 233,000.00	\$ 253,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 117,254.00	\$ 86,700.00	\$ 87,750.00	\$ 1,050.00
Total Highway Fund Expense	\$ 1,043,900.00	\$ 1,051,410.00	\$ 1,027,774.04	\$ 1,104,960.00	\$ 77,185.96
Highway Fund gain (Loss)	\$ (56,900.00)	\$ (36,439.00)	\$ (62,774.04)	\$ (99,960.00)	
Total Highway Fund Balance	\$ 271,655.00	\$ 235,216.00			
Unspendable Fund Balance					
Fund Balance Available to offset budgeted deficit			\$ 172,441.96		

GENERAL FUND REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Royalton General Fund Budget FY 24					
	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposal FY 24	Difference
General Fund Revenue					
500 Current Tax Income	\$1,087,000	\$1,091,592	\$1,133,220	\$1,395,000	\$261,780
506 Delinquent Tax Interest	\$20,000	\$25,477	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
507 Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$16,000	\$37,664	\$16,000	\$25,000	\$9,000
508 State of Vermont PILOT	\$60,000	\$95,577	\$80,000	\$95,000	\$15,000
510 Fees	\$200		\$200	\$0	(\$200)
512 State of VT Homestead		\$76,842			\$0
513 Railroad Tax	\$4,500	\$2,367	\$4,500	\$2,000	(\$2,500)
514 Refunds & Reimbursements	\$2,000	\$250	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)
515 Clerk Fees	\$20,000	\$34,309	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$2,000
516 Dog License fees	\$1,000	\$3,313	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000
517 Liquor License fees	\$1,000	\$1,305	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
519 State Judiciary Fines	\$2,000	\$3,972	\$1,500	\$1,000	(\$500)
520 Local Fines	\$1,000	\$1,462	\$750	\$500	(\$250)
521 Interest Earned	\$100	\$1,646	\$100	\$1,250	\$1,150
522 Recreation Income (inc. 523&524)	\$3,000	\$3,250	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500
533 Revenue from Sales		\$1,225			\$0
534 Rental Income		\$550		\$21,500	\$21,500
536 Hourly Rental Income (Academy Bldg.)				\$3,500	\$3,500
537 Grant Income					\$0
538 Donations					\$0
540 Other Income	\$3,500	\$5,407	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)
545 Special Activity Revenue	\$100	\$350	\$100	\$0	(\$100)
551 Police Revenue Other than Fines	\$1,000	\$3,446	\$750	\$750	\$0
552 Insurance / Loan Proceeds		\$8,253			\$0

	Budget FY22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Difference
563 Fundraiser Revenue					\$0
588 Victim Fund Revenue		\$490			\$0
589 Marriage Fund Revenue		\$210			\$0
590 F&G Revenue		\$501			\$0
591 Security Deposit Revenue		\$845			\$0
Treasurer Reimb from WWF			\$6,100		(\$6,100)
Total General Fund Revenue	\$1,222,400	\$1,400,303	\$1,294,220	\$1,598,000	\$303,780
100 Selectboard Office					
1001 Wages	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$0
1002 Town Administrator Wages	\$58,500	\$61,460	\$65,000	\$80,000	\$15,000
1003 Town Manager Wages				\$100,000	\$100,000
1003 Accounting Assistant (Defunct)	\$9,000	\$13,788		\$0	\$0
1004 FICA	\$5,710	\$6,238	\$4,973	\$14,199	\$9,227
1005 Medical Insurance				\$20,000	\$20,000
1006 Retirement	\$2,800	\$2,849	\$3,413	\$9,450	\$6,038
1007 Mileage					\$0
1008 Office Supplies	\$300		\$300	\$300	\$0
1009 Telephone (See 101)					\$0
1010 Dental Insurance		\$224	\$450	\$450	\$0
1012 Technology	\$1,610		\$500	\$0	(\$500)
1017 Education	\$500	\$288	\$500	\$500	\$0
1208 Vacation Wages					\$0
1213 Sick / Personal Wages		\$700			\$0
Total Selectboard Office Expenses	\$84,020	\$91,149	\$80,735	\$230,499	\$149,764
101 Town Office Building					
1008 Supplies			\$500	\$500	\$0
1009 Telephone			\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
1013 Contractor Services (Cleaning)			\$13,500	\$15,000	\$1,500
1057 Electricity			\$6,250	\$4,000	(\$2,250)
1058 Heat			\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
1059 Repairs & Maintenance		\$170	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1060 Mowing		\$260	\$250	\$250	\$0
1071 Rental of Equipment					
1139 Security System			\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
Total Town Office Building Expenses	\$0	\$430	\$29,200	\$28,450	(\$750)
102 Town Clerk Office					
1002 Wages	\$31,400	\$31,521	\$37,300	\$39,538	\$2,238
1003 Assistant Wages	\$13,050	\$10,049	\$13,900	\$14,000	\$100
1004 FICA	\$3,400	\$3,180	\$3,917	\$4,096	\$179
1005 Medical Insurance	\$10,800	\$8,456	\$7,275	\$7,100	(\$175)
1006 Retirement	\$1,500	\$1,506	\$1,958	\$2,076	\$118

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1007 Mileage	\$200	\$46	\$200	\$200	\$0
1008 Office Supplies	\$1,500	\$977	\$1,500	\$1,000	(\$500)
1010 Dental Insurance		\$428	\$450	\$450	\$0
1012 Technology	\$5,700		\$500	\$500	\$0
1017 Education	\$500	\$185	\$500	\$500	\$0
1654 B& G Maintenance Purchases		\$24			\$0
1657 Dog License - To State		\$1,615		\$1,650	\$1,650
1658 Marriage License - to State		\$750		\$750	\$750
1659 F&G License - To State		\$501		\$600	\$600
1662 Clerk paid to Town					\$0
1070 Refunds					\$0
Total Town Clerk Expenses	\$68,050	\$59,238	\$67,500	\$72,460	\$4,960
103 Treasurer's Office					
1002 Wages	\$6,250	\$5,178	\$30,750	\$32,000	\$1,250
1003 Assistant Wages	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000
1004 FICA	\$805	\$396	\$2,352	\$2,754	\$402
1005 Medical Insurance		\$2,101	\$3,550	\$0	(\$3,550)
1006 Retirement			\$1,614	\$1,680	\$66
1007 Mileage	\$50		\$50	\$50	\$0
1008 Office Supplies	\$450	\$1,145	\$450	\$1,000	\$550
1010 Dental Insurance		\$224		\$450	\$450
1011 Misc. Exp		\$16			\$0
1012 Technology	\$3,300		\$500	\$500	\$0
1017 Education	\$250	\$35	\$250	\$250	\$0
Total Treasurer Expenses	\$13,105	\$9,095	\$41,517	\$42,684	\$1,167
104 Listers Office					
1002 Wages	\$24,000	\$21,991	\$25,500	\$27,030	\$1,530
1003 Wages 911 Coordinator	\$1,000	\$221	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1004 FICA	\$2,000	\$1,699	\$2,000	\$2,145	\$145
1007 Mileage	\$300	\$187	\$300	\$300	\$0
1008 Office Supplies	\$500	\$543	\$500	\$500	\$0
1012 Technology	\$8,240	\$8,106	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$3,000
1013 Subcontractor (Reappraisal)	\$1,000	\$386	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1017 Education	\$500	\$100	\$500	\$500	\$0
1020 Postage	\$200	\$53	\$200	\$200	\$0
1600 Transfer to Reserve 31	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Total Lister Expenses	\$40,740	\$36,286	\$39,000	\$43,675	\$4,675
105 Delinquent Tax Collector					
1002 Wages	\$16,000	\$35,788	\$16,000	\$25,000	\$9,000
1004 FICA	\$1,300	\$2,738	\$1,300	\$1,913	\$613
1016 Advertising	\$500	\$769	\$500	\$500	\$0

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1024 Legal Fees	\$4,000	\$10,874	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Total Delinquent Tax Collector	\$21,800	\$50,169	\$21,800	\$31,413	\$9,613
106 Town Report					
1015 Printing	\$2,500	\$2,349	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
1020 Postage	\$550	\$375	\$550	\$550	\$0
Total Town Report	\$3,050	\$2,724	\$3,050	\$3,050	\$0
107 Town Operations					
1002 Wages (Defunct)	\$13,338	\$0	\$0		\$0
1004 FICA (Defunct)	\$1,020	\$2	\$0		\$0
1008 Supplies	\$5,000	\$3,946	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
1009 Telephone	\$0	\$1,729			
1011 Misc. Exp.	\$200	\$105	\$200	\$0	(\$200)
1012 Technology	\$4,000	\$23,779	\$18,000	\$22,000	\$4,000
1013 Contractor Services (Payroll Service)	\$3,000	\$3,682	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$1,000
1016 Advertising	\$1,100	\$315	\$1,100	\$1,000	(\$100)
1017 Education		(\$105)			\$0
1018 Audit Expense	\$20,500	\$13,000	\$13,400	\$14,000	\$600
1019 Insurance	\$24,000	\$44,729	\$28,000	\$38,000	\$10,000
1020 Postage	\$2,000	\$1,084	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
1022 Windsor County Tax	\$16,400	\$18,585	\$19,580	\$20,000	\$420
1023 Dues & Fees	\$5,500	\$712	\$5,500	\$4,000	(\$1,500)
1024 Legal Fees	\$7,000	\$3,030	\$7,000	\$6,000	(\$1,000)
1026 Emergency Management	\$1,500	\$25	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500
1027 E-911	\$350	\$180	\$350	\$500	\$150
1028 Old school house	\$200				\$0
1029 Townhouse	\$500	\$382			\$0
1036 Solid Waste Alliance Fee	\$34,805	\$34,802	\$38,500	\$38,500	(\$0)
1048 Green Up VT	\$200	\$281	\$200	\$400	\$200
1057 electricity - buildings					
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,000	\$2,271			\$0
1071 Equipment Rental (Printers)	\$3,000	\$2,266	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
1073 Health Officer Stipend (Defunct)	\$6,000	\$31	\$0		\$0
1096 Refunds & Reimbursements		\$4,679			\$0
1137 Hope Property Expenses	\$500	\$490			\$0
1139 Building Security System		\$75			\$0
1215 Old Bank Building	\$300	\$208			\$0
1600 Transfer to Capital Improvement Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
1607 Green Mtn Economic Dev.	\$1,430	\$0	\$1,430	\$1,385	(\$45)
1608 Academy Operations (Eliminate)	\$0		\$2,500		(\$2,500)
1638 Conservation Commission	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$500	\$100

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
Total Town Operations	\$207,243	\$210,284	\$197,660	\$211,785	\$14,125
108 Appropriations					
1011 Misc. Exp (One Planet)	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
1031 South Royalton Fire Dept	\$94,345	\$94,345	\$106,340	\$132,515	\$26,175
1032 Royalton Memorial Library	\$79,622	\$79,622	\$79,622	\$86,549	\$6,927
1033 South Royalton Rescue Squad	\$152,410	\$152,410	\$158,100	\$164,963	\$6,863
1034 South Royalton Town Band	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0
1035 VFW Memorial Day Activities	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0
1037 HIV Resource Center	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
1039 Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
1040 Clara Martin Center	\$4,180	\$4,180	\$4,180	\$4,180	\$0
1041 The Family Place	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
1042 Northern Vt Resource Cons. & Dev.	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
1043 Safeline	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1044 South Royalton Area Senior Center	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
1045 VT Adult Learning	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
1046 VT Association of the Blind	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$0
1047 Center for Independent Living	\$305	\$305	\$305	\$305	\$0
1049 Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1050 White River Partnership	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
1051 Windsor County Mentors	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
1052 Windsor County Youth Services	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$0
1055 Healthcare & Rehab of Southern VT	\$2,689	\$2,689	\$2,689	\$2,689	\$0
1245 Trivalley Transit	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1253 Orange County Parent Child Center	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$0
1643 Royalton Food Shelf	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
1644 Health Hub	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Appropriations Total	\$376,901	\$376,901	\$394,586	\$435,551	\$40,965
109 Royalton Memorial Library Building					
1002 Wages (Defunct)	\$750	\$646			\$0
1004 FICA (Defunct)	\$120	\$49			\$0
1008 Supplies (Defunct)	\$500	\$120			\$0
1009 Telephone (Defunct)	\$1,800	\$867			\$0
1013 Contractors (Defunct)	\$13,500	\$11,475			\$0
1056 Assessments (Water & Sewer)	\$2,000	\$695	\$2,000	\$1,500	(\$500)
1057 Electricity	\$12,500	\$5,966	\$6,250	\$5,000	(\$1,250)
1058 Heat	\$5,000	\$5,361	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,500	\$1,168	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1060 Mowing	\$2,500	\$2,199	\$250	\$250	\$0

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1139 Security System	\$4,800	\$2,032	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
Total Royalton Memorial Library Building	\$47,970	\$30,578	\$13,400	\$11,650	(\$1,750)
110 Planning Commission					
1002 Wages	\$450		\$450	\$450	\$0
1003 Flood Zone Administrator Wages	\$750		\$500	\$1,000	\$500
1004 FICA	\$130		\$73	\$111	\$38
1007 Mileage	\$100		\$100	\$100	\$0
1011 Misc. Exp	\$200		\$200	\$200	\$0
1013 Subcontractors	\$430		\$400	\$400	\$0
1015 Printing	\$1,000		\$750	\$750	\$0
1016 Advertising	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0
1017 Education	\$350		\$500	\$500	\$0
1053 Fees - TRORC	\$4,250	\$4,243	\$4,345	\$4,483	\$138
Total Planning Commission	\$8,160	\$4,243	\$7,818	\$8,494	\$676
111 Meetings & Elections					
1004 FICA	\$150	\$11	\$356	\$123	(\$233)
1007 Mileage	\$50		\$50	\$50	\$0
1008 Supplies	\$500	\$1,078	\$500	\$750	\$250
1011 Misc. Exp	\$200		\$200	\$200	\$0
1015 Printing Exp	\$750	\$580	\$750	\$750	\$0
1017 Education	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0
1061 Moderator Wages	\$300		\$300	\$300	\$0
1062 Ballot Clerk Wages	\$750	\$436	\$3,900	\$1,000	(\$2,900)
1063 Presiding Officer Fee	\$300	\$150	\$450	\$300	(\$150)
Total Meetings & Elections	\$3,500	\$2,255	\$7,006	\$3,973	(\$3,033)
112 Enforcement					
1002 Police Wages	\$145,350	\$129,746	\$169,305	\$195,000	\$25,695
1003 Administrative Wages	\$13,000	\$13,615	\$19,000	\$20,534	\$1,534
health officer wages				\$8,000	\$8,000
1004 FICA	\$12,350	\$11,239	\$14,405	\$16,489	\$2,084
1005 Medical Insurance	\$13,800	\$14,382	\$15,600	\$25,000	\$9,400
1006 Retirement	\$5,300	\$6,903	\$8,889	\$10,238	\$1,349
1007 Mileage	\$100	\$157	\$100	\$100	\$0
1008 Supplies & Tools	\$4,000	\$3,563	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
1009 Telephone	\$3,360	\$2,109	\$3,360	\$3,500	\$140
1010 Dental Insurance		\$544	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$0
1011 Misc. Exp		\$25			\$0
1012 Technology	\$3,000	\$2,273	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1013 Subcontractors (Dispatching)	\$7,500	\$471	\$12,000	\$25,000	\$13,000
1015 Printing	\$200		\$200	\$200	\$0
1017 Education	\$1,500		\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1019 Insurance	\$19,000	\$27,500	\$24,000	\$28,000	\$4,000
1020 Postage	\$100	\$84	\$100	\$100	\$0
1023 Fees	\$500	\$1,390	\$500	\$500	\$0
1059 Vehicle Maintenance & Equipment	\$7,000	\$15,966	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$3,000
1064 Wages - parking attendant		\$240			
1066 Uniforms	\$1,500	\$3,125	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
1067 Equipment	\$6,500	\$18,976	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$1,500
1068 Dog Control	\$750	\$177	\$750	\$750	\$0
1071 Equipment Rental (Printer)		\$19		\$800	\$800
1073 Constable Stipend (Defunct)	\$6,000	\$31			\$0
1112 Vehicle Fuel	\$7,500	\$6,992	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$1,000
1208 Vacation Wages		\$2,081			\$0
1213 Sick / Personal Wages		\$2,452			\$0
1600 Police Vehicle Reserve Transfer	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$2,000
1647 Training Supplies	\$2,000	\$300	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500
1664 Wages - Detail Patrol		\$135			\$0
Total Enforcement	\$278,310	\$282,493	\$321,059	\$395,061	\$74,002
113 Recreation Commission					
1002 Recreation Director Wages	\$8,200	\$4,163	\$8,700	\$9,222	\$522
1004 FICA	\$650	\$318	\$650	\$706	\$56
1008 Supplies	\$500	\$141	\$500	\$500	\$0
1019 Insurance	\$2,250	\$2,771	\$2,250	\$2,500	\$250
1023 Dues & Fees	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0
1056 Assessment (Hope Property Water)	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,500	\$8,651	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$1,500
1060 Mowing	\$9,200	\$9,037	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1071 Equipment Rental	\$1,500	\$3,484	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500
1072 Special Activity Supplies & Performers	\$2,550	\$8,839	\$2,550	\$6,000	\$3,450
1078 Concerts	\$3,000		\$3,000		(\$3,000)
1137 Hope Property	\$1,500	\$3,774			\$0
1648 Ice Rink	\$2,000	\$1,829	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Total Recreation	\$35,400	\$43,057	\$26,200	\$29,478	\$3,278
114 Recreation Sports Program					
1008 Supplies	\$100	\$490	\$100	\$500	\$400
1073 Stipends	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1609 Baseball	\$2,500	\$2,189	\$2,500	\$12,500	\$10,000
1610 Soccer	\$1,000	\$2,962	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500
1611 Basketball	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
1622 Babe Ruth	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
1649 Soccer Camp		\$168			\$0
Total Recreation Sports	\$6,800	\$6,808	\$6,800	\$19,200	\$12,400

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
115 Royalton Academy Building					
1002 Wages				\$10,000	\$10,000
1004 FICA				\$765	\$765
1008 Supplies				\$1,000	\$1,000
1009 Telephone				\$700	\$700
1019 Insurance					\$0
1057 Electricity				\$4,500	\$4,500
1058 Heat				\$10,000	\$10,000
1059 Repairs & Maintenance				\$7,500	\$7,500
1070 Deposit Refunds					\$0
1139 Security System				\$750	\$750
1248 Snow Removal				\$300	\$300
Total Royalton Academy Building	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,515	\$35,515
116 Buildings & Grounds					
1002 Wages			\$14,600	\$15,779	\$1,179
1004 FICA			\$1,116	\$1,208	\$92
1012 Tech/ Computer					
1013 Subcontractors			\$12,000	\$17,500	\$5,500
1028 Old Schoolhouse			\$200	\$500	\$300
1029 Town House			\$500	\$1,000	\$500
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,000	\$5,027	\$9,250	\$10,000	\$750
1060 Mowing	\$11,000	\$10,739	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
1071 Rental of Equipment	\$2,000	\$860	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
1083 Street Lights	\$17,000	\$15,714	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0
1137 Community Garden		\$1,165	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
1137 Hope Property Expenses			\$500	\$500	\$0
1215 Old Bank Building			\$300	\$1,500	\$1,200
1231 South Royalton Village Green		\$883	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
1654 B& G Maintenance Purchases		\$7	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$500
1222 Landscaping		\$3,300	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$500
Total Buildings & Grounds	\$33,000	\$37,696	\$94,966	\$105,987	\$11,021
117 Town Supported Cemeteries					
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
1084 North Royalton Cemetery	\$4,800	\$5,072	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0
1085 Broad Brook (Powers) Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,224	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1086 Hickey Cemetery	\$1,800	\$550	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
1087 Metcalf Cemetery	\$300		\$300	\$300	\$0
1088 Perrin #1 Cemetery	\$50		\$50	\$75	\$25
1089 Perrin #2 Cemetery	\$50		\$50	\$75	\$25
1097 Howard Lot	\$50		\$50	\$75	\$25
1098 Lindley Lot	\$50		\$50	\$75	\$25

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1099 Haven Cemetery	\$2,000	\$665	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Total Town Supported Cemeteries	\$14,100	\$9,511	\$14,100	\$14,200	\$100
118 Debt Service					
1200 Interest on Long Term Debt	\$20,600	\$12,214	\$25,000	\$15,000	(\$10,000)
1201 Chelsea St Bridge	\$25,000	\$25,625	\$25,000		(\$25,000)
1629 USDA 97-02 (Crawford Property)			\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
1226 Royalton Memorial Library Loan	\$26,000	\$17,663	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0
1600 Interfund Transfer Out	\$35,000	\$43,527			\$0
Total Debt Service	\$106,600	\$99,029	\$96,000	\$61,000	(\$35,000)
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$1,348,749	\$1,351,946	\$1,462,397	\$1,784,125	\$321,728
General Fund Net	(\$126,349)	\$48,357	(\$168,177)	(\$186,125)	
General Fund Balance FY 21	\$306,561				
FY 22 Change in fund balance	\$48,357.07				
Budgeted change in fund balance FY 23	(\$168,176)				
Available Fund Balance for FY 24	\$186,741				

HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Royalton Highway Fund Budget FY 24					
	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposal FY 24	Difference
Highway Fund Revenue					
500 Current Tax Income	\$837,000	\$837,000	\$805,000	\$850,000	\$45,000
514 Refunds & Reimbursements	\$0	\$6	\$0	\$0	\$0
521 Interest Earned	\$0	\$1,193	\$0	\$0	\$0
526 State Highway Aid	\$150,000	\$171,166	\$160,000	\$155,000	(\$5,000)
552 Insurance/loan proceeds		\$5,606			
Total Highway Fund Revenue	\$987,000	\$1,014,971	\$965,000	\$1,005,000	\$40,000
119 Labor Operations					
1002 Wages	\$200,000	\$188,528	\$218,000	\$245,000	\$27,000
1004 FICA	\$18,000	\$17,224	\$19,354	\$18,743	(\$612)
1005 Medical Insurance	\$28,000	\$39,457	\$43,445	\$45,000	\$1,555
1006 Retirement	\$8,000	\$9,554	\$10,900	\$12,863	\$1,963
1007 Mileage	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0
1008 Office Supplies	\$100	\$25	\$100	\$100	\$0
1010 Dental Insurance		\$1,404	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
1011 Misc. Exp	\$100		\$100	\$100	\$0
1016 Advertising	\$150		\$150	\$0	(\$150)
1017 Education	\$150		\$150	\$500	\$350

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1019 Insurance	\$15,500	\$438	\$16,825	\$16,000	(\$825)
1023 Dues/fees.license.permit	\$1,400	\$1,350	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$200
1066 Uniforms	\$3,000	\$2,877	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$500
1081 Overtime	\$35,000	\$29,654	\$35,000	\$37,500	\$2,500
1208 Vacation Wages		\$5,494			\$0
1213 Sick / Personal Wages		\$7,196			\$0
Total Labor Expenses	\$309,900	\$303,201	\$350,724	\$383,205	\$32,481
120 Facility Operations					
1008 Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,197	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1009 Telephone	\$600	\$525	\$600	\$750	\$150
1012 Technology	\$1,000	\$1,296	\$1,500	\$1,750	
1013 Subcontractor/Consultant		\$69,221			
1016 Advertising	\$200	\$45	\$200	\$400	
1019 Insurance	\$17,500	\$44,126	\$21,550	\$22,855	
1057 Electricity	\$3,500	\$2,156	\$3,500	\$3,750	\$250
1058 Heat	\$7,000	\$7,596	\$7,000	\$8,500	\$1,500
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,000	\$2,157	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1071 Equipment Rental		\$64			
Total Facility Expenses	\$35,800	\$129,383	\$40,350	\$44,005	\$1,900
121 Special Projects					
1013 Subcontractors	\$0		\$0		\$0
1023 Dues/License/Fees/Permit		\$240			
1024 Legal Fees	\$4,000		\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
1091 Paving Sidewalk / Guardrail	\$3,000		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1600 Transfer to HWY improvement res.	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$150,000	\$10,000
Total Special Project Expenses	\$147,000	\$140,240	\$147,000	\$157,000	\$10,000
122 Equipment Rental					
1600 Transfer to Equipment Fund	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$180,000	\$10,000
Total Equipment Expenses	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$180,000	\$10,000
123 Materials					
1011 Misc. Exp	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
1013 Subcontractors	\$3,000	\$3,330	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$500
1071 Rental of Equipment	\$40,000	\$44,107	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
1100 Misc. Equipment	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1112 Fuel, oil, grease	\$65,000	\$74,202	\$65,000	\$80,000	\$15,000
1113 Salt	\$50,000	\$35,331	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
1114 Sand	\$35,000				\$0
1115 Gravel	\$35,000		\$43,000	\$45,000	\$2,000
1117 Cold Patch	\$1,500	\$635	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
1120 Calcium Chloride	\$12,000	\$7,013	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
1121 Culverts	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
1122 Other Materials	\$1,000	\$1,061	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
1218 Street Signs	\$2,500	\$1,722	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
1236 1 1/4" Plant Mix	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1237 7"+ Plant Mix	\$15,000	\$23,930	\$15,000	\$17,500	\$2,500
1600 Transfer to Crawford Closure Reserve	\$8,000		\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
Total Materials Expenses	\$294,500	\$191,332	\$233,000	\$253,000	\$20,000
124 Maintenance of Equipment					
1011 Misc. Exp	\$10,000	\$15,586	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
1108 Chipper	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
1214 CAT Grader	\$11,200	\$27,377	\$11,200	\$11,500	\$300
1230 05 JD Roadside Mower	\$2,500	\$5,784	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
1247 Vacuum Leaf Collector	\$500		\$500	\$500	\$0
1251 2010 JD Backhoe	\$3,000	\$3,776	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$750
1615 JD Snowblower/sweeper	\$3,000	\$1,158	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1621 2012 Dodge Ram	\$7,000	\$8,817	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1628 2014 Freightliner	\$7,000	\$15,752	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1630 2015 Freightliner	\$7,000	\$449	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1634 2017 Int'l Truck	\$8,500	\$19,210	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0
1635 2016 Dodge Ram	\$7,000	\$5,944	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1637 Ford Bucket Truck	\$2,000	\$6	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
1641 2018 Komatsu Loader	\$5,000	\$1,220	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
1646 2019 Freightliner	\$6,500	\$9,350	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
1653 JD Excavator	\$3,000	\$987	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
1655 Ford 1ton	\$3,000	\$1,840	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Total Maintenance of Equipment	\$86,700	\$117,254	\$86,700	\$87,750	\$1,050
Total Highway Fund Expenditures	\$1,043,900	\$1,051,409	\$1,027,774	\$1,104,960	\$75,431
Highway Fund Net	(\$56,900)	(\$36,438)	(\$62,774)	(\$99,960)	
Highway Fund Balance FY 21	\$271,654.92				
FY 22 Change in fund balance	(\$36,437)				
Budgeted change in fund balance FY 23	(\$62,773)				
Available Fund Balance	\$172,443.53				

ROYALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Greetings from the Royalton Police Department! It has been another year for everyone with COVID -19 not quite in our rear-view mirror. Please let us know if we can be of any service to you in these trying times.

This year the Royalton Police Department welcomes back Officer Sean McRae. We are glad to have him back. We have also hired Matthew Abare and he will be attending the March Level II police academy.

Our Officers attended several community events this year. We participated in several VLS events at the school and on the Green. We hosted a National Night Out event on Aug 2 and had a great time with that. The event included touch a truck, fingerprinting for kids, a car safety seat check event. We participated in Trunk or Treat and had a great time with all the kids and families there.

We here at Royalton Police Department have had a busy year. We have had 1370 cases. These include incidents of domestic disputes, violations of restraining orders, motor vehicle complaints,

citizen assists, agency assists, sex offenses and many other types of calls. If you have an incident, please call and report it.

The Royalton Police Department continues to partner with Rutland County Sheriff's Department and receives yearly grant funding from the Governors Highway Safety grants. These grants help fund extra patrols for our area in DUI enforcement, Distracted Driving and Occupant Protection. We continue to partner with other area departments in patrols and checkpoints. We strive to make our roads safer for all.

We have continued to partner with Windsor County Sheriff's Department and the DEA by participating in National Drug Take Back days. Our drug drop box is located at the Royalton Police Department and is open for all to use.

The Royalton Police Department also continues to partner with the Department of Health in child passenger seat safety. We held one car seat check event this year in August and hope to continue to have more. If anyone has questions about car seats or wants to have a seat check done, please contact Officer Gardner or myself. We are both certified technicians and would be happy to help you.

In closing, I would like to convey to the entire Royalton Community that I am proud to be your Police Chief and will do my best to honor the trust and support that I have received. I have attached the mission statement for the Police Department and my vision for the future for policing in our community. Again, I encourage anyone who has questions or concerns to call or stop by. I thank your support and look forward to serving you for years to come.

Royalton Police Department Mission Statement:

The Royalton Police Department strives to serve its community in a manner that allows them to protect the rights and dignity of all persons. The Royalton Police Department is dedicated and committed to working with the community to make the Town of Royalton a safe and desirable place to live, work, and visit. Our goal is to partner with the community to solve problems, enforce the law, and improve public safety in a manner that is fair, impartial, transparent, and consistent and compassionate.

The Vision for the future of the Royalton Police Department:

Royalton can rely on a Police Department that is invested in its community and shares in its commitment to address the quality of life in our town, and is committed to:

- Delivering quality services to the community.
- Playing an active role in shaping the community's sense of safety and well-being.
- Working collaboratively with a wide array of community agencies, service providers, and other interested parties in working towards a safe and friendly environment for all.
- Building trust and enhancing the department's legitimacy in the eyes of the public by fair and impartial delivery of police services and enforcement of the laws.
- Serving as an integral, indispensable facet in solving community problems.
- Ensuring the well-being of its officers.

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Royalton's Trustees of Public Funds met this year to develop and adopt an investment policy for the various trusts and perpetual care funds held by the town for some of the town owned cemeteries. These funds were established over the years as cemetery lots were sold or when individuals left money in their estates to care for their family lots. It was the intent that these funds would be invested and a percentage of the income generated be used to care for the cemeteries. These are perpetual care funds and not draw down accounts. It was felt a formal policy needed to be developed for the various accounts. We met with our financial advisor at Wells Fargo Investments and a policy was developed which reflects the desires of the donors with the goal of financially supporting and providing a source of financial reserves that will sustain the operations of the Cemeteries into perpetuity.

This has not always been the case with some of the trusts established when individuals donated money to the town for specific purposes. An example is the Lovejoy fund established when over \$6,500 was donated in 1933 by Evelyn Lovejoy. The money was not wisely invested and as a result all interest income was spent not allowing the fund to maintain its buying power. The usual method with perpetual care funds is for a percentage of the income be spent for the donated purpose and a portion of the income retained by the trust allowing the trust to maintain its original purchasing value. Had this fund been treated in this manner the Lovejoy fund would now be worth over a million dollars instead of only \$6,500.

With the investment policy now established for the cemetery funds we are able to allow the funds to grow and also to provide funds for the continuing maintenance of the cemeteries. Over the next year the Trustees of Public Funds will be reviewing other trust accounts held by the town to ensure the intent of the original donors are followed. The town recently received a bequest from the estate of Verna and Walter English for the Town Common in Royalton village and we want to ensure that this fund is invested and managed in a manner to meet the intent and desires of the English's.

Trustees of Public Funds, Donna Bohannon, John Dumville, Joshua Powers

WASTE-WATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

The Treatment Facility would like to remind residents not to put materials such as fats, grease, and oils down the drain. The correct way to dispose of fat, oil and grease is to put it in the compost. If you have a large amount, take a tin can(s) place a piece of wadded up paper towel in it, pour the warm grease into the can, freeze it, put it in the trash when you take it outside. "Flushable" wipes are not flushable and do not break down in the sewer. They bind together with others of their kind and create long ropes or "mop strands" and potentially clog our expensive pumps at the pump station. These must be removed by hand. Put cleaning materials, wipes, rags and used rubber gloves in the trash where they belong.

If any homeowners would like to connect to the Town's wastewater system, they can submit plans to the Town Office for review and consideration. Residents on streets Chelsea, North Windsor, South Windsor, Railroad, Rainbow and Alexander Place have the closest access to connect to the

wastewater system. Benefits of being on a town sewer system include increased property value, ability to withstand heavy loads, no failed septic, no mounds in the backyard and you're personally not contributing to contaminating groundwater with a leach field.

We are already seeing the improvements of our pollution treatment capabilities from our plant upgrades from 2017. The new aeration system in the three lagoons is working very well and supplying ample dissolved oxygen for the microbes that breakdown waste. With the new aeration system, costly sludge removal is not projected to take place until sometime around 2035.

-Simon Jarmy of Simon Operation Services, Inc.

WASTE-WATER OPERATIONS REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Royalton Wastewater Budget FY 24					
	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposal FY 24	Difference
Wastewater Revenue					
514 Refunds & Reimbursements		126			
521 Interest Earned		\$466			
528 Usage Fees	\$167,920	\$163,387	\$173,500	\$177,970	\$4,470
530 Interest - Delinquent Usage Fees	\$0	\$1,957			\$0
531 Penalties & Costs - Delinquent Usage Fees	\$0	\$3,892			\$0
562 PAF Service Fee	\$7,350	\$7,525	\$7,350	\$7,350	\$0
583 USDA Loan Revenue	\$50,900	\$54,135	\$50,900	\$50,900	
Total Wastewater Revenue	\$226,170	\$231,488	\$231,750	\$236,220	\$4,470
Operations					
	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Difference
1002 Wages (Transfer to General Fund)	\$2,770	\$3,107	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$0
1004 FICA	\$230	\$237	\$0	\$0	\$0
1009 Telephone	\$1,200	\$1,040	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
1011 Misc. Exp		\$485			
1012 Technology		\$864	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300
1013 Subcontractor/Consultant	\$71,725	\$69,725	\$73,875	\$73,875	\$0
1016 Advertising		\$70			
1019 Insurance	\$1,350	\$1,507	\$1,350	\$3,000	\$1,650
1023 Dues/fees/license/permit	\$800	\$570	\$800	\$800	\$0
1057 Electricity	\$25,000	\$26,114	\$25,000	\$26,000	\$1,000
1058 Heat	\$2,500	\$2,778	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$7,000	\$15,705	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1079 Capital Equipment Purchase	\$2,000	\$660	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0

1200 Long Term Debt Interest	\$24,445	\$22,604	\$24,445	\$24,445	\$0
1210 Testing	\$4,000	\$3,112	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
1211 System Repair / Maintenance	\$5,900	\$3,078	\$5,900	\$6,000	\$100
1211 Equipment Repair / Maintenance	\$1,000	\$1,671	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
1400 Depreciation	\$76,000		\$76,000	\$76,000	\$0
1600 Transfer to Reserve		\$14,069	\$1,000		
1626 Loan Payment		\$14,227			
Total Wastewater Expenses	\$225,920	\$181,624	\$232,170	\$236,220	\$5,050
Total Wastewater Expenditures	\$225,920	\$181,624	\$232,170	\$236,220	\$5,050
Wastewater Net	\$250	\$49,865	(\$420)	\$0	

ROYALTON LISTER'S REPORT

Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):

WOW! What a roller coaster ride the listers have experienced these last 18 months with sales across all market sectors. Vacant land (Without building improvements) that sellers could not sell the last 5 years is currently back to 2009 reappraisal levels. **Residential properties have increased in value on an average of 30%.** Even commercial properties which typically have little turnover, are selling in today's market. (In the past year, a typical transfer came across own desk, of a typical 1,500 Sq Ft ranch with attached garage on 4 acres assessed at \$ 255,400 with a purchase price of \$ 394,500!)

1st- **Our CLA is based on 3 years of property sales**, thus our current CLA remains at about 85%!

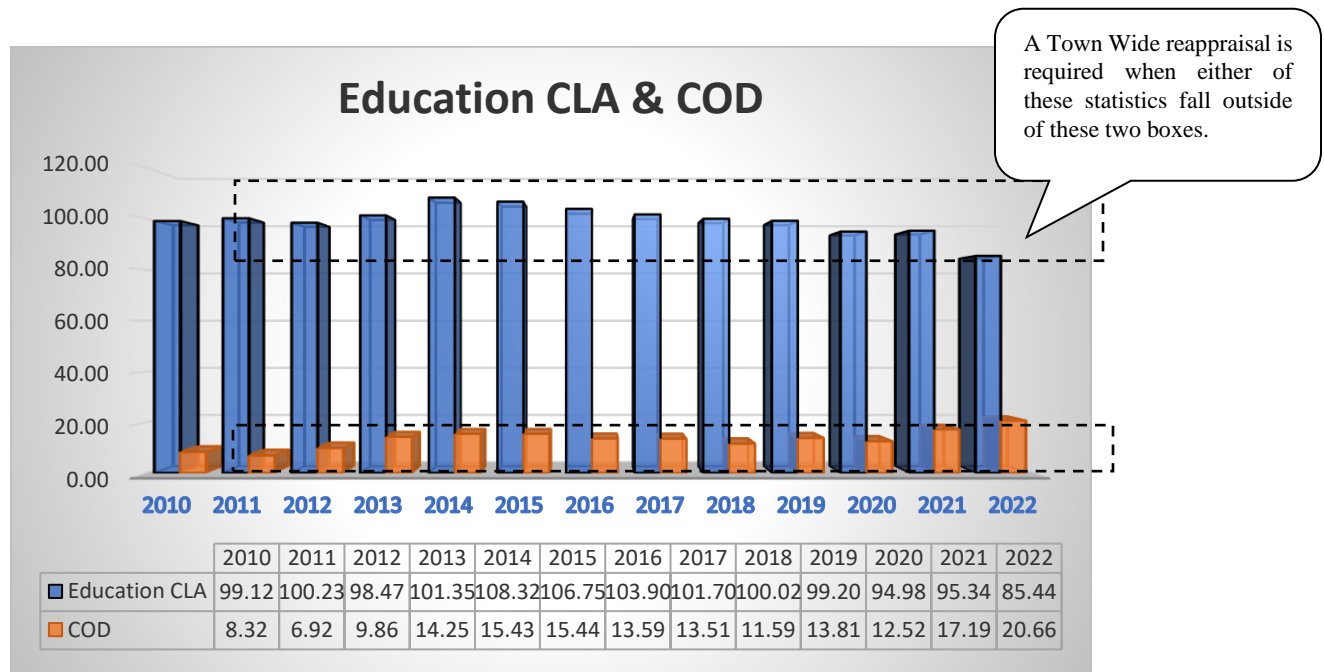
2nd- **If all properties are selling on an AVERAGE of a 30% increase, this shows that all parcels in Royalton are under assessed on AVERAGE of 30%.** Remember- Grand List (GL) Assessments are to be at 100% of Fair Market Value. In other words, at the value they are selling at. Vermont Statute, in short, states we must increase our Education Tax Rate by this percent difference to "Equalize" taxes collected throughout Vermont. (Under assessed by 30% x Increased tax rate by 30% = Taxes collected by adjusted CLA).

3rd- **Royalton will need to do a town wide reappraisal soon to reflect the current market conditions**, but we already knew this. Prior Covid- the Lister's were planning a Town Wide reappraisal in 2022/2023 anyway. The Lister's now believe it will be prudent to wait just a couple more years for the housing market to settle back, as we did during the early 2000's real estate market run. **This strategy worked well for Royalton taxpayers as our CLA has stayed pretty even over the prior 12 years.**

How much will a Town Wide reappraisal cost taxpayer? Good News. It is already paid for! Through the Homestead Act, the Town of Royalton has received more than enough funds to cover our next Town Wide reappraisal. So unlike in 1996 when the Royalton Lister's had to budget for this expense, it is now already funded by the Education Tax that we all hate so much! (Always a rainbow somewhere...)

Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):

This is the other measure needed to see how precise Royalton's GL assessments are compared to actual sales. This year, **our COD is at 20.66% (up from 17.19%)**, we are mandated to do reappraisal because we are greater than 20%. See chart on the following page.



The Listers can be contacted by: RoyaltonVT.Com 763-2202

Listers@RoyaltonVT.Com

You do not have to wait until grievances...

The Listers are happy to come and re-inspect any property at any time during the year at your convenience. We want to be sure that the information we have is correct and that the value placed on the property is appropriate. If you wait until you receive your tax bill, it will not be until April 1st of the following year for any changes to take place.

As always, we are available to answer questions about your valuation at any time during the year.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, was the first year that prior year tax money was not reported as income on the general fund. The money turned into the town that covers prior tax years is now directly deposited into the town account. This procedure reduces any deficits the town may have and continues to produce a possible surplus in town funds. One tax sale was held in 2022.

	STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES			
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022			
	RECEIVED FOR			BALANCE
YEAR	COLLECTION	COLLECTED	ABATEMENTS	
2018	1,994.49	514.56		1,479.93
2019	47,038.86	38,307.76		8,731.10
2020	85,487.66	70,119.51	664.31	14,703.84
2021	338,123.80	308,699.17		29,424.63
	\$ 472,644.81	\$ 417,641.00	\$ 664.31	\$ 54,339.50
Total Collected Pd to Town		\$ 417,641.00		
Interest Paid to Town		26,285.40		
Costs Paid to Town		6,820.65		
Remitted to Treasurer		\$ 450,747.05		
	STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES			
	ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022			
	RECEIVED FOR			BALANCE
YEAR	COLLECTION	COLLECTED	ABATEMENTS	
2018	1,479.93	1,106.86		373.07
2019	8,731.10	8,342.90		388.20
2020	14,703.84	7,019.04		7,684.80
2021	29,424.63	25,457.76		3,966.87
2022	246,726.13	122,496.66		124,229.47
Total	301,065.63	164,423.22	\$ -	136,642.41
Total Collected Pd to Town		\$ 164,423.22		
Interest Paid to Town		6,014.20		
Costs Paid to Town		4,015.52		
Remitted to Treasurer		\$ 174,452.94		

A list of Delinquent Taxpayers is posted in the Town Offices.

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED FY 22

Statement of Taxes Raised				
FY 22 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022				
DUE November 5, 2021				
		Municipal	Homestead	Nonresidential
			Education	Education
Taxable Parcels	1306			
Acres	24,455.59			
Land		92,782,400		
Building		186,979,634		
Total Real Estate		279,762,034	132,567,260	147,194,740
Add:				
Non-Approved Contracts			0	160,800
Equipment		72,500	0.00	72,500
Subtract:				
Veteran Exemptions		440,000	400,000	40,000
Land Use		9,959,374	3,468,199	6,491,175
Contracts		5,698,750	0	1,135,150
Special Exemption			0	2,875,320
Grand List		2,637,363.76	1,286,990.61	1,368,863.95
Homestead		205,327,422		
House site		182,610,770		
Lease		0		
Non-Tax Count		62		
Non-Tax Value		16,846,800		
Rate Name	Tax Rate	X Grand List	Total Raised	
		=		
Nonresidential Education	1.6972	1,367,255.95	2,320,506.74	
Residential Education	1.6758	1,286,990.61	2,156,738.96	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0032	2,637,363.76	8,439.63	
Highway Fund	0.3174	2,637,363.76	837,099.49	
General Fund	0.4122	2,637,363.76	1,087,121.17	
Late Homestead Penalty			1,592.62	
Total Taxes Billed			6,411,498.61	
State Payments			(775,954.33)	
Net Taxes Due			5,635,544.28	
Net Tax Collected			5,297,420.48	
Delinquent Taxes 2021			338,123.80	

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED FY 23

Statement of Taxes Raised				
FY 23 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023				
DUE November 4, 2022				
		Municipal	Homestead	Nonresidential
			Education	Education
Taxable Parcels	1312			
Acres	24,430.04			
Land		93,580,600		
Building		189,129,204		
Total Real Estate		282,709,804	132,567,260	147,194,740
Add:				
Non-Approved Contracts			0	160,800
Equipment		98,400	0.00	98,400
Subtract:				
Veteran Exemptions		520,000	440,000	80,000
Land Use		9,966,554	3,348,954	6,617,600
Contracts		5,724,650	0	1,135,150
Special Exemption			0	2,992,520
Grand List		2,637,363.76	1,286,990.61	1,368,863.95
Homestead		205,525,612		
House site		182,646,050		
Lease		0		
Non-Tax Count		62		
Non-Tax Value		16,917,400		
Rate Name	Tax Rate	X Grand List	Total Raised	
		=		
Nonresidential Education	1.5377	1,408,306.80	2,165,553.38	
Residential Education	1.5292	1,273,632.96	1,947,639.66	
Local Agreement Rate	0.0032	2,665,969.96	8,531.15	
Highway Fund	0.3018	2,665,969.96	804,589.79	
General Fund	0.4248	2,665,969.96	1,132,504.09	
Late Homestead Penalty				
Total Taxes Billed			6,058,818.07	
State Payments			(731,498.71)	
Net Taxes Due			5,327,319.36	
Net Tax Collected			5,080,593.23	
Delinquent Taxes 2022			246,726.13	

VITAL STATISTICS

2022 Marriages

SPOUSE	RESIDENCE	SPOUSE	RESIDENCE	DATE	PLACE
Horvath, Claire Alison	S. Royalton	Carneiro, James	S. Royalton	3/26/2022	S. Royalton
Rhodes, Heather Lyne	Royalton	Nyecki, Emily Anne	Tilton, NH	4/3/2022	Bethel
Dyer, Samuel Barton	Royalton	Duffy, Shanna Meg	Royalton	5/14/2022	Randolph
Padykula, Jessica	Royalton	Gauthier, James Richard	Royalton	5/26/2022	Royalton
Perkins, Lauren Michelle	Royalton	von Reyn, Charles Alexander	Royalton	6/4/2022	Post Mills
Mayer, Jessica Dayna	Royalton	Burbine, Bradley James	Royalton	6/18/2022	Tunbridge
Roberts, Sarah Kathleen	Royalton	Barry, Kevin William	Royalton	7/2/2022	Royalton
Wright, Logan Ross	Hancock	Flye, Kylie Ann	Hancock	7/30/2022	Tunbridge
Valverde-Paniague Diana Renee	Royalton	Salwen, Jeremy Arthur	Royalton	8/12/2022	Royalton
Sargent, Cara Lia	Northfield	LaWhite, Niels Eric	S. Royalton	8/30/2022	Montpelier
Stebbins, Robin Marie	Royalton	Manning, Dale Cramer	Royalton	8/27/2022	Royalton
Todt, William Carter	Royalton	Murray, Courtney Louise	Royalton	9/17/2022	Sharon
Slack, Kristen Linnea	Royalton	Potwin, Jr., Anthony Willis	Royalton	9/24/2022	Royalton
McClain, Judith A.	Royalton	Grosser, Howard Bruce	Royalton	10/15/2022	Bethel

2022 Births

CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER'S MAIDEN	DATE OF BIRTH
Hamilton, Norin DeAguiar	Hamilton, Brandon Francis	DeAguiar, Bradnee Shaye	1/23/2022
Mastine, Jett Hudson	Mastine, Jessie Adam	McCullough, Laura Mae	1/28/2022
Brown, Kailee Quinn	Brown, Kenneth Elwin	Powell, Allison Joyce	2/2/2022
Tuller, Gladys Jane	Tuller, Jaimond Lee	Smith, Caroline Jeanette	3/24/2022
Harper, Daniel Chockbengboun	Harper, Chester Dysis Butler	Chockbengboun, Theresa A	3/31/2022
Locke, Caden George	Locke, Chase Creighton	Starr, Taylor Catherine	5/8/2022
Bednar, Elio Sebastian Greenlee	Bednar, Anthony Paton	Greenlee, Elena Julia	6/17/2022
Kippen, Carter Patrick	Kippen, Brian James	Post-Kinney, Moriah Grace	8/8/2022
Lucenti, Ariana Rose	Lucenti, Patrick James	Belanger, Kaitlin Renee	8/8/2022
Yetnick, Bryson Robert	Yetnick, Bryan Robert	Pierce, Margaret Rachel	9/25/2022
Minerva, Francesca Stone	Minerva, Joseph Thomas	Bradley, Jillian Nicole	11/22/2022

2022 Deaths

NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	PLACE OF FINAL DISPOSITION	DATE OF DEATH
Johnson, Donald E.	Barre City	70	Valley Crematory, White River Jct	1/8/2022
Campos, Lawrence Joseph	Royalton	30	Munyan Cemetery, Putnam, CT	1/12/2022
Couture, Dennis Gerard	Royalton	70	Valley Crematory, White River Jct	1/14/2022

Clark, Jr., Stuart Dennis	Rutland City	76	Meredith Bay Crematorium, ,	1/3/2022
Salls, Sr., Dean	Royalton	69	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	1/30/2022
Benson, Walter H.	South Royalton	78	Branchview Cemetery, S. Royalton,	1/31/2022
Simpson, Eric James	South Royalton	59	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	2/24/2022
Rulon, Helen J.	Royalton	99	Green Mountain Crematory,	3/7/2022
Wilson, Theodore Eugene	South Royalton	86	Northfield,	3/14/2022
Collins, William "Bill"			Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	
Matherson	Royalton	62	Green Mountain Crematory,	4/26/2022
Bassett, Jr. Earl Drown	Royalton	95	Northfield,	5/2/2022
Stackowitz, Holly Jean C	Royalton	67	Ker Phaneuf Crematory,	5/15/2022
Foley, Walter P.	Royalton	64	Brattleboro, VT	5/18/2022
Barrowclough, Crescentia			Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	
Weber	South Royalton	95		6/2/2022
Avery, Parke D.	South Royalton	81	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	7/7/2022
Arbuiso, Nicholas Edward	South Royalton	53	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	7/23/2022
Kennedy, Mabel Eunice	Rutland City	86	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	7/24/2022
Sanborn, Robert A. alias: Bob	South Royalton	80	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	7/26/2022
Braley, Bernard "Bernie"				
Rudolph	South Royalton	70	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	7/3/2022
Menard, Kirsty Jean	South Royalton	31	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	10/11/2022
Young, Joshua Brian	Barre City	32	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	11/XX/2022
McCullough, Judith Ann	Royalton	80	Hickey Cemetery, Royalton, VT	9/6/2022
Bohonnon, Bruce Merrill	Royalton	78	Valley Crematory, White River Jct,	12/9/2022
Perkins, Carol A	Randolph	78	Valley Crematory, White River Jct	12/21/2022

2022 Burials

NAME	PLACE OF BURIAL	DATE OF BURIAL	DATE OF DEATH
Smith, Julie Patricia	Branchview Cemetery	6/3/2022	9/8/2021
Howe, Donna Marie	Branchview Cemetery	4/25/2022	12/1/2021
Couture, Dennis G.	Riverview Cemetery	5/1/2022	1/14/2022
Benson, Walter H.	Branchview Cemetery	6/3/2022	1/31/2022
Hammond, Arthur	Riverview Cemetery	6/6/2022	3/20/2022
Bassett, Jr., Earl Drown	Hickey Cemetery	5/22/2022	5/2/2022
Shepard, Robert Royal	Havens Cemetery	6/30/2022	1/3/2022
Young, JR., Howard C	Branchview Cemetery	7/30/2022	7/2/2022
Clifford, Howard C.	Riverview Cemetery	8/22/2022	6/13/2021

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

We have had a challenging and busy year maintaining the cemeteries in town this year. The dry summer has caused many grassy areas in the cemeteries to burn out. Thyme was planted in various areas of the **Branchview Cemetery** to see if it would take hold and spread. It hasn't been overly successful, but we'll keep trying. If someone has some overgrown thyme that they would like to donate it would be helpful.

There was a mix-up in the **Howe-Hickey Cemetery**. Early in the season some well-intended volunteers mowed which was wonderful. But when the firm contracted to mow saw that the cemetery had been mowed, they stopped checking to see if it needed attention. It would have been most helpful if the cemetery commissioners had been told volunteers were mowing so we could let the contractor know if the volunteers were going to mow on a regular basis.

We undertook some long overdue maintenance in **Royalton Broad Brook Cemetery**. This historic cemetery, established before 1800, contains the burials of four Revolutionary War veterans and hundreds of other Royalton residents. We contracted with Green Mountain Mowing to bring in crushed stone to repair the driveway up to the cemetery. Because of the cost we spread the project out over two fiscal years. It would be wonderful if we could round up a few volunteers to help us reset some of the small early slate markers.

At **Riverview Cemetery** we had crushed stone brought in and spread on the drive to the upper plateau where the road had eroded. More needs to be done but with limited funds we can't afford to do it all at once.

Once again, basic maintenance was the guiding word for all the cemeteries in Royalton. The town-maintained cemeteries were kept mowed, trimmed and in good order under the direction of the three commissioners. With our limited funding this often is not done as often as some families would like. We feel, however, that our contractors, S & S Grounds Maintenance and Green Mountain Mowing, do an excellent job and we appreciate their devotion to these burial grounds. We can always use volunteers to cut brush and assist with other projects in the cemeteries.

We appreciate the American Legion for recognizing our soldier patriots by placing flags on the graves for Memorial Day. If someone who is not properly marked, please let us know.

It would be appreciated if families removed old and weathered artificial flowers and plants from their family lots. These don't winter over well, and we find pieces of them blowing around the cemeteries which makes the cemetery look uncared for. If a family doesn't remove these older memorials, we will have them removed by the grounds keepers.

The Commissioners appreciate your comments. The Commissioners wish to remind residents that lots are available in the Howe-Hickey Cemetery on the North Road, in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Royalton village, in Riverview Cemetery overlooking the White River and South Royalton village, in the Branchview Cemetery located along Route 110 and in the Havens Cemetery off of Dairy Hill Road. Contact the Cemetery Commissioners for lot sales and cemetery regulations. After many years of serving as one of the Cemetery Commissioners John Dumville is stepping down but will be there to assist when needed.

Respectfully submitted by the Royalton Cemetery Commissioners:

John P. Dumville, Alison C. S. Gravel and Jo Levasseur

CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Prices:

10' x 10' lot (2 graves): \$250.00

5' x 10' lot (1 grave): \$125.00

Recording fee for each deed: \$15.00 (subject to change by Town Clerk)

2. At the time of the sale of a lot, the purchaser shall list who has burial rights to the lot. Over time families may not recall the original intent of the person who purchased the lot, and this will save much confusion in the future. The Cemetery Commissioners need to keep up-to-date records for future generations.

3. Four stone or cement corner markers are required in each lot and are to be placed at ground level prior to the recording of any deed.

4. No fencing or above ground curbs shall be installed.

5. For traditional burials an outer burial container strong enough to support the heft of the earth is required for each burial.

6. For "Green Burials" the body shall be at least 3' underground with the soil from the excavation mounded on top of the grave to compensate for any future depression caused by sinking.

7. Planting of trees and shrubs is prohibited. Present trees and shrubs will be trimmed to the height of the surrounding stones or removed if they become a nuisance.

8. Keep in mind the appearance of the cemetery and your neighbor when choosing a memorial. Locate the memorial on your lot so not to interfere with other stones and the mowing of the grass. Memorial headstones shall be erected on a permanent cement foundation. A Cemetery Commissioner shall be consulted prior to the placement of a memorial.

9. When placing flowers and ornaments on your lot, please keep in mind that the grass must be mowed and trimmed. When flowers and ornaments have served their purpose, please dispose of them by removing them from the Cemetery. Artificial flowers and ornaments from the previous season shall be removed by a family member prior to May 1 or will be removed by the grounds keepers during spring cleanup.

10. Cemetery Commissioners shall be notified of any change a family plans for the replacement or removal of a memorial. The Commissioners need to keep up-to-date records for future generations.

Royalton Cemetery Commissioners: John P. Dumville, Jo Levasseur and Alison Gravel

Updated November 2, 2021.

Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 18, Chapter 121, Section 5378

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM REPORT

Bethel and Royalton jointly owned a 22-acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which had been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of Household Hazardous Waste Materials. The site also contains the now closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual arrangement, other member towns also utilize the Waste Management Program: Barnard, Granville, Hancock, Rochester, and Stockbridge. As of July 1st, 2022, the Town of Royalton took over ownership of the Transfer Station. Bethel is still part of the 7 alliance towns.

In May 2016, the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation approved the program's new "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for purposes of managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with objectives of current local/state/national priorities. The new SWIP which began July 1st, 2020, will run Through June 2025.

Our facility operates under a license (or certification) which is renewed every 10 years. An application to renew was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7th, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024.

From July 1st, 2021, through June 30th, 2022, a total of 4,079.70 tons of solid waste and 382.27 tons of recycling were collected. From July 1st, 2021, through February 2022, the solid waste was collected at the Transfer Station "Tipping Floor". This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to an in-state lined landfill. Recycling was directed to various facilities for processing. Various special wastes are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials. From February 2022 through December 2022, the Tipping Floor was closed for repair, so all solid waste was being shipped out in open top 30-yard containers. The Tipping Floor opened back up in January 2023 and the Transfer Station is back to full capacity.

Collection events for Household Hazardous Waste were held in April 2022 at the Royalton Transfer Station and in September 2022 at the Rochester Town Hall parking lot. A total of 182 families participated in the two events. These events provided a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 pounds or 10 gallons of materials. Small Quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants and an appointment must be made in advance. There will be 2 events in 2023. One at the Royalton Transfer Station on Saturday, April 22nd and one in Rochester in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, September 30th. This will allow access for towns not located near the Transfer Station.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff are well trained to provide advice or assistance.

Summer Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, 7-1 Friday 7-2 Saturday 7-3

Winter Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7-1 Saturday 7-2

Facility Staff are onsite on Wednesday's (closed to the public) from 7-1 for operations and maintenance.

Information may be obtained during those hours by calling 763-2232

Web Address: whiteriveralliancesolidwaste.org

Submission by John Leighton, Facility Manager

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Royalton Transfer Station Budget FY 24					
updated 1/12/23		Unadjusted			
	Budget FY 22	Actual FY 22	Budget FY 23	Proposal FY 24	Difference
Transfer Station Revenue					
503 Alliance Surcharge	\$106,577	\$99,957	\$109,734	\$109,734	\$0
510 Fees	\$976,968	\$922,450	\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	(\$25,000)
537 Grant Revenue	\$12,600	\$12,679	\$11,411		(\$11,411)
540 Other	\$65	\$11,674			\$0
545 Sale of Recyclable Material	\$15,000	\$39,475	\$35,000	\$15,000	
Total Transfer Station Revenue	\$1,111,210	\$1,086,235	\$1,256,145	\$1,199,734	(\$36,411)
119 Labor Operations					
1002 Wages	\$197,468	\$182,679	\$196,000	\$210,000	\$14,000
1004 FICA	\$33,254	\$14,107	\$15,759	\$16,065	\$306
1005 Medical Insurance	\$57,948	\$28,813	\$33,000	\$15,000	(\$18,000)
1006 Retirement	\$33,254	\$29,934	\$10,300	\$11,025	\$725
1007 Mileage					\$0
1010 Dental Insurance	\$2,318	\$950	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$600
1011 Misc. Exp (Labor Reimbursement Bethel)	\$8,801	\$8,801			\$0
1017 Education				\$500	\$500
1019 Insurance	\$35,076	\$9,274	\$23,000	\$18,000	(\$5,000)
1066 Uniforms	\$500	\$137	\$500	\$500	\$0
1081 Overtime			\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
1208 Vacation Wages					\$0
1213 Sick / Personal Wages					\$0
Total Labor Expenses	\$368,619	\$274,695	\$290,359	\$283,490	(\$6,869)
120 Facility Operations					
1008 Supplies	\$6,000	\$5,250	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$3,500
1009 Telephone	\$1,300	\$1,248	\$2,000	\$1,200	(\$800)
1012 Technology	\$600	\$1,050	\$700	\$1,000	\$300
1013 Subcontractor/Consultant					\$0
1016 Advertising	\$2,000	\$312	\$500	\$800	\$300
1018 Audit	\$10,500	\$11,500	\$10,500	\$0	(\$10,500)
1019 Insurance				\$6,500	\$6,500
1020 Postage				\$1,600	\$1,600

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23	Proposed FY24	Difference
1023 Certification Fee	\$4,400	\$5,649	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
1024 Legal Fees	\$500	\$5,028	\$500	\$1,000	\$500
1057 Electricity	\$4,500	\$3,338	\$4,500	\$2,000	(\$2,500)
1058 Heat	\$2,000	\$2,035	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
1059 Repairs & Maintenance	\$17,100	\$21,927	\$42,500	\$45,000	\$2,500
1071 Equipment Rental	\$500		\$500	\$1,200	\$700
1112 Fuel, oil, grease	\$16,000	\$20,346	\$18,000	\$15,000	(\$3,000)
1665 SWIP Compliance	\$10,700	\$3,690	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
1666 Recycling	\$85,600	\$64,499	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
1667 Hazardous Waste	\$43,600	\$41,144	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$25,000
1668 Tip Fee & Hauling	\$515,000	\$507,333	\$578,550	\$575,000	(\$3,550)
Total Facility Expenses	\$720,300	\$694,351	\$778,750	\$799,300	\$20,550
124 Maintenance of Equipment					
1011 Misc. Exp	\$2,000	\$4,212		\$8,000	\$8,000
1079 New Equipment		\$2,723	\$24,194	\$15,000	(\$9,194)
1138 CAT Loader	\$5,600	\$2,301	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
1219 JD Excavator	\$12,100	\$26,633	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Total Maintenance of Equipment	\$19,700	\$35,869	\$46,194	\$45,000	(\$1,194)
118 Debt Service					
Debt Service Principle			\$54,559	\$54,560	\$1
Debt Service Interest	\$15,500				\$0
1600 Interfund Transfer Out	\$0		\$12,000		(\$12,000)
Total Debt Service	\$15,500	\$0	\$66,559	\$54,560	(\$11,999)
Total Transfer Station Expenditures	\$1,124,119	\$1,004,914	\$1,181,862	\$1,182,350	\$12,487
Transfer Station Net	(\$12,909)	\$81,321	\$74,283	\$17,384	

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Royalton Planning Commission meets the 1st Tuesday of the month and welcomes all visitors. Our main activities over the past year were:

-We have been active in Aubuchon Hardware Act 250 permit process for an additional store on that site that may or may not be a dollar general. We have decided that the permit application does not meet the criteria written in the town plan and have voiced our opinion that the Act 250 Commission rule against the project. Engaging in that process has made us realize that we have numerous examples of language in the town plan that need clarification. We plan on having listening sessions to engage with the town as to the need to clarify the language in the town plan. Given town feedback, we may ask the selectboard for a vote to change elements of the town plan.

-Identifying the condition and uses of our class four roads is an opportunity to plan for their future uses. Starting in the late spring 2023 we will begin a series of public walking tours of those roads as a first step in developing a plan for what to do with them. Please look for the posting of these walks and join us to look at these unique town assets and assist us in developing a plan for managing them.

-We have applied to the state for a grant to draft and present to the town a subdivision ordinance. If we get the grant, we anticipate this work will take 18 months and numerous public hearings. We also anticipate that the community will be voting on it sometime in 2024.

-Lastly, we have identified that our flood hazard bylaws are not as extensive as they should be, and that public safety is a real concern with our current bylaws. We plan on rewriting the bylaws and expanding the flood hazard area in order to protect people and allow people to access more affordable flood insurance. We expect to be holding hearings on the proposed new bylaws sometime in the summer of 2023.

Respectfully

The Royalton Planning Commission

FLOOD PLAIN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The flood plain bylaw was rewritten in 2007 and prohibits any new commercial or residential development in the area of special flood hazard (commonly known as the 100-year flood zone) as well as prohibiting the storage of floatable materials in the floodway. Copies of the by-law and Flood Plain Maps are available in the Town Office. Remember before doing any construction or filling in near the flood plain, consult the Selectboard office; Rebecca Pfeiffer, National Flood Insurance Program Community Assistant Coordinator for the State of Vermont (802-338-4858), or Walter Hastings, Royalton Flood Plain Administrator at (802)-763-2022.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The mission of the Conservation Commission is to assist the community of Royalton to assess, protect, and enhance its natural resources. Additionally, we may inventory and advise on town lands in which the public has an interest, including land with historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural, or archaeological value. The Conservation Commission collaborates with a variety of municipal entities and other organizations, including the Planning Commission, the Select Board, the White River Partnership, Vermont Law School, the Windsor County Forester, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, and neighboring towns' Conservation Commissions. We are also a member of the Association for Vermont Conservation Commissions.

A central concern of the Royalton Conservation Commission over the past several years has been to advise on the management of town-owned tracts of land. These include the Crawford Forest (behind the Town Offices), the Sarnoff Forest (north side of Rt 107), and the White River access sites. As part of the ongoing forest management plan for the Crawford Forest, the Conservation Commission engaged Redstart Forestry to conduct invasive plant control in the area of the parcel that was logged in 2021. This treatment was organized in consultation with the Windsor County Forester and is standard practice in order to maintain the ecological health of the forest's regrowth following major disturbance associated with timber harvesting. The Crawford Forest was also the focus of a volunteer trail workday this past fall, during which one short trail loop was improved, and plans for a larger loop and several vistas or picnic areas were also set in motion.

The Royalton Conservation Fund, which was established by the town in 2021 to facilitate the pursuit of long-term conservation projects, ended Fiscal Year '22 with a balance of \$13,459.23, having received \$6,759.67 in income: \$3,000 from the solar land lease on the Gilman property, \$2,759.67 in proceeds from the timber harvest, and a \$1,000 donation. At the time of writing, this balance has risen to \$15,513, bolstered in large part by a generous donation of disbursement funds from the Alliance for Vermont Communities, with earmarks for the construction of a kiosk that shows hiking trails and river access points in town, and for conservation-related education.

Members:

Tico Wolff (chair)

Brad Salzmann (treasurer)

Diana Wood (clerk)

David Barker

John Dettwiler

Bushrod Powers

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Royalton recreation department continues to have lots of young participants in our youth sports programs. These programs and teams could not thrive without the dedication and commitment of the parents of these young athletes. Understanding the benefits that athletics and exercise has on a child's growth makes for a very successful recreation program.

We continue to preserve a working relationship with our neighboring towns of Tunbridge and Bethel to adequately maintain soccer, softball and basketball programs. Thank you to all the

coordinators, coaches and volunteers that have made it possible for another fun and successful year.

We would like to welcome Miriam Clark as our new Recreation Director, who continues the tradition of organizing fun and exciting activities for our town and its children. Activities such as our Easter egg hunt and pancake breakfast, Trunk or treat, put your lights on, just to name a few. We are hoping with the Pandemic behind us to successfully bring back our brown bag series and potentially additional concerts on the green. This winter we successfully sponsored two 8-week cribbage tournaments held at Crossroads Restaurant and bar. Thanks to Scott for hosting us.

As was mentioned briefly in last year's report, we completed an outdoor volleyball court on Carpenter Field that was used a great deal over the summer, as well as the finishing touches on a pavilion next to the Carpenter field playground. None of this would have been possible without the continued support and generosity of our select board and the people of South Royalton.

If you have any suggestions for a future event or something new within the community or how we can improve on such programs, please reach out to the Rec board via our Facebook page or through our email RoyaltonVTrecreation@gmail.com. Our meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm, community members are welcome to attend.

Jim Hewitt Recreation Chair

Troy Stratton, Stephanie Russ, Julia Abraham, DJ Craven, Kristen Cronan, and Jessica Jones

COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT

The Royalton Community Garden donated over 400 lbs. of fresh, organic vegetables to the South Royalton Food Shelf in 2022, as well as another 100 lbs. to the Free Food Pantry outside of BALE Commons in downtown South Royalton. The Community Garden includes 9 private plots which provide food security for approximately 25 individuals, including families with young children and seniors. The rest of the Community Garden space is Open Space that is gardened collectively, where about 9 dedicated volunteers garden together weekly and co-manage the garden space. The Royalton Community Garden is proud to serve its community and extremely grateful for the support received from the Town of Royalton, BALE, First Branch Coffee, the South Royalton Community Garden, the 4-Town Coalition and community members! Questions or comments regarding the Royalton Community Garden can be directed to: sorocommunitygarden@gmail.com

LOVEJOY FUND REPORT

In November of 1933, the Town of Royalton from the estate of Evelyn Lovejoy received \$6,561.49. The town was instructed by the will to invest these funds and to use half of the interest income from the principal to support the Royalton Memorial Library and the other half to be used for the benefit of the residents residing in the Town of Royalton.

For the town's fiscal year of July 1, 2021, until June 30, 2022, requests continue to be received to support Royalton residents in need of heating fuel, utility bills, rent support, food/nutrition, and a monthly tax bill. With no accrued interest throughout the fiscal year, and generous donations still being received, the balance in the Lovejoy Trust Fund checking account as of June 30, 2022, is \$8,376.66.

If you know of any Royalton resident in need, please have them contact me by calling: **802-565-0401**. Please note that all requests are confidential.

I remain honored, and humbled by these charitable donations, and happily continue to volunteer to serve my town and support its residents through these generous financial gifts from Evelyn Lovejoy and the residents of our community.

Sandy Conrad

ROYALTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

It is with great pride that I present our annual report of fiscal year 2021/2022. The first full year of operations in our new building (post construction & pandemic). We are incredibly proud of the results of the 2019 Historic Preservation, Expansion and Accessibly project, and we continue to hear visitors and patrons comment on what a nice library we have. One patron saying we are "second to none".

In response to requests from the community, we have increased our hours. Our new hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturdays 10 AM to 1 PM. (An increase of 8 hours per week)

Thanks in part to some wonderful book donations from the community as well as a successful re-organizing project, I am especially pleased to note a **35% increase** in circulation of our children's books compared to the last full year of operation prior to building construction.

This year we tackled an assessment of our collection of materials and focused much of our resources on developing a young adult section. We increased the number of young adult books and also dedicated a corner of the second floor to be a teen area providing a comfortable place to read and study, relax in oversized bean bag chairs, or perhaps, challenge a friend to a board game.

Other achievements include expanding our Summer Reading Program by increasing activities from 1 session per week to two sessions per week. We are in the process of introducing a new program called "BeanStack®" designed to encourage kids to complete reading challenges. In the near future reading challenges will also include adults. LEGO®s are available every Saturday for free build and a themed build the 3rd Saturday of each month and the Fiber Craft group has returned to meeting in the library.

Our Trustees continue to work on developing an active Friends of the Library group as well as additional funding opportunities to supplement our budget.

Our accomplishments wouldn't be possible without the support of our community, dedicated staff and volunteers. Thank you.

Submitted by:

Pamela Levasseur, Assistant Director

Library Trustees: Bridgett Taylor, President; Dena Wilkie, Secretary; Phoebe Roda, Treasurer; Steven Hall, Trustee; Frances Flannery, Trustee; John Dumville, Liaison to the Selectboard, Donna Britch, Friend; Allison Gravel, Friend; Emily Simpson, Friend

Library Staff: Tyler Strong, Director; Pamela Levasseur, Assistant Director; Lydia Samson, Library Assistant - Volunteers: Joyce Amsden, Wyatt Jones, Evelyn Reilly, Anya Harwood, Anisa Rodriguez, Jemma Mendall

Royalton Memorial Library by the Numbers

Visits (for any reason) - 4802

Computer sessions – 205

Wi-Fi Sessions - 187

Programs (virtual, fiber crafters, movies, story time) – 61

Program participants – 588

Items borrowed (not e-books) – 5305

Summer Reading Participants – 43

Summer Reading minutes – 25,272

Visitors & Patrons using community room - 523

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” — **Albert Einstein**

Royalton Memorial Library - Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2024				
Income	Accepted FY 22	Actual FY 22	Accepted FY 23	Proposed FY 24
Annual Appeal	\$6,000.00	\$6,255.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$1,681.89	\$400.00	\$400.00
Town Appropriation	\$79,622.00	\$79,622.00	\$79,622.00	\$86,549.00
Events & Sales etc.	\$0.00	\$1,731.33	\$600.00	\$1,100.00
American Rescue Plan Act Grant	\$0.00	\$4,281.78	\$0.00	\$0.00
VT Dep. of Libraries-Courier Grant	\$390.00	\$1,073.54	\$500.00	\$500.00
VT Dept of Libraries - Performer Grant	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Cash Box - Printer/Copier fees	\$300.00	\$349.75	\$200.00	\$300.00
Interest	\$5.00	\$33.94	\$10.00	\$20.00
Carry Over & Reserves	\$32,158.00	0	\$31,003.00	\$20,936.00

Total Income	\$118,775.00	\$95,329.23	\$118,535.00	\$116,105.00
Expenditures				
Building & Equipment Expenses				
Copier Contract & Lease	\$1,800.00	\$1,212.10	\$1,800.00	\$2,100.00
Equipment & Furniture & Fixtures	\$200.00	\$602.23	\$3,100.00	\$0.00
Property Insurance (VLCT)	\$600.00	\$720.72	\$600.00	moved to town account
Total Building & Equipment Expenses	\$2,600.00	\$2,535.05	\$5,500.00	\$2,100.00
Fundraising & Event Expenses				
Annual Appeal Printing/postage	\$1,050.00	\$1,804.41	\$1,600.00	\$1,900.00
Event Expenses	\$0.00	\$21.99	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Fundraising & Events Exp.	\$1,050.00	\$1,826.40	\$1,600.00	\$2,200.00
Library Operation				
Bank/CC/PayPal Fees	\$0.00	\$38.74	\$10.00	\$200.00
Housekeeping - contractual	\$4,800.00	\$5,900.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00
Supplies/Postage/Shipping/Trash	\$2,500.00	\$1,280.22	\$2,575.00	\$3,475.00
Telephone & Internet	\$2,500.00	\$2,378.79	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00
Total Library Operation Expenses	\$9,800.00	\$9,597.75	\$12,985.00	\$12,275.00
Office & Administrative				
Professional & Corporation Fees	\$2,050.00	\$70.00	\$450.00	\$1,100.00
Supplies/Printing/Advertising	\$1,150.00	\$65.24	\$400.00	\$600.00
Total Office & Admin Expense	\$3,200.00	\$135.24	\$850.00	\$1,700.00
Personnel				
Workers Comp & Unemployment Ins	\$350.00	\$475.17	\$600.00	\$600.00
Wages (gross)	\$80,125.00	\$53,363.00	\$74,300.00	\$76,700.00
Social Security/Medicare Tax-Employer	\$7,500.00	\$3,742.74	\$6,000.00	\$5,980.00
Total Personnel Expenses	\$87,975.00	\$57,580.91	\$80,900.00	\$83,280.00
Information Technology				
Computer Parts & Labor	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Total IT Expenses	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Lending Service				
Catamount Library Network Membership	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
All Genera & Periodicals & Processing	\$4,650.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,625.00	\$4,800.00
ILL Postage/Courier/Replacements	\$2,700.00	\$2,183.59	\$2,400.00	\$2,700.00
Listen Up VT - (E-book access)	\$500.00	\$723.16	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
Total Lending Service Expenses	\$8,550.00	\$9,606.75	\$9,525.00	\$9,200.00
Programs				

Program Supplies/Speakers + Goodwin/Amsden project + Summer Reading	\$3,700.00	\$1,243.00	\$5,125.00	\$4,450.00
Total Program Expenses	\$3,700.00	\$1,243.00	\$5,125.00	\$4,450.00
Staff & Trustee Expenses				
General Expenses - Trustee & Staff	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00
Total Staff & Trustee Expenses	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$118,775.00	\$82,525.10	\$118,535.00	\$116,105.00

SOUTH ROYALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In the year of 2022 the South Royalton Fire Department responded to 145 calls. The calls were the following:

44 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 14 Structure Fires 5 in Royalton 9 in other towns, 3 Wildland Fires, 1 Hazmat, 5 Chimney Fires, 28 Alarm Activations, 17 Medical Assist, 7 Service calls, 2 Miscellaneous calls, 15 Power line or Utility calls, 4 Illegal Burns, 3 Car Fires, 1 Water Rescue, 12 Mutual Aid calls to other towns, 9 times we had Mutual Aid come to help us.

The total man hours for these calls 863 Hours.

The South Royalton Fire Department continues to serve our community with dedicated Volunteers and is in the need of some people who can give back to its community we are always welcome to come and join us we meet 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm at the firehouse.

Paul Brock

Fire Chief South Royalton Fire Department

SOUTH ROYALTON RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

To the Residents of Royalton, Sharon and Tunbridge,

South Royalton Rescue has proudly served our communities since the 1960's, and we continue to provide 24/7/365 on-duty staffing in order to serve our communities.

Requests for service remained about the same for Fiscal Year 2022 as in recent years at 469. The percentage of requests that did not require transport has increased. These include requests to assist individuals that have fallen but are uninjured, medical alarms and automatic crash notifications without injury. These requests are not billable.

We extend our sincerest thanks to all who participated in our two fundraisers this year—Duck Race and Coin Drop. Both of these fundraisers were successful. We use the funds raised to buy necessary equipment to ensure the ambulance is stocked. All of the ambulance services in our area are increasing their rates. Those vary from 10.7% to 27%. South Royalton Rescue's increase this year is 3.9%

Each year comes with its unique challenges. This year was expenses. We have all seen an increase in fuel prices and the cost of goods. We have also experienced labor issues. We are actively seeking certified individuals to fill openings on our roster. Even with these challenges we have been able to maintain our staffing with quality personnel and stay within budget.

South Royalton staff have been busy in the community. Our Deputy Administrator returned home, right after Thanksgiving, from a deployment with FEMA to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. We had 6 of our personnel staff vaccine clinics sponsored by the VT Department of Health. Two employees are in Paramedic school.

We have 4 new employees this year. We are seeking additional staff and, right now, most class tuitions are covered by grants and state funding. If anyone is looking for employment opportunities, contact South Royalton Rescue for more information.

In order to improve our ability to respond to requests and improve the working conditions of our staff we are planning to bring our office, crew quarters and ambulance bay under one roof. We are exploring grants and other funding sources.

We would like to Thank Victoria Paquin for her contributions to our development as she moves onto other endeavors. Thanks to our communities for your ongoing support to this essential service.

Respectfully,

Stephen Sanborn, NRP

Administrator

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Vermont law states that a permit must be obtained (except when the ground is covered by snow) for all outside fires. Permits can only be issued for burning grass, leaves, and natural, clean wood. It is illegal to burn all other solid waste. In 2003 the Town adopted an ordinance to regulate open burning and incineration of solid waste. Burning building demolition requires a permit from the State Air Pollution office in Waterbury. The State office number is 1-888-520-4879. A local permit is also needed. For a burn permit call Don Lovejoy at 763-7269 or cell phone 802-299-6708. You may also call key man Timothy Parker II, cell phone: 802-356-2264. After obtaining a local permit, please call dispatch before burning: 802-295-2195. The fire dispatch center tracks calls to prevent false alarms if smoke is seen from a permitted burn.

Don Lovejoy, Fire Warden

ROYALTON TOWN BAND REPORT

The 2022 year was wonderful for the Royalton Town Band. We were able to return to weekly concerts on the green and perform in local towns, including Strafford, Randolph and at the Congregational Church of Royalton. We welcomed our new band director, Demitrios

Papadopoulos, music teacher at Kimball Academy, what a joy it was having him join us! And we are meeting and planning for the 2023 season.

The band is made up of community members and neighbors who volunteer their time and talents. We play a great variety of music, including marches, Broadway musical tunes, jazz, and old-time favorites.

As always, we would like to thank the Town of Royalton and our followers, as well as the musicians for their support.

We would ask that you follow us on *Facebook* and we also have a website, *srtownband.org*, which is also updated thanks to member Cathy Lawson for her work in maintaining this site. Both will be updated to include our 2023 schedule.

We look forward to seeing you on the green in June 2023!

Best,

Carol Greene, Treasurer

SOUTH ROYALTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS REPORT

The South Royalton Area Senior Citizen Center (SRASCC) serves the towns of Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Strafford. Many times, seniors from other towns will come to the center for meals and other activities, all are always welcome. To qualify as a senior, you must be 60 years old or older.

The Board of Directors is composed of three representatives from each of the four towns. Sue Pirie is the director for both meal sites, one being in South Strafford at Barrett Hall, serving meals on Wednesday and the other in Royalton, at the Royalton Academy building, serving meals on Tuesday and Thursday. We are fortunate to have Ed Eastman as the cook for Strafford and Brandon Hamilton the cook for Royalton. The nutritional program provides one-third of the daily adult nutritional required. We served a total of 14,145 meals for the year 2021-2022. The food cost per meal was \$2.96 total cost per meal \$9.56.

Due to Covid many things had to change, the meal sites were closed down until August 2021 when they reopened with a soft opening, numbers have remained low for attendance at the centers, however the curb side and home deliveries have remained high.

There is an established fund that offers assistance to any senior who may have a need. Any senior needing assistance may contact Sue Pirie, the Senior Director, Karen Eddy, the Senior Advisor, or one of your Senior Board Representatives with their request. Requests are reviewed in a confidential manner.

Fundraising events were held over the year. Twice we set up with food at the Sharon Rest area which was very successful. A raffle of firewood and a quilt was also a great success.

Willing Hands donated approximately 4,300 pounds of

fresh produce and eggs to the senior meal sites this year. Panera Bakery donated 100 large boxes of bread, sweets and bagels. Several local farms also donate lots of fresh produce and fruits. We thank them all.

South Royalton's Senior Representatives are:

Corinne Ingraham

Kay Ingraham

Donna Bohannon

Submitted by,

SRASCC Board of Directors

Martha Fisk, President

Kay Ingraham, Vice President

Corinne Ingraham, Secretary

Susan Coburn, Treasurer

CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

As a private nonprofit organization, the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. CVCOA Services are available to those age 60 and up, or to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect older adults in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income, or resources.

At CVCOA, we are the leading experts and advocates in healthy aging for central Vermonters. As the area agency on aging for Central Vermont we are the only community-based provider delivering care coordination, case management, information and assistance, and innovative caregiver supports directly to older Vermonters in their homes, at our office, or by phone. CVCOA provided one or more of the services listed below to 61 residents of Royalton, including 44 residents who received home-delivered and/or congregant meals, 24 who received case management services, and 14 who worked with our Information and Assistance team. CVCOA Case Manager Karen Eddy was designated to work directly with older adults in Royalton.

CVCOA Helpline - (802) 477-1364 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from older Vermonters, their families, and caregivers.

Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, and more.

Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.

Nutrition Services oversees the menu development and technical assistance for home-delivered, congregate, and grab and go meals, and provides the largest source of funding for the 12 nutrition sites that prepare and deliver these meals.

State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, Medicare & You workshops (now on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.

Family Caregiver Program promotes the well-being of family members caring for loved ones, administration of the Dementia Respite Grant (which provides much needed financial assistance for respite), training, and Memorable Times Café/Memorable Times Online.

Email: info@cvcoa.org Web: www.cvcoa.org 59 N. Main Street, Suite 200 Barre, VT 05641-4121
Phone: 802-479-0531 Fax: 802-479-4235

Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members. Volunteers offer companionship, transportation, assistance with technology, organizing, wellness classes, meal delivery, special event support, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork, creative guidance, and more.

Special Projects and Programs are designed to help alleviate social isolation and loneliness, addressing the accessibility gap for homebound older adults and enhancing social connection through arts and technology opportunities.

In FY21, CVCOA mobilized 238 volunteers to provide direct service, deliver meals on wheels, support nutrition sites, provide wellness classes, assist with Medicare counseling, provide companionship and creative encouragement, and more. These volunteers served over 18,000 hours in Central Vermont communities. CVCOA served 2,974 unduplicated clients in FY22, plus 2,597 additional interactions with community members for outreach and support throughout our service area. **All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Royalton for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Royalton community and throughout Central Vermont**

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for the last 55 years.

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24 hour emergency services.

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 728-4466.

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin Center's TAY (Transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long term success in their lives for themselves and others.

FY22 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Royalton	
Children & Family Services	505	Children & Family Services	31
School Services	116	School Services	17
JOBS	67	JOBS	4
Adult Services	686	Adult Services	68
CSP Services	147	CSP Services	9
Supportive & Transitional Housing	27	Supportive & Transitional Housing	21
Substance Abuse Services	317	Substance Abuse Services	24
Corrections Services	98	Corrections Services	4
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	236	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	21
Access	845	Access	69
CCBHC Services	1,087	CCBHC Services	89
Total Served - unduplicated	2,078	Total seen:	167
CVSAS	447	CVSAS	1

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

As one of 10 Designated Agencies in the state of Vermont, Clara Martin Center provides mental health and addiction recovery services for Orange County and the greater Upper Valley area.

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

The agency continues to work with a wide variety of local partners to enhance community health and wellness including Stagecoach, local police departments, primary care providers, schools and supervisory unions, the Chelsea Health Center Board and local officials, to name a few.

With 55 years of experience and leadership under our belt, we remain positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve, such as the opiate crisis. Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

THE FAMILY PLACE

As one of 15 Parent Child Centers in Vermont, The Family Place operates a variety of programs designed to promote strong, resilient families and nurturing, high quality early experiences for children.

The Family Place staff includes early childhood educators, child development specialists, a nurse, a licensed clinical mental health counselor, home visitors and case managers. We offer meaningful, timely support in families' homes, at our center, or in other settings where families are comfortable.

Families come through our doors for many different reasons. Sometimes, it's to make connections with other families through playgroups or events. Often, it's for assistance finding or paying for childcare. Sometimes, it's because someone recognizes that a child is behind in meeting developmental milestones or has special medical needs. Other parents engage with us for support in meeting education or employment goals, or to enhance their parenting skills.

The Family Place partners with families to identify all the potential areas for support and connect them with the resources that are most appropriate for their circumstances and goals. We partner with local agencies and providers, working together to create a more effective fabric of support for families.

The Family Place served 60 children (and their families) from Royalton last year, through both on-site and home-based services.

We could not do this vital work without the support of the Royalton community and our community partners. We have seen the challenges facing families become increasingly complex. We are keenly aware of the importance of the early childhood years and the challenges to healthy outcomes for the children in our community, including the growing epidemic of opioid dependence. The Family Place provides a family-friendly campus and experienced staff to welcome and assist adults and children alike.

We invite you to review the work and outcomes highlighted in our 2020-2021 Annual Report, which can be found on our website.

For more information, please view our website at www.FamilyPlaceVT.org or call 649-3268. Thank you for your support!

Nancy Bloomfield

Executive Director

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

of
30- Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is one twelve statewide Regional Development Corporations (RDCs), serving a town region in Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our primary function is to develop economic vitality and prosperity consistent with the goals of the communities we serve.

In 2022, dues from member towns contributed \$19,592 of our annual budget of \$264,183. Town dues are assessed at \$0.50/resident, as determined by population data from the VT Department of Health and the U.S. Census Bureau. Remaining revenue comes from business memberships and federal, state, and other funding sources. Your support helps provide client specific economic development services free of charge and available to new entrepreneurs, established and expanding businesses. Services include business development guidance, relocation support, and project development; for requests that are beyond our level of expertise, GMEDC has a ready referral network to meet client needs. Additionally, the RDCs work collectively throughout the legislative session to promote the needs and interests of the business community. GMEDC and our local partners have assisted over 80 businesses and municipalities seeking additional information on economic development activities, local business projects, funding opportunities, legislative action and more.

2022 activities include:

- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Working Communities Challenge White River Valley Consortium project, working to improve housing opportunities for entry level employees and new entrepreneurs in 14 towns in the White River Valley.
- Bringing state officials and private developers to the table to better understand regional housing challenges and opportunities.
- Partnering with Orange County Parent and Child Center to develop a flagship childcare facility offering 88 new childcare spots in the Randolph region.
- Collaborating with Black River Innovation Campus in Springfield on a \$1.5 million award from the Economic Development Administration to create the Randolph Innovation Hub in partnership with the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative at Vermont Technical College and Norwich University.
- Securing funding to implement a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the former Upper Valley Regional Landfill in Thetford.
- Supporting numerous funding applications for capital investment, brownfield assessment and redevelopment, project planning and pre-development.

On behalf of the GMEDC Board of Directors and all of our members, I would like to thank the Town of Royalton for your continued support and partnership. For further information about GMEDC, call us at (802) 295-3710 or visit our new website at www.gmedc.com

Erika C. Hoffman-Kiess, Executive Director

HEALTH CARE REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY21, HCRS provided 2,114 hours of services to 26 residents of the Town of Royalton. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Royalton.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

ORANGE COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. We are a public pre-k partner under Act 166.

You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org. (Please excuse our website appearance as we are currently making updates.)

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 22 families from Royalton including 38 adults and 32 children.

Lindsey Trombley

Executive Director

SAFELINE INC

Safeline, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County.

In 2022, Safeline provided 2,305 services for 337 victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual abuse.

80 services were provided for 14 victims who identified themselves as residents of Royalton. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Services were provided for 12 females and 2 males for 9 domestic violence situations, 1 rape, and 1 child sexual abuse.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing the culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking.

We thank the voters for your support as we work to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in Royalton.

TRI VALLEY TRANSIT

Thank you for the Town of Royalton's generous support last year. During the past four years, your support helped us provide an annual average of **3,093 free Dial-A-Ride trips** for Royalton residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. TVT's Dial-A-Ride and Shuttle Bus Systems provided a total of 158,302 rides for the year. All of TVT's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

Dial-A-Ride Programs – Focus on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Royalton, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Royalton residents can access the 89'er South commuter route via the park & Ride at Exit 3, and via the Chelsea Extension at the South Royalton Park & Ride.**

The state and local grants through which we provide these services require us to raise up to 20% “local match” dollars. TVT’s requests from towns account for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.

TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission is your regional planning commission. We are governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our 30 member towns. We work to make the area better today, and to articulate a vision for tomorrow that has a thriving regional economy and keeps the Region’s outstanding quality of life. The following are highlights from our work in 2022.

Technical Assistance on Planning Issues

Our staff support your local officials by being a wealth of information on many subjects, enabling them to serve you better. We provide advice on zoning, capital budgeting, and preventing flood damage; review solar and cell tower projects; stay abreast of state and federal initiatives so that local government can take advantage of these; and have worked hard to address the region’s housing crisis. TRORC staff have also assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies.

Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC obtained Federal grant funding to support the Region’s talented artists, food producers, and other parts of the creative economy sector through training and networking events. We also were able to provide many small businesses with grant funds to weather Covid, as well as guidance to towns on using their federal recovery funds. TRORC worked on public health projects with local hospitals, helped towns grapple with new cannabis legislation, and incorporated health-related goals and policies into town plans.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC staff continued to serve as liaisons between Vermont Emergency Management and local emergency responders, organizations, and town officials on emergency planning. TRORC assisted several communities with updating their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans, helping to reduce future damages from disasters and enable greater state and federal funding when they do happen. When disasters happen, we actively become part of the state and local long-term recovery process.

Energy/Climate Change

TRORC assisted six towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to save money for communities and further the State energy goal of meeting 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC has continued working to support town Energy Committees on energy efficiency outreach and education with funding from Efficiency Vermont. We also work on state-level climate policy and local adaptation measures.

Transportation

TRORC managed the Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region getting funding for towns to implement projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, upsizing and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. We also work to support our transit agencies, build park and ride lots, and help towns with traffic counts and speed studies.

Specifically in Royalton this past year, TRORC helped complete the Local Emergency Management Plan. Staff are also assisting South Royalton in developing its Master Plan. As part of the Grants in Aid program, staff worked with the town to complete ditching and culvert improvements on Post Farm Road and Russ Hill Road. Staff also continue to be the Municipal Project Manager for the Chelsea Business Block Sidewalk project. Staff also supported the town in navigating how to use ARPA funding.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard



VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

For over 43 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability)

conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'22 (10/2021-9/2022) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **158** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **6** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **172** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **80** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **91** individuals with information on assistive technology; **39** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **454** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. Our Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) served **29** people and provided **16** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served over 600 people in the 2 years it was funded. The Rise Program helped provide an array of items or services if the needs were directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier, and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY'22, **5** residents of **Royalton** received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP)
(Resident on waiting list for modifications in FY'23)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I, R&A)

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Report of Services for Town of Royalton

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2022 Fiscal Year saw the organization's continued success in adapting to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

This is an excellent time for VABVI not only to reflect on changes from the past several years, but also set goals based on an increased number of clients and schools and other public environments being re-opened. As projected in recent years, the aging population of our state promises a continued increase of clientele. We believe that the innovations developed as a result of the pandemic are a demonstration of VABVI's ability to accommodate increased demand in even the least ideal circumstances. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: The SMART Device Training Program has served a higher number of Vermont seniors each year we've offered it, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to social distancing protocols, technology has become essential for our clients to be able to live independently while remaining social and connected to their communities. Clients who received technology training prior to COVID-19 have reported that the skills learned in this program have been invaluable throughout the pandemic, and clients who sought out our help during the pandemic will continue to use SMART Technology in the future.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While PALS groups have been operating remotely via Zoom and telephone over the past two years, arrangements are being made to resume in-person meetings by the end of 2022.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This year's camp took place in Upstate New York at Six Flags Great Adventure Lodge and nearby attractions such as rail biking and bowling.

In FY22 VABVI served 1,145 clients in the state of Vermont, including 95 adults and 34 students in Windsor County. While we did not serve any residents of Royalton in FY22, we did serve 2 adults in FY21.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at sgougher@vabvi.org. Thank you very much for your support.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

We at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to have our appropriation request included in 2023 funding.

VNH respectfully requests \$7,000 appropriation. This represents level funding from last year's request.

As an integral part of the community healthcare system in Royalton, VNH serves to bridge an

otherwise significant gap in the community's continuum of care. Last year, VNH provided 2,082 visits to 68 residents of all ages and at all stages of life. VNH is also the foremost team of hospice and home health experts for over 140 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. We deliver nursing, hospice and rehabilitation services at home with proven effectiveness, integrity and compassion. Just as local families have counted on us since 1907, you can count on us today. Having our patients maintain their independence is key. Our nurses, therapists and social workers provide assessments, medical care and education to assist people in leading a more self-sufficient life. This includes patients who are frail, elderly and disabled, people with terminal illness, those recovering from major surgery or illness and children with chronic medical needs. They all benefit by receiving the care they need in the familiarity and comfort of home.

Town funding is what allows us to bring down the cost of services provided to those in need. With adequate town funding, we are able to provide an affordable option for home healthcare in the community. To continue meeting these needs, we urge the Town of Royalton to budget continued financial support of Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire.

On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your consideration of this request.

With kind regards.

WHITE RIVER PARTNERSHIP

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared an interest in keeping the White River healthy. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that result in clean water, fewer flood damages, improved access to the river, and more. Here are some highlights from our work in 2022:

- WRP staff and 35 volunteers completed the 5th year of our White River Water Trail Stewardship Program, **monitoring river access sites every month during the summer** to remove trash and to report hazardous conditions. We started and ended the season with river cleanup events – in sum, 100 volunteers **removed 8,000 pounds of man-made trash** from the river in Bethel, Hartford, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, and Tunbridge.
- WRP staff and 25 trained volunteers

- **completed the 22nd year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing bacteria, conductivity, and turbidity at 22 swimming holes in 13 towns – including Mouth of First Branch-South Royalton, Pinch Rock-Royalton, and Mouth of Second Branch-Royalton – every two weeks from late-May through August. We shared results via email, our website, and our Facebook and Instagram pages.
- The WRP worked with willing landowners, partners, and two work crews to **plant 5,535 native trees and shrubs along the White River and its tributaries** in 8 locations – including 1 site in Royalton – to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood resilience.
- The WRP engaged 1,250 students and teachers from 30 schools – including South Royalton Elementary and White River Valley High School – in **hands-on education programs that raise awareness about watershed health**, including crayfish sampling & identification, Freshwater Snorkeling with the Green Mountain National Forest, Trout in the Classroom with Greater Upper Valley Trout Unlimited, water bugs sampling & identification, wildlife track & sign monitoring along the river, and more!

For more information

White River Partnership

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WINDSOR COUNTY MENTORS

For almost 50 years, Windsor County Mentors has been creating and nurturing intensive community- and school-based mentoring partnerships, free of charge, to any Windsor County child between 5 and 18 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship with an adult in their community.

Strong evidence shows that mentoring offers vulnerable youth opportunities to share experiences with reliable adults to widen their vision of themselves, helping them to become confident, contributing members of their community and increasing their social and mental wellbeing.

Youth with mentors have:

- Increased high school graduation rates, including higher college enrollment rates and higher educational aspirations.

- Enhanced self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved behavior, both at home and at school
- Stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers
- Decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use

In FY 2022, WCM served and supported school- and community-based mentorships with children from towns throughout Windsor County. Collectively, our mentors volunteered thousands of hours to their communities.

Our surveys demonstrate the positive effects of mentoring:

- Mentors (96%) would recommend mentoring to a family member, friend, or colleague.
- Mentee parents (100%) said their child is hopeful about his/her future.
- Mentees (82%) reported having a mentor has made a difference in his/her life.

Finally, a recent study by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found almost 30 dollars in benefits to children returned to the community for every dollar spent on mentoring!

WCM employs regional outreach coordinators around Windsor County, assuring that we are able to grant each town the attention it deserves.

Financial support from Windsor County towns helps ensure the well-being of children and their families.

For more information on our mentorships, find us on Facebook, visit our website www.wcmentors.org, or contact us at ProgramsWC@outlook.com 802-674-5101. WCM thanks the voters of Royalton for their support for the children of Windsor County.

Matthew Garcia

Executive Director

SOUTH ROYALTON AREA FOOD SHELF

The South Royalton Area Food Shelf exists to help people supplement their household budgets with good food and others supplies as available, at no cost. There are no requirements or restrictions on Food Shelf usage. We are a member agency of the Vermont Food Bank. Our normal hours of operation are Thursdays from 11AM-1:30PM and 5PM-7PM and is staffed by volunteers. Monetary funding comes from the Town

of Royalton appropriation, civic organizations, school fundraisers, area business fundraisers, and private donations. In 2022 we received \$10,000 from the town to support the work at the food shelf, for which we are incredibly grateful. We hope that the town will continue to support the work of the community food shelf in this way!

Our primary funding continues to come from donations. Food and supplies are not only purchased from the VT Food Bank but donated by a myriad of community members and the occasional community food drive. Several local businesses have collection boxes in their shops where folks drop various items to support our work. We could not combat food insecurity without the generosity of the many people and organizations that give—thank you!

This year we received some high praise from Joe Dauscher, the Network Relations Manager at the Vermont Food Bank. Joe came down to do on in person, on site visit, in the early part of September. After a site review, he said in his write up:

“Greetings Pastor Moore... I want to thank you [and the other volunteers] for meeting with me at the food shelf on 8/29/22; attached is a copy of the site visit report for your records. I view the South Royalton Food Shelf as an outstanding community asset! Clean, bright, well stocked with great variety, welcoming with a core group of volunteers that show great concern and empathy for their neighbors is the recipe that I wish for all food shelves in Vermont! Just look at how much goodness comes from a small organization in a small location; I thank you for all that you do...”

Respectfully Submitted,

The South Royalton Area Food Shelf

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day on May 7, 2022, was a wonderful success thanks to 19,141 volunteers statewide who participated on Green Up Day. The infographic shows that all your hard work to beautify Vermont is crucial and that it makes where we get to live, work, and play, a truly special place. As one of Vermont’s favorite unofficial holidays, it is imperative for today and future generations to build pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont environment, as well as keep residents civically engaged.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, and educational resources including activity books, contests for kids, and a \$1,000 scholarship. We are requesting level funding again for Green Up Day 2023.

Green Up Vermont initiatives are year-round for 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 802-522-7245

RABIES CLINIC



Rabies Clinic Monday, March 20, 2023 4pm-6pm Royalton Academy Building at 4266 Vermont Route 14

**Cost: \$20 for each healthy dog or cat that is 4 months or older
for 3-year vaccine, please bring current rabies certificate**

Services provided by Country Animal Hospital 802-234-5999

Dog Licensing Clinic

Cost per Dog: Neutered/Spayed \$11.00 or Not Neutered/Not Spayed \$15.00

For general licensing questions, please call 802-763-7207 or visit www.royaltonvt.com

Licensing services provided by the Royalton Clerk Office with current rabies certificate

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