

# TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT



**227<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

## DEDICATION



### **Harriet "Nancy" Ladensack ~ Alexis "Bill" Parent ~ Marcella "Sally" Singer**

Volunteering is a selfless act of an individual freely giving time and labor for the benefit of their community. These three Richmond citizens, to whom we dedicate this Town Report, passed away in 2021. They served their community well and for many years. They were all longtime residents who shared with their selflessness and talents to serve their community.

Nancy served the town, and our children, for 29 years as the Secretary at Camels Hump Middle School. After retiring Nancy volunteered as a driver for Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the recreation committee. For many years she volunteered at Cochran's Ski Area and at the annual ski sale. During the warmer months, Nancy served as a volunteer guide at the Old Round Church, as part of the Richmond Historical Society. She also served for many years as an election official.

Sally was trained as a nurse. In her retirement she served for many years at the Foot Clinic organized by the Senior Center. She volunteered at the Old Round Church as a guide and wedding coordinator for many years. Sally served as a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Richmond. She also served as secretary for the Hale & Hearty Senior group, always mailing greeting cards to those needing a remembrance for many occasions. In addition, she served for many years as an election official.

Bill grew up in Richmond, serving in many volunteer positions. Bill was a member of the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department. He served the youth in Richmond as Boy Scout Troop Leader. When he was not working at his Richmond business, Richmond Garage, he served as volunteer building superintendent for the Masonic Lodge building on Bridge Street. He also volunteered his time at Richmond Food Shelf/Miscellany Mart. After his retirement, he served as a Town Lister, and a member of the Police Advisory Council and Development Review Board. Bill also served many years on the Richmond Rescue Squad in addition to serving many years as an election official.

Nancy, Sally and Bill were all recognized for more than 20 years of community service by the Richmond Business Association. All three were recognized as recipients of Vermont Public Service Awards. We thank them for their service to others in their community. Richmond is a better place because of their selfless volunteer activities.

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT  
2020 – 2021

Warning for the  
Two Hundred and Twenty Seventh

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
March 1, 2022

In person Town Meeting has been cancelled for 2022 due to restrictions in place for COVID-19. The Richmond Selectboard has moved items traditionally voted by voice vote to Australian Ballot.

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Please cast your vote early, to restrict in person contact.  
Ballots are available through the Town Clerk's Office.  
There will be no voting at Camels Hump Middle School

*Please keep this report as a reference manual*

Many thanks to the residents and town employees who submitted articles and photos for this town report.

Thanks go to the many departments and employees within the Town of Richmond that do their jobs to ensure Richmond is a safe and welcoming place to live during the tumultuous year of 2021.

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**OFFICIAL WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2022  
RICHMOND, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond Vermont and the legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District residing in Richmond are hereby notified that in person Town Meeting has been cancelled for 2022 due to restrictions in place for COVID-19. The Richmond Selectboard has moved items traditionally voted by voice vote to Australian ballot.

**Two informational meetings will be held virtually via Zoom on  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022 and FEBRUARY 28, 2022 EACH WILL BEGIN AT 7PM.  
THE ZOOM MEETING ID AND ACCESS CODE ARE SET FORTH BELOW,**

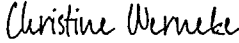

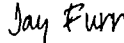
The voters are further warned to meet at the Richmond Town Center Building, on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, where the polls will be open at 7:00 am in the forenoon and close at 7:00 pm in the afternoon to vote the following by Australian ballot:

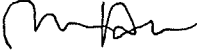
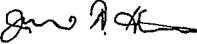
**Town Officers and MMUUSD School Directors**

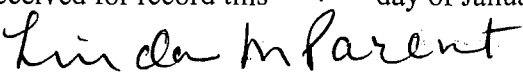
Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. On Tuesday March 1, 2022

- Article 1. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot.  
(To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 of **\$5,048,542** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond? (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 3. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to approve funding the Conservation Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in the 2022-2023 fiscal year? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

**Richmond Selectboard**

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Received for record this <sup>19<sup>th</sup></sup> day of January 2022  
  
 Linda M. Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

SPECIAL NOTES

Requests for **early voter absentee ballots** will be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office until **NOON on February 25, 2022.**

**Richmond Select Board:** The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on February 1, 2022 and February 28, 2022 each commencing at **7:00PM** for the purpose of explaining the 2022-2023 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

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**Login Information for Informational Meetings:**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

**Join Zoom Meeting Online:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81458456745?pwd=dEx5K2VCRDNkZHRMU0JkK0lpMEcxdz09>

**Join by Phone:** +1 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 814 5845 6745

**Passcode:** 756081

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**Join Zoom Meeting Online:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8894459957?pwd=cFM1bFNJa3dTLzBKdGI4RGMr1JHUT09>

**Join by Phone:** +1 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 889 4459 9957

**Passcode:** 116300

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## **RICHMOND TOWN MEETING MARCH 2, 2021**

Town Meeting was different this year, as was everything in 2020-2021, because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Although Vermonters value traditions like Town Meeting and voting in person, this year the town had voters request a ballot be mailed to them to reduce the number of people at the school for voting. It was done to accomplish the primary objective of keeping our friends, families, and neighbors safe, while still allowed for access to the democratic process of voting. Vermonters should not need to choose between their right to vote and risking attending a town meeting gathering during a pandemic.

Our Selectboard placed all items to be decided on the Australian Ballot. There was no discussion of the budget, but it did pass as printed. Other financial items, such as funding a dump truck, water line replacement and Conservation funding were voted on and passed. A Town Center Reserve Fund was established, along with a method to fund that account. Officers were elected to their respective terms. Article #6 "Shall the Town of Richmond vote pursuant to S.54 to approve operations of cannabis retailers within the Town?" was defeated NO 674 - YES 611, a margin of only 63 votes. At the time of Town Meeting there were 3150 registered, with 1308 casting their ballot. 988 cast their ballots early and 320 came to Camels Hump Middle School.

While the entire town could not partake in the "Grange" lunch, Beacon Light Grange #557 provided lunch, dinner & snacks for the election workers. Thank you!

We did miss the "regular" Town Meeting & hope that we will be back in March 2022.

Linda M Parent, Town Clerk

### **HOW DO I GET A COPY OF THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT?**

To obtain a complete copy of the Annual Town Report:

- \* Call the Town Office at 802-434-2221
- \* Email a request to [Lparent@richmondvt.gov](mailto:Lparent@richmondvt.gov)
- \* Check the Town Website [www.richmondvt.gov](http://www.richmondvt.gov)



## ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Richmond Equalization results for 22/23 were:

CLA (common level of assessment) 82.43%

COD (coefficient of Dispersion) 15.30

20/21 CLA 89.53 COD 13.89

21/22 CLA 85.65 COD 15.26

22/23 CLA 82.43 COD 15.30

The real estate market continues to show steady improvement over the last three years. The CLA decrease is showing the falling ratio between Assessed Value and Fair Market value of sold properties. The COD increase is indicating a loss of valuation equity over different property types. This change is expected over time. The new statistical requirements of fair and equitable assessment are monitored by Property Valuation and Review, a CLA of less than .85 or greater than 1.15 would require a Town Wide reappraisal. The CLA is now below the statistical measure to be under state order to Reappraise. Given the trend of the Assessed Value compared to Sale Price as well as the steady increase of the COD (showing growing inequity), a Town Wide Reappraisal is appropriate.

The Town has contracted with New England Municipal Resource Center to complete a Town Wide Reappraisal. The Reappraisal will be completed for the 2023 Grand List Valuations. The Reappraisal is well under way. We have visited approximately 600 properties by the end of December. We are going street by street, when your street is scheduled to be visited you will receive a postcard 1-2 weeks prior to our Data Collectors going out and doing exterior measurements and photos of the property. The NEMRC staff will always knock and alert you to our presence. Each staff member will have a NEMRC placard on their vehicle and have identification cards with them. If you are not home, they will leave a card on your door with contact information and instructions to review and verify your property on-line. We are scheduling interior appointments on Wednesday. Please email assessors@Richmond.gov or call the Town Office (802)434-2221 to schedule an appointment.

The Reappraisal process will include:

Data collection of all properties (improved and unimproved)

Development of new Land Schedule

Implementation and calibration of new Cost Tables

Development of Depreciation Schedules

The Assessors' office accounts for all property value changes (new construction, subdivision, Boundary Line Adjustment, additions, and improvements). There were over 110 change notices sent out for 2021 Grand List which is average for most years. During the spring the grievance process needed to be adjusted to comply with the State Mandates for in person meetings. The residents of Richmond were exceptionally gracious in their willingness to find new solutions for the Grievance Process. Email exchanges, computer video meetings and driveway grievances were the "new normal". Hopefully next year will allow for regular face to face interactions.

It has been a pleasure working with the residents and Staff in Richmond. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Assessment Values or procedures, please contact the Assessor's Office by email at Assessors@Richmond.gov

Lisa Truchon, VMPA

Assessor/NEMRC

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS



*Boy Scout Troupe 23 laying Veteran Flags.*

Riverview Cemetery was organized in 1856. It is located on eight acres on Route 2, west of the village. The Highway Department has done an excellent job of mowing and trimming at the cemetery. There are many grave sites available in the newer part of the cemetery. To inquire about the Cemetery or to purchase a burial site, please contact Linda Parent, Town Clerk. We try to enforce the rules of the Cemetery when it comes to decorating the cemetery plots. There is a printed book with all Cemetery information in it, which is available at the Town Clerks office. Planting of flowers is permitted but shall be contained within the 14" in front of the base of the monument, please no fences. Artificial flowers are prohibited and will be removed by a cemetery designee. Trees and shrubs may not be planted in the Cemetery. Please do not leave personal items of value, sentimental or monetary. We get reports of these items missing. The Cemetery is not respon-

sible for missing items. Dogs are not allowed to roam

the cemetery at any time. Signage has been posted to stress that the Riverview Cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. There is no legitimate reason for anyone to be in the cemetery after dark. Police do take notice.

Many of the older stones have been worn and damaged over time. It is important to remember that cemeteries should not be used as playgrounds. Through the years many tombstones have been damaged by children climbing on them. We also ask that winter recreation not take place in the cemetery. Skiing, snowshoeing and especially snow machines are prohibited.

Boy Scout Troop 23 was very helpful in placing the Veteran Flags in Riverview Cemetery and the Village Cemetery before Memorial Day.

Work has begun on the restoration of Richmond's first cemetery, located on Cemetery Road. Regrettably that area has been untended for many years. Many of the first Richmond residents are buried there. With more interest in the area, we will be working on stone restoration and tree clearing in the upcoming year. There has been a problem with mountain bikers cutting through the cemetery to Hinesburg Road. Hill Cemetery is a burial ground and should not be used for recreation. If anyone is interested in helping with the restoration, please contact any member of the Cemetery Commission.

There is a lot of history and information to be found in our local cemeteries. There are several cemeteries in the Town of Richmond. Holy Rosary Cemetery is located at the end of Tilden Avenue. More information on burials there may be obtained at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church office. There are three cemeteries that no longer accept burials. They are St. Mary's Cemetery located on Cochran Road, the Village Cemetery located on Bridge Street and the Hill Cemetery located on Cemetery Road.

People doing genealogy research are welcome to contact the Town Clerk's Office. We will help you find where your relatives are buried.

The town cemeteries are governed by Vermont state law. The Cemetery Commissioners who are elected each for a five-year term, enforce those statues. If anyone has any questions regarding the cemeteries, please contact a Cemetery Commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners: Curran "Spike" Robinson, Linda M. Parent, George Gifford, Dennis Gile and Clint Buxton

## TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk’s office is a busy office, as we are a local spot to go to for questions and answers. Whether the question is town related or simply for information, we try our best to help the public. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have had limited in person appointments. We continue to assist many residents and researchers by phone and email.

Our voter checklist stands at 3300 registered voters. Thank you to all who assist at the elections. The combination of the Board of Civil Authority and volunteer election workers makes for a more efficient day. As of December 2021, we are completely open to the public, only asking that face coverings be worn.

My thanks to the Richmond Highway Department and the Camels Hump Middle School staff who help with the moving of materials and set up of the voting area.

Boy Scout Troop #23 provides set up help Town Meeting and serves as the official color guard for the annual meeting in March.

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<u>Election / Vote</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>voters on checklist</u>	<u>total residents voted</u>
Town Meeting	03/02/2021	3250	1308
Sewer Extension Vote	12/07/2021	870	86

There is no deadline to register to vote in Vermont. You will be able to register on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk’s office or by going on-line to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

You or a family member may request early /absentee ballots be mailed to you. The request can be made in person, in writing, or by telephone. We are not allowed, per state law, to hand a ballot to anyone, but the voter the ballot is intended for.

When counting the ballots every ballot must be checked by hand. Every write in vote must be recorded for the official report to Montpelier. Even if you write yourself or a friend into an office to be silly, each name must be recorded and reported to the Secretary of State. We do welcome any true write-in campaigns.

State Statute requires that all dogs be registered in the town they reside by April 1 of each year. Although many rabies vaccinations are valid for three years, the animal must be re-registered each year. The vaccination is an important step in protecting your family’s health, as well as your pet. Richmond and Huntington Town Clerks team together each year to hold a rabies clinic. The rabies clinic was held in March 2021 at the Huntington Town Garage. Special thanks go to Dr. Kerry Lindemuth who donates her time to administer the vaccinations. At the clinic you are given a rabies tag to attach to the animal’s collar and a copy of the rabies certificate. You may register your dog in person at the clerk’s office, by mail or using the large white drop box. Please include a copy of the rabies certificate and the \$15.00 fee. After April 1, the fee increases to \$20 per dog. We will mail your tag & license to you. It is very important to have your name and phone number on the dog’s collar. Identification makes it easier to return the pet to its family if lost or injured. We understand that it is very difficult to lose a pet, but please let us know if the pet no longer lives with your family.

Green Mountain Passports are available at the Town Clerk’s Office for a fee of \$2.00. There is no fee for veterans. The application is on the town website. This lifetime pass gets those Vermont residents that are at least 62 years of age or a Veteran into the State Park system at no charge.

We offer Notary Public service at no charge to Richmond residents.

I do have a list serve established for residents to receive an email when something of interest comes up. This may include such things as road closings, reminders of tax payments being due or water line breaks. Of course, every email might not affect every resident, but a mass email will go out. At no time do I publish these emails. If you would like to be included and have not been receiving notices from me, please send your request to [lparent@richmondvt.gov](mailto:lparent@richmondvt.gov). Notices are also posted on the Front Porch Forum.

For many years Beacon Light Grange #557 has provided lunch at a very nominal cost on Town Meeting Day. Although there was no in person meeting, Beacon Light Grange provided lunch & dinner for the election workers. Thank you so much.

Thank you to my Assistant Town Clerk, Martha Laing. She is always willing to step up for new tasks and town office coverage.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the residents of the Town of Richmond for their support. I enjoy my job and the opportunity to assist the citizens of our town. The door is always open. Everyone working together makes Richmond a wonderful place to live.

Proudly serving Richmond,

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Richmond Town Clerk

***Have you checked out the services available at the Town Clerk's Office?***

- ✓ REGISTERED TO VOTE?
- ✓ LICENSED YOUR DOG OR REPORTED CHANGES?
- ✓ PAID YOUR WATER / SEWER BILL?
- ✓ ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ACCOUNTS?
- ✓ REPORTED A NEW ADDRESS?
- ✓ SUBMITTED A ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF DEEDS?
- ✓ POSTED YOUR LAND?
- ✓ FILED A NAME CHANGE CERTIFICATE?
- ✓ RESEARCHED YOUR GENEALOGY?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF MARRIAGE, BIRTH OR DEATH CERTIFICATES?
- ✓ HAD DOCUMENTS NOTARIZED?
- ✓ PAID YOUR PARKING TICKET?
- ✓ REQUESTED AN EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT?
- ✓ ASKED ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TOWN SERVICES?

## CONSTABLE & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As Constable I am completing my eighth year in office. Most of my Constable work usually revolves around some traffic control work, for example when Cochran Road is closed for a race. And parking control around Huntington Gorge. I am available for other duties when RPD wants another hand, such as Independence Day, Float-A-Palooza or when needed/requested for bad weather events. The parking work on Cochran Road and Dugway Road is about all I did this year since many other events were cancelled or had schedule conflicts. Many people in the area come out to play in our rivers, causing some parking issues. It was definitely better from my observation than last year. The parking at Bombardier Meadow made that part of Cochran Road much better. Dugway Rd. was about normal. I did not keep an exact count of the parking tickets I wrote but it was 40- 50.

This was my fourth year as the Animal Control Officer. This is a separate office from Constable but related enough that I combine the reports. There have been more lost dogs than barking dogs this year. When I can identify a roaming dog by his registration tag, he gets home a lot sooner. I cannot state it too strongly that a collar and ID are critical in getting a lost dog back home quickly! Otherwise, the dog must spend time in the pound while we wait for the owner to contact us. Collars and town registration tags are required by state law. I have also noticed that the roaming dogs reported to me are almost always lacking a collar and tags.

If your dog is barking constantly or roaming the neighborhood causing a nuisance to the neighbors, please notice what's happening and take care of it before I or the police must get involved. And be sure your dog wears his collar and has his dog tag as required by state law and town ordinance. In most cases we can resolve the barking problem with the owners without having to write tickets for violation of the town ordinance.

Recently I have again received complaints of dogs being loose without collars or tags. This makes it difficult to take the simple route of just talking with the owner and getting to a simple resolution. If your dog is creating a nuisance and must be captured to find the owner, it is much more likely to have penalties involved.

Respectfully,

Andy Squires, Constable and Animal Control Officer



*Noelle reminds you to register your pets!*

## DELINQUENT AND LATE TAX POLICY

**Property Taxes in General.** Property taxes are due each year in four installments: 8/15, 11/15, 2/15 and 5/15. After each installment deadline, late balances will be assessed interest charge based on the principal of the debt. For the first three months of a late balance, 1% will be assessed. Thereafter, 1.5% will be assessed. The following day after the 5/15 installment is due, any remaining balances are then considered delinquent. Delinquent balances are assessed an annual 8% penalty fee in addition to the 1% and/or 1.5% quarterly assessment as described above, per the Richmond Charter.

In all cases, when partial payments are received, interest must be credited first with the remainder being divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the penalty fee.

**Late and Delinquent Taxes in General.** It is in the best interest of the Town and the taxpayer to remain current on all tax obligations. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all late and delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect.

**Late Taxes.** Within two weeks after a quarterly tax payment is due, those with late balances will receive a letter from the Finance Assistant or his/her designee that details the amount due.

**Delinquent Taxes.** Following the final tax due date of May 15th, the Delinquent Tax Collector ("the Collector") will be given the Warrant listing all delinquent taxpayers and the amounts due. Within five days of receiving the Warrant, the Collector will send by return receipt mail a copy of this policy, a Delinquent Tax Agreement and the amount of taxes, penalty, and interest due. Within this mailing, the Collector will request that the taxpayer submit a suitable Delinquent Tax Agreement (Agreement) within 30 business days to avoid initiation of a Tax Sale.

A suitable Agreement is one that has been accepted and executed with the signature of both the taxpayer and the Collector. A suitable Agreement is one that defines a payment schedule which results in all delinquent taxes to be paid in full prior to the 5/15 tax deadline for the following year. At no time can current taxes be late during the term of the Agreement. This will breach the Agreement.

The Collector will also provide a list of programs and organizations that may help assist the property owner with the payment of taxes. The Collector will work with the taxpayer to develop an agreement that can take advantage of relief programs that may take time to implement.

If at any time the executed Agreement is breached by missing a designated payment or other terms of the Agreement, the taxpayer will be notified by return receipt mail and has 30 days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement actions.

If a suitable Agreement has not been submitted by the taxpayer to the Collector within thirty days, the taxpayer will be notified by return receipt mail that they have twenty days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If the amount due is \$1,500 or less, the Collector may pursue the matter in Small Claims Court and/or pursue other legal collection procedures in conjunction with the process listed below for Tax Sales.

**Tax Sales.** The Collector will begin the tax sale process in accordance with the State Statutes to collect the delinquent taxes, interest, penalty, and allowable fees, as follows:

- An Attorney hired by the Collector for such purpose will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the cost to expect once the tax sale process begins.

- The Attorney will notify all mortgage holders, lessees, and lien holders in accordance with the State Statute.
- The Attorney will place a lien on the property.
- Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the Attorney will proceed with the tax sale in accordance with State Statute (32 V.S.A. Section 5252).
- Cost of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees, and advertising, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer, according to law.

If no one purchases the lien at the tax sale, or if in the judgment of the Collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

Tax sales shall be conducted twice a year, if necessary, to ensure agreements are enforced and delinquent balances do not become unduly burdensome on the taxpayer.

During this reporting period, eleven properties were served with legal papers to be sold at tax sale. Of these properties, only one was sold at tax sale.

Laurie Brisbin, Delinquent Tax Collector

**WHEN ARE MY PROPERTY TAXES DUE?**  
*Property taxes are due in four installments:*

<b>August 15</b>	<b>November 15</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>May 15</b>
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A 1% interest charge is assessed the 16<sup>th</sup> day of each month for late payments for the first three months and 1.5% after three months.

**IMPORTANT:** A 8% penalty in addition to the interest is added on May 16

Please be sure to declare your homestead if applicable when doing your state income taxes. There is also a State Payment Adjustment available dependent on your household income.

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/21**

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Outstanding
2010-2011	\$ 908.52	\$ 1,619.46	\$ 72.69	\$ 2,600.67
2011-2012	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,079.33	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,429.33
2012-2013	\$ 1,279.12	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 102.32	\$ 3,301.44
2013-2014	\$ 1,316.64	\$ 1,728.92	\$ 105.32	\$ 3,150.88
2014-2015	\$ 1,288.96	\$ 1,477.98	\$ 103.12	\$ 2,870.06
2015-2016	\$ 1,299.16	\$ 1,256.50	\$ 103.92	\$ 2,659.58
2016-2017	\$ 1,351.31	\$ 1,061.34	\$ 108.13	\$ 2,520.78
2017-2018	\$ 1,863.84	\$ 1,148.69	\$ 149.08	\$ 3,161.61
2018-2019	\$ 5,211.07	\$ 2,141.58	\$ 416.86	\$ 7,769.51
2019-2020	\$ 11,323.79	\$ 2,687.60	\$ 905.93	\$ 14,917.32
2020-2021	\$ 45,913.25	\$ 2,468.48	\$ 3,673.09	\$ 52,054.82
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>\$ 73,005.66</b>	<b>\$ 19,589.88</b>	<b>\$ 5,840.46</b>	<b>\$ 98,436.00</b>

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-COLLECTED as of 6/30/21**

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Collected
2007-2008	\$ 303.85	\$ 564.00	\$ 24.31	\$ 892.16
2013-2014	\$ 401.42	\$ 510.49	\$ 32.10	\$ 944.01
2014-2015	\$ 489.36	\$ 548.24	\$ 39.16	\$ 1,076.76
2015-2016	\$ 2,288.72	\$ 1,804.89	\$ 183.10	\$ 4,276.71
2016-2017	\$ 953.75	\$ 706.59	\$ 76.31	\$ 1,736.65
2017-2018	\$ 991.11	\$ 494.89	\$ 79.30	\$ 1,565.30
2018-2019	\$ 6,479.59	\$ 2,076.06	\$ 518.27	\$ 9,073.92
2019-2020	\$ 40,750.14	\$ 4,259.66	\$ 3,093.89	\$ 48,103.69
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$ 52,657.94</b>	<b>\$ 10,964.82</b>	<b>\$ 4,046.44</b>	<b>\$ 67,669.20</b>



## DOG LICENSE REPORT

There were 367 dogs registered in the Town of Richmond this year. That is about 100 less than last year. All dogs and wolf hybrid animals are required by State Statute 20 V.S.A § 3581 to be licensed on or before April 1 of each year. This statute includes the registration of service dogs. We know that there are many dogs living in town that are not registered. The town must keep a copy of the rabies vaccination on file. The fee to license an animal is \$15.00 per animal. After April 1, the fee increases to \$20.00 each. The town collected \$ 3726.00 from the pet owners this year. This amount is used to provide supplies and various items for animal control. It also covers the cost of the doggie poo bag stations at the park and their supplies.

Thanks to Rod West for keeping an eye on the poo bag stations and refilling them when necessary. Please clean up after your dog. When you use a bag, please throw it in the trash cans provided. Do not simply leaving them on the ground.

It is imperative to have your dog registered and be up to date with their rabies vaccination. With the registration and vaccination on file at the town office we can provide the information to the hospital or police in a timely manner to assist in treatment if there is a dog bite. Please do your part to make your pet legal in the eyes of the law. Many dogs that are posted on Facebook are not registered. If the Police or Animal Control Officer are called to an animal complaint, you will incur a fine, as well as the need to register the animal. A rabies clinic is being planned for March 2021 but will be contingent on COVID guidelines. There are often rabies clinics held in other towns and at Tractor Supply.

The Animal Control Officer continues to be called to pick up dogs that have wandered away. We find that rescued dogs tend to wander off and not know where their new home is. Please have a tag attached to your pet's collar with your contact information. If the owner cannot be located the dog will be impounded. If the animal has been injured, it will be taken to the emergency veterinarian. The animal's owner will be held responsible for all services rendered. The Animal Control Officer is Andrew Squires of Richmond. He can be reached at 363-7162. He handles domestic animal complaints. Currently, we do not have an officer that is able to relocate wildlife.

Please let the Clerk's office know if your pet no longer lives with your family. We hate to contact the family, if necessary, only to find that the pet has died. The Town of Richmond recognizes our part in the welfare of our pet population.

Have your pet spayed or neutered. Part of the registration fee is sent to the State of Vermont who administers the VSNIP Program. (VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program). This program provides low / no cost neutering / spaying for pets. Many Vermonters are now without employment. Finding money to provide these services may be hard to come by. VSNIP helps with this procedure if there are funds available. During this time of isolation dogs & cats provide unconditional love, support & company. Pets may be at risk of abuse during these difficult times. Please reach out if you have a concern about your pet or even your neighbor's pets.

**RABIES CLINIC**

**MARCH 26, 2022**

**9 AM TO NOON**

**HUNTINGTON FIRE STATION**

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF PREVIOUS RABIES VACCINATIONS

DOG LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RICHMOND & HUNTINGTON

QUESTIONS...PLEASE CALL LINDA PARENT, 434-2221

PRICE IS \$20 PER ANIMAL

**ALL ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED OR CRATED**

**ON LINE SIGN-UPS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS**

Assistant Town Clerk	Martha Laing	802-434-2221
Delinquent Tax Collector	Laurie Brisbin	802-434-2221
Financial Director	Connie Bona	802-336-2094
Assistant to the Town Manager	Kathy Daub-Stearns	802-336-2092
		802-434-2002
Fire Chief	Dennis Gile	(non-emergency)
Highway Road Foreman	Peter Gosselin	802-434-2631
Library Director	Rebecca Mueller	802-434-3036
		802-434-2156
Police Chief	Kyle Kapitanski	(non-emergency)
Richmond Town Historian Emerita	Harriet W. Riggs	
Town Manager	Josh Arneson	802-434-5170
Town Planner	Ravi Venkataraman	802-434-2430
Water Resources Superintendent	Kendall Chamberlin	802-434-2178
Zoning Administrative Officer	Keith Osborne	802-434-2430

**APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS**

Animal Control Agent	Andrew Squires	802-363-7162
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission	Bard Hill	802-434-5672
Chittenden Solid Waste District	Logan Hegg	802-448-8479
Energy Coordinator	Jeffrey Forward	802-434-2344
Emergency Management Coordinator	Josh Arneson	802-434-5170
Forest Fire Warden	Dennis Gile	802-316-7558
Assistant Forest Fire Warden	Gerald Levesque	802-310-7182
<b>To obtain a Burn Permit, call Shelburne Dispatch</b>		<b>802-985-8051</b>
Weigher of Coal	Jay Furr	802-434-4601
	Jeff Forward	802-434-2344
	Noa Younse	805-540-4449
	Greg Tucker	802-343-9365
Lake Iroquois Committee	Jack Linn	802-434-4882
Town Fence Viewer	Carole Furr	802-434-4601
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood	Jon Kart	802-999-7515
Town Health Officer	Eric Wood	802-735-4702
Deputy Town Health Officer	Kevin Duniho	802-752-7990
Town Tree Warden	Matthew Leonetti	802-760-7577
Richmond Rescue Representative	Amy Wardwell	802-434-3385

**SCHOOL OFFICIALS**

Superintendent, MMUUSD	Dr. John Alberghini	802-434-2128
Principal, MMUHS	Michael Weston	802-899-4690
Principal, CHMS	Gretchen Muller	802-434-2188
Principal, RES	Jeremy Rector	802-434-2461

## RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Richmond Fire Department are: Chief Dennis Gile, Assistant Chief Gerald Levesque, Captains are Mike Carter, Mark Klonicke, Jake Kilpeck, and Lieutenant Eric Wood. The Treasurer is Sherry Gile. The firefighters are Roger Brown, Richard Dana, Christopher Fahner, Bryan Moreau, Erin Lynn, Kevin O'Grady, Luke O'Leary, Mike Parent, Prachankhet Muangthai (PAR), Harland Stockwell, Aaron Toth, and Graham Wolfson.

Congratulations to Captain Mark Klonicke he was chosen Fire Fighter of the year in 2020.

The following two people were presented year pins for years of service to the Richmond Fire Department: 30 years of service Sherry Gile and 50 years of service Chief Dennis Gile.

Congratulations to Graham Wolfson and Prachankhet Muangthai (PAR) upon their successful completion of the Chittenden County Basic Firefighters course.

We have upgraded our rescue equipment with a new set of battery-operated Jaws of Life. This new piece of apparatus will save us time and manpower at car and truck accidents.

We held our coin drop this year, resulting with a total of \$ 5,185.08 being collected. These funds will be used to buy new equipment for the department. The average coin drop earnings per year are \$2,792.23, this year's collection was well above average, thank you for your generosity.

As of January, we are holding in house meetings and drills, with face mask covering required.

I would like to say thank you to all the Richmond Firemen for the time and dedication that they have put in this year. They have put in a total of 3000 plus hours of Training and Fire Calls.

The officers and members of the Richmond Fire Department would like to thank our mutual aid departments from the following towns for responding into Richmond: Bolton, Huntington, Williston, Hinesburg, and Underhill Jericho.

We are always looking for volunteers for the fire department. There is a great need for daytime firefighters. Please contact our business phone at 802-434-2002 or any firefighter to receive an application. The requirements are: 18 years of age, in good physical condition and the desire to help fellow citizens in and emergency.

Currently Richmond Fire Department has 5 Trucks:

- 2009 Pickup is our Brush Truck
- 2005 Rescue Truck which has extrication tools for car accidents, exhaust fans, chain saws and tools needed for house fires and car accidents.
- 2015 Engine 2 truck has a 1250 GPM (gallons per minute) pump and an 1800-gallon water tank.
- 2011 Engine 1 is a Pumper Tanker which has a 1250 GPM pump and a 1000-gallon tank.
- 2019 Truck is our Engine 3 which is a Pumper Tanker with a 1250 GPM Pump and a 2000-gallon water tank.
- Last but not forgotten, is our 1932 Maxum, Richmond's original fire truck.

Richmond Fire Department continues to use Shelburne Dispatch as our Emergency Dispatch. Thank you once again for an excellent job. Shelburne Dispatch has also agreed to continue issuing burning permits for Richmond. They can be reached at 802-985-8051.

Year 2021 was a busy year for the Richmond Fire Department with 146 calls.

Structure Fires / 6 Mutual Aid / 15

Car accidents I-89 / 45 Other/ 56

Car accidents not I-89 / 24

Dennis Gile, Richmond Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021	
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Other income/business	\$ 150.00
Donations	\$ 802.00
Interest Earned	\$ 3.34
	<b>\$ 955.34</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Dues	\$ 323.00
Food	\$ 220.91
Gifts & Donations	\$ 100.00
Misc Expense (Business)	\$ 1,499.88
USPS Box Rent	\$ 56.00
	<b>\$ 2,199.79</b>
<b>TRANSFERS:</b>	
FROM RFD Checking	\$ 2,000.00
TO RFD Savings	\$ (2,000.00)
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (1,244.45)</b>
<i>Submitted by Sherry Gile, RFD Treasurer</i>	



*Fire Department training circa 1980 -- check out the hair on Dennis Gile!*

## Town of Richmond FY23 Budget Expense

### DETAILS REGARDING THE CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE FY23 BUDGET

The budget that is contained in this Town Report includes funding for all Town Departments and appropriations for select non-profit organizations.

It does not include an allocation for the Conservation Reserve Fund.

The Conservation Reserve Fund question will be voted separately by Australian ballot. If this passes it will be an addition to the budget presented in the Town Report and will increase the tax rate over the rate presented in the budget.

The question on the ballot is to approve funding the Conservation Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in FY23. This is estimated to be \$48,128 based on an estimated grand list value of \$4,812,808.

The budget as presented shows a decrease in the tax rate from FY22 to FY23 of -5.30%. \$48,128 added to the budget will decrease the percentage tax rate decrease from FY22 to FY23 from -5.30% to -3.97%.

Chart of Account #	Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	FY 22/23 % Change
<b>TOWN ADMINISTRATION</b>						
10-7-10-0-10.00	Administration salaries	240,696	242,191	249,721	260,113	4.16%
10-7-10-0-10.02	Compensation Contingency for all GF	-	-	-	50,000	100.00%
10-7-10-0-10.04	Overtime	-	-	-	3,000	100.00%
10-7-10-1-45.02	Contract services animal	3,000	2,588	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.01	Delinquent Tax Collector	12,000	7,757	14,000	10,000	-28.57%
10-7-10-0-10.05	Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	5,000	33.33%
10-7-10-0-10.30	Health insurance opt out	5,000	5,019	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-10-0-11.00	SS/Medicare - Adm.	19,843	20,419	20,692	25,881	25.08%
10-7-10-0-12.00	Municipal retirement	14,066	14,124	14,295	16,448	15.06%
10-7-10-0-15.00	Health insurance	26,423	26,625	24,574	37,591	52.97%
10-7-10-0-15.01	Health insurance HSA	1,000	4,162	4,162	3,055	-26.60%
10-7-10-0-15.02	Health insurance HRA	1,120	240	-	-	0.00%
10-7-10-0-15.03	Long term disability	1,625	1,371	1,485	1,500	1.01%
10-7-10-0-15.04	Health insurance broker fees	2,300	2,795	2,300	2,300	0.00%
10-7-10-1-42.00	Association dues	350	285	350	350	0.00%
10-7-10-0-17.00	Recognitions/Awards	1,250	975	1,250	1,250	0.00%
10-7-10-1-27.00	Training/Education	1,000	30	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-29.00	Travel - Adm.	300	59	300	100	-66.67%
10-7-10-0-10.03	Election expenses	1,500	958	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-10-1-25.03	Town reports	3,000	2,918	5,000	3,000	-40.00%
10-7-10-1-20.01	Recording books	3,600	3,518	3,600	3,600	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.00	Office supplies	4,500	5,851	5,000	5,500	10.00%
10-7-10-1-22.00	Office equipment	3,300	2,257	3,300	13,000	293.94%
10-7-10-1-30.00	Telephone/Internet	3,800	4,013	3,800	4,000	5.26%
10-7-10-1-21.00	Postage - Adm.	8,000	8,407	8,000	8,500	6.25%
10-7-10-1-23.00	Website administration	1,300	583	11,300	4,000	-64.60%
10-7-10-1-24.00	Advertising - Adm.	4,000	1,401	4,000	2,200	-45.00%
10-7-10-3-48.00	General/PACIF Insurance	60,637	37,148	22,811	12,832	-43.75%
10-7-10-3-48.01	Town Center building insurance	-	-	8,875	4,863	-45.21%
10-7-10-3-43.00	Legal	10,000	31,479	10,000	20,000	100.00%
10-7-10-3-46.00	Engineering Review	3,000	160	3,000	-	-100.00%
10-7-10-1-45.00	Contract services admin	8,500	8,509	5,000	8,000	60.00%
10-7-10-1-45.03	Contract services election	5,500	2,758	5,500	5,000	-9.09%
10-7-10-1-45.05	Contract services technology support	12,500	20,120	12,880	20,000	55.28%
10-7-10-3-44.00	Contracted services independent Auditors	29,070	27,922	37,700	28,000	-25.73%

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<b>Chart of Account #</b>	<b>Expense Budget Accounts</b>	<b>Budget FY 2021</b>	<b>Actual FY 2021</b>	<b>Budget FY 2022</b>	<b>Budget FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 22/23 % Change</b>
10-7-10-1-45.07	Contracted Grounds Maintenance	-	-	-	50,180	100.00%
10-7-10-1-45-08	Community Well Being	-	-	-	5,000	100.00%
10-7-10-1-45-06	Technology equipment	2,500	4,850	2,000	12,000	500.00%
10-7-10-2-31.00	Heat	8,500	6,941	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-32.00	Electric	8,000	9,518	9,000	10,000	11.11%
10-7-10-2-32.01	Electric Vehicle Charging Station	-	273	100	500	400.00%
10-7-10-2-33.00	Water and Sewer	5,500	6,687	7,000	7,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-34.00	Trash removal	1,800	1,786	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.00	Building maintenance	11,000	22,041	15,000	15,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.01	Landscaping & tree maintenance	2,000	-	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-10-3-42.01	VLCT membership dues	6,161	6,161	6,161	6,362	3.26%
10-7-10-3-80.00	County tax	22,000	22,654	22,500	23,100	2.67%
10-7-10-3-80.03	Emergency management	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.03	Flags	1,000	625	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-43.01	Fire protection	51,000	49,641	52,141	52,141	0.00%
<b>Total - Town Administration</b>		<b>615,891</b>	<b>621,570</b>	<b>628,047</b>	<b>767,866</b>	<b>22.26%</b>
<b>ASSESSORS</b>						
10-7-12-1-20.00	Office supplies listing	850	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-12-1-45.00	Contract listing services	23,000	23,751	24,000	24,000	0.00%
10-7-12-1-45.01	Contract reappraisal services (town wide)	-	-	87,480	64,500	-26.27%
10-7-12-3-47.00	Tax map maintenance	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-90-1-91.00	Reappraisal reserve	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	0.00%
<b>Total - Listers</b>		<b>39,850</b>	<b>38,251</b>	<b>127,480</b>	<b>104,500</b>	<b>-18.03%</b>

Port of Account #	Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	FY 22/23 % Change
<b>PLANNING AND ZONING</b>						
15-0-10.00	Salaries	67,922	70,791	88,468	104,853	18.52%
15-0-10.01	Overtime	-	-	-	1,000	100.00%
15-0-11.00	SS/Medicare - Adm.	5,230	5,722	6,812	8,151	19.65%
15-0-12.00	Municipal retirement	2,621	3,776	5,529	7,145	29.23%
15-0-15.00	Health insurance	19,669	25,684	39,996	40,586	1.48%
15-0-15.03	Long term disability	325	327	575	575	0.00%
15-1-27.00	Training/Education	800	45	800	800	0.00%
15-1-29.00	Travel - PZ	600	228	600	600	0.00%
15-1-42.00	Association dues	500	199	500	500	0.00%
15-1-20.00	Office supplies	4,000	1,411	3,000	3,000	0.00%
15-1-20.01	Office equipment	-	-	-	1,000	100.00%
15-1-21.00	Postage - PZ	400	-	400	400	0.00%
15-1-24.00	Advertising - PZ	4,500	2,297	5,000	4,000	-20.00%
15-1-45.00	Contract services planning & zoning	10,000	19,736	4,000	5,000	25.00%
15-1-45.01	Video & broadcasting	1,500	-	-	-	0.00%
15-3-43.00	Legal	8,000	3,853	8,000	-	-100.00%
15-1-43.01	Transportation Planning	-	-	20,000	20,000	0.00%
90-5-95.08	Regional planning dues	5,536	5,536	5,619	5,700	1.44%
15-3-43.00	Engineering	-	-	-	2,000	100.00%
15-3-43.02	Legal Reserve	-	-	-	8,000	100.00%
<b>Total - Planning and Zoning</b>		<b>131,603</b>	<b>139,606</b>	<b>189,299</b>	<b>213,310</b>	<b>12.68%</b>

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sullivan, Powers & Company are hired annually to audit the financial books for the Town of Richmond. Excerpts from their annual audit have been included in this report. The full report is available at the town office and under the documents section at [www.richmondvt.gov](http://www.richmondvt.gov) – see “2021 Town Audit.”

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Chart of Account #	Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	FY 22/23 % Change
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>						
10-7-20-0-10.00	Regular salaries	297,228	199,732	342,700	358,987	4.75%
10-7-20-0-10.01	SRO contract hours	39,800	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.06	On-call hours	11,500	-	11,500	11,500	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.99	Overtime	35,000	4,776	20,000	20,000	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.30	Health insurance opt out	-	2,308	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-20-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	29,532	16,739	29,198	30,453	4.30%
10-7-20-0-12.00	Municipal retirement	31,065	19,385	31,374	38,184	21.71%
10-7-20-0-15.00	Health insurance	96,557	59,972	95,064	83,590	-12.07%
10-7-20-0-15.01	Health insurance HSA	500	1,387	-	1,041	100.00%
10-7-20-0-15.05	Health insurance HRA	560	560	-	-	0.00%
10-7-20-0-15.03	Long term disability	3,157	951	1,991	1,515	-23.91%
10-7-20-0-15.04	Short Term disability	-	780	624	535	-14.26%
10-7-20-0-10.05	Life insurance	1,800	528	1,500	2,000	33.33%
10-7-20-0-10.04	Constable training	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-27.00	Training/Education	4,000	332	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-20-1-29.00	Travel	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-16.00	Uniforms, vests, tazors	4,000	2,308	7,600	7,600	0.00%
10-7-20-1-16.01	Body Cameras	-	-	10,000	5,000	-50.00%
10-7-20-1-20.00	Office supplies	2,500	1,273	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.00	Office equipment (Copier & DPS)	2,500	694	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.01	Computer - office & Camera	4,000	3,831	1,000	1,500	50.00%
10-7-20-1-27.01	Dispatch	-	-	15,750	-	-100.00%
10-7-20-1-28.00	Forensic testing	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-30.00	Telephone	10,000	8,556	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.02	General/PACIF insurance	42,337	43,207	44,077	31,342	-28.89%
10-7-20-2-20.10	Polygraph testing	500	-	800	800	0.00%
10-7-20-3-20.00	Police supplies (non office & non uniform)	9,500	1,737	9,500	5,000	-47.37%
10-7-20-5-50.00	Cruiser Fuel: Gas	18,000	8,799	18,000	15,150	-15.83%
10-7-20-5-50.02	Cruiser Fuel: Electric	-	-	-	1,050	100.00%
10-7-20-3-35.00	Equipment repair	1,500	362	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.00	Police cruiser repair	8,000	6,711	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.19	Police cruiser tires	3,500	1,999	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.18	Police cruiser equipment	6,000	-	6,000	23,000	283.33%
10-7-20-0-90.01	Police cruiser purchase	42,000	-	45,000	76,000	68.89%
10-7-90-5-93.01	Police capital reserve	10,000	10,000	22,500	-	-100.00%
10-7-20-5-50.01	Community outreach	6,879	6,810	10,000	8,749	-12.51%
<b>Total - Police Department</b>		<b>723,415</b>	<b>403,738</b>	<b>769,178</b>	<b>767,996</b>	<b>-0.15%</b>



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Chart of Account #	Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	FY 22/23 % Change
<b>LIBRARY DEPARTMENT</b>						
10-7-35-0-10.00	Salaries	156,933	148,788	162,964	169,483	4.00%
10-7-35-0-10.30	Health insurance opt out	5,000	6,192	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-35-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	12,469	12,084	12,933	13,435	3.88%
10-7-35-0-12.00	Municipal retirement	7,172	7,441	7,703	11,778	52.90%
10-7-35-0-15.00	Health insurance	28,809	19,681	29,201	29,616	1.42%
10-7-35-0-15.03	Long term disability	661	625	660	670	1.52%
10-7-35-1-27.00	Training/Education	300	-	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.00	Travel	300	-	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-20.00	Office supplies	2,000	3,528	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-35-1-21.00	Postage	800	481	500	500	0.00%
10-7-35-1-22.00	Computer	2,250	260	2,250	2,250	0.00%
10-7-35-3-20.01	Books	17,000	15,138	17,000	17,000	0.00%
10-7-35-3-45.01	Programs	1,200	763	1,200	1,200	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.01	General/PACIF insurance	6,826	7,105	7,384	4,515	-38.85%
10-7-35-1-30.00	Telephone	2,600	2,669	2,650	2,700	1.89%
10-7-35-2-31.00	Heat	3,000	2,652	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-35-2-32.00	Electricity	4,500	3,259	4,200	4,200	0.00%
10-7-35-2-33.00	Water and Sewer	2,000	1,605	2,050	2,050	0.00%
10-7-35-2-62.00	Building Maintenance (routine)	10,000	6,016	10,000	12,000	20.00%
10-7-90-2-92.01	Library reserve	8,000	8,000	12,000	12,000	0.00%
Total - Richmond Free Library		271,820	246,287	282,795	293,497	3.78%

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Chart of Account #	Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2021	Actual FY 2021	Budget FY 2022	Budget FY 2023	FY 22/23 % Change
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>						
10-7-40-0-10.00	Salaries	45,000	31,471	50,000	50,000	0.00%
10-7-40-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	3,465	2,677	3,850	3,850	0.00%
10-7-40-1-18.00	Medical	4,000	-	3,000	-	-100.00%
10-7-40-1-27.00	Training/Education	2,000	307	1,500	2,000	33.33%
10-7-40-1-29.00	Travel	600	-	600	1,600	166.67%
10-7-40-1-30.00	Telephone	3,500	3,287	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-40-1-95.00	Public relations	600	307	600	600	0.00%
10-7-40-2-31.00	Heat	2,500	2,466	2,500	3,000	20.00%
10-7-40-2-32.00	Electricity	2,100	1,889	2,300	2,300	0.00%
10-7-40-2-33.00	Water and Sewer	1,500	1,949	1,500	2,000	33.33%
10-7-40-2-62.00	Maintenance	20,000	2,726	11,000	10,000	-9.09%
10-7-40-2-30.00	General/PACIF insurance	6,510	9,299	10,349	7,681	-25.78%
10-7-40-3-00.00	Turnout gear	10,000	10,210	-	-	0.00%
10-7-40-3-00.01	Air packs	16,000	16,419	-	-	2.00%
10-7-40-5-35.01	Radio repair & replacement	3,000	2,388	3,000	10,000	233.33%
10-7-40-5-35.03	Radio dispatch	6,000	3,615	5,600	5,600	0.00%
10-7-40-5-50.00	Gas, oil & diesel fuel	4,000	1,986	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-51.01	Pump testing	1,500	64	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-52.00	Fleet maintenance	14,000	7,366	14,000	10,000	-28.57%
10-7-40-5-52.02	Hose testing	2,500	-	2,500	4,000	60.00%
10-7-40-5-53.01	Equipment repair	4,000	818	3,500	3,000	-14.29%
10-7-40-5-55.00	Supplies	3,000	1,694	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-57.00	Equipment purchase	30,000	26,596	41,594	35,000	-15.85%
10-7-40-5-80.05	2018 Engine principal	48,571	48,572	48,572	48,572	0.00%
10-7-40-5-80.06	2018 Engine interest	10,550	6,044	5,173	4,138	-20.01%
10-7-90-5-90.03	2005 Engine bond	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-80.03	2005 Engine Interest	1,790	1,790	1,438	965	-32.89%
10-7-90-5-90.05	2015 Engine - bond FY16	50,121	50,121	-	-	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.06	2015 Engine - Interest FY16	917	942	-	-	0.00%
10-7-40-5-90.01	FY23 Brush Truck	-	-	-	200,000	100.00%
10-7-90-5-93.04	Safety equipment & gear reserve	-	-	40,000	40,000	0.00%
10-7-90-5-93.00	Fire Capital reserve	28,500	28,500	46,395	55,000	18.55%
Total - Fire Department		336,224	273,502	319,971	520,306	62.61%

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<b>RECREATION &amp; TRAILS</b>						
10-7-60-0-10.00	Recreation salaries	2,800	4,626	2,800	2,800	0.00%
10-7-60-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	216	565	193	216	11.71%
10-8-90-5-92.22	Lake Iroquois Recreation District	1,300	1,500	1,361	2,000	46.95%
10-7-60-1-42.01	General/PACIF insurance	562	586	1,145	355	-69.00%
10-7-60-2-32.00	Electricity	700	754	700	800	14.29%
10-7-60-2-33.00	Water and Sewer	1,300	1,740	1,300	1,800	38.46%
10-7-60-2-34.00	Trash removal	1,300	1,354	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.00	Park maintenance	1,500	8,822	1,500	3,000	100.00%
10-7-60-2-62.01	Trails maintenance	1,000	1,023	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.02	Recreation equipment	4,000	2,246	4,000	3,000	-25.00%
10-7-60-3-95.01	Special events	500	400	500	500	0.00%
10-7-60-3-95.00	Conservation commission supplies	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.02	Conservation fund 1Cent	47,354	47,300	47,356	-	-100.00%
10-7-60-3-95.03	Volunteers Green parking lot	-	-	-	5,000	100.00%
Total - Recreation & Trails		63,032	70,916	63,855	22,471	-64.81%
<b>CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
10-8-90-5-95.01	VT Family Network	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.02	Age Well	-	-	2,000	2,500	25.00%
10-8-90-5-95.04	Greater Burlington Industrial Corp. (GBIC)	200	200	200	200	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.06	Mount Mansfield Community TV (MMCTV)	3,340	3,340	3,340	5,000	49.70%
10-8-90-5-95.07	Lund	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.09	Richmond Community Band	400	400	400	400	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.10	Richmond Rescue	76,483	76,483	78,012	78,012	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.11	Hale & Hearty	4,100	4,100	-	-	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.12	Special Services Transportation Agency	1,100	979	1,100	1,000	-9.09%
10-8-90-5-95.13	UVM Home Health & Hospice	9,693	9,693	9,693	10,500	8.33%
10-8-90-5-95.14	VT Center for Independent Living	375	750	375	375	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.15	Front Porch Forum	200	200	200	-	-100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.16	Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.17	Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC)	20,000	20,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.18	Steps against domestic violence	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,200	20.00%
10-8-90-5-95.20	Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations	7,736	-	7,719	6,234	-19.24%
10-8-90-5-92.21	Lake Iroquois Association	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	100.00%
10-8-90-5-21	Richmond Farmers Market	-	-	-	1,500	100.00%
Total - Appropriations		128,327	120,345	110,539	114,421	3.51%
<b>General Fund Total</b>		<b>2,310,162</b>	<b>1,914,215</b>	<b>2,491,165</b>	<b>2,804,366</b>	<b>12.57%</b>

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<b>11-7-50 HIGHWAY</b>						
11-7-50-0-10.00	Regular salaries	305,918	296,294	305,384	316,263	3.56%
11-7-50-0-10.01	Compensation Study Contingency	-	-	-	30,000	100.00%
11-7-50-0-10.98	Overtime	45,000	33,088	45,000	45,000	0.00%
11-7-50-0-10.30	Health insurance opt out	12,500	13,221	12,250	5,000	-59.18%
11-7-50-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	27,983	26,927	27,942	28,202	0.93%
11-7-50-0-12.00	Municipal retirement	21,055	20,992	21,899	24,385	11.35%
11-7-50-0-15.00	Health insurance	67,959	55,978	50,844	99,178	95.06%
11-7-10-0-15.03	Long term disability	1,994	1,582	1,835	1,835	0.00%
11-7-50-0-16.00	Uniforms	3,000	2,832	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-2-29.00	Education /Licenses	200	192	200	200	0.00%
11-7-50-1-29.00	Travel	200	94	200	200	0.00%
11-7-50-1-20.00	Office supplies	1,000	458	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-1-30.00	Telephone	2,400	3,150	2,724	3,200	17.47%
11-7-50-2-29.01	General Insure/VLCT PACIF	42,404	42,248	42,093	27,213	-35.35%
11-7-50-2-31.00	Heat	8,000	7,136	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-2-32.00	Electricity - Garage	2,000	2,670	2,000	2,700	35.00%
11-7-50-3-32.01	Electricity - Street lights	17,000	18,494	18,000	18,500	2.78%
11-7-50-2-33.00	Water and Sewer	2,200	2,313	2,200	2,400	9.09%
11-7-50-2-34.00	Trash removal	1,000	1,256	1,200	1,300	8.33%
11-7-50-2-62.00	Building maintenance	47,000	45,830	7,000	8,000	14.29%
11-7-50-5-35.00	Radio	600	-	600	600	0.00%
11-7-50-5-35.01	Radio repair	300	170	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.00	Gas & Oil	5,000	3,130	5,000	1,000	-80.00%
11-7-50-5-50.02	Diesel fuel	48,000	26,977	43,000	43,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-46.00	Engineers/Consultants - roads	800	-	800	500	-37.50%
11-7-50-5-52.00	Repair - Dump Truck Fleet	13,000	14,911	14,000	15,000	7.14%
11-7-50-5-52.06	Repair - Pickup Truck Fleet	1,000	880	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.01	Repair - Excavator	1,500	1,731	1,500	2,000	33.33%
11-7-50-5-52.04	Repair - Grader	500	466	500	1,000	100.00%
11-7-50-5-52.05	Repair - Loader	1,500	434	1,500	500	-66.67%
11-7-50-5-52.07	Repair - Park mower	500	794	1,000	500	-50.00%
11-7-50-5-52.08	Repair - Roadside mower	500	593	500	500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.09	Repair - Tractor	400	368	400	400	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.10	Repair - Utility vehicle	1,500	651	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-53.00	Repair - Small equipment	1,000	907	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.03	Winter maintenance attachments	300	-	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.01	Cutting edges	10,000	10,468	10,000	10,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.18	Tire chains	1,000	1,247	1,000	1,200	20.00%
11-7-50-5-52.19	Tires	8,000	7,916	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-45.18	Equipment rental	15,000	8,982	15,000	15,000	0.00%

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11-7-50-6-57.00	Small equipment purchase	7,000	6,028	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.03	Welding & cutting supplies	1,000	748	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.04	Equip. rental wood chip	2,000	1,340	2,000	2,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.19	Equipment parts - Miscellaneous	1,000	243	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.19	Supplies - Miscellaneous	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.00	Patching	1,000	800	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.01	Chloride	15,000	14,974	15,000	15,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-62.02	Sweeping	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,200	5.00%
11-7-50-6-63.00	Centerline paint & shoulder	3,500	2,302	4,000	4,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.02	Signs	3,000	3,519	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.03	Crosswalks Illuminated	-	-	4,500	-	-100.00%
11-7-50-6-64.00	Culverts	6,500	5,114	6,500	6,500	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.03	Gravel & aggregates	150,000	102,461	150,000	140,000	-6.67%
11-7-50-6-60.05	Salt	95,000	67,306	95,000	95,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.06	Sand	40,000	26,879	40,000	40,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.01	Retreatment	293,000	293,882	293,000	294,000	0.34%
11-7-50-6-64.02	Storm water & sidewalks	120,000	93,267	120,000	120,000	0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.11	Jericho Road principal	43,200	43,200	43,200	43,200	0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.13	Jericho Road Interest	20,419	20,419	18,942	17,387	-8.21%
11-7-90-5-90.15	Project 4a Millet storm water	7,046	5,556	7,046	7,046	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.21	2015 FY16 Tandem truck principal	21,480	21,480	-	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.22	2015 FY16 Dump truck interest	393	404	-	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.36	2017 FY20 Grader principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.37	2017 FY20 Grader interest	4,176	2,150	1,656	553	-66.61%
11-7-90-5-90.33	2019 FY20 Dump truck principal	26,500	26,500	26,500	26,500	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.34	2019 FY20 Dump truck interest	3,602	1,854	1,417	929	-34.44%
10-7-90-5-90.44	2020 FY20 Dump Truck principal	26,920	51,920	26,920	26,920	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.45	2020 FY20 Dump Truck interest	3,392	2,199	2,057	1,065	-48.23%
11-7-90-5-90.49	FY22 Utility Vehicle - Pick up truck	-	-	55,000	-	-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.46	FY22 Dump Truck #1 deposit	-	-	50,000	-	-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.50	Dump Truck #3	-	-	-	157,500	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.51	Deposit paid with tax revenue	-	-	-	17,500	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.52	Bucket Loader	-	-	-	117,000	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.53	Deposit paid with tax revenue	-	-	-	13,000	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.54	Excavator	-	-	-	191,250	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.55	Deposit paid with tax revenue	-	-	-	33,750	100.00%
11-7-90-5-93.01	Reserve - Highway Capital	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.02	Reserve - Bridge & Culvert	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.03	Reserve - Guardrail	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.04	Reserve - Sidewalks	-	-	10,000	30,000	200.00%
Total - Highway Department		<b>1,716,341</b>	<b>1,550,924</b>	<b>1,747,409</b>	<b>2,244,176</b>	28.43%

<b>Budget Amounts for Voter Approval</b>	<b>4,026,503</b>	<b>3,465,139</b>	<b>4,238,574</b>	<b>5,048,542</b>
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Chart of Account #	Revenue Budget Accounts	Budget FY21	Actual FY21	Budget FY22	Budget FY23
	Administration Operations				
10-6-01-1-01.10	PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	1,897,405.00	1,893,855	1,984,039.00	1,762,708.52
10-6-01-1-01.12	Delinquent tax penalty	12,000	7,575	14,000	10,000
10-6-01-1-01.13	Delinquent tax interest	9,000	12,086	7,000	7,000
10-6-01-1-01.14	Current taxes - interest	10,000	8,370	10,000	8,000
10-6-01-1-01.19	Education fee retained	-	15,319	15,220	16,199
10-6-01-1-01.17	State PILOT funds	4,879	4,879	4,879	4,879
10-6-02-2-10.10	Act 60 Reappraisal grant	14,500	14,875	14,500	15,000
10-6-02-2-10.12	Equalization grant	1,700	1,750	1,700	1,750
10-6-02-2-10.13	Railroad tax	3,500	3,601	3,700	3,800
10-6-02-2-10.14	Current Use/Hold Harmless program	77,715	79,470	78,841	83,686
10-6-10-1-01.11	Zoning permits/hearing fees	18,000	18,717	22,000	20,000
10-6-10-1-20.01	Water/Sewer admin. reimbursement	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
10-6-10-1-20.05	Water/Sewer audit reimbursement	9,250	8,377	12,910	13,000
10-6-10-1-21.01	Town Center rent - utilities reimbursement	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000
10-6-10-1-21.03	Town Center rent - insurance reimbursement	-	-	8,875	4,863
10-6-10-1-21.02	Water & Sewer insurance reimbursement	23,959	-	-	-
10-6-10-1-40.05	Interest on investments	25,000	8,412	5,000	7,000
10-6-10-2-32.01	Electric Vehicle Charging Station	-	347	100	500
10-6-10-3-11.10	Beverage licenses	1,200	1,335	1,200	1,300
10-6-10-3-11.11	Dog licenses	5,100	4,560	4,000	4,500
10-6-10-3-30.10	Recording fees	18,000	31,960	22,000	30,000
10-6-10-3-30.12	Vault time & copies	3,000	3,168	3,000	3,000
10-6-10-3-30.13	Certified copies	1,200	2,656	1,000	2,700
10-6-10-3-30.14	Marriage licenses	200	180	200	200
10-6-10-3-30.15	Vehicle registration Fees	200	6	100	100
10-6-10-2-62.00	Building maintenance revenue	11,000	11,000	15,000	15,000
10-6-20-2-01.10	Police local fines	2,000	4,420	2,000	4,500
10-6-20-2-02.10	Police receipts	1,000	285	750	750
10-6-20-2-03.00	CESU contribution - SRO	39,800	-	-	-
10-6-20-2-04.00	Police short term contracts	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
10-6-20-2-20.10	Police overtime/equipment grants	8,000	-	-	-
10-6-20-2-20.11	Uniform traffic tickets	15,000	4,071	15,000	10,000
10-6-20-2-97.00	PD sale of town property	2,000	5,215	3,260	5,000
10-6-35-3-00.10	Rentals & Bolton fees	16,000	1,000	8,000	1,000
10-6-60-6-00.10	Field use fees	500	715	500	500
	<b>FUND BALANCE USAGE</b>				
10-6-40-1-99.10	Fire revenue - unassigned funds	10,000	10,000	-	-
10-6-00-0-00.01	Fire equipment transfer from fund 53	15,000	15,000	-	-
53-7-10-1-01.00	Fire Brush Truck transfer from fund 53 Capital Reserve	-	-	-	200,000
51-7-10-1-01.00	Police Cruiser transfer from fund 51 Capital Reserve	-	-	-	24,750
10-6-12-1-45.01	Reappraisal Reserve transfer from fund 61 Reserve	-	-	87,480	64,500
10-0-00-0-00.00	General Wage Contingency Offset from General Unassigned Funds	-	-	-	50,000
10-0-00-0-00.00	Contract Grounds Maintenance from General Unassigned Funds	-	-	-	50,180
10-0-00-0-00.00	Server, Phone, Legal from General Unassigned Funds	-	-	91,000	24,000
10-0-00-0-00.00	General Offset from General Unassigned funds	-	-	-	300,000
	<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>2,310,108</b>	<b>2,226,205</b>	<b>2,491,254</b>	<b>2,804,366</b>
11-6-01-1-01.10	Current year property tax	1,557,818.00	1,557,818	1,576,309.00	1,631,526.25
11-6-02-2-05.10	Highway state aid	113,500	168,458	113,500	113,500
11-6-50-0-01.10	Overweight permits	1,200	1,425	1,400	1,500
11-6-50-0-01.12	Public right of way permits	800	1,330	1,000	1,400
11-6-50-0-01.11	Access permits	300	615	200	500
11-6-50-1-30.01	Garage doors unassigned restricted funds	15,000	15,000	-	-
	<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>				
11-6-00-0-00.01	Jericho Rd transfer from fund 15	2,723	2,723	-	-
11-6-00-0-00.04	Garage doors transfer from fund 55	25,000	25,000	-	-
11-6-90-5-90.49	Utility Truck transfer from fund 55	-	-	55,000	-
11-0-00-0-00.00	Highway Wage Contingency Offset from Highway unassigned fund	-	-	-	30,000
11-0-00-0-00.00	Highway Equipment Offset from Highway unassigned funds	-	-	-	415,000
10-0-00-0-00.00	Highway Equipment Offset from General unassigned funds	-	-	-	50,750
	<b>Total Highway Revenue</b>	<b>1,716,341</b>	<b>1,772,370</b>	<b>1,747,409</b>	<b>2,244,176</b>
	<b>Total General &amp; Highway Revenue</b>	<b>4,026,449</b>	<b>3,998,575</b>	<b>4,238,663</b>	<b>5,048,542</b>
	(non tax revenue)	571,226	546,901	678,315	1,654,307

Town of Richmond  
FY23 Budget Revenue

<b>Tax Rate Estimate FY2023</b>					
		Grandlist July 2021	Amount To Be Raised		Tax Rate per \$100
<u>Current Fiscal Year</u>					
<b>FY 2021 - 2022</b>	6/4/2021	\$ 4,779,353	\$ 3,560,348	\$	0.7449 GF rate for tax billing purposes
				\$	0.0037 GF rate for exemptions
				\$	0.7486 Town rate/SB Approved 07/06/21
<u>Next Fiscal Year</u>		Grandlist Estimate November 2021			
<b>FY 2022 - 2023</b>		\$ 4,812,808	\$ 3,394,235	\$	0.7053 GF rate for tax billing purposes
				\$	0.0037 GF rate for exemptions
				\$	0.7090 Total Town Rate/SB - To be set July 2022
				\$	(0.0397) Rate Increase over prior year tax rate
				\$	-5.30% Percentage decrease over prior year

<b>Amount to be raised from FY23 Property Taxes to support Exemptions</b>					
<u>Exemptions</u>	Homestead \$	Non-Homestead \$	Homestead School Rate	Non-Homestead School Rate	Tax dollars
Veterans	\$ 240,000		1.6435		3,944
Veterans	\$	120,000		1.8184	2,182
Richmond Terrace	\$	635,638		1.8184	11,558
Total dollars to be raised					17,685
<u>Tax Rate for Exemptions</u>		Grandlist Est	Tax dollars	Tax Rate	
<b>FY 2022- 2023</b>	\$	4,779,353	\$ 17,685	0.0037	GF rate for exemptions

**Town Center Fund FY2021**

**Balance 7/1/20** \$ **520,036**

**Income from Rents**

Post Office	\$	93,666
Radiate Art	\$	444
MMCTV	\$	642
J. Hutchins	\$	1,200
Richmond Historical Society	\$	1
Richmond Senior Center	\$	1
Subtotal	\$	95,954
Interest	\$	1,618
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>97,572</b>

**Expenses**

Building Utilities	\$	23,000
Building Maintenance	\$	11,000
Electrical Work at Town Center	\$	610
Maintenance Work at Library	\$	781
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,391</b>

**Excess Revenues over (under)** \$ **62,181**

**Balance 6/30/21** \$ **582,217**



*Changes in the town center.*



The Water and Wastewater budget contained in this Town Report show the approved FY22 Water and Wastewater budget that was approved at the Water and Sewer Annual Meeting on May 18, 2021. The 2022 Water and Sewer Annual Meeting will be held in May of 2022, exact time and date to be decided by the Water and Sewer Commission. Please join us for that meeting where the FY23 Water and Sewer budget will be discussed and considered for approval.

**FY22 Water and Wastewater Budgets**

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY20	Actual FY20	Budgeted FY21	Budgeted FY22	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>WATER REVENUE</b>						
20-6-00-3-00.00	Water User Receipts	304,185	307,234	305,824	326,560	20,736
20-6-00-3-01.00	Sale of Water from Hydrant	1,500	53	1,500	1,500	-
20-6-01-4-11.12	Gateway Water Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments	1,500	2,134	1,500	500	(1,000)
20-6-00-4-10-01	Sale of Meters	-	-	-	-	-
20-6-00-4-10.02	Hook On Fees – Water	500	3,166	500	500	-
20-6-10-4-10.04	Fire Service Fees	50,300	50,300	49,641	50,432	791
<b>Water Revenue Sub Totals</b>		<b>357,985</b>	<b>362,887</b>	<b>358,965</b>	<b>379,492</b>	<b>20,527</b>
<b>WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (30% of total)</b>						
20-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	55,361	53,650	57,828	63,593	5,765
20-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	-	1,529	1,500	1,500	-
20-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	900	2,115	900	900	-
20-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	4,332	4,318	4,592	5,081	489
20-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	3,199	10,536	3,488	4,031	543
20-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	17,545	9,034	8,200	7,372	(828)
20-7-80-0-15.01	Health Savings Account	-	1,000	1,500	1,248	(252)
20-7-80-0-15.01	Health Insurance HRA 70% exposure	-	-	400	-	(400)
20-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	371	370	412	420	8
20-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	360	284	400	400	-
20-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	210	600	300	300	-
20-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	150	52	200	200	-
20-7-80-1-22.01	Computer	-	238	-	-	-
20-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	150	-	200	200	-
20-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense	6,000	6,000	9,000	9,000	-
20-7-80-1-26.03	Audit Expenses	-	-	2,775	6,673	3,898
20-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	750	654	800	800	-
20-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	90	29	100	100	-
20-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	300	-	300	300	-
20-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	900	2,312	900	2,500	1,600
20-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	150	165	200	200	-
20-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	-	-	-	-	-
20-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	8,100	7,623	8,196	8,498	302
<b>Water Administration Expense Totals</b>		<b>98,868</b>	<b>100,507</b>	<b>102,191</b>	<b>113,316</b>	<b>11,125</b>
<b>WATER OPERATIONS EXPENSES</b>						
20-7-83-4-16.00	Personal Protective Equip	500	34	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-31.00	Heat	600	387	600	600	-
20-7-83-4-32.00	Electricity	8,000	8,614	8,500	8,500	-
20-7-83-4-34.00	Trash Removal	500	702	800	800	-
20-7-83-4-41.00	Permits/Fees/License	1,500	2,717	1,900	1,900	-
20-7-83-4-45.00	Water Contracted	5,000	3,869	5,000	5,000	-
20-7-83-4-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	142	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-46.00	Engineering	2,000	1,420	2,000	2,000	-
20-7-83-4-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	700	362	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	1,000	827	1,000	1,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.02	Water Line	25,000	5,200	20,000	20,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.03	Pumps/Tanks	5,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.04	Asphalt Repair	1,000	1,478	5,000	5,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.05	Equipment Purchase	500	1,522	500	500	-
20-7-83-4-62.06	Supplies	1,000	304	1,000	1,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.07	Meters	3,000	2,037	3,000	3,000	-
20-7-83-4-65.00	Water Treatment Chemicals	1,000	410	1,000	1,000	-
<b>Water Operating Expense Totals</b>		<b>56,800</b>	<b>30,026</b>	<b>56,800</b>	<b>56,800</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>						
20-7-90-5-90.03	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
20-7-90-5-93.01	Water Capital Reserve	35,237	35,237	35,211	36,000	789
20-7-90-2-90.09	Distribution System Capital fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
20-7-90-5-90.01	Water Reservoir (principal-interest) (2048)	37,705	37,705	37,705	37,705	-
20-7-90-2-90.16	Water Reservoir gap principal (2025)	25,857	25,857	25,857	25,857	-
20-7-90-2-90.17	Water Reservoir gap interest	3,941	3,941	2,465	1,975	(490)
20-7-90-5-93.02	East Main RF3-335 (principal & interest) (2047)	25,140	25,140	25,140	25,140	-
20-7-90-2-90.07	Jericho Road Loan Principal (2032)	26,208	26,208	26,208	26,208	-
20-7-90-2-90.08	Jericho Road Loan Interest	13,229	13,229	12,388	11,491	(897)
20-7-90-5-90.13	RF3-365 Bridge Upper & Crossing Principal	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
<b>Water Capital Expense Totals</b>		<b>202,317</b>	<b>202,317</b>	<b>199,974</b>	<b>209,376</b>	<b>9,402</b>
<b>TOTAL WATER REVENUE</b>		<b>357,985</b>	<b>362,887</b>	<b>358,965</b>	<b>379,492</b>	<b>20,527</b>
<b>TOTAL WATER EXPENSES</b>		<b>357,985</b>	<b>332,850</b>	<b>358,965</b>	<b>379,492</b>	<b>20,527</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>30,037</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Combined Water and Wastewater Revenue</b>		<b>958,137</b>	<b>1,202,560</b>	<b>965,352</b>	<b>1,169,029</b>	<b>203,677</b>
<b>Combined Water &amp; Wastewater Expense</b>		<b>958,137</b>	<b>1,043,733</b>	<b>965,352</b>	<b>1,169,029</b>	<b>203,677</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>158,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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Account #	Description	Budgeted FY20	Actual FY20	Budgeted FY21	Budgeted FY22	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>WASTEWATER REVENUE</b>						
21-6-00-3-00.01	Sewer User Receipts	405,652	407,183	401,887	357,337	(44,550)
21-6-00-4-10.03	Hook On Fees – Sewer	1,000	976	1,000	1,000	-
21-6-01-4-11.12	Gateway Sewer Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
21-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments	3,500	4,980	3,500	1,200	(2,300)
21-6-01-4-11.10	Septage Receipts	190,000	426,534	200,000	430,000	230,000
	<b>Waste Water Revenue Subtotal</b>	<b>600,152</b>	<b>839,673</b>	<b>606,387</b>	<b>789,537</b>	<b>183,150</b>
<b>WASTEWATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (70% of total)</b>						
21-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	129,177	127,186	134,933	148,381	13,448
21-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	-	3,568	3,500	3,500	-
21-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	2,100	-	2,100	2,100	-
21-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	10,108	15,011	10,714	11,857	1,143
21-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	7,464	24,255	8,138	9,405	1,267
21-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	40,938	21,078	19,100	17,201	(1,899)
21-7-80-0-15.01	Health Savings Account	-	-	3,500	2,913	(587)
20-7-80-0-15.01	Health Insurance HRA 70% exposure	-	-	800	-	(800)
21-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	866	863	960	960	-
21-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	840	414	900	900	-
21-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	490	1,165	500	500	-
21-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	350	142	400	400	-
21-7-80-1-22.01	Computer	-	-	-	-	-
21-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	350	-	400	400	-
21-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense	14,000	14,000	21,000	21,000	-
21-7-80-1-26.03	Audit Expenses	-	-	6,475	6,237	(238)
21-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	1,750	445	1,800	1,800	-
21-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	210	67	300	300	-
21-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	700	-	700	700	-
21-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	2,100	3,117	3,800	3,800	-
21-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	350	385	400	400	-
21-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	-	2,809	-	3,000	3,000
21-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	18,900	18,659	15,765	15,868	103
	<b>Wastewater Administration Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>230,693</b>	<b>233,162</b>	<b>236,185</b>	<b>251,622</b>	<b>15,437</b>
<b>WASTEWATER OPERATIONS EXPENSES</b>						
21-7-82-2-32.01	Electricity	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
21-7-82-2-62.03	Pump Station Maintenance	1,800	-	1,800	1,800	-
21-7-82-3-16.00	Personal Protective Gear	500	1,255	500	500	-
21-7-82-3-31.00	Heat	13,000	6,630	10,000	10,000	-
21-7-82-3-32.00	Plant Electricity	34,200	37,490	32,000	40,000	8,000
21-7-82-3-32.02	WWTF water bill	16,000	29,530	16,000	32,000	16,000
21-7-82-3-34.00	Rubbish Removal	1,300	1,676	1,500	1,500	-
21-7-82-3-41.00	Permits/Certs/License	800	2,414	800	800	-
21-7-82-3-45.00	Wastewater Contracted	7,500	5,776	7,500	7,500	-
21-7-82-3-45.01	Biosolids Contracted	3,500	1,864	4,500	4,500	-
21-7-82-3-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	234	500	500	-
21-7-82-3-45.03	Biosolids Disposal/CSWD	60,000	116,769	60,000	120,000	60,000
21-7-82-3-46.00	Engineering	500	2,028	500	500	-
21-7-82-3-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	1,800	1,002	1,800	1,800	-
21-7-82-3-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	2,500	2,743	2,500	2,500	-
21-7-82-3-62.00	Wastewater Facil Repair	6,000	22,596	8,000	8,000	-
21-7-82-3-62.01	Biosolids Facility Repair	6,000	3,704	8,000	8,000	-
21-7-82-3-62.02	Collection System Repair	4,000	348	4,000	4,000	-
21-7-82-3-65.00	Wastewater Chemicals	6,000	9,120	6,000	10,000	4,000
21-7-82-3-65.01	Biosolids Chemicals	35,000	67,563	35,000	70,000	35,000
21-7-82-3-66.00	Supplies	5,000	2,450	5,000	5,000	-
	<b>Wastewater Operating Expense Subtotal</b>	<b>206,900</b>	<b>315,192</b>	<b>206,900</b>	<b>329,900</b>	<b>123,000</b>
<b>WASTEWATER CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>						
21-7-90-5-93.04	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund	43,000	43,000	43,000	50,000	7,000
21-7-90-5-93.11	Collection System Capital Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
21-7-90-5-93.00	Wastewater Capital Reserve	30,180	30,180	32,287	70,000	37,713
21-7-90-2-90.01	RFL-101 planning-ww (2027)	12,081	12,081	12,081	12,081	-
21-7-90-2-90.06	Project 7a Sanitary Sewer (2032)	14,092	14,092	14,093	14,093	-
21-7-90-2-90.02	Phosphorus SRF(2026)	22,220	22,220	22,220	22,220	-
21-7-90-2-90.14	Jericho Rd Loan Principal (2032)	20,592	20,592	20,592	20,592	-
21-7-90-2-90.16	Jericho Rd Loan Interest	10,394	10,394	9,029	9,029	-
	<b>Wastewater Capital Subtotal</b>	<b>162,559</b>	<b>162,559</b>	<b>163,302</b>	<b>208,015</b>	<b>44,713</b>
	<b>TOTAL WASTEWATER REVENUE</b>	<b>600,152</b>	<b>839,673</b>	<b>606,387</b>	<b>789,537</b>	<b>183,150</b>
	<b>TOTAL WASTEWATER EXPENSES</b>	<b>600,152</b>	<b>710,913</b>	<b>606,387</b>	<b>789,537</b>	<b>183,150</b>
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

The Town Health Officer handles issues of public health and safety. Situations often involve inspecting rental units for housing code compliance, investigating potentially hazardous spills or garbage dumps, and reviewing public buildings for health code compliance. Another important role of the Town Health Officer is investigating animal bites to ensure the animal does not carry the rabies virus. Rabies is 100% deadly, but 100% preventable! This year I investigated many complaints involving dogs without vaccination. The impact of bites by these animals can be catastrophic for the victim, owner, and pet. Please do your part for public health by ensuring your dog is vaccinated at a veterinarian's office and registered with the Town Clerk. If you have public health concerns, or questions about your individual situation, please contact me at your convenience or speak with the Town Manager who will pass your information along.

Eric Wood, Town Health Officer

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*Monitor Barn courtesy Earl Wester.*

## RICHMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter 2019 / 2020 started and ended as a very mild winter. There were several freezing rain events. Spring mud season was very mild. Because of your continued support for the gravel plan, we have rebuilt our gravel road sub-bases and all the dirt roads were in good condition and held up well during mud season.

Full-time employees of the Highway Department are Peter Gosselin – foreman; Dillon Laforce – assistant foreman / mechanic; Kyle Leggett – operator; Glenn Murray – operator; Kevin Mahoney – operator and Ray Wilson operator/grounds maintenance supervisor. The summer part-time employee was Mark Howland for grounds maintenance.

There have been several personnel changes this year. In October Kevin Mahoney terminated his employment for a highway position closer to where he lives. I've been actively looking for a full time hire with very little luck. We also had a year-round part time position available which we have also not been able to fill. Due to the entire country and Highway Departments experiencing a staffing shortage, I proposed a staffing re-structuring plan to the Selectboard. My plan eliminates town property mowing maintenance and this work would be contracted. This change eliminates the need for a part time employee by eliminating the grounds mowing duties for the highway department.

As a result of not dedicating a full time and part time employee to summer grounds mowing, we are proposing to add new construction projects to the Highway Department. I have cost estimated and compared in house cost versus contractor costs for 4 large village sidewalk and stormwater projects. The projects I've proposed are Bridge Street sidewalk and stormwater replacement, East Main Street sidewalks and curbing replacement, West Main Street sidewalk repairs and East Main Street stormwater outfall pipe upgrade from Rt.2 to Pleasant Street.

I am proposing to perform these projects using Highway staff, equipment, gravel budget, stormwater / sidewalk, and retreatment budgets to keep the overall costs to a minimum. I anticipate project savings of 63% by using Town forces versus contracting. This will eliminate the need for bonds and most likely will be funded through the annual highway budget.

The remaining village water line replacement work on Bridge Street was completed in 2021 leaving the stretch of sidewalk and stormwater from Railroad Street to the Volunteer's Green to be replaced and upgraded to concrete. We are planning to do this sidewalk / stormwater work summer 22 and finish this project with new surface paving from the railroad crossing to the Farr Road.

We are now almost completely rebuilt from the 2019 Halloween Storm. Dugway Road was completed this past spring and reopened to two-way through traffic. There is one project left to complete from this storm. Thompson Road has a road crossing culvert that is undersized and needs to be upsized to meet the proper hydraulics for the brook that crosses the road. We qualified from FEMA aid under mitigation to upsize this structure under this disaster claim. We anticipate bidding this project out in the spring of 2022 and completing this project by fall of 2022.

The summer construction season was again a very busy one. Work performed by the Highway Department includes the following:

**Hinesburg Road** – Replaced 1 driveway culvert. Corrected a major sight line issue by removing an overgrown row of cedar trees, stumps, and reclaimed the shoulder of the road to regain proper sight line.

**Johnnie Brook Road** – Replaced 1 driveway culvert and 1 road crossing culvert.

**Worthiem Road** – Replaced 1 road crossing culvert.

**Williams Hill Road** - Ditched and rock lined a 500-foot stretch of drainage ditch by Old County Road.

**Roger's Lane** – Replaced 1 deep road crossing culvert.

**Cochran Road** – Replaced 1 deep road crossing culvert. Constructed new recreational parking lot at the Overocker's storage site. It is now named Overocker's Park. Installed seasonal access onto the Beeken Land Trust field.

**Bridge Street** –In conjunction with New England Central railway we excavated and removed the railroad crossing, installed new base stone, and reset the rebuilt railroad crossing. Excavated and prepared crossing for finish paving. Excavated and replaced sidewalk from the Depot Street entrance to the Depot Street exit.

**Hillview Road** – Ditched and installed rip rap stone utilizing a Grants in Aid stormwater grant.

**Huntington Road** – Replaced 1 failed road crossing culvert and repaved the crossing. Replaced 3 driveway culverts. Ditched and installed rip rap stone on 3 segments of road utilizing 2 Grants in Aid stormwater grants and 1 Better Roads Grant.

**Town Center** – Excavated, removed, and prepared spalled Post Office concrete stairs and concrete patio for new concrete.

Other seasonal work includes the following:

- Sweeping of all village streets, sidewalks, and developments.
- Line striping of crosswalks and parking lots.
- Mowing and trimming of the Riverview and Bridge Street Cemeteries.
- Mowing and trimming of all Town properties including the Volunteer's Green and Brown's Court ball field.
- Roadside mowing of all town roads.
- Gravel road grading.
- Hauling gravel and rip rap stone for the summer work plan.
- Hauling road gravel for stockpile.
- Hauling and stockpiling winter sand.

We applied for a VTRANS structure grant as well as a Class 2 Roadway grant. We were awarded the VTRANS Class 2 Roadway Grant for Cochran Road. We applied for a Better Roads grant as well as a Grant in Aid grant for Huntington Road. Both grants were approved, and work was completed as outlined above.

Contracted work for the summer includes the following:

J. Hutchins Inc. from Richmond was awarded the remaining segment of the Bridge Street water line upgrade. This included the remaining section of water main from Church Street to the Iron Truss Bridge.

F.W. Whitcomb was awarded the paving contract which included additional paving on Cochran Road due to the award of the Class 2 Roadway grant. Roads resurfaced were Bridge Street from US Rt.2 to the Railroad crossing, East Hill Road, Collins Mountain Road and Cochran Road from the Cochran ski area to Dugway Road.

S.D. Ireland Inc. was awarded the bid to repair Dugway Road. This project was completed in June.

The Highway Department had 2 new purchases this year. The 2015 tandem dump truck was replaced with a 2022 tandem dump truck. The truck was purchased through Clark's Truck Center and the plow and body package was purchased from Viking Cives. Both the truck and plow package were purchased under state contract pricing. The 2013 Chevrolet pickup was replaced with a 2021 in stock model Ford F550 from Bokan Ford. We greatly appreciate your continued support of the Capital Equipment, Gravel, and Paving plans. The crew and I take pride in our work and continue to work toward better roads, bridges, and sidewalks. Please don't hesitate to call me at (802) 434-2631 or E-mail me at: [pgosselin@richmondvt.gov](mailto:pgosselin@richmondvt.gov)

Peter Gosselin, Richmond Road Foreman



*Repair of Railroad Crossing on Bridge Street.*



*Work on the reconstruction of Dugway Road.*

**TOWN OF RICHMOND 12-YEAR PAVING CYCLE**

FISCAL YEAR	Budget Amount	Miles Paved or Planned	Anticipated Road and Mileage to be paved	Notes
FY 23 Summer 2022	294,000	1.86	Bridge Street - remaining .46 miles of .57 miles; Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles; Dugway Road apron - .10 miles of .10 miles; Cochran Road - .70 miles of 3.68 miles; Town garage parking lot - .20 miles of .20 miles; Volunteer's Green parking lot - .20 miles of .20 miles	Bridge Street resurfaced after new storm and sidewalk replacements are complete. Bridge Street requires asphalt milling. Volunteer's Green and Town garage require base and top paving
FY 24 Summer 2023	294,000	2.20	Jericho Road - 1.50 miles of 2.33 miles; Southview Drive .70 miles of 1.30 miles	Jericho Road (grant eligible)
FY 25 Summer 2024	294,000	2.12	Jericho Road - .50 miles of 2.33 miles; Esplanade Street - .26 miles of .26 miles; Round Church Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Thompson Road - .33 miles of .33 miles; Farr Road - .11 miles of .11 miles; Church Street - .18 miles of .18 miles; Sherwood Forest Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Southview Drive - remaining .60 miles of 1.30 miles	Esplanade Street, Round Church Road and Church Street require asphalt milling
FY26 Summer 2025	295,000	2.05	Hidden Pines Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Hidden Pines Circle - .70 miles of .70 miles; Hidden Pines Extension - .11 miles of .11 miles; Joan Avenue - .30 miles of .30 miles; Bradford Terrace - .20 miles of .20 miles; Westall Drive - .45 miles of .45 miles; Westall Extension - .09 miles of .09 miles	Developments require shoulder gravel
FY27 Summer 2026	295,000	2.25	Huntington Road - 2.25 miles of 4.15 miles	Huntington Road (grant eligible) Huntington Road requires multiple years to resurface
FY28 Summer 2027	298,000	1.90	Huntington Road - remaining 1.90 miles of 4.15 miles	Huntington Road (grant eligible) Huntington River Bridge includes expansion joints
FY 29 Summer 2028	298,000	1.76	Hillview Road - .40 miles of .40 miles; Mountain View Road - .74 miles of .74 miles; Cemetery Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Burnett Court - .11 miles of .11 miles; Brown's Court - .19 miles of .19 miles; Mary Drive - .22 miles of .22 miles	Brown's Court and Burnett Court require asphalt milling
FY 30 Summer 2029	300,000	1.75	Governor Peck Road - .80 miles of .80 miles; Roger's Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Johnnie Brook Apron - .15 miles of .15 miles; Baker Street - .11 miles of .11 miles; School Street - .09 miles of .09 miles; Millett Street - .13 miles of .13 miles; Tilden Avenue - .18 miles of .18 miles; Lemroy Court - .19 miles of .19 miles	Governor Peck (grant eligible) Baker Street, School Street, Millett Street and Tilden Avenue require asphalt milling
FY 31 Summer 2030	300,000	1.85	Greystone Drive - .95 miles of .95 miles; Highland Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Apple Tree Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Pleasant Street - .12 miles of .12 miles; Depot Street - .15 miles of .15 miles; Jericho Road - .33 miles of 2.33 miles	Pleasant Street, Depot Street and Jericho Road require asphalt milling
FY 32 Summer 2031	305,000	1.90	Wes White Hill Road - .90 miles of .90 miles; Hinesburg Road - 1.0 miles of 2.90 miles	Hinesburg Road (grant eligible)
FY 33 Summer 2032	305,000	1.90	Hinesburg Road - remaining 1.90 miles of 2.90 miles	Hinesburg Road (grant eligible)
FY 34 Summer 2033	305,000	1.55	East Hill Road - 1.20 miles of 1.20 miles; Town Center parking lot - .25 miles of .25 miles; Bridge Street municipal parking lot - .10 miles of .10 miles	Parking lots requires asphalt milling
	3,583,000	23.09	<b>Variable:</b> Budgetary: Loans & Grants; Inflation; Weather & Emergencies: Type of Road Repair Needed: Annual Road Surface assessment	Village streets are estimated at a higher cost due to utilities, surface milling and paving quantities. Some village streets, developments and parking lots may be changed to a 15-year resurfacing cycle dependent on condition.

**TOWN OF RICHMOND 7 - YEAR GRAVEL PLAN**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>Gravel</b>	<b>Extra trucking to Haul Gravel</b>	<b>Culvert repair or replacement</b>	<b>Brush clearing, flagging &amp; ditching</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Anticipated Road and Mileage to receive gravel resurfacing</b>
FY 23 Summer 2022	\$140,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	3.40	Johnnie Brook Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 mile; Snipe Ireland Road - 2.0 miles of 2.55 miles
FY 24 Summer 2023	\$140,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	3.35	Snipe Ireland Road - remaining .55 miles of 2.55 miles; Hillview Road - 2.30 miles of 2.30 miles; Christmas Hill Road - .50 miles of .50 miles Kenyon Road - 2.25 miles of 2.25 miles; Volunteers Green - .30 miles of .30 miles
FY 25 Summer 2024	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	3.35	
FY26 Summer 2025	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.6	Rogers Lane - .40 miles of .40 miles; Stage Road - 1.5 miles of 2.80 miles; Lawrence Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Grandview Drive - .30 miles of .30 miles; Besaw Road - .10 miles of .10 miles
FY 27 Summer 2026	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.40	Stage Road - remaining 1.3 miles of 2.80 miles; Wes White Hill Road - 2.10 miles of 2.10 miles
FY 28 Summer 2027	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.35	Dugway Road - 3.35 miles of 3.35 miles
FY 29 Summer 2028	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.00	Williams Hill Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles; Worthem Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Old County Road - .30 miles of .30 miles
<b>7-year resurfacing cycle continues</b>						
<b>Note: Plan includes gravel and rip rap stone for all roads</b>						



## RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

July 1 usually finds the Library buzzing with summer programs and kids. Instead, the Library remained closed to in-person browsing because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but we still had a very busy summer program schedule. Kids came into the foyer to pick up their Summer Reading Record, kept track of their progress and collected charms for a necklace or key chain. Take home craft and activity kits were available, story walks were on display on the library grounds and special outdoor activities included storytimes, scavenger hunts and outdoor art projects. And, of course, a guessing jar challenge was available every week.

To support our reading and listening patrons, we provided “curbside pick-up” in the foyer. Patrons requested materials from the collection by reserving items through their patron account via the online catalog ([rfl.kohavt.org](http://rfl.kohavt.org)), the new online request form, filling out a Book Bundle request slip, emailing or calling the library. Youth Services Librarian, Wendy de Forest, developed 11 Storytime Bags to make at-home storytime easy and fun. Each bag had a different theme, five picture books, songs, and an activity. Some of the Storytime bag themes were Pets, Friendship, Seasons, Things that Go, Diversity and Inclusion, Numbers and Letters, Silly Songs, Magical Creatures and more.

Many patrons also took advantage of the library’s “concierge” service, letting staff select items from the adult and youth collections for their enjoyment. We are proud to say that this offering was very well received by our readers and listeners. Staff also enjoyed doing it very much. Matching patrons to materials is what we like best! The Richmond Free Library and Huntington Public Library librarians also teamed up to present a joint “Discover Between the Covers” monthly book chat via Zoom to discuss new and older treasures from both collections. Participants also shared their favorite titles. (Thanks to Jane Vossler for suggesting the joint venture.)

Unfortunately, the Friends of the Richmond Free Library were not able to hold the annual book sale in February 2021 because of Covid-19 protocols. However, they still provided support for summer programming and provided underwriting for a large purchase of Playaways (MP3 audiobook devices). We are hanging on to some great donations and the next sale will be great! Consider a donation to the Friends of the Richmond Free Library to facilitate their library support activities.

We have 2225 patrons (down only 12 patrons from the previous year), representing over 50% of the Town of Richmond. The collection includes over 21,000 items to borrow: books, Playaways, CD audiobooks, magazines, DVDs and recently added, VOX books – picture books that talk! We also have a few non-traditional items to lend, such as, blood pressure monitors, a moisture meter (to check firewood), a Kill-a-Watt meter (check an appliance electrical use), and watershed exploration kits. We’ll continue to add items to the collection as we can. We obtained 503 items for patrons from other libraries via Interlibrary Loan. Additionally, the Library offers access to over 23,700 audiobooks and ebooks via download through the Green Mountain Library Consortium. (Login to [gmlc.overdrive.com](http://gmlc.overdrive.com) with your patron credentials: patron barcode and your last name as password.) Other digital content includes many subject databases (51 actually), continuing education classes, test preparation and career exploration online modules. Rocket Languages, available via the library’s webpage, was launched and offers language instruction in 25 different languages.



*Library Storywalk*

How-to tutorials were created to help patrons browse the catalog and place items on hold. Wendy de Forest, our Youth Services Librarian, created story videos and video walk throughs on using the Library during COVID. Our webpage had 12,702 visitors, 3,705 more than the previous year. Thanks for checking out our cyberspace.

As people were not able to access our computer and copy room after March 13, we began offering to fax, copy or scan up to 5 pages without charge. The library also received a grant to install a WiFi hotspot on the outside corner of the building. This made it possible for people to use a WiFi signal to work, study, have zoom meetings and so on, from the backyard or parking lot. WiFi users were also able to take advantage of three new comfortable picnic tables, including an 8 ft ADA accessible table. The tables were chosen by Rebecca Roullier of Radiate Art and supported by the Recreation Committee & Town of Richmond, Friends of the Richmond Free Library, Richmond Historical Society and Radiate Art.

We were glad to welcome patrons back into the Library on June 14, 2021, for normal browsing and services. But we'll continue to offer all the services created in response to the pandemic.

Visit the Library's website at [www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org) for more information, or like us on Facebook where you can see announcements of special events.

Submitted by Rebecca Mueller, Director



*Library Story Time bags.*

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Department helps administer local regulations, including the Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and the Public Improvement Standards. In addition, the department provides support to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Transportation Committee, Recreation Committee, and Housing Committee. Current Planning and Zoning Department staff consists of Ravi Venkataraman (Town Planner) and Keith Osborne (Zoning Administrative Officer since March 2021)

Staff are happy to assist residents by answering questions about local planning projects, permit requirements, enforcement, as well as any community-wide issues. The Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Transportation Committee, Recreation Committee, Housing Committee, and Planning and Zoning Staff welcome feedback from community members on town-wide policies, ongoing projects, development activities, and community issues. Public hearings on permit applications and ordinance changes are announced in the Burlington Free Press, or Seven Days. Notices are also posted at the Town Offices, Post Office, the Richmond Market, and on the Town web website. Residents interested in serving on any boards or committees are encouraged to express their interest by contacting Town Planner Ravi Venkataraman.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

In 2021, staff issued 96 Zoning Permits. The number of Zoning Permits per type, in comparison to the past five years, is as follows:

Zoning Permits Issued By Type of Project	Permits issued in 2021	Permits issued in 2020	Permits issued in 2019	Permits issued in 2018	Permits issued in 2017	Permits issued in 2016
Accessory Dwelling	3	1	0	3	3	2
Accessory Structure	31	34	23	27	22	33
Addition and Renovation	26	37	31	29	32	25
Administratively Created Lot	0	0	0	3	1	5
Boundary Adjustment	5	4	8	2	2	5
Home Occupation/Cottage Industry	2	3	2	2	2	1
Mobile Home Replacement	4	0	1	4	1	2
New Construction Commercial	2	0	0	7	3	0
New Construction Residential Dwelling	12	7	6	11	8	18
Sign	3	1	1	7	3	5

In addition, staff issued 8 Certificates of Occupancy in 2021. Certificates of Occupancy are issued after construction is complete for significant projects, including new houses, additions, and accessory apartments.

## RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

It's hard to believe that it has been a year since the last annual report. Time certainly has flown by. With the COVID-19 pandemic still bearing down upon us, the men and women of the Richmond Police Department have been working hard to continue to provide the level of care and service our community deserves. Below is a summary of some highlights from the last year:

### **STAFFING:**

First and foremost, I'm pleased to report that Officer Kevin Wilson is back from his military deployment safe and sound. He was able to spend some much needed time with his family during the holidays, and he is back into the swing of things here at the police department. Welcome home, Officer Wilson!

We welcomed Officer Alyson Dengler as a full-time police officer in April 2021. In June of 2021, I was officially appointed as the Chief of Police from Acting Chief of Police. With my appointment, the addition of Officer Dengler, and the return of Officer Wilson, we were left with one full-time vacancy and two part-time vacancies. At the time of this writing, we have one candidate for the full time position and one candidate for one of the part-time positions in the background investigation phase of employment. Assuming all goes well, the addition of the two new officers will fill our full-time roster and leave only one part-time vacancy.

My appointment to Chief of Police left a Sergeant position vacant. While Officer Wilson was absent, we recognized the need for this important role to be filled while also ensuring that Officer Wilson not be excluded from candidacy as a result of his military service. Therefore, Officer Benjamin Herick was appointed as Acting Sergeant to fulfill the needs of that role until we were able to have a formal promotional process.

### **VEHICLES:**

In other exciting news, the Richmond Police Department is conducting a pilot project to test the cost efficiency and feasibility of using electric vehicles as police cruisers. To that end, we ordered a Tesla Model 3 and took delivery of it at the end of August 2021. Due to supply chain issues, we were unable to have emergency equipment installed in the vehicle until November 2021, but it is now operational and we are optimistic to learn how this project could change our fleet and those of other police departments in the future.

This project was funded through existing funds in the Richmond Police Department budget, as well as some unassigned funds which were largely vacancy savings from the police department. We also received a \$3K climate catalyst grant through the Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund of the Vermont Council on Rural Development, and roughly \$2150 in utility incentives from Green Mountain Power for purchasing an electric vehicle.

### **BUDGET:**

Our proposed FY23 budget is, in essence, level funded. There are some increases in salary and benefits to account for the newest collective bargaining agreement. I was able to reduce the budget by over \$15K because the Department of Public Safety has decided to abandon their plan to start charging agencies for dispatch services.

### **IN CLOSING:**

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to this community for all of your support during these challenging times. Between the COVID-19 Pandemic and the police reform that is happening all over the country, our already difficult profession has faced some of the most significant challenges I can recall in my 20 years as a Vermont police officer. Though we still face some of those same challenges here in Richmond, we feel valued and cared for by you. For that, I thank you. Here's to a 2022 full of love, joy, and happiness.

Respectfully, Kyle Kapitanski, Chief of Police

## NEED TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED DRUGS?

The Richmond Police Department, in conjunction with CVS Pharmacy & Partnership for Drug-Free Kids sponsors a medication disposal collection box at the Town Center. It is a large red box, similar to a postal collection box. It provides an environmentally safe way to dispose of expired or unwanted medications. It can accept prescription medications, patches, and ointments. Over the counter medications as well as vitamins, drug samples & pet medications can be deposited there. When full, a Richmond Police Officer will empty it for collection with the Drug Enforcement Agency for proper disposal. They cannot accept liquids, aerosols, inhalers, or needles. There are collection stations for needles “sharps” located on the outside wall at the Town Center and at the Richmond Rescue building located at the end of Railroad Street.

Let's all try to keep unwanted drugs out of our homes and dispose of them properly.



*Richmond Police and Rescue participated in the Special Olympic Torch Run.*

## TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2021

BUYER	SELLER	LOCATION
3295 EAST MAIN STREET LLC	YOUNGMAN CONSTRUCTION	3295 EAST MAIN ST
38 HILLTOP CIRCLE LLC	HESKETT, JENNETH & JENNIFER	38 HILLTOP CIR
ALEXANDER, CHRISTA & FASCHING, MARK	PEET, DANIEL ET AL	92 CHURCH ST
ALEXANDER, CHRISTA & FASCHING, MARK	PEET, DANIEL ET AL	200 JOLINA CT
ANDORS, ALEX & NICHOLE	CANEEL LLC	70 APPLE TREE LN
ANDREWS, SCOTT & FRAZIER, ALLISON	FLEISCHER, KIM DEE	3026 DUGWAY RD
ANDREWS, SCOTT & FRAZIER, ALLISON	FLEISCHER, KIM DEE	3000 DUGWAY RD
ANGSTMAN, SAMANTHA & ALLEN, EVAN	JOEL, ERIC ET AL	797 EAST HILL RD
ATWOOD, JEFFREY & SIMONE	ATWOOD HOLDINGS	58 PERPETUAL LN
AUSTIN, RANDALL & FRANKLIN, MICHELLE	MONROE, ANTHONY	407 EAST HILL RD
BAIRD, CLARK & EMMA	SPENCE, MELVINA	2168 JERICHO RD
BARSKY, ADAM & JILL	POTTER, DAVID & WIESE HANSEN, LISETTA	121 BRADFORD TERR
BILLINGSLEY, TYLER & LAUREL	HUNTINGTON HOMES INC	952 KENYON RD
BLANCHET, NICK & KELLY	HARRIS, RICHARD & SHERRY	132 STONEFENCE RD
BOLIN, ELIZABETH & BURACHOWSKI, SAMUEL	JACOBS, BRUCE	42 DEPOT ST
BRADLEY, ELIZA & BARBER, LAURA	HUNTINGTON HOMES INC	952 KENYON RD
BROADWORTH, JORDAN & MARY	LANDELL, JONATHA & MARCELLA	531 WILLIAMS HILL RD
BROOKS, KYLE & JENNIFER	SCHINSTINE, MALCOLM & MILLS, LISA	497 SADLAR MEADOW
BROWN, DEBORAH	BLAIR, LISA & ED	72 LOWER CIR EXT
BROWN, LOGAN & MARIA	OGRADY, KEVIN & SASHA	298 COCHRAN RD
BUCHWALTER, ANDREW & ROWE, KATHERINE	HAGAN, JAMES & SHELLEY	885 WILLIAMS HILL
BURLINGTON HOUSE BUYERS LLC	LAPELL-KUNI, SOLOMAN	451 GOVERNOR PECK HWY
BUTKUS, JESSICA	FRANCIS, DONALD	98 SUMMERS ST
CALDWELL BEAN, ANYA	BIER, JULIE	1724 KENYON RD
CARTER, EMILY CORBIN	GILBERT, BRODY & JODI	315 SADLAR MEADOW
CASSEL, SOPHIA & LAKE, NATHAN	ROBERTS, JULIE	73 HIGH MEADOW DR
CHAMPLAIN HOUSING TRUST	ATWOOD HOLDINGS LLC	44 PERPETUAL LN
CHIARELLO, CHRIS	WALTER, GINA	203 HILLTOP CIR
CLARK, TIMOTHY & JENNIFER	MOBBS, LOUISE & NOREEN & BRAVES, DELANA	100 BAKER ST
CONNELLY, DOUG & PALCHAK, ELIZABETH	WAVERNEK, BRIAN & ELIZABETH	251 BRIDGE ST
CURRAN, COLM & AMIE	KILLIAN, EVELINE	142 CHURCH ST
CUSHING, TAYLOR	CHAMPLAIN HOUSING TRUST	44 PERPETUAL LN
DACHOS, ALEXANDRA & SMITH, SILAS	ATKINS, ALMON & VEINO, CAROL	77 HIDDEN PINES DR
DAVIS, NICOLE	CACACE, DONNA	284 ONEIL DRD
DECAPUA, MATTHEW & SUZANNE	GEORGE, DON & CAMILLE	209 HIDDEN PINES CIR
DENIS, MAURICE	JONES, BRYCE & BARBARA	267 WESTALL DR
DUNNE, JAMES & TENENBAUM, EMILIE	HIERONIMUS, ROBERT & ASHLEY	153 BRADFORD TERR
EVANS, IAN & DORIAN	MARTIN, THOMAS JR	34 OVERLOOK LN
FORTUNE, TYLER	MORWAY, CONNOR	57 SUMMERS ST
FOX, SAMANTHA & MULLEN, DANIEL	PEACEBALE KINGDOM LLC	25-1 THOMPSON RD
FULLER, CHLOE	FRANSEN, TYLER & MAYNARD, ANNA	1480 STAGE RD
GABIC, JASON	CRETE ESTATE	437 EAST HIL RD
GADUE, BROOKE	ROBIDOUX, JULIE	266 MEADOW LN
GILBERT, BRODY & JODI	SANTOS, DAVID & ANNLOUISE	315 SADLAR MEADOW
GURRY, CURT	ATWOOD, ELEANOR	51 EAST MAIN ST
HARRIS, RICHARD & SHERRY	CHANDLER, JANICE	259 SADLAR MEADOW
HAYDEN, BRADLEY & MELISSA	BUSICK TRUST	130 DIMICK LN
HINTZE, ROBERT & ERICA	HUNSDORFER, DETLEV & ABAB, CLAUDIA	13 JOLINA CT

## TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2021

BUYER	SELLER	LOCATION
HINTZE, ROBERT & ERICA	HUNSDORFER, DETLEV & ABAE, CLAUDIA	15 RAILROAD ST
HOBBS, TYLER & AMBER	LEAVITT, JOSE & JAMES	228 PALMER LN
JWB PROPERTIES	P&M PROPERTIES	3216 EAST MAIN ST
KELLY, ROBERT	FECTEAU RESIDENTIAL	455 MEADOW LN
KESSEL, KERERY & MARIA	DAVIGNON, JACOB	945 DUGWAY RD
KINNEY, HANNAH & ADAM	SMITH, DAREN & TARA	95 ORCHARD LN
KLEIN, STEPHANIE & JONATHAN	PALLITO, PATTI	1807 KENYON RD
LANG, BRADLEY	MORTENSEN, DAVID & MERKEL, JILL	1002 JOHNNIE BROOK RD
LAZQUEZ, LEANDRO	DANIS, KENNETH & DOWNS, SUSAN	65 HIGHAND DR
LEA, TRAVIS & EVA	HEMMETT, ERIK & VICKI	200 GREYSTONE DR
MASON, TINA	ROSENFELD, JOHN	586 DUGWAY RD
MCGOWAN, WILLIAM, JULIE & ALEXANDER	SCHUMAKER, JOHN & ODGEN, KATHRYN	261 STONEFENCE RD
MILLETTE, DANA & ILEEN	CORBIN, KEVIN & VANESSA	369 ONEIL DR
MOWER, EMILY & JACOB	HARD, JAMES & CHERYL	235 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD
MUELLER, MARLENE	WITHAM, ERINM & ROBERT	292 SUMMERS ST
MULLIGAN, KATHLEEN	PEACEBALE KINGDOM LLC	25-2 THOMPSON RD
PENZO, DAVID	LOWENTHAL, BENJAMIN	186 LOWER CIR
PEYTON, JOSEPH & LIPPINCOTT, ISABEL	DESANTIS, SARAH	1653 JERICOH RD
PHILLIPS, MICHAEL & LINDSEY	BAKER, LAURA	118 HIDDEN PINES CIR
QUINN, ALANA	KEPPELMAN, ARTHUR JR	595 DUGWAY RD
RABC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC	L-5 INC	1200 EAST HILL RD
RINGER, ROBERT & HAMEL, CARINA	CLEVELAND, RONALD & SHELLEY	214 WEST MAIN ST
RISI, ERIC & JENNIFER	ESTES, DAVID & JACKLYNN	317 OLD FARM RD
ROBB, OLIVIA	BOUCHARD, ELIZABETH	663 SNIPE IRELAND RD
ROBTOY, JESSICA & RAYMOND, CURTIS	ALBANO, JOSEPH	139 LOWER CIR
RUBLEE, BILL & LAURIE	ALLEN, DAYLE JR & SANDRA	2742 HUNTINGTON RD
RYBA, JEFFREY	SNYDER, JESSE & SUSAN	195 GRANDVIEW DR
SCHENCK, LAZRIN	DAVIS, JANE	80 BORDEAUX LN
SCHLOSSBERG, TODD & BULLARD, CHRISTINA	MASTERTON ESTATE	1242 KENYON RD
SENNING, THOMAS & ADORA	KEOSIAN, JAMES	238 WESTALL DR
SLOPESIDE SYRUP HOLDINGS LLC	NOYES PROPERTIES LLC	198 RAILROAD ST
SMITH, REBECCA & LARRY	BESSETTE, KELEY BRIAN	157 HILLTOP CIR
SOMMerville, SCOTT & JAMIE	ATWOOD HOLDINGS	70 PERPETUAL LN
STRODE, SCOTT	ROSEN, EARL & LOTTA	1500 DUGWAY RD
THIBODEAU, DEREK & CLARK, STACY	SCHOTT, BENJAMIN	377 STAGE RD
TILLMAN, BRIAN & AMY	BROADWORTH, JORDAN & MARY	282 JOAN AVE
VOLK, WESLEY & ZHANG, JUAN	COOKE, BRYAN & SHIRLEY	447 VALLEY VIEW EXT
WHITE, DOUGLAS & LAING, KATHRYN	LIEBERMAN, JAMES & ELLEN	2618 DUGWAY RD
WILLEN, MICHAEL & CROCKER, ALISON	WOWELKO, NICHOLAS & HEXTER, CASSIE	77 WESTALL DR EXT
WRIGHT, KEITH P II	TYLER, IAN & JENNIFER	196 HILLTOP CIR
YOUNGMAN CONSTUCTION INC	3295 EAST MAIN STREET LLC	3295 EAST MAIN ST
ZIMINKSY, MARIAN	NORTHROP, MEG	1790 DUGWAY RD
ZMINKOWSKI, VICTOR & TANYA	GILBERT, PATRICIA	343 PALMER LN

## SCHEDULED TOWN MEETINGS & OFFICE HOURS

[www.richmondvt.gov](http://www.richmondvt.gov) ~ for up-to-date meeting information and agendas

<b>Selectboard</b>	1st & 3rd Monday of each month	7:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Commissioners</b>	1st & 3rd Monday of each month	6:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Planning Commission</b>	1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month	7:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Development Review Board</b>	2nd Wednesday of each month	7:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	2nd Tuesday of each month	7:30 PM	Town Center
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	1st Tuesday of each month	7:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Library Trustees</b>	2nd Monday of each month	6:30 PM	Library
<b>Trails Committee</b>	3rd Tuesday of each month	7:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Andrews Forest Mgmt</b>	Last Monday of each month	7:00 PM	Town Center
<b>Housing Committee</b>	2nd Monday of each month	7:30 PM	Town Center
<b>Parking Advisory Committee</b>	2nd Monday of each month 4th Monday of each month	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Town Center Town Center
<b>Town Center &amp; Library Building Committee</b>	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month	7:00 pm	Town Center
<b>Transportation Committee</b>	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month	5:30 PM	Town Center
<b>Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District</b>	1st & 3rd Monday of each month <a href="http://www.mmuusd.org">www.mmuusd.org</a> ~ for up to date meeting information and agendas	6:30 PM	TBA
<b>Town Clerk's Office Hours</b>	802-434-2221 / 802-434-3139 Monday Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday Friday	8 AM - 5 PM 8 AM - 4 PM 8 AM - Noon	
<b>Town Manager's Office Hours</b>	802-434-5170 Monday Tuesday through Friday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	
<b>Town Planner &amp; Zoning Administrator's Office Hours</b>	802-434-2430 Monday through Thursday Friday by appointment	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	

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## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

In 2021 we continued to face many challenges but still managed to accomplish much as a town. While we had adjusted to daily life during the COVID-19 pandemic and some restrictions did ease, operations were still affected by necessary precautions due to the pandemic. On the bright side, we were able to re-open the Town Center to in person visitors and meetings were able to be held in person again, but, of course, masks are still required for all people in the Town Center. I want to send a big THANK YOU to all Town staff for their flexibility and resilience as guidelines change and the workflow changes due to the pandemic. The dedication that staff show to the Town, and the ability to persevere in challenging times, is a testament to the work ethic of all Town staff.

**Police Department:** Kyle Kapitanski was appointed as the full time Police Chief in 2021. Under Chief Kapitanski's leadership the department continues to follow a community policing model and look for ways to build on that work. The Department has also been seeking out training opportunities to address equity, inclusion, and implicit bias. In 2021 the Town and the Police Union signed a three-year agreement, this is the second agreement with the Union and builds on the initial agreement that was signed in 2017. The Department purchased a Tesla for use as a police cruiser in 2021. The purchase is a pilot program to gauge the feasibility of using electric vehicles as police cruisers in an effort to reduce environmental impact and to reduce costs of fuel and maintenance.

**Water and Sewer:** 2021 was a busy year for waterline replacement projects thanks to the leadership and foresight of Water and Sewer Superintendent Kendall Chamberlin. The Water and Sewer Department completed a waterline replacement project on Bridge St. between Volunteers' Green and Church St. The new waterline has been installed and is fully functional, but we did run into winter weather at the end of the project, and we will work with the contractor for final clean up in the spring of 2022. This project qualified for a 75% subsidy from the State, helping to reduce the overall cost placed on the water and sewer customers. The Department also replaced a section of waterline on West Main St. Water and Sewer staff accomplished both projects while also continuing to provide exceptional service to water and sewer customers.

**Highway:** Road Foreman Pete Gosselin continues to keep the Highway Department running smoothly to address long term projects while continuing to provide excellent service for daily and annual maintenance on the roads. Once again, the Highway staff put in the early mornings and late nights necessary to keep Richmond roads clear of snow and ice in the winter. The Department organized the paving of several miles of roads, ensuring that our paving plan stays on schedule. Upper Bridge St. saw new pavement and the replacement of a section of deteriorating sidewalk. Mr. Gosselin coordinated with the State and the Railroad to replace the railroad crossing on Bridge St. Mr. Gosselin also worked closely with the Parking Advisory Committee to find creative solutions for recreational parking, which included creating a new parking area on Cochran Rd.

**Fire Department:** Chief Dennis Gile and the Fire Department continued their focus on improving safety for the firefighters and providing excellent service to our Town. This included training for all staff, inspecting all equipment and trucks, and evaluating policies designed to protect the health and safety of our Firefighters. Chief Gile was honored at the fall banquet for his 50 years of service in the Richmond Fire Department.

**Planning and Zoning:** The work in Planning and Zoning continues to increase as Richmond grows and works toward becoming an even better community to live, work, and recreate in. Zoning Administrative Officer Keith Osborne worked on many zoning applications and helped to guide residents through the zoning process. Mr. Osborne also provided excellent staffing for the Development Review Board which is responsible for commercial and subdivision reviews as well as zoning variances and other required reviews in need of approvals. Town Planner Ravi Venkataraman works closely with various town boards and committees--including the Planning Commission, Transportation Committee, Recreation Committee, and Housing Committee--to help advance the goals described in the

Town Plan. Mr. Venkataraman used his planning skills to help guide the work of these committees as they worked on projects to improve our community.

**Library:** Library Director Rebecca Mueller and her staff were happy to be able to re-open to the public after having been closed to in person visitation due to the pandemic. Ms. Mueller and her staff were able to adapt to guidelines for in person visitation and provide excellent service to the library patrons. They were even able to resume some of the favorite in person events that help the community come together and connect. They kept in place the curbside pickup that continues to be popular with some patrons. The HVAC system at the library was completely replaced last year, as the original system was failing. This has provided for a warm, and worry free, winter.

**Finance:** Finance Director Connie Bona continues to manage the Town finances and each additional project and grant adds to the number of financial items she is charged with keeping track of. This year Ms. Bona created a plan for the FY23 budget to use unassigned funds and reserve funds to avoid the need to take loans for large equipment purchases.

**Thank you to Town Clerk and Justices of the Peace:** The in-person Town Meeting was canceled in 2021 with all items being moved to Australian Ballot. Town Clerk Linda Parent and the Justices of the Peace worked to ensure that this process was seamless for Richmond residents. Ms. Parent and the Justices of the Peace kept residents informed of the changes to the process and provided for a well-run process from start to finish.



*Old Round Church*

**Town Center:** The Town Center welcomed Mount Mansfield Community Television, the Community Senior Center, and the Historical Society as new tenants on the third floor of the building. These three non-profit organizations benefit the Town in many ways, and we are excited to welcome them to the Town Center. The Selectboard meeting room was also moved to the third floor and has been configured to allow meetings to be attended in person and virtually. Angelike Contis and the staff at MMCTV worked diligently to put the technology in place to accommodate these hybrid meetings. We have continued to see increased attendance at meetings via Zoom, and it is wonderful to see more residents involved in Town government. Offices for Town staff have been spread out a bit more on the main floor of the building, to allow for a more comfortable and safer working environment. I'd like to thank Assistant to the Town Manager Kathy Daub-Stearns for handling the details of the reconfigurations in the Town Center

**Thank You Volunteers:** In addition to the Town staff, Richmond has a very active community which volunteers for special projects, grant writing, and serves on Town committees, boards, and commissions. I am continually

amazed at the large number of volunteer hours that go into helping to keep Richmond a vibrant community. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Please feel free contact me any time with any questions or concerns by phone at 434-5170 and by email [jarneson@richmondvt.gov](mailto:jarneson@richmondvt.gov) and of course you can always stop by the Town Center to say hi, just please remember to wear a mask.

Thank you,

Josh Arneson, Town Manager

**VITAL RECORDS**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Births	35	36	43	33	39
Deaths	22	27	36	25	28
Marriages	29	30	19	23	25

*Vital records are public documents that are recorded in the Town Clerk's Office. Certified copies are available upon request at a cost of \$10.00 each. All VT Birth & Death Certificates are available from any VT Town Clerk's office. You will be required to show identification and complete an application. Marriage certificates are available in the town that issued the license. Genealogy research can be done during regular office hours.*



*Radiate Art at work.*

**BIRTHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2021**

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAME
Kenney, Jane Frances	March 11, 2021	Kyla & Michael Kenney
Rivers, Nathan Robert	March 26, 2021	Anne Kennedy & Gregprry Rivers
Elliott, Liliana Vivian	March 28, 2021	Christina Young & Juan Elliott Palmer
Pfeil, Juno Ophelia	April 2, 2021	Hannah & Joshua Pfeil
Charles, Noah Steven Andrew	April 15, 2021	Cowles, Alyssa
Fahner, Ashton William	April 21, 2021	Lynsey & Christopher Fahner
Davis, August Ryan	April 21, 2021	Vintinner, Corinne
Smithfields, Griffin Leavesley	May 3, 2021	Smithfields, Logan & Julia
Moultroup, Eleanor Elizabeth	June 9, 2021	Angela & Luke Moultroup
Goodwin, Edith Livak	June 15, 2021	Natalia Livak & Benjamin Goodwin
Gesink, Caleb Christian Matthew	July 3, 2021	Maria & Benjamin Gesink
Long, Samuel Ryan	July 6, 2021	Eugenia & Ryan Long
Anderson, Natalie Elizabeth	July 15, 2021	Karen & Trevor Anderson
White, Bryleigh Ann	July 27, 2021	Carrie & Matthew White
Brier, Cillian Rian	August 2, 2021	Danielle & Ryan Brier
Paradis, Aralia Lou	August 5, 2021	Martha Waterman & Corey Paradis
Ringer, Nolan James	August 16, 2021	Carina Hamel & Robert Ringer
Krugipudi, Sunthosh Maynard	August 20, 2021	Deborah & Vika Mangipudi
Nadeau, Easton Jack	August 26, 2021	Katelyn & Paul Nadeau II
Wood, Emmett Anthony	August 27, 2021	Elysse Parente & Eric Adam Wood
White, Eloise Marie	August 28, 2021	Shasaieh Smith & William White
Rich, Vera Violet	August 29, 2021	Sarah & Dustin Rich
Gilmer, Sophie Anne	August 30, 2021	Erin & Bryce Gilmer
Kempton, Ava Jeanette	September 1, 2021	Sabrina Blanchard & Julian Kempton
Spooner, Blake Allen Jaxson	September 3, 2021	MaKenna Fortune-Osgood & Dale Spooner II
Poquette, Lydia Rose Hulvey	September 16, 2021	Kasey Hulvey & Matthew Poquette
Kinney, Jane Isabelle	September 17, 2021	Hannah & Adam Kinney
Mattoon, Greyson Parker	September 23, 2021	Kelsey & Ian Mattoon
Novogroski, Clara Bridget	September 25, 2021	Kaitlin & Benjamin Novogroski
Anderson, Wynnelise Mercy	October 10, 2021	Cherri & Peter Anderson
Hamlin, Adriana Ruth	October 19, 2021	Laura & John Hamlin
Dunne, Lillian Octavia	October 25, 2021	Emilie Tenenbaum & James Dunne
Clark, Hazel Ruth	November 3, 2021	Danielle Beaudoin & Michael Clark
DeCapua, Norah Lillian	November 13, 2021	Suzanne & Matthew DeCapua
Murray, Lucille Eilana	November 15, 2021	Jenna & Kevin Murray
Loesel, Daphne Vesta	November 17, 2021	Katie Loesel & Lucas Cady
Porter, Iverson Russell	December 1, 2021	Ali & Blake Porter
Brooks, Conrad Gifford	December 14, 2021	Chelsye & Trevor Brooks
Lee, Emerson Kay	December 29, 2021	Jennifer & Casey Lee

**DEATHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2021**

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Stockwell, Theresa M	January 6, 2021	Burlington
Gilbeau, Donald J	January 19, 2021	Burlington
Gay, Jackson P	February 6, 2021	Colchester
Cross, Walter J Jr	February 21, 2021	Burlington
Hobart, Timothy M	March 17, 2021	Colchester
Hitchcock, Thomas	April 2, 2021	Colchester
Poley, Denis J	April 7, 2021	Colchester
Schraven, Mary E	April 17, 2021	Richmond
Jerome, Joseph R	May 15, 2021	Richmond
Doherty, Joseph R Donald	May 23, 2021	Burlington
Parent, Alexis J Jr	June 26, 2021	Burlington
Sloan, Monika H	July 9, 2021	Richmond
Yacavoni, Ryan C	July 22, 2021	Richmond
Cadran, Marjorie F	August 1, 2021	Richmond
Haskin, Bruce R Sr	August 14, 2021	Richmond
Swem, Shanna L	August 16, 2021	Richmond
Ladensack, Harriet Ann	August 17, 2021	Richmond
Corbett, Martin H	September 6, 2021	Colchester
Carter, Mary Alice	September 28, 2021	Burlington
Francis, Lavon M	October 14, 2021	Richmond
Woodruff, Joyce Ehart	October 31, 2021	Burlington
Purinton, Genevieve Ellen	November 2, 2021	Richmond
Kenney, Marie Colette	November 3, 2021	Colchester
Singer, Marcella Bertha	November 6, 2021	Richmond
Allgaier, Margaret C	November 10, 2021	Richmond
Doherty, Rita Marie	December 26, 2021	Shelburne
Spencer, Charles A	December 29, 2021	Richmond
Mathewson, Hugh III	December 31, 2021	Richmond

## RICHMOND WATER RESOURCES

July started with an OMERP plan update for the wastewater system during a month of record septage. We checked out an operating dryer for sludge in Hookset and worked on adding another section of waterline to the Bridge Street project. With a little money left over, use it, or lose it! A special thanks goes out to our friends in China that kept sending us toilet paper when it was very hard to find.

We confirmed the section of waterline from Railroad Street to Church Street would be added to the Bridge Street project in August. The month was spent figuring out sections of temporary waterline to keep folks in water during that construction. Septage was intense as well, compounded by all the other COVID issues. The four-fold increase in receiving volume kept the haulers running and the staff hopping.



*Richmond's Sewer Plan.*

September set yet another septage record as the Board reeled under the influx of money. The month took an exciting turn when someone messed with the pump station. We were very relieved a crispy human wasn't found in the morning, so we stepped up our warnings to leave it alone. Discussion about the cracks on the water reservoir heated up, but an engineer confirmed there is nothing to worry about. The WWTF equipment handled the increased workload fairly well but showed us areas that will need attention.

The cooler days of October ushered in a private sewer repair issue on Cochran Road and the completion of the Bridge Street work. The couple sentence reference to the Bridge Street project in this report is all the energy we have left to spend on it – but we will always thank COVID for the ability to get that very tough section of waterline done when little else could happen! We finished the month with a PFAS sample, which unfortunately showed a barely-there detect, but enough to require yearly sampling.

November seems to be the month job openings pop up and Tyler took advantage of it by accepting a position at Burlington. The West Main sewer extension resurrected with a private option, which morphed into a revitalization of the public option, eventually spawning new alternatives to get the line(s) out there. Speaking of new alternatives, the state decided our 2005 wastewater permit should be renewed and added a whole bunch of new requirements for testing.

To prove the value of always leaving a job on good terms, if possible, blast from the past Brad Snow reconsidered his career options and returned to Richmond as our next apprentice. He brought a lot of Trudy-era skills along and hit the ground running. Management joined the race when a special option to take advantage of 75% funding for water work materialized. Richmond was one of eight communities that managed to secure the funding, making this the last December we will worry about the old valve sticking up under the bridge.

The New Year saw a new wastewater permit with new requirements. We found out there is no new CWSRF funding for the West Main extension – except some planning monies. One of the old wastewater main pumps failed, and the sticker shock at the price of a new one prompted us to rebuild it. By the end of January, COVID also showed us it had some new tricks up its sleeve for this year. So much for “In with the new....”

History repeated itself in February as we finalized plans for a continuation of the Bridge Street project (never say never) and looked at a West Main waterline replacement before the upcoming Route II rebuild. The only excitement this month was a sewer line failure on East Main.

When March rolled around, we updated our electric failure plan, fixed another “water leak” on East Main that turned out to be a storm drain and did a hot wash of some of the collection system. We flush the system as needed but couldn’t resist the temptation to use hot water. What a difference!

April was busy as we defined the original W/S district, started the West Main waterline replacement, worked on a phosphorus optimization plan, and commissioned a small rate survey. It turned out Richmond rates for low usage customers are below several surrounding towns. Higher users go to the top of the grid, which was exactly the Commission’s goal.

May brought some extraordinary news – Richmond was selected for outstanding wastewater facility excellence for 2020 in Vermont. Our work through the pandemic (which continues) and stepping up to answer a state-wide need for septage treatment stood out in a year every wastewater facility excelled. We were very humbled to be selected by our peers. It was a very bright spot in a very difficult year.



*An interesting read.*

We pounced on an opportunity to participate in Vermont Works for Women in June. The reservoir was given an excellent bill of health during a dive inspection, the digester was cleaned, and we updated our SPP plan. Finishing the West main waterline upgrade capped the fiscal year.

The pandemic is showing us the importance of our modern W/WW facilities that supply safe, clean water, on both ends. Unfortunately, sometimes it seems the only time the public has a meaningful interaction with W/WW staff is when the water is off, or the sewer is backed up. It is a nationwide problem that these interactions sometimes result in qualified staff leaving the profession. Our business is essential. The torn-up street and backed up traffic keeps the water on and the sewage flowing. We all need clean water, and we are all in this together. We all need more honey than vinegar to get through these times. Let’s all help make a record honey crop going forward.

Kendall Chamberlin, Allen Carpenter, Aaron Krymkowski, Brad Snow

## WINTER SAND POLICY AND WINTER PARKING INFORMATION

The Town of Richmond makes sand available to Town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways. Residents will find the sand pile across from the Town Garage on Thompson Road. The sand is supplied only for Town residents and only for use at their home. Landlords and businesses should arrange for sand spreading from several local contractors.

Because the sand is intended for home use, residents are asked to limit themselves to collecting two buckets per trip. It is highly recommended residents pick up their sand before a storm, so they do not need to drive on icy roads. During a storm, the Road Crew is busy maintaining the roads and might not be able to restock the pile.

It is illegal to plow snow across a town road. The snow that is left in the road will freeze, causing a dangerous situation for other drivers and for the snowplow. Under 19 VSA §1105, you could be fined \$1,000 plus damages and legal fees.

There is a winter parking ban in effect November 1 to April 1 of each year. There shall be no parking on streets or sidewalks between the hours of midnight and 8 AM. There is no overnight parking allowed in any municipal lot during the same times. These parking rules are from a portion of the Town Ordinances /VT Traffic Ordinances / Parking Regulations.

These rules will be enforced so as not to impede the prompt and orderly removal of snow and application of sand or salt. Any vehicles violating these ordinances will be towed at the owner's expense.



*Repairs to the retaining wall at Huntington Gorge.*



## TOWN OF RICHMOND COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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Bard Hill  
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Representative	

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Laurie Dana, Library Trustee	Jeff Forward
Jake Marin	Linda Parent, Town Clerk
Eveline Killian	David Healy

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION



*Rare Broad Leaf Fern*

The mission of the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC) is to assist residents and town officials in recognizing and protecting the natural, scenic, recreational, historic, educational, cultural, scientific, architectural, and archaeological resources located within the town. The Conservation Commission continues to meet the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 at the Town Center. Its activities can be found at: <http://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-minutes/conservation-commission/>.

Through much of the year, the RCC has been working with the Richmond Planning Commission to draft revisions to the Wetlands Zoning Ordinance and Non-Conforming Use language. Impetus for this has been the State-permitted changes to the Exit-11 Mobil Station building configuration. In addition, the RCC has participated in the Planning Commission initiated review of conservation-related goals of our current Town Plan.

The RCC continues its involvement in discussions and implementation of projects related to the Andrews Community Forest (ACF) from recommending Conservation Reserve Funding for benches and trails work, to evaluation of a draft recreation Forest trails plan and its impact on Forest ecology and wildlife. RCC looks forward to public discussions of the Trails Plan. The broader issue of Richmond trails and their connectivity also has remained under active discussion.

Major RCC discussions and actions in 2021 involve development and cost-sharing of external funding for a remediation plan to deal with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on town property. EAB is an invasive insect that kills ash trees that has made its way to Richmond. The RCC would like to thank Caitlin Littlefield for her work on this project. Ongoing discussions dealing with other invasives, including buckthorn, have taken place, as well as strategies for dealing with ostrich fern overharvesting.

RCC involvement in 2021 in managing and implementing conservation-related initiatives are reflected in Conservation Reserve Funding requests it recommended for Selectboard approval. Established in 2005, the Fund in 2021 cost-shared grant support for Emerald Ash Borer Remediation; Andrews Forest initiatives (benches, trail development); Volunteer's Green tree planting; support for Richmond Community Gardens; Lake Iroquois conservation; Overrocker Park wetlands delineation; a Beeken Preserve engineering study and fulfillment of phase one of the EAB plan. Support for reconstruction of the Gillett Pond dam was renewed, with work now scheduled to begin in 2022. Total CRF funding since 2005 is approximately \$360,000, over which the Fund has leveraged some \$1.5 Million – a 5-fold match. RCC encourages continued support of CRF funding from the Town given its success in support of a wide variety of conservation projects.

The RCC continues its involvement in the management of Green-Up Day and coordinating conservation efforts locally and regionally. This includes plans to once again bring together the several Richmond Committees that oversee Town-wide efforts related to conservation, recreation, and trails.

## TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR ~ RICHMOND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE (RCAC)

### Climate Art Show and Catalog

The Richmond Climate Action Committee along with Radiate Art Space presented a community exhibit of artwork addressing the climate crisis at the Richmond Free Library throughout the months of September and October 2021, including a mural on the outside of the building. A series of free art workshops were held in the lead up to the exhibit, as well as an open house and poetry reading on September 19. A full color catalog of the exhibit, *What will Suffice: Artists Respond to the Climate Crisis*, will appear in early 2022. The mural created by more than thirty artists will remain on display.

### Tesla Police Cruiser

In March of 2020 Richmond Police Chief, Kyle Kapitanski, proposed to the Select Board to purchase a Tesla electric car to use as a police cruiser in place of the planned replacement of a conventional Dodge Durango. He reasoned that there was a small incremental cost (on the order of \$5,000 - \$7,000) and that cost could easily be made up in reduced fuel and maintenance costs (Teslas have an 8 year or 120,000 bumper to bumper warranty). In addition, he and the Town Energy Coordinator applied for and received a \$3,000 Climate Catalyst grant from the Vermont Council on Rural Development and the Town received utility incentives for the purchase cost and additional charging infrastructure.



*Electric Vehicle Station in use.*

The select board agreed to try the Tesla as a pilot and the Town took delivery of a Tesla Model 3 in December. It is too early to gauge the savings yet, but the chief likes the car very much. He said he feels like it performs as well or better than a conventional cruiser and believes it will help with staff recruitment and retention. We are the second police department in the state to experiment with electric vehicles and the chief is getting a lot of calls from other departments to learn about our experience. Next year the Town Energy Coordinator and the chief will collaborate on a report on performance and savings for the Town Report.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Station

Richmond installed an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station at the Town Center in November 2020. RCAC helped the town apply for State grant money which covered 90% of the installed cost. Up to two cars can charge at the same time. The Town recoups the full cost of electricity used for charging.

The first year of usage saw 327 charging sessions for a total of 3,475 kWh charged. That equates to about 10,700 driving miles, or 431 gallons of gas at 25 mi/gal. Including the climate impact of electricity and EV manufacturing, this equates to about 340 gallons of gas saved, or about 6,400 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub>. Users saved a total of about \$1,240 compared to using gasoline.

Usage increased dramatically over the year, being 2.4 times higher in the second half of the year than the first. As well, Richmond's new Tesla police cruiser will be using the charging station regularly in the coming year. Thus we can expect much higher usage in the years to come, with benefits accumulating year-over-year.

**Bicycle Maintenance Workshops**

RCAC offered two free bicycle mechanics classes at the farmers market, on June 16 and September 22, led by Art Herttua and Ian Stokes. The classes offered hands-on instruction on basic bicycle maintenance, from safety checks to fixing flat tires and rubbing brake pads.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Forward, Richmond Town Energy Coordinator



*"Our Climate, Our Responsibility" mural, on display outside the library, was created by more than thirty artists in six free workshops offered by Radiate Art Space and Richmond Climate Action Committee.*



*"The Least of My Brethren" on display at the Library courtesy of the Climate Action and Radiate Art.*

## RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### **Covid19**

Because of the continuing occurrence of COVID19 infections, the public activities of the Richmond Historical Society were once again somewhat curtailed in 2021. Our Annual Meeting with a program was held virtually via Zoom in March. Due to a continuing concern about holding indoor gatherings, the Annual November Potluck dinner and Folknight Richmond, normally held on New Year's Eve, were again cancelled. We decided to open the Round Church with guide service to visitors and weddings, as well as by appointment, continuing to follow recommended health safety protocols. A few weddings were held in the church, but under the guidelines issued by the Governor and the Vermont Department of Health.

### **Our New Home**

In April the Richmond Selectboard, acting upon the recommendation of the Town Center Building Committee, granted the Historical Society the use of two rooms on the upper floor of the Town Center Building. A two year lease for the space at a cost of \$1/year was signed in early May. With the help of several Historical Society members and volunteers, including Don Yaggy, Isobel Marciel, Kathy Kort, Rich Roberge and John Hamerslough, the rooms were cleaned and painted. One of the rooms was designated as the archive repository and the other room as an office.

Karen and Don Yaggy fitted up the archive repository with shelving and file cabinets and then moved into the room most of the material that had been stored in the Town vault, along with some material stored in private homes.

In October, thanks to the efforts of Kevin Kittinger, the office was equipped with a modern robust computer that is connected to the internet and has a full business software suite and cloud storage. Additionally, the office includes capabilities for printing, scanning, and faxing of documents. This new office brings the Historical Society a central place to conduct Historical Society official business – correspondence, accounting, office space for volunteers, and a secondary workstation for historical archival functions.

There is still more work to be done sorting and filing material in the archive repository, as well as sorting through our collection of paintings and framed photographs. Some of them might be able to be displayed on the walls of our rooms and the upstairs walls of the Town Center. Those items not on display will need to be stored in a safe manner. We also still have some items like brochures, note and postcards that are not yet at the Town Center.

### **Financial Position**

Financially, we remain in a very strong cash position. 2021 wedding income, donations, membership and investment activities are back to pre-pandemic (2019) levels, allowing us to fund our near-term church improvements (e.g. ceiling repair & cover for electrical box). We were pleased to be able to co-sponsor three presentations with the Community Senior Center (CSC) and donated \$250 towards the Radiate Art effort to purchase weather-resistant picnic tables for the lawn in back of the library. With the departure of TD Bank from Richmond, we changed banks from TD Bank to the Northfield Savings Bank, thus staying local for our banking needs.

### **Round Church**

No maintenance work was required in the Round Church in 2021. We have been unable to find someone skilled in plaster work to repair the church ceiling where the paint is peeling. Following the plaster work, the entire ceiling will be painted.

At the request of the Vermont State Electrical Inspector, we are purchasing a custom-made stainless-steel box to function as a cover for the electrical junction box, which is located in the park and provides power to the two streetlights on Round Church Road and the Christmas tree. Thus, we have hired Chelsie Bush to fabricate the box, which will be placed over the junction box located next to a park bench, and will look like a side table.

The town, as a result of a recommendation from the Parking Committee, designated three spaces specifically for visitors to the Round Church along Round Church Road. This should improve parking for our visitors during the tourist season.

### **Richmond Historical Society Highlights**

January – co-sponsored with the CSC the program The Red Scare in VT by Rick Winston via Zoom.

March – Held our Annual Meeting via Zoom. After the business meeting and election of officers, Karen Yaggy presented a program drawing from newspaper articles that were written detailing Richmond events over the years. The articles were read by David Sobel and Mary Ann Barnes.

Co-sponsored with the CSC the program So Close to Home by Alison O’Leary via Zoom.

May – Held a work day at the Round Church to clean the inside of the church and wash the inside of the windows. Several days later we were fortunate to have several employees from Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom wash all of the outside of the windows as part of their community service outreach. This required the assistance of one of their trucks with a lift, thus allowing the washing of the upstairs windows, a task much more challenging when using an extension ladder. We are very appreciative of their service.

July – Opened the Round Church with guides to visitors on a daily basis.

September – Held a concert organized by Ryan Ackley on the grassy hill and parking area on the north side of the Round Church. Two bands – Troy Millette and the Fire Below and The Sugar Snap Trio led by Collin Cope – provided some wonderful entertainment for a nice gathering of concert goers. Josh Hanlon grilled delicious hot dogs and burgers for those looking for something to eat, and the good weather made for a nice afternoon. Ryan is planning to organize several concerts for 2022, so stay tuned.

November – no annual pot luck.

December – Christmas Carol Sing in the Round Church cancelled once again.

Co-sponsored with the CSC the program 400 Miles Down the River.

### **Preservation Efforts**

The Richmond Historical Society would like to thank the following for their donations of a variety of items relative to the history of Richmond: Misty Baird, Marv Carpenter, Bill Bishop, Stefanie Colburn, the Fairfax Historical Society, Mo Humphry, Prudence King, Bob Low, the Parent family, Wright Preston, Lisa Susslin and Maryhelen Taft.

We encourage Richmond families to consider donating items to the Historical Society that are pertinent to Richmond’s history. Neglected items, found in one’s own or a relative’s attic or basement, may have a connection to the history of Richmond. We always welcome Richmond-related contributions to our collection.

Karen Yaggy with the help of other interested community members continues to go through donated material and the Harriet Riggs collection, cataloging items for future reference. We appreciate

the work done by these volunteers who are helping us sort and catalog the photos and documents in our collection.

Sally Blanchard-O'Brien, State Roving Archivist of the Vermont State Archives, visited us to inspect our collection and offer recommendations for how things might be improved. We should be receiving her appraisal and recommendations for our archival preservation soon.

Mo Humphrey finished digitizing the history of the Underwear Factory written by Harriet Riggs and Gary Bressor. He added information acquired since the first edition was written as well as genealogies of the owners. Also included are photos from our archives related to the factory and owners. The finished product, a 92-page report/pamphlet, is a wonderful addition to our collection. We have copies available to lend to anyone interested and encourage you to borrow one of them. A condensed version of Mo's report was recently published in the Chittenden Historical Society Newsletter.

### **Weddings and Guide Service**

Several new Round Church hosts and guides joined our dedicated volunteers. We held a baptism, a memorial service and eight weddings in the church this year. We also welcomed travelers from 45 US states and a dozen other countries during the 2021 visitor season, which ran from July through October. Contact us if you are interested in being a guide or a wedding host. It can be a rewarding experience.

### **Sally Singer**

I would like to dedicate 2022 to Sally Singer, a long-time Historical Society member, who passed away this fall at 92. Sally was our wedding coordinator for many years. During her tenure the Round Church saw up to 40 weddings a summer. Sally managed to schedule all of these weddings so that there were no time conflicts and often served as the hostess or Justice of the Peace. She worked with another volunteer to find hosts or hostesses. The plants inside and on the steps of the Round Church were Sally's doing for many years, as well as the wreaths that grace the Round Church doors each winter. One could find Sally guiding at the Round Church every Tuesday afternoon for many years during our tourist season. Even when she had to step back from being actively involved, she was always interested in the Historical Society.

### **In Closing**

I would like to thank the Historical Society Board members and other volunteers who made possible 2021's events and accomplishments. We are also grateful for the monetary contributions we have received from current and former Richmond residents and others over the year. These contributions help to support our preservation efforts.

Do you have an interest in the History of Richmond? If so, please consider becoming an active member of the Historical Society by serving on our Board. We have several projects that we would like to undertake in the future and could use more community involvement. Please contact one of our members if you wish to be involved in preserving and sharing Richmond's history, guiding or helping with weddings at the Round Church, or in any aspect of the Historical Society. For more information, visit our website at [www.oldroundchurch.com](http://www.oldroundchurch.com) or write to us at [rhs@oldroundchurch.com](mailto:rhs@oldroundchurch.com).

### **2021 RHS Officers**

President - Fran Thomas

Vice President - Ryan Ackley

Secretary - Mary Ann Barnes

Treasurer - Mary Ann Kittinger



## **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

The Housing Committee advises the Selectboard, the Planning Commission, and Town Staff on the housing needs of the Town of Richmond. The committee is responsible for gathering the community's demographic information and housing data, generating housing-policy related ideas and concepts, ensuring that housing is made available for all protected classes—including race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, family status, marital status, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, receipt of public assistance, as well as abuse, sexual assault, or stalking victims—and educating the community on housing-related issues.

In 2021, the Housing Committee sponsored a grant-funded study that investigated town-wide housing needs, as well as methods to increase housing availability to community members. As part of this study, the committee helped administer surveys to town residents and non-residents to evaluate housing needs. This project is currently ongoing and should be completed in early 2022.

The Housing Committee also began advocacy efforts to improve housing availability and housing accessibility in town. Advocacy included supporting the vote to expand the water and sewer service area and reaching out to the ARPA Committee to encourage funding of initiatives to increase the availability of affordable housing in town.

In 2022, the Housing Committee will continue to address town-wide housing issues by working with the Planning Commission in its rezoning work for Richmond Village and the Gateway District.

The Housing Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and provide feedback.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Heim, Chair; Connie Van Eeghen, Clerk; Virginia Clarke, Planning Commission Representative; Miranda Lescaze; Zachary Maia; Mark Hall; Kristen Hayden-West; and Mark Fausel

## **JULY 4TH PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE**

The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2021 was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic.

Governor Phil Scott declared that he hoped that the state would be fully vaccinated and open by July 4, but it seemed prudent to cancel this year's activities because there was no way to be sure. Children were not able to be vaccinated at this time. The Committee made the hard decision to cancel as much work must be put into the day starting at the beginning of 2021. Although a disappointment, better safe than sorry.

The Committee is hoping to be able to hold the celebration in July 2022. It is imperative that the committee receives assistance with the festivities. The Committee is aging out and needs new members. Please contact Linda at 434-2221 to express your interest.

## RICHMOND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Parking Advisory Committee (PAC) had a very active 2021. The PAC was formed by the Selectboard in January 2021, and quickly got to work identifying solutions to the Winooski River corridor recreational parking challenges that were observed in the summer of 2020. Overall, 94 new recreational parking spaces were added in the Winooski Corridor over the 2021 season. Some of the successes the PAC had were:

- Worked with the Highway Department to open the existing town owned Overrocker parcel on Cochran Road to recreational parking. Thank you, Highway Department!
- Coordinated with the Richmond Land Trust (RLT) to provide additional parking at the Bombardier Meadow by the Jonesville Bridge. RLT has committed to allow this seasonal recreational parking through the 2022 summer. The PAC and RLT also coordinated the temporary Beeken Preserve overflow parking area. We very much appreciate the collaborative approach RLT has shown in helping the town and PAC address these challenges.
- Coordinated with the Vermont Agency of Transportation to open a seasonal parking area at the intersection of the Johnnie Brook Road and Route 2.
- Continued to communicate with the Canadian National railroad to formalize 12 additional parking spaces with the railroad right-of-way on the Route 2 side of the Jonesville Bridge.
- Collected input from Richmond residents in multiple forums, including public meetings and individual face-to-face meetings to help guide the actions of the PAC.
- Worked with VTrans to define the work that would be required to open the “bullpen” for 20 additional recreational public parking spots. The bullpen is located 500 feet east from the Jonesville Bridge on the north side of Route 2. As of this report, the Town continues to consider whether to initiate this work, which would include crosswalks, grading and pedestrian facilities.
- Created signage and a town map to encourage and direct recreational users to these new parking locations and relieve parking pressure from Village Green and Round Church. The recreational parking map can be found on the town website: <http://www.richmondvt.gov/parking/>

The Parking Committee conducted an informal Front Porch Forum survey in November 2021. We received an overwhelming positive response to the initiatives.

Going forward, the committee sees 2022 as a year to monitor usage and identify challenges to these new recreational parking opportunities. We would also love to hear input from community members about where we can continue to serve the community. Meetings are held the first and third Monday of the month via zoom (currently) or in the town hall. The current members of the PAC are John Rankin, Lou Borie, John Cohn, Diane Mariano and Kevin McAleer (chair). PAC is also very grateful to former member Cara LaBounty for all her hard work in launching the PAC. Meeting agendas, minutes, and access information can be found at: <http://www.richmondvt.gov/>

## PLANNING COMMISSION

In 2021, the Planning Commission focused on improving housing accessibility and clarifying land development rights.

The commission continued its Community Outreach Work Plan—a series of discussions with residents, property owners, business patrons, and business owners in Richmond Village—in the early part of 2021. The commission began this project to develop a better understanding of the needs and aspirations of Village residents and business owners.

In conjunction with the Community Outreach Work Plan, the town received a Municipal Planning Grant at the beginning of 2021 to identify housing needs and investigate methods to increase the housing stock in town. The grant-funded research began in April 2021 and is currently ongoing. The combined result of the Community Outreach Work Plan and the grant-funded work in the form of possible new zoning regulations are expected to be presented in the early part of 2022.

Alongside the work to increase housing accessibility, the Planning Commission has been modernizing the zoning regulations. In 2021, the commission guided changes to regulations for nonconforming lots, performance standards, zoning permit requirements, and certificates of occupancy requirements. The commission is currently drafting regulation amendments for allowances for electric vehicle charging stations; vehicle fueling station uses; allowances to maintain and modify nonconforming uses and structures; and allowances to develop within wetlands and wetland buffers. This work is expected to continue in the early part of 2022.

In 2022, the Planning Commission plans to work on amending regulations for development within Richmond Village and within the Gateway District.

Membership changes in 2021 included the departure of Caitlin Littlefield and Jake Kornfeld. Lisa Miller was appointed to replace Littlefield. The position Kornfeld held is currently vacant. A complete list of current members is included in the front of the Town Report.

Although the commission’s work focuses on land use regulations, changes to the built and natural environment touches upon all aspects of daily life in town. To make sure that the Planning Commission’s work reflects the spirit and mindset of Richmond, the commission needs input from all community members. Agendas are posted one week in advance of meetings on the Town website and on Front Porch Forum. If you see a topic that interests you, please join us and share your thoughts!



*Fall Baseball at Volunteers' Green*

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Department helps administer local regulations, including the Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and the Public Improvement Standards. In addition, the department provides support to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Transportation Committee, Recreation Committee, and Housing Committee. Current Planning and Zoning Department staff consists of Ravi Venkataraman (Town Planner) and Keith Osborne (Zoning Administrative Officer since March 2021)

Staff are happy to assist residents by answering questions about local planning projects, permit requirements, enforcement, as well as any community-wide issues. The Planning Commission, Development Review Board, Transportation Committee, Recreation Committee, Housing Committee, and Planning and Zoning Staff welcome feedback from community members on town-wide policies, ongoing projects, development activities, and community issues. Public hearings on permit applications and ordinance changes are announced in the Burlington Free Press, or Seven Days. Notices are also posted at the Town Offices, Post Office, the Richmond Market, and on the Town web website. Residents interested in serving on any boards or committees are encouraged to express their interest by contacting Town Planner Ravi Venkataraman.

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

In 2021, staff issued 96 Zoning Permits. The number of Zoning Permits per type, in comparison to the past five years, is as follows:

Zoning Permits Issued By Type of Project	Permits issued in 2021	Permits issued in 2020	Permits issued in 2019	Permits issued in 2018	Permits issued in 2017	Permits issued in 2016
Accessory Dwelling	3	1	0	3	3	2
Accessory Structure	31	34	23	27	22	33
Addition and Renovation	26	37	31	29	32	25
Administratively Created Lot	0	0	0	3	1	5
Boundary Adjustment	5	4	8	2	2	5
Home Occupation/Cottage Industry	2	3	2	2	2	1
Mobile Home Replacement	4	0	1	4	1	2
New Construction Commercial	2	0	0	7	3	0
New Construction Residential Dwelling	12	7	6	11	8	18
Sign	3	1	1	7	3	5

In addition, staff issued 8 Certificates of Occupancy in 2021. Certificates of Occupancy are issued after construction is complete for significant projects, including new houses, additions, and accessory apartments.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

This year, the Recreation Committee experienced success building on our work from 2020. The Committee began some exciting new projects and recruited several new members. We now have 1 full-time member each representing Bolton and Huntington, in addition to the Richmond members. This spring, the committee hired and managed the work of a student intern, who researched and compiled a brochure of recreational opportunities in the area. After receiving a grant from Rise VT, we purchased snowshoes in adult and children's sizes for a library lending program free to all library card-holders, which we are currently working to promote across all three towns this winter. With the support of Rise VT, including a small grant secured in 2020, we conducted an interest survey to determine what residents most need and want in terms of recreational spaces, structures, and programs in the community. The committee also used remaining funds from the Rise VT grant to purchase several popular outdoor lawn games, and a storage bin, for community use on Volunteers' Green during warmer months.

Also, work continued in 2021 on implementing a Community Wellbeing Initiative in Richmond, Bolton and Huntington that uses a wellbeing approach, grounded in equity, and builds off existing assets and opportunities offered in the towns with funding received through the United Way Prevention Center of Excellence grant. This funding supported focus groups on community needs with youth and adults, increased family programming, procurement of a resource and referral network for the community and a planning strategy to implement the goals of reducing suicidal ideation and deaths by suicide and preventing and reducing the use of illegal substances in youth and young adults, with special focus on marginalized populations, through increased opportunities for positive community connection outside of school hours in collaboration with the community, business, town and schools.

Finally, the committee received permission from the Selectboard to submit a Letter of Intent for the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Communities (VOREC) grant, focusing on revitalization of several structures on Volunteer's Green, including the playground, restrooms, picnic tables, and bandshell. A working group was formed to include a variety of community members and stakeholders, and Richmond was among a select group invited to submit a full application for this grant. We expect to hear the status of this application in early 2022.

Looking forward to 2022, the committee will:

- Move forward with the VOREC grant opportunity to support updates to the playground and other structures on Volunteer's Green, if selected as a recipient
- Support the updates to the Town website and incorporate the work done by our intern in spring 2021
- Continue to seek grant funding for projects of community importance, guided by the 2018 Town Report
- Consider next steps for programming and structures based on the findings of the interest survey
- Support the work of other town committees that impacts recreation, where appropriate
- Explore what other recreation departments are doing state & nationally to keep communities mentally and physically well in rural areas
- Continue recruiting volunteers and members to reach goals.

Meeting agendas, minutes, and access information can be found at:

<http://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-minutes/recreation-committee/>

## SELECTBOARD

There is no doubt that we are living in a remarkable time in history. This year, people who live, work, and serve in our town have risen to many challenges not only specific to Richmond; you have responded to a global pandemic that continues to change and test our resolve, and you stood up to a generational ailment of systemic racism and prejudice. It isn't possible to capture in a few – or even many – words the impact that all of you have had on our community over this past year through your time, ideas, energy, and dedication. Consider the following a highlight reel of your accomplishments.



*First hybrid selectboard meeting.*

### **Town infrastructure**

After several years of planning, we are close to realizing long-overdue changes to the Route 2 corridor that runs through our town and village.

Following a series of robust discussions and some negotiation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, we expect this project to begin in the coming year. This work will include wider shoulders to allow for safer bike and pedestrian travel, improved traffic lights to include a left turn arrow at Bridge Street and signal preemption for emergency services, ADA compliant intersection features at Bridge Street, and necessary updates to stormwater infrastructure.

Along this corridor and throughout our streets and roads you may see the new Richmond Police Tesla cruiser. The Selectboard unanimously endorsed the plan to purchase an electric vehicle as part of our Police fleet to test the potential benefits of efficiency, affordability, and performance. This is an example of how we are leaning into the future and staying current with technology.

### **Parking expansions**

Richmond's natural recreational assets such as the hiking and biking trails, parks, the Winooski River and its tributaries, and Cochran's Ski Area are increasingly attracting visitors to our small town. We are also fortunate to have an array of small businesses filling commercial spaces in our village that add to the vibrancy of our community. However, the lack of sufficient parking space to accommodate our residents and visitors culminated into serious concerns for safety and respect for property in 2020.

Thanks to a group of engaged citizens we have several new options for parking with improved access to recreational sites. Town staff from the highway department, volunteer leaders from our community, and residents who were directly impacted by the parking shortage identified changes, designed a plan, and implemented improvements in time for the summer 2021 season. This effort is greatly appreciated by many and testimony to the abilities of a small group of people who have a clear purpose!

### **Town Center Building – New tenants!**

Our Town Center building and Library serve as a hub of activity centrally located in our village. This year we were excited to add Mt. Mansfield Community Television, Community Senior Center, and the Richmond Historical Society to the Town Center building. While the primary activity of these organizations occurs throughout the community, having their administrative home located within the Town Center building will help facilitate collaboration and communication.

## **Equity and inclusion**

The work comprising equity and inclusion cannot be neatly measured in accomplishments or visibly witnessed like a road or sidewalk completion. Meaningful change will happen in our day-to-day interactions and in our responses to events and actions that threaten progress. This being said, there have been some tangible changes that support the foundation of achieving equity. This year through the active engagement of residents and the migrant community, the Richmond Police adopted a new Fair and Impartial Policing Policy. The revised policy aims to improve the safety and security of immigrants living and working in our community by separating the questions of immigration status from local law enforcement.

The FY22 budget included funding to support training and education for all town staff on diversity, implicit bias, and equity. Town staff participated in a training and have begun talking about how they can make changes in their everyday work to remove systemic forms of racism in the operations, processes, and actions. This level of awareness is a positive start to making meaningful change.

To put it plainly, this work won't be done in my lifetime. It our responsibility as leaders and members of this community to set in motion the changes that will lead to all persons having a sense of belonging.

## **FY23 Budget**

One of the most impactful things the Selectboard is tasked with each year is development of the town budget. It is important to also give credit to the Town's Department heads and the Town Manager who have a large role and responsibility in this work. This year we are seeing historically strong performance and fiscal stewardship literally pay off. The proposed budget being presented for voters has a tax rate DECREASE. This decrease is not accomplished by cutting services or delaying necessary purchases. In fact, it includes much needed equipment for the highway department, plans for upgraded and new sidewalks, and investment in our people through training, salary increases, and continued full coverage of health care benefits.

I encourage you to read through this year's Town Report for the full details of what has been accomplished this year and what is planned for 2022 and onward.

At the time of this report, we are facing yet another wave of COVID-19 infections being the highest on record so far, a massive workforce shortage endangering essential services, and an uncertain economy with rising inflation. Yet, we have an influx of one-time funding of \$1.2M through the American Rescue Plan Act to invest directly into our town over the next 4 years, experienced staff and leaders who will continue to keep a steady hand on town operations and governance, and an engaged citizenship of more than 100 volunteers serving on 15 boards, plus more than 20 positions overseeing energy, health, voting, trees, our pets, and of course fences and coal.

You can rest assured Richmond; you have a bright future. This time will pass, and we will be better because of it. I personally share my condolences with those of you who have lost a loved one this year due to the pandemic, mental illness, or other inequities experienced. Let us all practice empathy and kindness as we move forward together.

With gratitude,

Christine Werneke, Chair Selectboard

## RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish and maintain paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths. We meet on the third Tuesday each month at the Town Center and occasionally in the summer, we hold our meetings out on the trail either in groups or on a larger project together. Minutes of our meetings are posted at the Town website. A map of Richmond Trails is available at the Town's web site.

The following Richmond residents have served as members of the Committee during 2021: Willie Lee (Current Chair), Jean Bressor, Callie Ewald, Jim Monahan, Tyler Merritt, Mike Donohue, Kate Kreider, Chase Rosenberg, Kathy Mulligan, Alison Aiken, Jed Rankin, and Halle Harklau.

Several initiatives were tackled this year, and the following is a list of accomplishments:

- We planned, organized, and participated in several trail workdays throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Many were done individually this year to comply with COVID social distancing requirements. Many members performed routine maintenance and debris clearing all year long on respective trails. Noteworthy efforts were put into:
  - ◆ A new trail loop added off the Sip of Sunshine Loop called Lil' Sip. Thanks to David Sunshine and Carol Jordan for their continued support of expanding recreation opportunities on their property.
  - ◆ Continuation of the coordinated Richmond trail signage project. New carved wooden signs are now found throughout the town network, and adjacent trail networks. This effort will resume in the spring 2022 as there are still more areas to mark.
  - ◆ Repairs to the Preston Network were ongoing.
  - ◆ Partnered with RMT for winter trail grooming in the Andrews Town Forest for snowshoeing, skiing, hiking and fat biking.
  - ◆ Continued upkeep of town trail networks and continued collaboration with other trail groups, including Richmond Mountain Trails and the trails at Cochran's Ski Area.
- Participated as board members representing the Trails Committee in the management of the Andrews Town Forest and the towns Transportation committee, as well as coordinating with the new parking committee to connect Overrockers Park to the river shore trail and adding additional signage. Members also participated in the master steering bike/ped committee.
- Finally, we continued looking for locations for connectivity to other locations and towns, with a priority on safe travel for walkers, runners, and cyclists.

Expenditures of the allocated \$1000 this year enabled purchasing of materials for the signage project, trail and bridge building materials, and tools for trails maintenance and repair.

Main trail initiatives for the upcoming year include rehabilitation to the bridges on the Rivershore Trail, building stronger ties with other local trail organizations and town committees, such as the RMT and the Parking committee, and assisting in trail work on the Andrew's Community Forest.

Numerous Richmond residents have responded to calls for volunteers to work on the trails. Thank you, as always, to landowners and to guardians of conserved lands who facilitate public access to designated trails. We have enjoyed excellent collaborations with the Richmond Mountain Trails, Richmond Land Trust, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Cross Vermont Trails Association, Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation, Local Motion, RiseVT, and the Richmond Conservation Commission. Contact the Committee with any questions or suggestions via the email address located on the Richmond, VT website.



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee works to improve transportation options (roads, paths, mass transit and services) available to citizens. The Committee's second year of activities involved planning and fundraising for sidewalks, trails, and safe ways to get around Richmond for pedestrians and bicyclists. This included exploring what public transit might mean in Richmond and collaborating with the Selectboard to keep VTrans' ever-changing Route 2 repair plan comprehensive and beneficial to Richmond.

The "trick" to securing state/regional funds for infrastructure planning and construction is to approach each in a persistent stepwise manner from:

- Planning: determining needs, leading to
- Scoping/Design: how might a project work in a specific location, to
- Engineering: develop fine-scaled blueprints guiding contractors, to
- Construction: complete the project.

This year, we completed:

1. Bridge Street Corridor Study, a planning study that, due to the very detailed work of the consultant, also fulfills many criteria for scoping and design.
2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Phase One, a planning study for the portion on Richmond north of the Winooski River.

Those two projects set Richmond up with two new projects underway now through spring 2022.

1. The Sidewalk Scoping Study on how to improve pedestrian mobility and safety along Jericho Road (between the Richmond schools and Valley View Road); along the east side of Bridge Street; and, on Huntington Road from Bridge Street to the Johnny Brook trail.
2. Phase Two of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, to complete the planning phase of the town-wide master bicycle/pedestrian plan.

Funding, technical expertise and logistical support for all these projects is provided by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.

The Transportation Committee continues applying for grants to plan and implement sustainable infrastructure for safe walking, bicycling, and driving around Richmond and for public transit options. The key to ensuring Richmond has the right mix is to get lots of options and ideas from the public for all aspects of transportation planning.

Whether you like to walk, bicycle, drive or seek public transit options in town, we want to hear from you. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday at 5:30 PM.

The committee said goodbye to two valued members of the Transportation Committee – Erik Filkorn and James Floyd – who resigned from the committee during the year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathleen Gent (chair), Chris Cole (vice-chair), Mark Damico, Jon Kart, Allen Knowles



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## TOWN OF RICHMOND REPORT FY 2020 (10/1/2020 - 9/30/21)

Last year, Age Well served 121 people from Richmond, services included:



60 calls to the Helpline



114 hours of Care & Service  
Coordination



3,010 Meals on Wheels delivered  
93 Congregate Meals served



18 hours of Options Counseling

35 Richmond residents volunteered over 654 hours

### Impact

**1 Year** of Meals on Wheels equals roughly the same cost as one day in a hospital.

**89%** of Meals on Wheels clients notice an improved quality of life.

**93%** say it helps maintain social distancing during COVID-19.

### About age well

Age Well, formerly CVAA, are the leading experts and advocates for the aging population of Northwestern Vermont. We believe that health happens at home and focus on lifestyle, happiness and wellness—not on age. Since 1974, we have been part of Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging, coordinating services and care for Addison, Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care and community resources. Delivered by staff members and over 1,000 incredible volunteers, our sought-after services are designed to meet the diverse needs of our clients, their families and caregivers.

We do not charge for services provided. As a nonprofit, we rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

**Mission:** To provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence.

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## CHITTENDEN UNIT FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (CUSI)

*The Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI)* is a multi-agency task force dedicated to providing criminal response to reports of sexual assaults, serious child abuse and child fatalities. For over 30 years, the primary focus has been to protect and support all children, adults, and families. CUSI defined what is now known as a true multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach to investigating crimes of this nature. The multidisciplinary team is the heart of CUSI and is composed of seven police detectives, a unit director, a victim advocate, an in-house investigator with the Department for Children and Families (DCF), and a dedicated prosecutor from the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office. We work jointly with mental health providers, medical providers, Adult Protective Services and Department of Corrections. In addition, CUSI houses and supports the **Chittenden Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC)**. *CUSI* epitomizes community-oriented policing. We continue to strengthen and expand our contacts with community partners. The success of CUSI is reflected by the statewide recognition that these multidisciplinary styles units do work.

*The Chittenden Children's Advocacy Center*, working together with CUSI, is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit entity offering a range of services to children and families affected by these crimes. The primary goal of *The Children's Advocacy Center* is to ensure that children are not further traumatized by the intervention system intended to protect them. This program has many benefits, with an approach that allows for faster follow-up to child abuse reports, more efficient medical and mental health referrals, fewer child interviews, more successful prosecutions, and consistent support for child victims and their families. It is our goal to support them and meet their emotional needs.

*CUSI* and the *CCAC* investigate these crimes in Chittenden County which consists of a population of approximately 172,952 residents. On average, CUSI investigates over 300 cases a year; over 60% of those cases involve child victims. *Case types include:* Sexual assaults, lewd and lascivious conduct, serious child abuse, child fatalities, human trafficking, sex offender registry and violations, child pornography.

CUSI has continued to have a high amount of case referrals from both DCF as well as local law enforcement agencies. These cases continue to get more and more complex with new technology components being created on a frequent basis. The investigations require the detectives to spend significant amounts of time gathering information from corporations like Facebook, Google, Yahoo, Snapchat, Plenty-o-Fish, Instagram, cell phone wireless carriers, etc. The amount of data that is gathered then requires the investigator to spend a significant amount of time reviewing the documents and gathering evidence. For detectives to have access to this information, it often requires the issuance of multiple subpoenas and the application of search warrants from a judge before we can even gather the documents that we need from these companies. The cases that we investigate are considered the most heinous crimes to investigate other than murder. The negative effects of these crimes stay with a victim for their entire life and, therefore, we do the best job we can to build the strongest case against the defendants that we investigate.



### **Keeping Seniors Connected and Active**

After some very challenging times for everyone, we're pleased we can return to a number of our in-person activities. Outdoor sessions re-started with enthusiastic – and socially-distanced - participation, and many masked seniors are re-engaging in the indoor activities we can offer. In all cases, we monitor and follow all health guidelines for the safety of our seniors.

If there's a silver lining from the era of rigid COVID restrictions, it's our success in keeping seniors connected and active with the CSC's on-line programs and activities. It was a great resource – and a challenge. But the effort paid off with clear benefits to seniors, and we plan to keep on-line access to several programs and activities where it works best.

We owe our thanks to our activity leaders and program coordinators who stepped up to the tasks involved with on-line sessions, and to the volunteers for coaching participants by phone on how to connect. CSC board member George Lam of Huntington merits special thanks for his patience and expertise that made on-line sessions and participation possible - and pretty easy!

#### **On-line programs and activities**

The CSC routinely hosted two on-line program presentations weekly. Subjects included history, art, and topics useful in daily life. Several seniors presented travelogues with photos and descriptions of their interesting journeys. It isn't unusual to have 25 or more seniors join us on-line for these enlightening and often inspiring programs. Until health guidelines indicate we can return to larger in-person gatherings, we'll stay with our on-line format for programs.

Meditation, Bone Builders, art, memoir writing, and Spanish and French are only some of the opportunities we provided for seniors on-line. Coffee-time chats, recipe exchanges and State of the World discussions also kept friends connected. Today, we're back to thirty-three different activities. They vary seasonally; typically we host 15 or more each week. Some are both on-line and in-person, to allow as many seniors as possible to participate.

#### **Providing seniors laptops to connect with the CSC, friends and family**

The CSC's mission emphasizes our commitment to bring what we do to all seniors. When we switched entirely to on-line sessions, we realized many seniors don't have access to computers and could not participate. Thanks to the help of Rise VT! we were awarded a grant to purchase Chromebooks we would provide to seniors without access to a computer. We continue to provide these laptops free of charge to seniors who would like to stay connected, and our CSC volunteers continue to offer coaching to participants on how to get the most from them.



*Kayaking was one of the activities the CSC coordinated again in 2021. It allowed seniors to enjoy the outdoors while keeping a healthy distance.*



*The CSC resumed some outdoor activities like hiking on area trails where social distancing could be maintained.*



*Treasurer George Lam takes advantage of workspace in the CSC's new administrative office in the Town Center. Thank you, Richmond!*

## **ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND NEIGHBOR RIDES**

The Elderly & Disabled Persons (E&D) Transportation Program provides door-to-door transportation trips for Non-Medicaid / Non-Medicare medical appointments. This program is funded by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, with municipal partners including the Town of Richmond. The E&D grant program covers 80% of the transportation cost and Richmond covers 20% of the cost for each ride. Each rider is asked to donate for the ride. For Richmond residents, SSTA provides the transportation services for this program. For more information, please contact SSTA at 878-1527.

Neighbor Rides is a strategic initiative of the United Way of Chittenden County supported by a group of community partners to help meet the needs of the elderly and disabled. Neighbor Rides uses volunteer drivers to stretch transportation dollars by lowering the costs per ride. For more information, please contact the United Way of Chittenden County at 861-7833.

## **FRONT PORCH FORUM**

We've had a very productive year at FPF. Below are a few highlights:

Membership continues to grow! We now have close to 210,000 FPF members statewide and over 3,500 Richmond residents participating in the town FPF.

We're publishing 1.3 million newsletters statewide every week.

We launched our new FPF Directory. Find a collection of more than 11,000 businesses and nonprofits that participate at [frontporchforum.com/directory](http://frontporchforum.com/directory).

We've gained some remarkable national attention lately for our community building work, local focus, and approach to digital tech. We also participated in a panel discussion hosted by StoryCorps/VPR called "One Small Step". A project centered around how to have "courageous conversations". Check it all out on our blog.

Tune into our local Front Porch Forum!

Many residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont Public Benefit Corporation that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. This Vermont-based regional network of online local forums is where neighbors, small businesses, nonprofits, and municipal officials can and do post about a wide variety of topics. This daily neighborly exchange leads to people feeling more invested in their communities and getting more involved. Sign up (free of charge) at [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com).

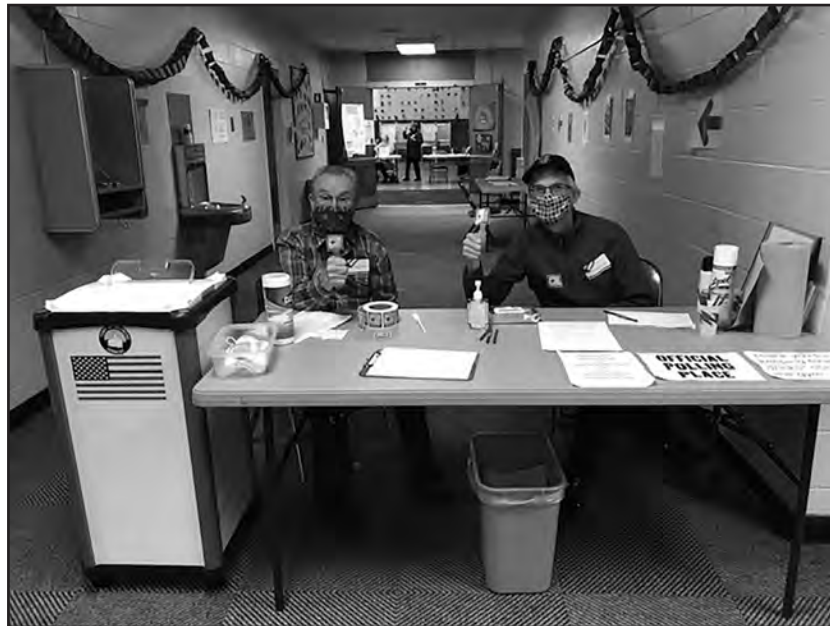
Helping neighbors connect and build community since 2006.



## GREATER BURLINGTON INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC) is one of the twelve regional development corporations in Vermont. We each have a region we serve, and Chittenden County is GBIC's region. Our mission is: "To attract, retain, and expand environmentally sensitive high-paying jobs in the Champlain Valley; and to initiate and support advocacy, education, and collaborative programs in promoting our Vision." Our Vision is: "A thriving Lake Champlain region with an economic environment providing meaningful employment consistent with an uncompromised natural environment, enabling present and future generations of Vermonters to live, learn, work, and play in the Champlain Valley." GBIC works with the dollar-importing, value-added businesses to achieve our mission and goals.

Most recently, since the Covid pandemic, we have been informing and assisting over 588 regional employers with Covid-related information and direction to grant and loan funding opportunities, both federal and state. The RDC's of Vermont launched a very successful ReVTA Technical Assistance Grant Program and in Chittenden County we administered 94 grants totaling \$239,910. In addition to this specific Covid related work we continue to provide our regular services to the business community including site selection, business development services, permit assistance, economic incentive assistance, and government affairs and legislative advocacy.



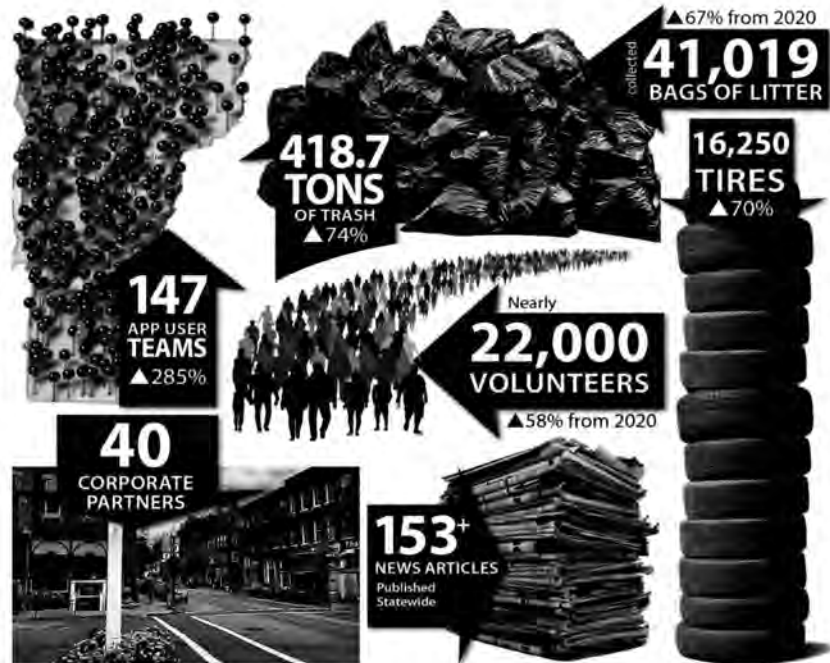
*November Election Workers at Camels Hump Middle School.*





**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
www.greenupvermont.org

**Green Up Day**  
May 7, 2022



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

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

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

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

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

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

## **GREEN UP VERMONT**

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape, waterways, and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont in Richmond depends upon Richmond Residents. The combined efforts of individuals, civic groups and the Richmond Highway Department who volunteer their time and the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont make it all possible.

Through their combined efforts 2.11 TONS of trash and 2 large dump trucks full of discarded tires were removed from the roadside.

**Mark your calendars May 7, 2022, the first Saturday in May.**

**Put on your gloves, get together with your family, invite some friends,  
and come join us to make Richmond even more beautiful place to live.**

## **HALE AND HEARTY SENIOR CLUB**

The Hale and Hearty Senior Club of Richmond provides a chance for seniors in our community to meet and socialize and to share information in areas of mutual and community interest and concern. The Club normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month from September through June in the Holy Rosary Church Hall at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper, business meeting and program. The club is open for membership to all Richmond residents who are 60 years or older and the spouse of a member regardless of age.

The programs that are offered at our meetings vary in content from topics concerning healthy living, community concerns, to entertaining and fun filled evenings. Each year the club normally sponsors at least one bus trip to an area of interest in Vermont or a nearby state.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all of our in person activities this year were canceled. We did keep in touch through e mails with news about members and some humorous items to brighten people's spirits. We hope to resume our activities next year when it is safe to do so.

When we can resume our meetings, they will be announced on Front Porch Forum. If you are 60 or older and live in Richmond come and join us as our guest to see if you would like to become a regular member.

Current officers are Michael Storrs President, Linda Parent Vice President, Velma Plouffe Secretary, and Mary O'Neil Treasurer.

Submitted By

Michael Storrs, President

## University of Vermont Health Network - Home Health & Hospice 2021 Annual Report to Richmond

*We help people live their fullest lives by providing innovative, high-value, compassionate care wherever they call home.*

Home Health & Hospice serves neighbors in Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, providing medically complex care and supportive services to people at all ages and stages of life, from infants to seniors, wherever they call home. We are Vermont's oldest and largest non-profit home health agency, proudly serving since 1906.

**Our Programs:** Home Health Nursing and Rehabilitation for Adults, Family and Children's Program, Hospice and Palliative Care for Adults and Children, McClure Miller Respite House, Adult Day Program, Long-Term Care, Foot Care Services

### Our Impact:

- In our last reporting year, Home Health & Hospice cared for **4,325 community members**.
- We are committed to providing care to those in need, regardless of ability to pay. **Last year, we provided over \$1 million in unreimbursed care.**

### Our Services in Richmond:

- Home Health & Hospice cared for **84 Richmond residents** in our last reporting period.
- The care we provided included nursing, physical, speech and occupational therapy, social work and homemaking services.
- Of the care we provided in Richmond, **\$40,129.28 was charity or free care.**
- Your contribution helps ensure Richmond residents can access innovative, high-value, compassionate care wherever they call home to keep them healthy, independent and active.

*Thank you to the Town of Richmond for helping us to build healthy communities.*



[UVMHomeHealth.org](http://UVMHomeHealth.org)

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Home Health & Hospice

## LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

Similar to previous years, Lake Iroquois continues to show a positive trend regarding decreased nutrient levels. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Lake Score Card for 2021 again shows a highly significant decrease in phosphorus levels: ([https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer3.aspx?Report=LakeScoreCard\\_Current\\_TrendsAndStatus&ViewParms=True](https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/IWIS/ReportViewer3.aspx?Report=LakeScoreCard_Current_TrendsAndStatus&ViewParms=True)). In recent years, Lake Iroquois moved from classification as a eutrophic waterbody (one with excessive nutrient levels) to one that is mesotrophic (having a moderate level of nutrients). The lake will always possess natural nutrient levels required for a healthy lake and sustainment of aquatic life. However, to the extent practicable, our goal is to reduce human-influenced sources of nutrient inputs. Detailed data and information on how the data is collected can be found on the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Lake Scorecard at: <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/water/lake-data-maps>.

### **Aquatic Invasive Species Mitigation**

Despite the ongoing pandemic, 2021 was a busy year for the Lake Iroquois Association (LIA). In late June, Solitude Lake Management successfully applied a low dose (below safe drinking water level) application of the aquatic herbicide, ProcellaCOR, to address the infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil observed in Lake Iroquois for over 30 years. Please see the following link to observe the contrast between pre- and post-treatment <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/invasives/milfoil-control-efforts/what-a-difference>.

### **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention**

We continued our Greeter Program and boat wash station, which operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day. These programs are viewed by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC) as a model for other greeter programs in the state. At present, only two aquatic invasive species occupy Lake Iroquois; by comparison, Lake Champlain has a total of 51. This reality highlights the importance of these efforts.

The Greeter Program is designed to educate recreational water craft users on the importance of aquatic invasive species prevention and management efforts. The boat wash station permits fresh water washdown of watercraft and aids in preventing invasives from entering or leaving the lake. The greeters also provide information to lake users on safety and best practices to protect water quality while using the lake. The number of boats inspected this year (1486) approached the number inspected in 2020 (1608), and were nearly double the number inspected in 2019 (800). The breakdown of total water craft inspected is as follows: Kayaks (626); Motor Boats (326); Paddle Boards (240); Canoes (100); Row boats (8); Sail boats (3).

These efforts are graciously funded and supported by an Aquatic Nuisance Control grant from VT DEC, the Towns of Williston, Hinesburg, and Richmond, membership dues, and the generous donations of LIA members.

### **Sampling and Monitoring**

#### **Aquatic Plant Survey**

The Darrin Freshwater Institute completed an aquatic plant survey in September to monitor presence and absence of aquatic plant species. This and other plant survey reports may be reviewed at <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/about/annual-reports>.

#### **Lake tributary water quality monitoring**

After a down year for the LaRosa Partnership Program (LPP) in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 saw a return to grant-funded support for tributary sampling. With support and input from the VT DEC regional Basin Planner, the Lake Iroquois Association was able to sample 10 tributar-

ies best representing inputs to Lake Iroquois between the month of May-August. This number was down from 24 tributaries sampled in 2019. Sweeping changes to the LaRosa Partnership Program in 2020 and limited funding, combined with an increase in participants, forced reductions in sampling for all LaRosa watershed partners.

### **Conservation**

LIA participated in the Loon Restoration Project managed by Erick Hansen of the Vermont Center for Ecostudies. A current and former LIA Board member set up and maintained a nesting platform to support successful nesting activity. A former Board member records loon activity reported by lake residents and visitors to the lake. Lake Iroquois has supported multiple years of successful breeding pairs of loons.

### **Miscellaneous Highlights**

#### **Watershed Action Plan**

In other highlights, a collaborative effort among the Lake Iroquois Association, Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District, and the Lewis Creek Association led to the successful awarding of a Lake Champlain Basin Program Watershed Action Plan grant. The purpose of the grant is to assess the watershed, identify areas requiring restoration, and develop project sheets prescribing corrections actions. This work is set to begin in 2022.

#### **Lake Management Plan**

The Association successfully completed its first edition of a comprehensive lake management plan [https://www.lakeiroquois.org/fileadmin/files/Annual\\_Reports/Plans/Lake\\_Iroquois\\_Association\\_Management\\_Plan\\_2020-2025.pdf?1d5658947a04f6a0033818d1a9a3dbb48abaff26](https://www.lakeiroquois.org/fileadmin/files/Annual_Reports/Plans/Lake_Iroquois_Association_Management_Plan_2020-2025.pdf?1d5658947a04f6a0033818d1a9a3dbb48abaff26).

#### **Beebe Lane Drainage Improvement Grant**

We partnered with the Lake Iroquois Recreation District (LIRD) to apply to the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (MARC) for an implementation grant that addresses stormwater issues on Beebe Lane. We hope to hear of a successful award by the end of calendar year 2021.

#### **Ice Out Challenge**

The Lake Iroquois Association held its first annual Ice-Out contest in 2021 with 2,262 tickets sold. The organization plans to make the Ice Out Challenge an annual fundraiser, with tickets on sale from mid-December 2021 through March 1, 2022. More information on historic ice out dates and the contest may be found on the website at <https://www.lakeiroquois.org/news/ice-out-challenge>.



## LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT

The Lake Iroquois Recreation District beach area, along with its 150 acres of open land, continues to serve the district towns (Williston, Richmond, Hinesburg, and St. George) as well as all non-residents. The district lands provide access to swimming, picnicking, playground equipment, and walking trails. The beach area also continues to host birthday parties and other individual and group functions. Costs for septic maintenance and summer staff continue to represent the bulk of our annual expenses. Water quality sampling continues on a weekly basis and results are within State limits for beach facilities.

The LIRD continues to work on implementing the design for Beebe Lane improvements by applying for grants as they become available. One other item of note is there was a treatment done to help eradicate Milfoil which contributed to a much cleaner swimming area this past season.

The beach continues to be a beautiful and affordable local recreation area. We will open for the 2022 summer season on Memorial Day weekend and close on Labor Day weekend. Please come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

Jack Linn – Richmond

Jeff Davis, – Hinesburg, Chair

Harry Bowen – St George

Sarah Francisco – Williston, Treasurer



*Kayaking on Lake Iroquois*

## LUND HOPE . OPPORTUNITY . FAMILY

### **Program Overview:**

Lund continues to be an essential resource in Vermont's system of prevention for at-risk children and families. At a time when Vermont children and families are experiencing new levels of financial and relational stress, our supports remain most critical. While lives continue to be disrupted by COVID-19, parents are being forced to make challenging decisions when it comes to the safety and wellbeing of their children and themselves. Lund families are navigating these realities in addition to their own trauma, generational poverty, addiction, and abuse. Areas of need that are making a difference for the children and families Lund serve include childcare, access to substance use and mental health treatment, and permanency for children in state custody. Your support ensures Lund can continue to make strides towards breaking these cycles and help children thrive.

### **Town Specific Data:**

Lund served 24 Richmond residents last year through four different Lund programs. The breakdown per program is shown below.

Adoption: 17

Family Education: 5

Regional Partnership Program (RPP): 1

Vermont Family Recovery Project: 1

### **Program Outcomes:**

In FY21, Lund invested in a new electronic health record database. Our goals were important: to improve efficiency in record-keeping for staff, to support continuous quality improvement using data, and to give us new tools to tell Lund's story. The system, MyEvolv, allows instant reporting on things like the demographic reach of each program, the diversity of our clients, the measurement of outcomes, medication management for residential clients, and one-stop storage of adoption records. Through this system, we are able to report program outcomes which we've included below.

Lund's Regional Partnership Program offered 1,006 screenings to caregivers, a 21% increase from FY20.

Lund finalized 216 adoptions through Project Family, with 98% of families reporting that they received the necessary services as they waited for a child.

96% of families who participated in Family Education activities reported that these services/supports improved their lives.

## **MOUNT MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (MMCTV)**

MMCTV is the community media center for Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill. During the pandemic, we installed remotely operated hybrid meeting setups in all three towns and provide most key government and school board meetings live on MMCTV's government channel (Comcast Cable 1086) and on YouTube. We are editing & archiving more meetings than ever. Apart from public meetings, we partner with most local non-profit organizations to share their messages with you. We also hold a TV camp each summer for middle schoolers.

Last year, we moved our studio into the Richmond Town Center building; it is currently a work-in-progress, but we couldn't be more delighted with the new space. Your feedback and donations are always welcome at our 501c3 organization, which is part of a network of 24 public access centers in Vermont.

If you'd like to learn more, visit our website [MtMansfieldCtv.org](http://MtMansfieldCtv.org)

All our videos are also online here: [Bitly.com/MmctvVideos](http://Bitly.com/MmctvVideos)

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**Our Community Cares Camp, Inc.**

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Our Community Cares Camp, INC (OCCC) successfully completed its 12<sup>th</sup> year of operation! We serve at-risk or underserved children and youth for the five towns of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District including Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill. Our Mission is to create a caring, nourishing community where every child can find success. Our vision is to develop a rich culture of community that includes health, safety, happiness, gratitude, and citizenship that the campers carry with them throughout their lives. We provide healthy meals, enriching activities, and have highly qualified staff working alongside our campers. We pride ourselves on the amount of returning campers we have each year, and many come back as older youth to be counselors and staff. Despite any challenges and unpredictable changes that came with COVID-19 and 2021 in general, we stayed true to our mission and provided the quality, enriching and caring camp that we do each year!

Camper enrollment increased this year by 42% and we served a total of 78 children from Jericho (5), Huntington (22), Bolton (20), and Richmond (31). Of these children, 25 of them were new (32%) and 53 of them were returning (68%). We had a total of 39 people who supported this year's camp as either an intern, counselor, or staff member. There were 13 Counselors which made up 62% of the total staff. Eight of these counselors had previously been campers themselves! Employees represented all five MMUUSD towns and other Vermont communities, too. We are lucky to have incredible interns and town volunteers who helped with mailing and other tasks which amounted to 972.5 total volunteer hours. Full year staff increased this year, too, as we shifted our organizational structure and added a Development Coordinator to our team. This position was created to help seek grant opportunities, expand community connections, and market the organization in new ways.

The pandemic has certainly changed the landscape of school and after a year of strict protocol with lots of unexpected changes and less options to engage in the classrooms, it was evident that the children were craving the positive and fun interactions that summer and camp brings. Our Community Cares Camp was essential for children and youth to have these field trips, art projects, musical moments, and just plain old fun! They continued learning how to navigate their social and emotional interactions while enjoying it which is a win-win! Like any organization, we certainly have our next goals to set and know the areas we need to improve, however, 2021 was encouraging for us. Even through a global pandemic, our camp positively impacted the lives of children and proved to be an essential service for families in the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District. We look forward to all that 2022 will bring!

Sincerely,  
Susanne Parent, Executive Director

# PETS ARE PART OF THE FAMILY, PROTECT THEM AND THEIR HUMANS ... GET THEM VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES & REGISTER YOUR DOG



## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BOARD

The Williston Community Justice Center (WCJC) is committed to promoting and advancing the safety and wellbeing of our communities by providing resources for positive change, striving to dismantle patterns of racial and economic disparity, and seeking to repair damaged relationships through restorative practices tailored to meet the unique needs of impacted and responsible parties.

The WCJC serves the towns of Richmond, Hinesburg, Huntington, Bolton, St. George, and Williston and has over 40 volunteers from these communities who serve on restorative panels. Students from Mount Mansfield UHS and Champlain Valley UHS serve on restorative panels, as well.

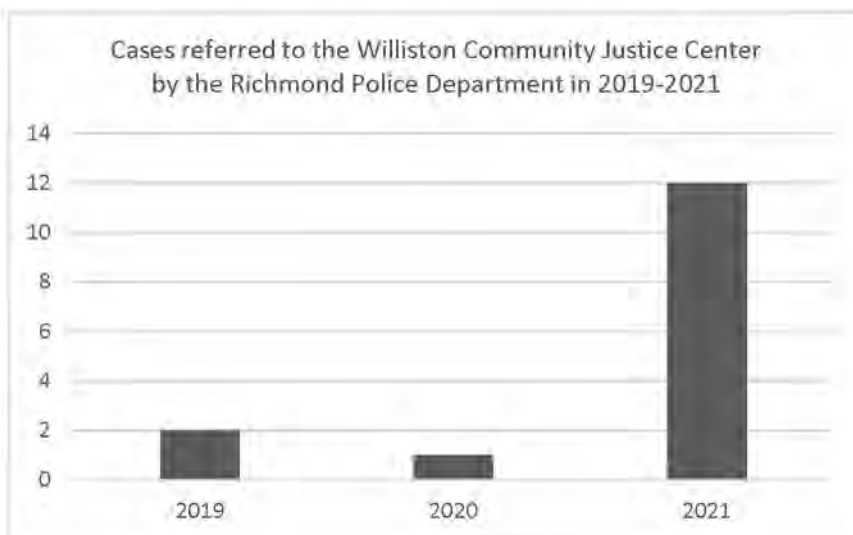
Richmond residents who serve as volunteers on restorative panels are Eveline Killian, Donna Stafford, Katie Titterton and Bob Stafford. Eveline Killian, Katie Titterton, and Bob Stafford serve on the WCJC’s Executive Board, as well.

This past year the WCJC assisted the Richmond Police Department in handling 12 cases and finding meaningful resolutions for all involved parties. Additionally, the WCJC has worked collaboratively with the Richmond Racial Equity Partnership to raise awareness of restorative justice and practices through presentations, dialogues, and trainings.

The WCJC provides a wide range of services which are made available to residents, the Richmond Police Department, other Town Departments, Business Owners, and the Mount Mansfield Unified Union SD. These services include restorative panels, circles, dialogues, mediations, community and educational dialogues and forums, classes and partnerships that work to enhance a sense of community, responsibility, and accountability for all.

The WCJC hopes to advance restorative practices and relationships within the town of Richmond and looks forward to an exciting year of opportunity.

If Richmond residents and high school students would like to volunteer as panel members and would like to obtain more information on how to do so, then please contact the WCJC through our website, <https://willistonjustice.org/> or 802-802-764-1151.



	Cases Referred
2019	2
2020	1
2021	12

- Data range is January-December for each year

## RICHMOND COMMUNITY BAND

2021 was the 24th year Richmond Community Band practiced and performed since reestablishment in 1998. We thank the Richmond community for joining us at the three concerts we were able to present in 2021!

RCB includes musicians from school aged to near 90, all ages and abilities are welcome. In addition to Richmond residents, some members travel from neighboring towns, our neighbors are welcome and necessary in our community band. Anyone who plays a concert band instrument or can conduct an ensemble is invited to join our volunteer non-profit organization.

Richmond Community Band usually rehearses 7pm to 9pm Mondays in the hall of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, beginning in May or June. We typically play about five free concerts in the Volunteers' Green band shell throughout the summer but were only able to schedule three last year. Although the town 4th of July parade and festivities were cancelled, we performed an Independence Day concert for an audience appreciative of our reduced celebration, and two subsequent concerts near the end of July and August.

During the second year of COVID restrictions and reduced participation, we missed several members, and performance opportunities and audience. Hopefully, we can perform more public concerts this year, including the 4th of July Parade, and Richmond Holiday Market in December. Thank you for supporting Richmond Community Band, please join us with your instrument or in the audience in 2022.



*July 4th Band Concert*

## RICHMOND FARMER'S MARKET



The Richmond Farmers Market (RFM) was born nearly 30 years ago, founded by a grassroots group of local farmers. They set up tables in a pasture for several years before moving to their current home on beautiful Volunteers' Green in Richmond. In 2003, the RFM received its non-profit status as a Market Cooperative. We provide access to fresh, healthy foods and other local products and services, strengthening our agricultural economy, local food systems, and local artisan base, and connecting residents with local producers.

### Promoting Safety, Community, and Entertainment

The RFM provides a safe, inclusive social space for residents. Many families attend the market as a family outing, and others catch up with friends and neighbors while there. Younger residents come to recreate, exercise, and try new healthy food. We provide free entertainment for all ages, bringing local bands to perform every week. Many of these performers are Richmond residents. We have also provided children's activities like juggling and crafts, and a cider press and fall events for families.

In response to the COVID pandemic, we created and implemented a plan in accordance with state safety protocols that allowed us to maintain the market, offering the opportunity to shop outside in a safely distanced environment. This plan was used as a model for local volunteers to create a safe Halloween event at the park for Richmond kids in 2020 and 2021.

### Fostering Local Entrepreneurship

The market also provides economic opportunity for local businesses and entrepreneurs, creating a solid vending space for established small businesses and an incubator space for new ones. This year, we had a new, woman-owned farm in Richmond that began selling at the market, plus eight other Richmond businesses. Other vendors are former Richmond residents who still feel connected to the community, or vendors who chose the Richmond Farmers Market specifically because their products are for sale in Richmond stores. The market also draws nearly 60 percent (based on a 2019 survey) of its clientele from other towns, many of whom visit other Richmond businesses after they visit the market. Local kids

can also have a free booth at the market to flex their entrepreneurial skills.

### Community Outreach

The RFM provides opportunity for local groups and community organizations to reach out to residents and share their missions through our free Community Booth offering. In 2021, we hosted the Richmond Climate Action Committee, Richmond Racial Justice Committee, Halloween on the Green, Champlain Housing Trust, a bike mechanic event, and the Community Senior Center. We held a First Responder Day, giving locals a chance to connect with the Richmond Police Department, Fire Department, and Richmond Rescue, and hosted a free SSCOVID vaccination "pop-up" site. In the past, we've hosted voter awareness and racial justice events, local PTOs and school boards, and many other local groups.

### Food Security Programs

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we provide access to local produce for food-insecure Vermonters. Vermonters can swipe their EBT cards at the market and double their benefits through the state's Crop Cash program. In 2021, the RFM secured grant funding to triple those benefits. Eligible Vermonters can also use Farm to Family coupons at the market, using the state program to get local produce to the families that need it. In 2021, Vermonters in need used over \$4,000 in EBT funds, Crop Cash, Farm to Family coupons, and related benefits at the RFM.

## RICHMOND LAND TRUST

Throughout 2021 Covid continued to change how people live, work and play. In Richmond, the popularity of our non-profit, all-volunteer organization's preserves only grew. Much of our activity during the year reflected this:

We opened a second, larger parking area at our Beeken Rivershore Preserve. In 2022 this will become the preserve's main lot, replacing the current, frequently overcrowded one.

RLT again provided a temporary parking lot on the edge of our Bombardier Meadow Preserve, which, with the Beeken Preserve, gave important access to the Winooski River to the summer influx of paddlers, tubers, anglers, swimmers, and others.

Dugway Road's repair and reopening sharply increased visits to our Huntington River Gorge Preserve. An electronic counter logged over 10,000 user visits to the Triple Buckets area alone. As in 2020, we worked with the Vermont River Conservancy to support a part-time, on-site steward to greet visitors, answer questions and help them understand and appreciate the area's natural and human histories. We installed a visitor kiosk by the cascades and put-up new safety signs as well.

We repaired the driveway to the Willis Hill Preserve after heavy rains damaged it. A late season brush-hogging of the hill has put it in shape for wintertime sledding and other downhill fun. Students at the elementary and middle school continue using the preserve as an outdoor natural history lab.

RLT also worked to keep up with the normal effects of time and nature:

We worked with Senator Leahy's office to successfully gain some potentially significant funding for a new dam at our Gillett Pond Preserve. That support is now in the major federal budget bill currently under Congressional consideration. Should the measure pass, we will be able to start construction on the structure this year. The broad community support for the dam, both on the individual level and by the Towns of Richmond and Huntington, paved the way for its inclusion in the federal budget bill.

The Winooski River continues nipping away at the banks of the Beeken Rivershore Preserve, threatening not only the parcel's rare floodplain forest but also Cochran Road itself. To help our organization and the Town safeguard these assets, RLT initiated an engineering study to explore how the bank and road could be protected. Funding for the study came from the Town's Conservation Reserve Fund.

Meanwhile, as forestland across the state continued to shrink, reversing the last century's trend of reforestation, RLT continued working with private landowners to conserve their forests along with the resources and connectivity they support. In 2021, one of our board members, Ethan Tapper, donated to RLT a conservation easement on his 171 acres of forestland adjacent to the Bolton Valley Access Road and other large tracts of other conserved land.

Unfortunately, the pandemic forced another cancellation of our traditional Fourth of July lemonade stand at Volunteers' Green. We're hopeful that by summer the current surge in cases will subside and allow the festivities to safely resume.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for supporting the Richmond Land Trust and our town's strong ethic of land conservation. Special appreciation goes to:

The Richmond Trails Committee for helping keep our preserve trails open and safe year-round.

The Richmond Highway Department, for its excellent work to alleviate parking crunches on Cochran Rd., in particular through creating a substantial new lot at the Town's Overrocker Park.

Richmond voters, who again preserved the Town's Conservation Reserve Fund, without which many of our accomplishments would have been impossible. This year the Fund is up again for its annual renewal. We hope voters will again endorse it as a practical, proven, low-cost approach to enabling the Town to take advantage of important conservation opportunities as they arise.

Finally, I invite anyone interested in conserving our town's natural, agricultural, and historic resources to join the Richmond Land Trust and to take a direct hand in our broad and varied work by contacting me at [jeremydhoff@gmail.com](mailto:jeremydhoff@gmail.com). The more people we can involve in conservation, the better the results for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Hoff, Chair



*The year brought some extremely good news about the project to save Gillett Pond.*

## RICHMOND RESCUE

As we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic, Richmond Rescue has expanded our service area, recruited additional volunteers, and worked extensively with the state to provide vaccination and testing services. We are thankful to our members and our communities for making this work possible.

The pandemic has necessitated constant vigilance and adaptation. Thus far, we have not had issues securing adequate PPE or other supplies. While COVID cases were initially low in our service area, the recent Delta and Omicron waves have increased the number of likely COVID patients we've treated. All Richmond Rescue members have been vaccinated and presently, N95s and eye protection are worn on every call.

Excitingly, Richmond Rescue has been able to play an integral role in preventive medicine. Members have provided 15,000 vaccines and 6,000 COVID tests. Members have worked throughout Vermont, as far north as Richford and as far south as Manchester, providing initial, second, and booster doses of the COVID vaccine.

On October 1st, Richmond Rescue began covering the towns of Hinesburg and Saint George. As Hinesburg prepares to staff their own ambulance, estimated to start in July 2022, Richmond Rescue has been contracted to provide interim service. This expansion has brought additional calls, allowing our members to utilize their skills more frequently. While call volume has increased, we have continued to respond to 95.4% of calls for service, making minimal use of mutual aid.

Statistics from 2021:

Total requests for service: 845

Calls for service in Richmond: 302

Requests to Interstate 89: 49

Average ambulance response time in Richmond: 7:24

Number of active volunteers in 2021: 35

Total volunteer hours: 24,448

People taught CPR or First Aid: 116

Address signs made in 2021: 66

Total address signs made since start of program: 946

Patients with possible COVID symptoms: 70

We continue to be leaders in High Performance CPR (HP-CPR). This fall, Paramedic Sarah Lamb spoke at the Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit in San Diego, where Richmond Rescue was also recognized as a global leader in prehospital HP-CPR, listed alongside other groundbreaking services. We were awarded the American Heart Association Mission LifeLine - EMS Silver award in recognition of prehospital cardiac care. Additionally, Richmond Rescue members have been a part of the state EMS protocol committee, aiding in the development of this year's EMS protocol update.

Beyond responding to 911 calls, we are proud to offer several other public health services. We continue to offer affordable E911 address signage, courses and bystander trainings through our CPR training center and car seat fitting. As a public health organization, we consider these initiatives central to our mission.



Our Camel's Hump Backcountry Rescue (CHBR) team continues to grow, with a total of 34 members. 80% hold medical training with 3 MDs, 2 PAs, 2 Paramedics, 13 AEMTs, and 7 EMTs. Members have completed a newly developed online state Search and Rescue course, designed as a common curriculum for all teams operating in Vermont. The team has responded to fourteen incidents in the past year, including a remarkable rescue on July 4th on the Northern slopes of Camel's Hump. The rescue involved multiple local teams, five CHBR members and an extrication that went from dusk until dawn.

We are grateful for the privilege of serving our communities and look forward to the coming year.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and Members of Richmond Rescue

### **911 ADDRESS SIGNS AVAILABLE THRU RICHMOND RESCUE**

Help us, Help you! The time it takes to reach your home or business, once the Emergency Response System has been activated, is of the utmost importance. How many times has a friend, the pizza guy, or anyone else told you that they could not see your house or find a house number near the road? Being able to locate an emergency location is of utmost importance.

What can you do to help us, help you? You can:

- \*Put 4" reflective numbers on your mailbox (smaller ones are not easy to see)
- \*Put 4" reflective numbers and/or letters on your apartment door

**\* TO PURCHASE A GREEN, REFLECTIVE 911 SIGN FOR \$10, CONTACT:**

**RICHMOND RESCUE 216 RAILROAD STREET OR ORDER ONLINE AT [www.richmondrescue.org](http://www.richmondrescue.org)**

- \*Put that reflective sign at the end of your driveway, close to the road

Like a carbon monoxide detector and/or a smoke detector can give you peace of mind and potentially save your life, so can having a reflective 911 sign near the road where emergency responders can see it.

## RICHMOND STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTATIVE JANA BROWN

It's an honor to serve as your State Representative and our community's voice in Montpelier. The 2021 session was historic, both in terms of legislative business conducted over Zoom and the vast infusion of federal aid that came to Vermont in response to the global pandemic. Despite the ongoing challenges we face, our strength and resilience as a community continue to serve us well. The legislature worked diligently during the 2021 session to ensure that the billions of dollars coming into the state were put to immediate and effective use. And that work will continue during the 2022 session to invest in a recovery that leaves no Vermonter behind. I look forward to connecting with you about the important work ahead of us – please be well.



### **Deep Investments to Ensure COVID Recovery**

In the Spring of 2020, Vermont received \$1.25 billion in federal CARES relief. These dollars provided relief for Vermonters in need, their families, their communities, and their local businesses across all 14 counties. These dollars were also key to stabilizing critical systems in the areas of health care, human services, and child care.

Spring 2021 brought Vermont \$1.052 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and once again we focused on the pressing needs of our communities. This investment is apparent in the amounts of ARPA funding allocated in the FY22 state budget, a total of \$599.2 million which includes:

\$109.2 million targeted to Economy, Workforce, and Communities

\$99 million is targeted to Housing and \$51 million to Rental Assistance

\$150 million for Broadband Investments

\$52 million for Technology Modernization

\$50 for Climate Action and \$115 for Clean Water Investments

Our State Budget for FY2022 totaled \$7.35 billion. With the help of substantial federal aid, this budget positions the state and our community partners to effect transformational change moving forward.

### **2022 Legislative Session: The Work Ahead**

We have more important work ahead of us in 2022. We'll continue our work to boost our economic recovery by tackling the interconnected challenges of housing, childcare, and workforce. The work of the legislature and the VT Climate Council also continues as we enact inclusive strategies to combat climate change and build resilient communities. We will continue to invest Vermont's remaining ARPA funds and build a budget that will set the stage for a strong future.

I will distribute a legislative update this upcoming Town Meeting Day detailing our work in the first half of this year's legislative session. Copies will be available at the library, the Richmond Town Office, and online at [www.janabrownforvt.com](http://www.janabrownforvt.com). Please reach out to me at [jbrown@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jbrown@leg.state.vt.us) and I would also be happy to mail copies upon request.

Dear Community Members of Richmond,

We are very grateful for your sustained support for the work we do and the services we provide to survivors of domestic violence in our community. You have helped Steps to End Domestic Violence serve residents of the Town of Richmond and all of Chittenden County with lifesaving emergency services for over 45 years. During our ongoing navigation of the COVID-19 pandemic, your support has been especially appreciated. This past fiscal year, Steps to End Domestic Violence provided direct services for 2047 individuals including at least 11 households with 22 children from Richmond.\*

We provided emergency shelter to 196 adults and 101 children for a total of 28,451 bednights. The Economic Justice program provided economic advocacy and support to 247 adults and 135 children.

Our Legal Advocacy program provided services to 493 adults seeking support with divorce, custody/parentage, immigration and criminal justice actions, and 264 adults were assisted with filing Relief from Abuse orders.

The Children and Youth Services program spent 1,505 hours providing advocacy, parenting support, and resources to 131 adults and 380 children.

Our budget for FY21 was \$1,356,633.

Once again, we thank the Town of Richmond and acknowledge that we could not have done this work without your contribution and support. Please do let us know about your ideas for improving services and outreach to the residents of Richmond.

\* Many service users decline to identify their town of residence suggesting that numbers served in your town are likely higher than documented.



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## 2021 Local Health Annual Report

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

### COVID-19

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

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

### Public Health Programs

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

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

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

## VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK

The Vermont Family Network's mission is to empower and support all Vermont children, youth, and families, especially those of children with special needs. Our Family Support program employs experienced parents of children with special needs and provides families with the information and training they need to help their child reach their greatest potential. In the last year we are proud to have served 10 Richmond families through 55 unique interactions, and greatly appreciate the support provide by the Town of Richmond.



*Bluebird of Happiness*

## VT SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under VT Economic Services, helps income challenged care-providers of cats & dogs to have their pets spayed or neutered at a reduced cost. The balance is subsidized ONLY by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs in Vermont and deposited into a designated state account. Dogs are required to be vaccinated and licensed to take advantage of this program.

Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. This can be accomplished thru our drop box in Richmond. Provide the rabies certificate, include a check for \$15 per dog (before April 1) made payable to The Town of Richmond. The Richmond Town Clerk will return the license & tag by mail. Rabies IS in Vermont and IS deadly. Tractor Supply Stores are now holding monthly rabies clinics again! Please call their store for the vaccination schedule.

### Licensing a dog:

- 1) identifies your dog if lost
- 2) provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}
- 3) bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination is not proven
- 4) helps support VSNIP to address the over-population of cats and dogs in VT
- 5) **§3590. List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed states, in part ...** “the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.

No one wants this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

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

## VERMONT 2-1-1

Vermont 2-1-1 is a statewide Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By dialing 2-1-1 or texting your zip code to 898211, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health and human services for your area and region.

By contacting 2-1-1, information is much easier to find. 2-1-1 is a free local call and provides confidential community information and referrals. When you contact Vermont 2-1-1, you will receive person-to-person assistance, 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Language translation services are also available.

Now you can access services right from your Android and Apple device by using the **Vermont 2-1-1 mobile app**. Just search your phone's app store for "Vermont 2-1-1".

Vermont 2-1-1 is the entry point of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the Vermont Agency of Human Services Afterhours Emergency Housing and information, as well as serving as the Public Inquiry Line for Vermont Emergency Management during an incident or emergency, such as the 2015 flooding in Montpelier. Vermont 2-1-1 staff will assist callers with evacuation routes, shelters, commodity points of distribution locations, federal reimbursement procedures and more.

Dialing the simple three-digit number, 2-1-1, or texting your zip code to 898211, can become as automatic to anyone with a health and human service need as dialing 9-1-1 is in an emergency. We can make sure Vermonters have access to community, faith, and state-based services to help them with everyday needs and in difficult times.

Vermont 2-1-1 participates in the Vermont Department of Health's statewide Help Me Grow initiative. Help Me Grow provides a centralized telephone access point, via Vermont 2-1-1, for parents, caregivers, and providers to get information and referrals for local services for children birth through age eight. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists answer questions about children's behavior and development and help identify children who are at risk for delays, so that services can begin as early as possible. Help Me Grow Child Development Specialists are available from 9:00am-6:00pm Monday-Friday by dialing 2-1-1.

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

For further information: dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-652-4636 [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)



**Need help finding help?**

**Dialing 2-1-1 or Texting your zip code to 898211**  
is your first step.

**Are you facing difficult times and don't know where to turn?**

**Vermont 2-1-1** is an easy-to-remember three-digit phone number that connects you with the services that can help you.

**Looking for help with everyday needs?**

At 2-1-1, you will speak to someone who will provide the human touch, help to solve problems, and link callers throughout Vermont with government programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.

**When should you contact 2-1-1?**

Call 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898211 for everyday needs and in difficult times. 24/7/365 or 1-866-652-4636 toll-free in Vermont or 1-802-652-4636 from outside Vermont.

**Get the Vermont 2-1-1 Smartphone App!**

Search for "Vermont 2-1-1" at your phone's app store

Also visit: [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)

*In Vermont, call 9-1-1 to save a life, stop a crime or report a fire;  
Contact 2-1-1 for community information and referral.*







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January 20, 2022

### **Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Annual Report**

The Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District (MMUUSD) Annual Report will be available February 14, 2022. The report will include a proposed 2022-23 school district budget, tax rate information and a review of operations, activities and assessment results for Mount Mansfield Unified Union's nine schools:

- Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)
- Brewster Pierce Memorial School (PK-4)
- Jericho Elementary School (K-4)
- Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)
- Underhill ID School (Preschools)
- Underhill Central School (K-4)
- Browns River Middle School (Grades 5-8)
- Camels Hump Middle School (Grades 5-8)
- Mt. Mansfield Union High School (Grades 9-12)

The Annual Report can be found at your local town office, public school, MMUUSD Central Office or online at <https://www.mmuUSD.org/>. Upon request, a printed copy will be mailed to you by calling 434-2128.

If you have questions, please contact the Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at [mmuUSD.office@mmuUSD.org](mailto:mmuUSD.office@mmuUSD.org).

## Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Our Schools

### Smilie Memorial School

**Barbara Tomasi-Gay, Principal**

**Enrollment: Prek-4 82**



At Smilie Memorial School, we eagerly welcomed back our students and educators for full, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We were excited to have all of our students back in school with us. New faces to Smilie include: Ms. Emma Parent, as our Preschool teacher; Ms. Connie Guyette, as our Academic Interventionist; Ms. Heather Carpenter, as our Food Service Manager; Ms. Maya Parry, as our Preschool Assistant; Ms. Alyson McCarthy, as our Howard Center School Services Clinician and the return of Kyle Dubois as a grade 3 & 4 teacher. We also have a student intern, Chris Wood, from Northern Vermont University, who is doing his teaching internship, with Mr. Dubois.

Fully masked, we continue to practice our successful mitigation strategies of handwashing, distancing and keeping masks on our faces. We also expanded our use of outdoor areas for learning. We now have 8 picnic tables, in a variety of spaces around the school. Our sun sails, tents and large donated tent helped us all stay outside, for longer periods of time. Our neighbor, just south of us, has given permission for us to use his land to hike and explore. Classes have been challenged by these new hiking areas. We also fenced in a section of forest area near the school so that students could be closer to nature and have a sliding hill when the snow came.



We continue to emphasize social-emotional learning (SEL) in all of our classes. Teachers are using stress reducing strategies to help students relax and focus on the task at hand. Restorative practices are used to help students solve problems at the class and individual levels. Our guidance counselor uses a social-emotional learning curriculum with all grades that helps students in areas of conflict and problem solving. Students are greeted individually, every day, by at least two individuals. Classrooms are focusing on making sure students feel welcome and have a sense of belonging. To that end, we are working with our school-based equity committee to explore implicit bias and to create environments where all students are supported, valued and challenged.

Academically, we are grateful to be working with our coaches in the areas of math reading, writing, social studies and science. Teachers have begun using our new Word Study program, which includes phonics, spelling and decoding skill development. Students are making progress as we meet them where they are and guide them forward.

At the end of this school year, I will be retiring as Principal of Smilie Memorial School. It has been 9 incredible years in Bolton and 46 total years in education for me. I am proud of all that we have accomplished during my time at Smilie. We built a preschool playground, developed a Learning Kiva on that playground and instituted Conscious Discipline as part of our SEL curriculum. We added a forest area to our playground and provided a variety of outdoor learning environments for our students. Together with strong community involvement, we have built robust and rich educational environments for our students. I am grateful to the community, staff and students for working together to make Smilie such an incredible school.



**Brewster-Pierce Memorial School****Sally Hayes, Principal****Enrollment: PreK-4 123**

Brewster-Pierce students continued to learn and grow despite the many obstacles presented by the pandemic. Staff, students and families had to adjust multiple times throughout this school year and we met each new challenge as a team, with collaboration, hard work and perseverance. We continue to be grateful for our incredible families and their ongoing support during this unique year. The BPMS learning community remains strong, vibrant and cohesive even through tough times.

BPMS staff continue to focus on integrating themes of equity, diversity and inclusion throughout our teaching practices and school culture. A necessary piece of this ongoing work has been continually examining our own biases and assumptions. Last academic year, we engaged in monthly professional development topics which focused on identity, diverse perspectives, hidden curriculum, and assumptions within our current school culture. Through our school-based and district ABAR (anti-bias/anti-racist) committees, we continue to develop a deeper understanding of inclusive practices using the auditing tools provided by Rebecca Haslam and the teachings of Dr. Luvelle Brown. As a school, we have been navigating how to balance the findings of our audits with meaningful, tangible actions. We are learning that while the progress is not linear and time is always a limiting factor, the collaborative examination of our practices gives us perspective to continue to move forward. The work we are engaged in thus far continues to serve as a springboard for updating lessons. We have added new, culturally responsive texts to our school and classroom libraries which enrich our learning by presenting multiple perspectives and diverse representations. Our understanding of how to have our own professional learning inform our work with students is a work in progress, and an active area of growth in our teaching community. As educators, we realize that our success in this essential work will in part be measured by how successfully we can engage our students in these dialogues in compassionate, developmentally appropriate ways.

We also prioritize math, literacy and social emotional learning for all students. While core content for reading and writing continues to be taught through a workshop model, we are also focusing on phonemic awareness beginning in preschool and kindergarten. Phonemic awareness is the skill of hearing and identifying sounds as a foundation for overall reading readiness. Teachers continue to integrate the practice of word study skills in reading, writing, science and social studies on a daily basis. During math practice we focus on problem solving and applying math to real life situations. Social and emotional learning has been a critical area of learning especially as children work through strong feelings living through 21 months of a pandemic. We teach critical skills and strategies to manage peer relations and self management including: mindfulness, emotional regulation and restorative practices.

Outdoor Learning continues to be a cornerstone of our school's mission and guides much of our science learning. Students have opportunities to explore the outdoors in the Huntington Community Forest, Brush Brook and the Huntington River. This year BPMS staff engaged in professional development to better understand local plant species. This learning translated into lessons and learning for all students in pre-K through fourth grade. Outdoor learning experiences challenge our young thinkers to use problem solving and inquiry as a foundation for understanding the world around them. In mid July the Huntington Community Forest officially opened to the public. This rich 245 acre outdoor learning space provides multiple habitats for student investigation and learning right in our school's backyard.



**Jericho Elementary School**

**Darik Williams, Principal**

**Enrollment: K-4 325**

We opened the 2021-22 school year with the school-wide theme of "One Step at a Time," and it has been our mantra as we move forward with the year. As we continue to implement COVID-mitigation protocols and educate JES students, our staff are finding creative and innovative ways to engage our students and build a culture of community in our school. We began the year with rebranding our school mascot, Charlie the Cheetah. Charlie helps motivate students and staff alike with a friendly smile and a supportive air high five!

We love all of our Unified Arts Team, and our P.E. Department has certainly kept our students physically active while also having fun in the process. We began the school year with an exciting unit on disc golf. Professional disc golfers came to our school from around the country and taught our students a range of techniques and skills. Following that unit, we transitioned to Bike Week, a school-wide event in which some students learned to ride a bike without training wheels for the very first time! Now, we are preparing for cross-country skiing and Snow Motion. So many exciting physical adventures are awaiting us!

We continue to put a lot of energy into meeting the social and emotional needs of our students. Each of our classrooms continues the practice of beginning each school day with "morning meeting." We have found this practice to be a great way to set the tone for the day, and it continues to build a sense of community throughout the building. Beyond these meetings, our counselor collaborates with teachers to support snack/lunch bunch meetings with students as well. Building relationships with our students continues to be foundational to all that we do.



The workshop model is the basis for both our literacy and math instruction. Blending individual, small-group, and whole-class instructional times is the centerpiece of the workshop. Students learn to be accountable to themselves and others. They love having the opportunity to share their thoughts and products with their classmates. Workshop is yet another way we build a community of learning in the school.

Lastly, we are working very intentionally to cultivate our relationship with JES' Partners in Education (PIE) group. We have found PIE to be tremendously supportive of our students and staff. Their monthly "Wellness Wednesdays" lunches have been very appreciated by staff! They are currently in the process of supplying our outdoor learning space with materials to make that space even more conducive to student learning. PIE's partnership adds so much to making JES a vibrant and supportive community for all.

**Richmond Elementary School**

**Jeremy Rector, Principal**

**Enrollment: PreK-4 323**

At Richmond Elementary School, we come together this 2021-2022 school year to continuously celebrate the growth and development of our young learners. With courage, understanding, and dedication the students, families, and staff of RES persevere and find joy despite any challenges that arise. The focus this year has been on adaptability, access, and core values. From PreK all the way up through the 4th grade program, we continue to adapt and adjust what we are doing and how we are doing it to best meet the needs of the individual students and their families.

In order to align with and support our RES core values, community members, students, and staff came together this summer to expand the outdoor classroom spaces directly behind the school building. We now have

a redefined and dynamic learning space that is now known as the "Neighborhood Forest". This work was essential to increasing the access of an outdoor learning environment to our youngest learners; particularly PreK-1st grade. Students and staff have also greatly enjoyed the newly built roof structure down in the lower outdoor classrooms, which offers additional shelter and promotes outdoor learning opportunities regardless of the weather. Beyond the physical grounds work, staff also engaged in learning opportunities such as our August in-service training presented by Project Wild, which allowed us to build off our commitment to ensuring all students have access to a safe, healthy, and engaging learning environment - whether that is inside the building or somewhere beyond the four walls of the classroom.

As we continue to develop a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), RES has reimagined its master schedule; prioritizing core academic blocks and aligning resources to provide additional support to all students. Every student is guaranteed core instructional time in both reading and math as well as an

"intervention" block in both subjects. This strategy is allowing us to better meet the individual and diverse needs of students while providing more intervention opportunities and improved opportunities for students to practice for mastery and extend their learning in a personalized way. We have also added a new position in the building, the Coordinator of Special Education and Social Emotional Learning. By adding this position, we are able to provide classroom teachers additional support with implementing Universal Design within the classroom, as well as additional planning and support for individual student needs. As a direct result of this new position, we are also looking forward to expanding our social skills programming, and to increasing our ability to offer small group opportunities within the appropriate health and safety guidelines.

With adjusting our schedule to better align supports and adding a Special Ed. and SEL position, these are two of the concrete ways RES is working to close the opportunity gap between students and to support the diversity of all learners as we collectively persevere through this global pandemic. These examples demonstrate our core value and commitment toward an educational system that is responsive to student needs, and that ensures all students can learn and grow.



### Underhill Central School

**Jennifer Cote, Principal**

**Enrollment: K-4 147**



Underhill Central School is an inclusive community where everyone is challenged to realize their fullest potential academically, socially, and emotionally in order to thrive in an ever-changing global community. Words and feelings shared by students and staff when revamping our mission statement included love, nature, peace, teamwork, happy, safe and earth keepers. All of our community members believe and strive to follow our vision and core values.

Literacy is always a priority at UCS and in our district. We continue to implement our new word study curriculum which integrates phonics, spelling and decoding skills. Multiage teachers are working closely with the district literacy coaches to imbed skills and strategies in an aligned scope and sequence for implementing the multi-age word study program. In addition, teachers are discussing equity through character traits. Each month focuses on a different trait, such as gratitude, empathy, and acceptance. Teachers continue to expand their classroom libraries and resources so students can read and connect with books that affirm their cultural identity and develop positive insights about others.

Outdoor spaces for each classroom have been established and a committee has been created to support outdoor learning. All of our classes enjoy the outdoor spaces and trails at UCS. Our kindergarten

classes have instituted Woodsy Wednesdays where they go out onto the trails and enjoy math activities. Teachers are encouraged to spend more time outdoors for learning and have students enjoy the world around them.



With the support of a very generous donation from an alumni of UCS, students worked to create a beautiful mural on our school with the creativity and support of local artist Mary Lacy. Our multipurpose room was also painted and a new seamless floor was poured. The hallways are cohesive, modern, and student focused, adding bright colors and eye-catching artwork. The building is a welcoming and engaging learning environment.



Teachers and students continue to be brave, fearless and resilient and have stood up to the challenges that COVID-19 has presented us. We have a staff that cares deeply about the students at UCS. We have students that are engaged in their learning environments and enjoy the

relationships they are building with peers and staff. Here at UCS everyone is connected, loved and met where they are at.

**Browns River Middle School**

**Kevin Hamilton, Principal**  
**Rebecca Marsh, Assistant Principal**

**Enrollment: 5-8 358**

Over the past school year the staff and students of Browns River Middle School demonstrated a tremendous amount of flexibility and creativity as they continued to navigate the challenges of COVID 19. BRMS staff members focused on meeting students where they were at both academically and emotionally. This year we were able to return to many of our normal routines with some small modifications. Students were able to return to our cafeteria for lunch with their entire grade level community, after school clubs returned with larger participation numbers than in past years, the music program increased opportunities for students as COVID restrictions were reduced, and our athletic programs returned to full competition schedules with other schools for the first time since the winter of 2020. Students were also able to participate in field trips that helped to enhance



their academic and social emotional learning skills.

Our teaching staff at BRMS continued to work closely with the teachers of Camels Hump Middle School with the support of our academic coaches as we aligned our middle school curriculum and instructional practices.



Teachers also worked on looking at our entire curriculum through an equity lens to ensure that all of our students feel included and valued in our community. Staff also worked over the summer to develop a multi grade

level advisory system that was put on hold as precaution due to contact tracing concerns. We plan to introduce this system as soon as it is deemed safe to mix our grade levels. Our focus will be to develop a more cohesive, caring and supportive community for all of our students. We are excited at the opportunities that this will bring to all of our students.

Although this was another challenging year, spring is not far in the future and we are hopeful that the increased number of vaccinated students within our community and the warmer weather will bring more opportunities for our students and teachers to return to more normal activities.

**Camels Hump Middle School**

**Gretchen Muller, Principal**  
**Wilhelmina Picard, Assistant Principal**

**Enrollment: 5-8 296**

The start of the 2021-2022 school year has been a busy one and also incredibly positive. The school community not only welcomed all our students back to school full time, but also welcomed new teachers and a new principal. CHMS continues to be a strong, effective and caring learning environment for all their students. This year CHMS teams were able to again engage with community members and organizations through various field trips to support curriculum in the areas such as science and social studies, as well as supporting teams to build relationships with each other. Students have been excited to be back in spaces such as the art and music rooms, design tech room, cafeteria and the library. The number of books that are being read by students has been incredible to see.



Students have been working collaboratively in book groups, science labs, math number talks, health projects, and more. Our teachers have been presented with another challenging year teaching during a pandemic, yet every day they are giving 110% to every student, differentiating instruction, adjusting their pace and curriculum and focusing on not only academic support but social emotional support as well.

CHMS also adjusted its schedule this year to incorporate advisory several times a week along with a reteach/intervention/extension block. The advisory times provide teams to connect with students in a different way and to create a smaller community within our larger school community. Advisory provides students with time to meet with peers as well as a trusted adult in the building. The school has used advisory to carry out whole-school projects such as focusing on gratitude and appreciation and creating a winter wonderland around the school.



This year has also been positive in the area of school athletics and after-school programs. Our students are thrilled to be able to participate on athletic teams and matches and to be able to choose different clubs to participate in. Once again, it is the motivation and dedication of our faculty and staff that have created these opportunities for our students. Each day we are impressed with the level of responsibility that every student and adult takes on to ensure we maintain a safe and healthy learning environment as we continue to navigate teaching and learning during a pandemic. We look forward to bringing back more opportunities for our students including band and chorus performances, outdoor whole-school events, and end-of-year celebrations.

**Mt. Mansfield Union High School**

**Michael Weston, Principal**  
**Krystina Fernandez, Assistant Principal**

**David Marlow, Activities Director**  
**Enrollment: 9-12 786**

The 2020-2021 school year was one unlike any previous year. Mt. Mansfield Union High School ran a Hybrid schedule from our first day (September 8, 2020) to our last day (June 14, 2021). In this schedule students were in school two days a week and remote for three. This was a style of learning that was new to teachers, students, and families and it required adjustment from all parties. With the support of all



members of our Community students developed academic and personal skills that will serve them well in the future. We saw students succeed: 82% of AP Exams were at a Proficient or higher score, SAT scores were markedly higher than state and national averages, and our students earned 93.3% of their Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. We also demonstrated excellence outside of the classroom with state titles in Boys Nordic Skiing, Dance, and Girls Track & Field. Another data point that is noteworthy is over 70% of our student body was involved in at least one extracurricular event. The focus on in and out classroom activities is one that is a hallmark of our program and we believe one that creates an environment that better supports everyone.



The culmination of the year was the 54th Graduation Ceremony held at MMU on our soccer/lacrosse field. The Class of 2021, 192 strong, graduated on a beautiful Saturday morning in front of family and friends. This class led us through a difficult year with grace and understanding. They moved onto pursuits that have led them to all corners of the United States and to many foreign countries. These graduates will make all of CougarNation proud and I believe they will be Effective Engaged Citizens wherever they go. I want to make sure

to end this write-up with "THANK YOU". Your support and care has assisted all of us during the past 20 months. This is an incredible community and I know our students are better prepared for life because of it.



**OFFICIAL WARNING  
MOUNT MANSFIELD UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**March 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District comprising the voters of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers  
 a. Moderator for one year  
 b. Clerk for one year  
 c. Treasurer for one year
- Article 2: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield School District authorize the Board of School Directors to allocate its current fund balance (surplus), without effect upon the District tax rate, as follows: assign \$1,675,000 of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2022-2023 operating budget, and assign the remaining balance of \$875,011 as revenue for future budgets?
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$52,410,895**, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2022-23 fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$17,271** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **3.23%** higher than spending for the current year.

Ballots will be counted by member towns on the night of the vote and reported to the MMUUSD District Clerk to determine final results.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said Annual Meeting shall be as provided in Sections 706u of Title 16 and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

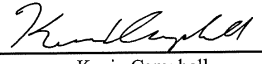
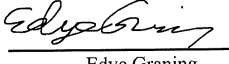
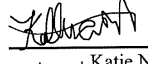
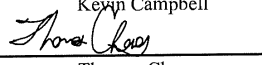
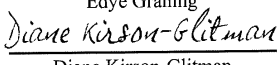

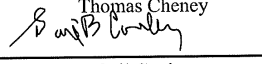
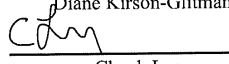
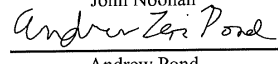
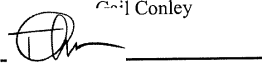
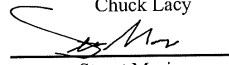
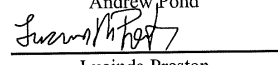
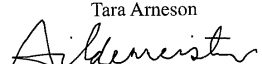
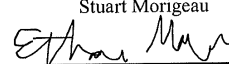
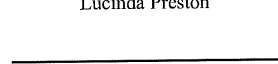
**Polling Places**

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:


Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am -7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 18th day of January, 2022 and unanimously approved by the MMUUSD Board of Directors.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

 _____ Kevin Campbell	 _____ Edye Graning	 _____ Katie Nelson
 _____ Thomas Cheney	 _____ Diane Kirson-Glitman	 _____ John Noonan
 _____ Carl Conley	 _____ Chuck Lacy	 _____ Andrew Pond
 _____ Tara Ameson	 _____ Stuart Morigeau	 _____ Lucinda Preston
 _____ Eric Gildemeister	 _____ Ethan Maurer	 _____ Beth Racine

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\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk, Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District

Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District  
 FY23 Proposed Summary Budget

	Budget FY21	Actual FY21	Budget FY22	Proposed FY23	\$ Variance	% Change
General Instructional Programs (PK-12)	20,595,576	19,445,733	20,980,986	22,018,512	1,037,526	4.95%
Special Education Programs (PK-12)	10,935,892	10,120,732	11,042,759	10,784,084	(258,675)	-2.34%
Career and Technical Education	965,365	944,320	1,134,477	1,159,032	24,555	2.16%
Co-Curricular Activities	708,372	685,486	750,024	741,137	(8,887)	-1.18%
Social Work, Guidance & Other Student Support	1,410,657	1,241,847	1,515,696	1,658,563	142,867	9.43%
Health Services	496,647	555,723	573,751	579,226	5,475	0.95%
Curriculum & Professional Development	558,304	470,077	495,202	546,623	51,421	10.38%
Technology & Library Services	1,863,121	1,919,828	2,187,751	2,355,409	167,658	7.66%
Board of Education, Legal & Negotiations	75,311	88,998	79,995	129,512	49,517	61.90%
Superintendent's Office	715,044	782,796	790,672	792,593	1,921	0.24%
School Administration & Support	2,723,691	2,588,140	2,682,335	2,638,111	(44,224)	-1.65%
Fiscal Services	757,091	744,029	715,579	722,582	7,003	0.98%
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	4,240,851	3,628,590	4,302,752	4,374,157	71,405	1.66%
Transportation Services	2,602,961	1,980,398	2,391,820	2,539,647	147,827	6.18%
Capital Projects	325,000	169,606	325,000	325,000	-	0.00%
Other Fiscal Services	282,000	270,000	282,000	182,000	(100,000)	-35.46%
Debt Service	870,675	882,537	873,076	864,709	(8,367)	-0.96%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>50,126,558</b>	<b>46,518,840</b>	<b>51,123,876</b>	<b>52,410,895</b>	<b>1,287,019</b>	<b>2.52%</b>
Education Spending Revenue	40,530,497	40,085,960	41,694,352	42,901,987	1,207,635	2.90%
Career & Tech Ed Transfer	503,491	492,163	550,440	638,765	88,325	16.05%
Small School Grant	42,632	42,632	42,632	42,632	-	0.00%
Drivers Education	10,000	10,332	10,000	10,000	-	0.00%
High School Completion	30,000	30,767	30,000	30,000	-	0.00%
Tuition Income	117,000	160,992	70,000	80,000	10,000	14.29%
Interest Income	170,000	157,672	190,000	110,000	(80,000)	-42.11%
Transportation State Revenue	940,000	900,336	925,000	905,000	(20,000)	-2.16%
Special Education State Revenue	6,600,237	5,816,593	6,696,120	5,937,511	(758,609)	-11.33%
Other Income	47,500	95,866	125,000	80,000	(45,000)	-36.00%
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	1,135,201	-	790,332	1,675,000	884,668	111.94%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>50,126,558</b>	<b>47,793,313</b>	<b>51,123,876</b>	<b>52,410,895</b>	<b>1,287,019</b>	<b>2.52%</b>

## THE TALE OF “CLOVER” THE RICHMOND CAMEL

Several years ago, a “camel” mysteriously appeared beneath the interstate bridge that crosses the Winooski River near Johnnie Brook Road. It was a great mystery as to where the colorful camel came from and who created it. Many people asked about it for some time. As the river was creeping up on its nesting spot, the William Donovan family rescued it from the high water. It was relocated higher up the bank. But, alas, the state highway department considered it too close to the bridge and removed it. After some investigation, Town Clerk Linda Parent located the camel at the District 5 VT Transportation Garage in Colchester. The camel was living among the discarded political sign collection. So sad. In a quest to get the camel back to Richmond, Richmond Fire Fighter Mike Parent (who many townsfolk thought was behind the sculpture because of his affection for camels) loaded the weary camel on his trailer and covered him so he wouldn’t be scared during the trip back to Richmond. The camel was placed at the end of the Town Center parking lot for several months, where many folks enjoyed visiting the dromedary. When winter was upon us, and having no stable or barn to stay the winter, the camel moved to Camels Hump Middle School, where then Principal Mark Carbone would let the camel be warm and safe. The camel has now found his forever home as mascot at the school where he will live happily ever after and be referred to by the new name of “Clover.”



*Clover in the original spot.*



*Working on saving Clover.*



*Success! Clover is saved!*



*Clover at the Town Center.*



*Clover standing guard at CHMS. This took a lot of duct tape.*

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*My sincere thanks to Becky Burk for setting up the town report in preparation of it being printed. Dana LaPlant of Stillwater Graphics printed the report. Both are Richmond residents. This process is new to all of us this year.*

*My appreciation also goes to the many citizens that have provided photos and articles for this Town Report. The cover photo is a Richmond Police Cruiser in front of the sunflowers at Farr Farm, taken by Police Officer Alyson Dengler.*

*Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk*