

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT



**226th ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

THE RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND VERMONT

This year's town report is dedicated to all the residents of Richmond VT. The residents are the heart of our fabulous community. They are caring and helpful, responsive, and resilient. When the COVID-19 pandemic took over our lives in the spring of 2020, everyone pitched in to help one another. Masks were made and groceries provided. During this period many were furloughed from their jobs, and some even lost their employment. Neighbors stepped up to assist each other. The entire town was affected and had to readjust the way we led our daily lives. Schools were forced to close their doors and the students had to learn remotely. Everyone was asked to limit contact with people outside of their family.

Some people were busy providing care for others. Whether they were health workers, environmental workers, store clerks, or restaurant workers everyone was in this together. Restaurants and hair care salons were forced to close their doors to in-person service. The bank reverted to only drive-up services. Many of the stores offered outside pick-up of their products. The Food Shelf was continually active providing food and accepting generous donations. The Richmond Free Library closed its doors. Local churches were forced to suspend in-person services. Tours of the Old Round Church were forced to be cancelled. The Community Senior Center suspended all in-person activities. The residents of Sterling House, along with many other older Richmond residents, could not have visitors.

Richmond Town Employees remained strong and helped others. The various departments kept the town in business. The Police Department covered their shifts with concern and professionalism. The Highway Department kept up the care of our 47 miles of roadways. The Water Resources Department kept the plant in operation. The library began offering distance book lending and greatly increased its online presence. Many children's story times were held in the library yard. Although the Town Administration offices were closed to the public, business was in process behind locked doors. Election protocol was changed this year, holding the Primary Election outside. The General Election ballots were mailed to everyone to cut down with physical attendance at CHMS. The Richmond Select Board and Town Manager held us all together with their leadership.

Just as our Town Departments adapted and carried on, so did our local organizations. The churches continued to serve their congregants, adapting to each new circumstance. The Senior Center began offering their activities and programs virtually. Richmond students graduated from MMUHS in a brand-new way. MMCTV continued its coverage, now virtually. All over Richmond, every day, residents showed that they could adjust and thrive in our new circumstances.

We work together to fight the global pandemic and work for the effective good of our community, as we unite in a common cause.

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
2019 – 2020

Warning for the
Two Hundred and Twenty Sixth

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2021

Chartered October 1794



Bring This Report to Annual Meeting



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 2020.

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

POSITION	NAME	TERM	TERM ENDS
Town Moderator	Clinton Buxton	1 Year	2021
Town Clerk	Linda M. Parent	3 Year	2022
Town Treasurer	Mark Aridgides	3 Year	2022
Cemetery Trustees	George Gifford	5 Year	2021
	Linda M. Parent	5 Year	2022
	Curran Robinson	5 Year	2023
	Dennis Gile	5 Year	2024
	Clinton Buxton	5 Year	2025
Constable	Andrew Squires	1 Year	2021
Library Trustees	Laurie Dana	5 Year	2021
	Jenna Bisset	5 Year	2022
	Jana Brown	5 Year	2023
	Martha Nye	5 Year	2024
	Kathleen Templin	5 Year	2025
Selectboard	Katie Mather	2 Year	2021
	Roger Brown	3 Year	2021
	Bard Hill	3 Year	2022
	Christine Werneke	2 Year	2022
	David Sander	3 Year	2023
State Representative	Jana Brown	2 Year	2022
Mt Mansfield Modified Union School Directors	Derek Miodownik	3 Years	2021
	Lucinda Preston	3 Years	2022
	John "Chip" Noonan	3 Years	2022
	Tara J Arneson	3 Years	2023
Justices of the Peace	All 2 Year terms ending 2022		
Denise Begins Barnard	Mary Houle		
Francis Churchill	Bryan Moreau		
Carole Furr	Marshall Paulsen		
Joel Furr	Sue Pochop		
Edward Gallo	Curran Robinson		
Keith Kasper	Becky Vigneault		

SCHEDULED TOWN MEETINGS & OFFICE HOURS

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00 PM	Town Center
Water & Sewer Commissioners	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:00 PM	Town Center
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM	Town Center
Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM	Town Center
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM	Town Center
Recreation Committee	1st Tuesday of each month 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00 PM	Town Center
Library Trustees	2nd Monday of each month 6:30 PM	Library
Trails Committee	3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM	Town Center
Andrews Forest Mgmt	4th Monday of each month 7:00 PM	Town Center
Housing Committee	2nd Monday of each month 7:30 PM	Town Center
Parking Advisory Committee	2nd & 4th Monday of each month 6:00 PM	Town Center
Town Center & Library Building Committee	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00 pm	Town Center
Transportation Committee	1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 5:30 PM	Town Center
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30 PM	TBA

All meetings held per ZOOM during COVID

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS 434-2221 / 434-3139

Monday 8 AM - 5 PM

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 8 AM - 4 PM

Friday 8 AM - Noon

Closed to public during COVID

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE HOURS 434-5170

Monday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM

Closed to public during COVID

TOWN PLANNER & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HOURS 434-2430

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4 PM

Friday by appointment

Closed to public during COVID

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My sincere thanks to Winooski Press for their support and assistance of the publication of the Town Report for many years. Janet & Rick Bonneau were wonderful to work with. Without their skill and caring attention to detail we would have been lost. This year the town report has been published by First Step Print Shop of Underhill who purchased Winooski Press from the Bonneau's at the time of their retirement.

My appreciation also goes to the many citizens that have provided photos and articles for this Town Report. The cover photo is the recently repaired foot-bike bridge on Johnnie Brook Road, photo by Judy Rosovsky.

Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF RICHMOND COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

SELECTBOARD

David Sander, Chair	Bard Hill, Vice Chair
Roger Brown	Christine Werneke
Katie Mather	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Judy Rosovsky, Chair	Elizabeth Wright
Jack Linn	Jimmy Cochran
Max Krieger	Caitlin Littlefield
Robert Low-alternate	

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

David Sunshine, Chair	Matthew Dyer, Vice Chair
Roger Pedersen	Padriac Monks
Gabriel Firman	David Schnakenberg-alternate
Alison Anand-alternate	

JULY 4TH PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Susan Glennon	Barbara LaPlant
Richard Niquette	Donna Niquette
Linda Parent	Ken Nussbaum
Norman Perkins	Justin Spence
Trish Healy	Stefani Hartsfield
Harland Stockwell	Amanda Cobb

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chris Cole, Chair	Virginia Clarke, Vice Chair
Mark Fausel	Chris Granda
Alison Anand	Joy Reap
Brian Tellstone	Caitlin Littlefield
Jake Kornfield	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Kirsten Santor, Chair	Jack Linn
Mark Fausel	Stefani Hartsfield
Martha Nye	Harland Stockwell
Chrissy Keating, Bolton Representative	
Kate Anderson	Ashley Hanlon, Alternate
Naomi Hahr, Alternate	Huntington Representative - vacant
Richard Roberge	

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Willie Lee, Chair	Callie Ewald
Jean Bressor	Martha Marciel
Jim Monahan	Mike Donohue
Ed Wells	Tyler Merritt
Kate Kreider	Ben Reller
Halie Harklau	Jason Osterman
Alison Aiken	Chase Rosenberg

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bard Hill, Chair	Katie Mather
Frances Huntoon	Don Morin
David Sander	

ANDREWS COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wright Preston, Chair, Conservation Committee Recommendation
 Cecilia Danks Amy Powers
 Ellen Kraft Jesse Cray
 Tyler Merritt-Trails Committee Representative
 Jim Monahan Trails Representative
 Caitlin Littlefield- Conservation Commission Representative
 Nick Neverisky

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Cathleen Gent, Chair	Chris Cole
Jon Kart	Erik Filkorn
Mark Damico	James Floyd
Allen Knowles	

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Sarah Heim, Chair	Connie vanEeghen
Carole Furr	Miranda Lescaze
Zachary Maia	
Virginia Clarke, Planning Representative	Andrew Mannix
Ruth Miller	Mark Hall
Jackie Pichette, Alternate	
Mark Fausel, Alternate -Planning Commission Representative	

PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cara LaBounty, Chair	Diane Mariano, Vice Chair
John Cohn	Lou Borie
John Rankin	

TOWN CENTER & LIBRARY BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Christine Werneke, Chair	Josh Arneson, Town Manager
Laurie Dana, Library Trustee	Jeff Forward
Jake Marin	Linda Parent, Town Clerk
Eveline Killian	David Healy

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?



Town of Richmond Vermont 225th Annual Town & School Meeting March 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond met at Camels Hump Middle School at 9:00 am to transact business. Moderator Clinton Buxton called the meeting to order. An honor guard from Boy Scout Troop #23 presented the Flags of our Country and of the State of Vermont. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Buxton asked that we observe a moment of silence for the members of the military who serve to protect the freedoms we have today. Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed. Mr. Buxton stated the house rules and procedures.

David Sander, Select Board chairperson announced the dedication of the 225th annual town report to Richmond's Centurion and Town Historian, Mrs. Harriet Riggs. Mrs. Riggs was present with her son, Kent Riggs. The signed town report was presented to Mrs. Riggs by Linda Parent, Town Clerk.

Linda M. Parent, Town Clerk read the warning for the meeting.

Article 1. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on the ballot.

(To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 2. To hear and accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2 was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Ingrid Cichoski, to be open for discussion. Virginia Clarke, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission introduced Ravi Venkataraman, Town Planner and reported on the activities of the Planning Commission. Donna Saks, Browns Court resident asked for clarification on the plans to use the Browns Court Ball Field for parking during the summer of 2020 when Bridge Street is under repair.

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$3,961,149 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?

Article 3 was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Terry Moultroupe, to be open for discussion. Joshua Arneson, Richmond Town Manager presented a power point of the proposed town budget. There were several questions about the presentation. Rod West asked if the town knew the percentage of reserves held in other towns? Ted Lyman asked for an explanation of reserve funds vs unassigned funds. Kristin Mullins asked about the increase in health insurance. David Sunshine asked about the possibility of using brine instead of salt on our roads. Denise Barnard asked about the proposed use of the Town Center third floor, now that the MMUUSD school district has moved out.

Cindy Preston made the motion, second by Alison Rich, to increase budget line 10-8-90-5-95.17 from \$2000 to \$20,000, an increase of \$18,000 for the support of Our Community Cares Camp. Alicia Dicocco and Cindy Preston stated that the \$20,000 request would be a onetime bridge request to cover expenses during their operations transition. After much discussion, a paper ballot was called for. The

result of the paper ballot was **YES 111 NO 57** to increase the budget line. Alicia Dicocco moved to approve the increased budget of **\$3,979,149**, second by Cindy Preston. **Proposed budget of \$3,979,149 passed by voice vote.**

Article 4. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to change the day Town Meeting is held to the Monday evening preceding the first Tuesday in March pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2640(b)? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Galloway Morris VI moved, second by Cameron Thomas, to discuss this article. Moderator Buxton allowed discussion of Article 4.

Article 5. Shall the Town of Richmond vote pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 3840 to exempt the real estate of Richmond Rescue, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years beginning with the 2020-2021 fiscal year? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

There was no motion to discuss this article.

Article 6. Shall the voters approve funding the Conservation Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in the 2020-2021 fiscal year? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Marshall Paulsen moved, second by Cameron Thomas, to discuss this article. Moderator Buxton allowed discussion of Article 6. Judy Rosovsky, chair of the Conservation Commission gave details of the work the Conservation Commission does with the funds they receive.

Article 7. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

Marshall Paulsen moved, second by David Root to open this article for discussion. Isaac Patch presented a resolution that "The Town of Richmond, or any committee thereof, will not request a flyover of F-35s or any other military plane by the Vermont Air National Guard for this coming 4th of July." After much discussion both for and against, a standing vote was called for by the Moderator. The results being YES 66 NO 47, this non-binding resolution passed as written. Other topics discussed under this article and presented to the Select Board for their consideration were of Bridge Street Parking during summer of 2020 subsurface work and the question of what the Town can do to encourage affordable housing in Richmond. Christy Witters was thanked for serving her term on the Select Board.

Curran Robinson moved, second by Alan Oliver, to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm. Lunch was served by Beacon Light Grange #557 of Richmond.

Approximately 160 voters attended this annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk
Clinton Buxton, Moderator

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sullivan, Powers & Company are hired annually to audit the financial books for the Town of Richmond. Fothergill, Segale & Valley are hired annually to audit the school records. Excerpts from their annual audit have been included in this report. The full report is available at the town office and also under the documents section at www.richmondvt.gov – see “2020 Town Audit.”

SELECTBOARD

Wow. What a year. Our town, and town government have faced many challenges over the past year. I am very proud of the job town staff have done, as they continue to perform their jobs and keep municipal operations functioning throughout the pandemic.

As a town, we were able to get together as a community and help each other face the many, many challenges the pandemic has created.

The Selectboard had to move meetings to virtual Zoom meetings due to social distancing protocols. This presented many challenges. Despite the suspension of in-person meetings, we have continued to work hard to ensure municipal operations continue to provide the services your tax dollars have paid for.

One interesting change in moving in-person meetings to virtual meetings is the increase in public participation. This is a good thing. It was very helpful to have public input as we made decisions with the management of municipal operations.

As a group, we often disagree on decisions. This is a good thing. As a board, we have been able to have very thoughtful and sometimes spirited discussions. In my opinion, all our board members act in the best interests of the town and listen to feedback from the community. I am very proud to say we can share differing opinions and discuss them, then often reach unanimous decisions.

We strive to provide transparency, civility, and responsibility. I can honestly say these goals presented

their challenges this year, but I believe as a board we should be proud of our efforts to maintain these principles.

Katie Mather and Roger Brown will be stepping down from the board at the end of their terms. Both Katie and Roger worked tirelessly to represent the interests of the town. They will be missed.

We made some very hard decisions when we put the budget together this year, especially when considering what effects, the pandemic is certainly going to have on taxpayer's ability to pay their tax bills. We worked to continue to provide quality services without a sharp tax increase. I believe our proposed budget maintains town services without a radical tax increase.

As a board, our challenges will continue. After town meeting, we will have 40% new membership on the board. The effects of the pandemic will continue to effect municipal operations, and present challenges that will need to be addressed.

It is my hope, and my expectation that the new board will continue to provide leadership to be proud of. I am looking forward to experiencing “the new normal” once this pandemic is over, and it is my hope that we will be living in the new normal shortly.

Be well,

David Sander
Chair, Richmond Selectboard

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

In 2020 we faced many challenges but still managed to accomplish much as a town. The year was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused many changes over the course of the year including reducing the size of work crews, closing buildings to the public, delaying projects, adapting to online meetings, figuring out ways to work from home, sanitizing workstations, and of course becoming comfortable with wearing masks. Through all these challenges the Town staff remained flexible and positive, adjusting as new guidance came from the Governor and finding ways to ensure that the job still got done and the residents were served. I want to send a big THANK YOU to all Town staff for working through the challenges so diligently, professionally, and for always putting the safety of staff and residents at the forefront of all decisions.

Police Department: Police Chief Larry Muldoon retired in the summer and Sergeant Kyle Kapitanski has been filling the role of

Acting Chief. The department adjusted to COVID-19 guidelines by ensuring that the officers were staying safe on the job while still protecting and serving the community. With the killing of George Floyd in May of 2020, police departments around the country came under increased scrutiny from the public. I am proud to say that our department had already been taking several positive steps toward the type of community policing model that Richmond has expected of the department for several years. Our department has continued to listen to the feedback from the community and actively search for ways to continue to meet the requests of our residents. Also, during the beginning of the pandemic, the department provided drive by birthday parties, complete with lights and sirens, for children who were unable to have birthday parties due to the restrictions on gatherings.

The department welcomed officers Ben Herrick and Kevin Wilson as well as part time officer Daniel Silver. Bill Bullock, a

former full-time officer and most recently a part time officer, has decided to fully retire. We wish him the best in his retirement.

Water and Sewer: This summer the Water and Sewer Department completed a waterline replacement on the upper section of Bridge St. and under the bridge on Bridge St. The project qualified for a 50% subsidy from the State, helping to reduce the overall cost burden placed on the water customers. Through the leadership of Water and Sewer Superintendent Kendall Chamberlin, we were also able to replace an additional section of waterline on Bridge St. from the railroad tracks to Church St. during the project and take advantage of the subsidy for this work as well. The department adjusted very well to COVID-19, taking necessary precautions to ensure staff safety while continuing to serve the community and receive septage, which came in at record breaking volumes in 2020.

This past year we welcomed back former department member Brad Snow and said goodbye to Tyler Booska. We wish Tyler well in his new endeavors.

Highway: The Highway Department continued to put in the long hours necessary to provide excellent service during the 2019-2020 winter season. Just as the winter season was winding down, and the department was preparing for their summer work plan, the department had to alter their schedule to adjust to restrictions due to COVID-19. Highway Foreman Pete Gosselin adjusted the schedule to ensure that the crew was working on projects that did not involve a group working together. He even trucked in sand in the Spring, a task usually completed in the fall, knowing that individual drivers could keep working and stay safe hauling sand. The department completed many projects this past summer including replacement of a storm water line on Bridge St. in conjunction with the waterline work that was completed in the same area. They also completed part of the East Main St. Outfall project and once again took advantage of state funding to support roadside ditching on Jericho Rd.

Staff members Michael Mashia and George Brownell retired this year. We wish them an enjoyable and relaxing retirement. The department welcomed new members, Kevin Mahoney, and Raymond Wilson. Dillon LaForce was promoted to Assistant Road Foreman.

Fire Department: Chief Dennis Gile and the fire department continued their focus on improving safety for our firefighters and providing excellent service to our Town. They adjusted to COVID-19, by limiting in person contact of the members to only emergency response, helping to ensure that the firefighters stayed healthy and were available for emergencies. The department also joined the Police Department with fire trucks for the drive by birthday parties for local children. Our firefighters are volunteers, and I would like to thank them for their dedicated service to Richmond.

Planning and Zoning: With the passage of the Town Plan in November of 2018 the focus in planning has been on aligning the plan with the Zoning Bylaws. The Planning Commission and the Selectboard established the Jolina Court District in 2020 and the Planning Commission has plenty more work ahead of them as they look at other districts in Town. Town Planner Ravi Venkataraman has been busy assisting the Planning Commission and the Transportation Committee. He has also helped to establish and reestablish other committees such as the Recreation Committee, the Housing Committee, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Project Steering Committee, and the Parking Advisory Committee.

Zoning Administrative Officer Suzanne Mantegna moved on to other opportunities in November 2020. We wish her well and

we are currently searching for our next Zoning Administrative Officer.

Library: The Library was forced to close access to the public in March due to COVID-19. However, Library Director Rebecca Mueller and her staff found creative ways to continue serving the public. Offering curbside pickup of materials, creating activity bags for kids, and directing patrons to use online services were just a few ways that the Library continued to meet the needs of the public. The Library also took advantage of a grant to extend their WiFi coverage into the parking lot to better serve people in need of WiFi.

I would like to thank Anne Marie Andriola for her time with the Library and wish her well in her new endeavors. This year we welcomed Melissa Lawler to the Library staff.

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. Adjustments for COVID-19 also impacted finance as we had to change the way paperwork was passed between departments and the Selectboard, with more of this being handled through electronic communication. I would like to thank Connie for her ability to manage through the changes while continuing to ensure each project and grant is managed correctly.

Thank you to Town Clerk and Justices of the Peace: The election process was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Clerk Linda Parent and the Justices of the Peace seamlessly navigated all the many changes to the elections in August and November. Through their diligent work residents were kept informed on how to vote safely and ballots were processed and counted safely, effectively, and transparently. A huge thank you to all involved in the election process in what was an extremely challenging year.

Town Administration: Administrative Assistant Kathy Daub-Stearns had a busy year administering a couple of FEMA grants in addition to other daily work. I want to thank Kathy for her diligence with the FEMA work, which can be quite involved.

Town Center: In December of 2019 we said goodbye to the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District (MMUUSD) as a tenant in the Town Center. MMUUSD had occupied the third floor for of the building for several years and they moved to new offices in Jericho. The Town Center and Library Buildings Committee has been formed and is moving forward with lease agreements for Mount Mansfield Community Television, the Community Senior Center, and the Historical Society. These three non-profit organizations benefit the Town in many ways, and we are excited to bring them physically closer to Town government while helping to address their needs for office space.

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 and once restriction for COVID-19 loosen I look forward to seeing more of you in the Town Center.

Thank you,
Josh Arneson
Town Manager

DETAILS REGARDING THE CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE FY22 BUDGET

The budget that is contained in this Town Report includes funding for all Town Departments and appropriations for select non-profit organizations. It will be voted on from the floor at Town Meeting.

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

The Conservation Reserve Fund question will be voted 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 FY22. This is estimated to be \$47,756 based on an estimated grand list value of \$4,775,640. \$47,756 added to the budget increases the percentage tax rate increase from FY21 to FY22 from 1.32% to 2.69%.

Town of Richmond FY22 Budget Expenses

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
TOWN ADMINISTRATION					
10-7-10-0-10.00 Administration salaries	230,490	230,340	240,696	249,721	3.75%
10-7-10-0-10.01 Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	14,689	12,000	14,000	16.67%
10-7-10-0-10.30 Health insurance opt out	5,000	5,173	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.03 Election expenses	1,500	383	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.05 Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	0.00%
10-7-10-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	19,191	20,229	19,843	20,692	4.28%
10-7-10-0-12.00 Municipal retirement	12,493	11,815	14,066	14,295	1.63%
10-7-10-0-15.00 Health insurance	19,747	19,672	26,423	24,574	-7.00%
10-7-10-0-15.01 Health insurance HSA	-	1,000	1,000	4,162	316.20%
10-7-10-0-15.02 Health insurance HRA	-	800	1,120	-	-100.00%
10-7-10-0-15.04 Health insurance broker fees	-	585	2,300	2,300	0.00%
10-7-10-0-15.03 Long term disability	1,273	1,304	1,625	1,485	-8.62%
10-7-10-0-17.00 Recognitions/Awards	1,000	998	1,250	1,250	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.00 Office supplies	4,500	10,406	4,500	5,000	11.11%
10-7-10-1-20.01 Recording books	3,600	2,430	3,600	3,600	0.00%
10-7-10-1-21.00 Postage - Adm.	8,000	7,140	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-22.00 Office equipment	3,000	2,221	3,300	3,300	0.00%
10-7-10-1-23.00 Website administration	1,200	1,025	1,300	11,300	769.23%
10-7-10-1-24.00 Advertising - Adm.	4,000	2,009	4,000	4,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-25.03 Town reports	3,000	3,448	3,000	5,000	66.67%
10-7-10-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,000	398	1,000	5,000	400.00%
10-7-10-1-29.00 Travel - Adm.	200	415	300	300	0.00%
10-7-10-1-30.00 Telephone/Internet	4,000	3,302	3,800	3,800	0.00%
10-7-10-1-42.00 Association dues	550	135	350	350	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.00 Contract services admin	5,000	2,688	8,500	5,000	-41.18%
10-7-10-1-45.02 Contract services animal	2,500	2,542	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.03 Contract services election	3,500	1,267	5,500	5,500	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.05 Technology support	15,000	17,114	12,500	12,880	3.04%
10-7-10-1-45.06 Technology equipment	2,000	3,070	2,500	2,000	-20.00%
10-7-10-2-31.00 Heat	8,500	6,848	8,500	8,000	-5.88%
10-7-10-2-32.00 Electric	9,000	9,465	8,000	9,000	12.50%
10-7-10-2-32.01 Electric Vehicle Charging Station	-	-	-	100	100.00%
10-7-10-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	7,400	6,131	5,500	7,000	27.27%
10-7-10-2-34.00 Trash removal	1,800	2,139	1,800	2,000	11.11%

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Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
10-7-10-2-62.00 Building maintenance	11,000	16,020	11,000	15,000	36.36%
10-7-10-2-62.01 Landscaping & tree maintenance	2,000	1,450	2,000	1,500	-25.00%
10-7-10-3-42.01 VLCT membership dues	5,917	5,917	6,161	6,161	0.00%
10-7-10-3-43.00 Legal	12,000	9,491	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-10-3-44.00 Independent Auditors	28,500	29,679	29,070	37,700	29.69%
10-7-10-3-46.00 Engineering Review	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-10-3-48.00 General/PACIF Insurance	180,368	150,240	60,637	22,811	-62.38%
10-7-10-3-48.01 Town Center Insurance	-	-	-	8,875	100.00%
10-7-10-3-80.00 County tax	22,000	22,224	22,000	22,500	2.27%
10-7-10-3-80.03 Emergency management	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.03 Flags	1,000	846	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-10-2-43.01 Fire protection	45,637	50,300	51,000	52,141	2.24%
42-7-10-2-96.00 Electric vehicle supply equipment	1,800	-	-	-	0.00%
Total - Town Administration	705,916	681,099	615,891	628,047	1.97%
Assessors					
10-7-12-1-20.00 Office supplies listing	2,000	-	850	0	-100.00%
10-7-12-1-45.00 Contract services listing	23,000	23,452	23,000	24,000	4.35%
10-7-12-1-45.01 Reappraisal Town Wide	-	-	-	87,480	100.00%
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	6,000	6,000	14,500	14,500	0.00%
Total - Listers	32,500	29,452	39,850	127,480	219.90%
PLANNING AND ZONING					
10-7-15-0-10.00 Salaries	67,337	60,816	67,922	88,468	30.25%
10-7-15-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	5,185	4,822	5,230	6,812	30.25%
10-7-15-0-12.00 Municipal retirement	2,525	2,221	2,621	5,529	110.95%
10-7-15-0-15.00 Health insurance	18,051	12,789	19,669	39,996	103.35%
10-7-15-0-15.01 Health insurance opt-out	-	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-15-0-15.03 Long term disability	344	242	325	575	76.92%
10-7-15-1-20.00 Office supplies	4,000	1,908	4,000	3,000	-25.00%
10-7-15-1-21.00 Postage - PZ	400	205	400	400	0.00%
10-7-15-1-24.00 Advertising - PZ	3,000	4,426	4,500	5,000	11.11%
10-7-15-1-27.00 Training/Education	800	494	800	800	0.00%
10-7-15-1-29.00 Travel - PZ	600	326	600	600	0.00%
10-7-15-1-42.00 Association dues	-	375	500	500	0.00%
10-7-15-1-45.00 Contract services planning & zoning	4,000	1,533	10,000	4,000	-60.00%
10-7-15-1-45.01 Video & broadcasting	-	660	1,500	-	-100.00%
10-7-15-3-43.00 Legal	10,000	2,310	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-15-1-43.01 Transportation Planning	-	-	-	20,000	100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.08 Regional planning dues	5,505	5,505	5,536	5,619	1.50%
Total - Planning and Zoning	121,747	98,633	131,603	189,299	43.84%

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Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
10-7-20-0-10.00 Regular salaries	288,173	269,508	297,228	342,700	15.30%
10-7-20-0-10.06 On-call hours	-	129	11,500	11,500	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.01 SRO contract hours	34,000	12,469	39,800	-	-100.00%
10-7-20-0-10.30 Health insurance opt out	-	-	-	5,000	100.00%
10-7-20-0-10.99 Overtime	40,000	14,698	35,000	20,000	-42.86%
10-7-20-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	27,887	22,540	29,532	29,198	-1.13%
10-7-20-0-12.00 Municipal retirement	28,004	23,465	31,065	31,374	0.99%
10-7-20-0-15.00 Health insurance	96,560	88,087	96,557	95,064	-1.55%
10-7-20-0-15.01 Health insurance HSA	-	500	500	-	-100.00%
10-7-20-0-15.05 Health insurance HRA	-	-	560	-	-100.00%
10-7-20-0-15.03 Long term disability	2,001	1,556	3,157	1,991	-36.93%
10-7-20-0-15.04 Short Term disability	-	455	-	624	100.00%
10-7-20-0-10.05 Life insurance	2,200	2,174	1,800	1,500	-16.67%
10-7-20-0-10.04 Constable training	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-16.00 Uniforms	6,500	3,204	4,000	7,600	90.00%
10-7-20-1-16.01 Body Cameras	-	-	-	10,000	100.00%
10-7-20-1-20.00 Office supplies	2,760	1,227	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-22.00 Office equipment	2,653	1,314	2,500	8,000	220.00%
10-7-20-1-22.01 Computer - office	4,000	5,509	4,000	1,000	-75.00%
10-7-20-1-22.02 General/PACIF insurance	-	-	42,337	44,077	4.11%
10-7-20-1-27.00 Training/Education	4,000	3,436	4,000	5,000	25.00%
10-7-20-1-27.01 Dispatch	-	-	-	15,750	100.00%
10-7-20-1-28.00 Forensic testing	-	108	500	500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-29.00 Travel	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-20-1-30.00 Telephone	8,000	9,503	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-20-2-20.10 Polygraph testing	700	-	500	800	60.00%
10-7-20-3-20.00 Police supplies	9,500	10,086	9,500	9,500	0.00%
10-7-20-3-35.00 Equipment repair	1,000	362	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-20-5-50.00 Gas & diesel	20,000	15,043	18,000	18,000	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.00 Police cruiser repair	6,000	6,488	8,000	8,000	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.18 Police cruiser equipment	4,000	4,736	6,000	6,000	0.00%
10-7-20-5-52.19 Police cruiser tires	3,000	2,972	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-20-0-90.01 Police cruiser purchase	-	-	42,000	45,000	7.14%
10-7-90-5-90.20 Police cruiser purchase/lease	35,000	46,824	-	-	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.21 Police cruiser interest	4,099	493	-	-	0.00%
10-7-90-5-93.01 Police capital reserve	-	-	10,000	22,500	125.00%
10-7-20-5-50.01 Community outreach	9,205	7,700	6,879	10,000	45.38%
Total - Police Department	640,243	554,584	723,415	769,178	6.33%

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Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
LIBRARY DEPARTMENT					
10-7-35-0-10.00 Salaries	146,952	146,519	156,933	162,964	3.84%
10-7-35-0-10.30 Health insurance opt out	10,000	10,042	5,000	5,000	0.00%
10-7-35-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	12,085	11,294	12,469	12,933	3.72%
10-7-35-0-12.00 Municipal retirement	6,310	6,846	7,172	7,703	7.40%
10-7-35-0-15.00 Health insurance	840	838	28,809	29,201	1.36%
10-7-35-0-15.03 Long term disability	624	650	661	660	-0.15%
10-7-35-1-20.00 Office supplies	2,250	2,471	2,000	2,000	0.00%
10-7-35-1-21.00 Postage	800	790	800	500	-37.50%
10-7-35-1-22.00 Computer	2,250	845	2,250	2,250	0.00%
10-7-35-1-27.00 Training/Education	300	30	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.00 Travel	300	42	300	300	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.01 General/PACIF insurance	-	-	6,826	7,384	8.17%
10-7-35-1-30.00 Telephone	2,600	2,626	2,600	2,650	1.92%
10-7-35-2-31.00 Heat	3,000	2,402	3,000	2,500	-16.67%
10-7-35-2-32.00 Electricity	4,500	4,123	4,500	4,200	-6.67%
10-7-35-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,600	2,036	2,000	2,050	2.50%
10-7-35-2-62.00 Maintenance	9,000	4,856	10,000	10,000	0.00%
10-7-35-3-20.01 Books	17,000	13,663	17,000	17,000	0.00%
10-7-35-3-45.01 Programs	1,200	1,045	1,200	1,200	0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.01 Library reserve	8,000	8,000	8,000	12,000	50.00%
Total - Richmond Free Library	229,611	219,118	271,820	282,795	4.04%

Tax Rate Estimate FY2022

Current Fiscal Year	Grandlist July 2020	Amount To Be Raised	Tax Rate
FY 2020 - 2021	7/1/2020 \$ 4,735,395	\$ 3,455,277	0.7297 GF rate for tax billing purposes 0.0000 GF rate for exemptions 0.7297 Town rate/SB Approved 06/22/2020
Next Fiscal Year	Grandlist Est December 2020		
FY 2021 - 2022	\$ 4,775,640	\$ 3,512,992	0.7356 GF rate for tax billing purposes 0.0037 GF rate for exemptions 0.7393 Total Town Rate/SB - To be set July 2020 0.0096 Rate Increase over prior year tax rate 1.32% Percentage increase over prior year

Amount to be raised from FY22 Property Taxes to support Exemptions

Exemptions	Homestead \$	Non-Homestead \$	Homestead Rate	Non-Homestead Rate	Tax dollars
Veterans	\$ 300,000		1.6435		4,931
Veterans		\$ 60,000		1.8184	1,091
Richmond Terrace		\$ 635,638		1.8184	11,558
Total dollars to be raised					17,580
Tax Rate for Exemptions	Grandlist Est December 2020	Tax dollars	Tax Rate		
FY 2021 - 2022	\$ 4,775,640	\$ 17,580	0.0037	GF rate for exemptions	

Amount to be Raised from FY22 Property Taxes

\$ 2,443,897	GF Expense	
\$ (507,215)	GF Non-Property Tax Revenues	
\$ 1,936,683	GF Property Taxes to be Raised	10-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax
\$ 1,747,409	Highway Expense	
\$ (171,100)	HWY Non-Property Tax Revenues	11-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax
\$ 1,576,309	HWY Property Taxes to be Raised	
\$ 3,512,992	Total Amount to be Raised	

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Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
FIRE DEPARTMENT					
10-7-40-0-10.00 Salaries	40,000	34,541	45,000	50,000	11.11%
10-7-40-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	3,080	2,628	3,465	3,850	11.11%
10-7-40-1-18.00 Medical	-	2,815	4,000	3,000	-25.00%
10-7-40-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	1,022	2,000	1,500	-25.00%
10-7-40-1-29.00 Travel	400	-	600	600	0.00%
10-7-40-1-30.00 Telephone	3,500	2,764	3,500	3,500	0.00%
10-7-40-1-95.00 Public relations	500	522	600	600	0.00%
10-7-40-2-31.00 Heat	2,500	2,366	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-40-2-32.00 Electricity	2,100	2,169	2,100	2,300	9.52%
10-7-40-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,500	1,082	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-40-2-62.00 Maintenance	10,000	10,006	20,000	11,000	-45.00%
10-7-40-2-30.00 General/PACIF insurance	5,366	6,988	6,510	10,349	58.97%
10-7-40-3-00.00 Turnout gear	9,000	1,337	10,000	-	-100.00%
10-7-40-3-00.01 Air packs	15,000	14,352	16,000	-	-100.00%
10-7-40-5-35.01 Radio repair	3,000	2,114	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-35.03 Radio dispatch	6,000	4,640	6,000	5,600	-6.67%
10-7-40-5-50.00 Gas, oil & diesel fuel	4,000	2,933	4,000	3,500	-12.50%
10-7-40-5-51.01 Pump testing	1,500	-	1,500	1,000	-33.33%
10-7-40-5-52.00 Fleet maintenance	11,000	9,526	14,000	14,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-52.02 Hose testing	2,500	-	2,500	2,500	0.00%
10-7-40-5-53.01 Equipment repair	2,500	776	4,000	3,500	-12.50%
10-7-40-5-55.00 Supplies	3,000	2,529	3,000	3,000	0.00%
10-7-40-5-57.00 Equipment purchase	15,000	14,186	30,000	41,594	38.65%
10-7-40-5-80.05 2018 Engine principal	48,571	48,571	48,571	48,572	0.00%
10-7-40-5-80.06 2018 Engine interest	12,308	19,004	10,550	5,173	-50.97%
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	2,314	2,314	1,790	1,438	-19.66%
10-7-90-5-90.05 2015 Engine - bond FY16	50,121	50,121	50,121	-	-100.00%
10-7-90-5-90.06 2015 Engine - Interest FY16	1,834	1,860	917	-	-100.00%
10-7-90-5-93.04 Safety equipment & gear reserve	-	-	-	40,000	
10-7-90-5-93.00 Fire Capital reserve	28,500	28,500	28,500	46,395	62.79%
Total - Fire Department	296,594	279,665	336,224	319,971	-4.83%

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Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
RECREATION & TRAILS					
10-7-60-0-10.00 Recreation salaries	2,500	2,702	2,800	2,800	0.00%
10-7-60-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	193	193	216	193	-10.48%
10-7-60-1-42.00 Lake Iroquois Association dues	100	-	700	700	0.00%
10-7-60-1-42.01 General/PACIF insurance	-	-	562	534	-4.98%
10-7-60-2-32.00 Electricity	700	659	700	700	0.00%
10-7-60-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,300	1,274	1,300	1,300	0.00%
10-7-60-2-34.00 Trash removal	1,900	1,474	1,300	1,500	15.38%
10-7-60-2-62.00 Park maintenance	4,000	4,554	1,500	1,500	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.01 Trails maintenance	1,000	489	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.02 Recreation equipment	1,500	747	4,000	4,000	0.00%
10-7-60-3-95.00 Conservation commission supplies	500	60	500	500	0.00%
10-7-60-3-95.01 Special events	500	-	500	500	0.00%
10-7-60-3-95.02 General/Pacif insurance	-	-	-	611	
10-8-90-5-92.22 Lake Iroquois district	600	1,500	600	750	25.00%
10-7-90-2-92.02 Conservation fund 1Cent	46,465.0	46,465.0	47,354.0	-	-100.00%
10-7-90-2-92.05 Andrew Community Forest	500	-	-	-	0.00%
Total - Recreation & Trails	61,758	60,117	63,032	16,588	-73.68%

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS					
10-8-90-5-95.01 VT Family Network	500	500	500	500	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.02 Age Well	2,000	-	-	2,000	100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.04 GBIC	-	-	200	200	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.06 MMCTV	3,200	3,200	3,340	3,340	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.07 Lund	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	74,984	74,984	76,483	78,012	2.00%
10-8-90-5-95.11 Hale & Hearty	4,100	4,100	4,100	-	-100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.12 Transportation Svcs -SSTA	1,000	844	1,100	1,100	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.13 UVM Home Health & Hospice	9,693	9,693	9,693	9,693	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.14 VT Center for Independent Living	375	-	375	375	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.15 Front Porch Forum	100	100	200	200	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.16 COTS	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.17 OCCC	800	800	20,000	3,000	-85.00%
10-8-90-5-95.18 Steps against domestic violence	-	2,500	1,200	1,000	-16.67%
10-8-90-5-95.20 CUSI Domestic Task Force	7,505	7,505	7,736	7,719	-0.22%
10-8-90-5-92.21 Lake Iroquois Association	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Total - Appropriations	107,657	106,626	128,327	110,539	-13.86%
General Fund Total	2,196,026	2,029,294	2,310,162	2,443,897	5.79%

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Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
11-7-50 HIGHWAY					
11-7-50-0-10.00 Regular salaries	305,767	289,576	305,918	305,384	-0.17%
11-7-50-0-10.30 Health insurance opt out	10,000	12,244	12,500	12,250	-2.00%
11-7-50-0-10.98 Overtime	30,000	35,902	45,000	45,000	0.00%
11-7-50-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	26,624	25,823	27,983	27,942	-0.15%
11-7-50-0-12.00 Municipal retirement	18,673	19,073	21,055	21,899	4.01%
11-7-50-0-15.00 Health insurance	87,645	67,454	67,959	50,844	-25.18%
11-7-10-0-15.03 Long term disability	1,939	1,952	1,994	1,835	-7.97%
11-7-50-0-16.00 Uniforms	3,000	2,802	3,000	3,000	0.00%
11-7-50-1-20.00 Office supplies	1,000	519	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-1-29.00 Travel	-	39	200	200	0.00%
11-7-50-1-30.00 Telephone	2,400	2,724	2,400	2,724	13.50%
11-7-50-2-29.00 Education /Licenses	400	210	200	200	0.00%
11-7-50-2-29.01 General Insure/VLCT PACIF	-	-	42,404	42,093	-0.73%
11-7-50-2-31.00 Heat	8,000	4,917	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-2-32.00 Electricity	2,000	1,931	2,000	2,000	0.00%
11-7-50-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	2,200	2,037	2,200	2,200	0.00%
11-7-50-2-34.00 Trash removal	1,100	1,253	1,000	1,200	20.00%
11-7-50-2-62.00 Maintenance	7,000	4,776	47,000	7,000	-85.11%
11-7-50-3-32.01 Street lights	15,500	18,332	17,000	18,000	5.88%
11-7-50-5-35.00 Radio	600	726	600	600	0.00%
11-7-50-5-35.01 Radio repair	300	-	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.00 Gas & Oil	3,500	3,949	5,000	5,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.02 Diesel fuel	45,000	34,353	48,000	43,000	-10.42%
11-7-50-5-52.00 Fleet repair trucks	13,000	14,313	13,000	14,000	7.69%
11-7-50-5-52.01 Excavator repair	1,500	1,483	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.03 Winter maintenance attachments	300	642	300	300	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.04 Grader repair	500	-	500	500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.05 Loader	1,500	104	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.06 Pickup repair	1,000	454	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.07 Park mower	500	612	500	1,000	100.00%
11-7-50-5-52.08 Roadside mower	500	485	500	500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.09 Tractor	400	353	400	400	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.10 Utility vehicle	1,500	3,570	1,500	1,500	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.18 Tire chains	1,000	1,085	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.19 Tires	8,000	7,939	8,000	8,000	0.00%
11-7-50-5-53.00 Small equipment repair	1,000	7,193	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-45.18 Equipment rental	15,000	10,413	15,000	15,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-46.00 Engineers/Consultants - roads	800	400	800	800	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.00 Small equipment purchase	7,000	5,858	7,000	7,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.01 Cutting edges	10,000	9,899	10,000	10,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.03 Welding & cutting supplies	1,000	719	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.04 Equip. rental wood chip	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	0.00%

Town of Richmond
FY22 Budget Expenses

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY 20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22	FY 21/22 % Change
11-7-50-6-57.19 Misc. equipment parts	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.00 Patching	1,000	740	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.01 Chloride	15,000	12,927	15,000	15,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.19 Miscellaneous supplies	1,000	54	1,000	1,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-62.02 Sweeping	4,000	3,700	4,000	4,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-63.00 Centerline paint & shoulder	2,500	2,423	3,500	4,000	14.29%
11-7-50-6-63.02 Signs	3,000	6,309	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	6,970	6,500	6,500	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.03 Gravel & aggregates	150,000	147,668	150,000	150,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.05 Salt	80,000	80,368	95,000	95,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.06 Sand	48,000	49,236	40,000	40,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.01 Retreatment	293,000	291,027	293,000	293,000	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.02 Storm water & sidewalks	115,000	153,271	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	21,806	21,806	20,419	18,942	-7.23%
11-7-90-5-90.01 2015 FY15 Tandem dump truck principal	19,844	19,844	-	-	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.14 2015 FY15 Tandem dump truck interest	480	460	-	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.15 Project 4a Millet storm water	7,046	7,039	7,046	7,046	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.21 2015 FY16 Tandem truck principal	21,480	21,480	21,480	-	-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90-22 2015 FY16 Dump truck interest	393	797	393	-	-100.00%
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	5,220	7,863	4,176	1,656	-60.34%
11-7-90-5-90.33 2019 FY20 Dump truck principal	26,500	26,503	26,500	26,500	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.34 2019 FY20 Dump truck interest	4,251	6,800	3,602	1,417	-60.66%
11-7-90-5-90.38 2019 FY20 Dump truck deposit	25,000	-	-	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.41 RIP RAP principal	138,000	-	-	-	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.42 RIP RAP interest	2,719	-	-	-	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.44 2020 FY20 Dump Truck principal	-	-	26,920	26,920	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.45 2020 FY20 Dump Truck interest	-	1,678	3,392	2,057	-39.36%
11-7-90-5-90.49 FY22 Utility Vehicle - Pick up truck	-	-	-	55,000	100.00%
11-7-60-5-90.46 FY22 Dump Truck #1 deposit	-	-	-	50,000	100.00%
11-7-90-5-93.01 Highway capital reserve	27,700	27,700	25,000	25,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.02 Bridge & culvert reserve	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.03 Guardrail reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.04 Sidewalk reserve	-	-	-	10,000	100.00%
Total - Highway Department	1,774,787	1,607,981	1,716,341	1,747,409	1.81%
Budget Amounts for Voter Approval	3,970,813	3,637,275	4,026,503	4,191,306	4.09%

Town of Richmond
FY22 Budget Revenue

Revenue Budget Accounts	Budget FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Budget FY22
Administration Operations				
10-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	1,817,394	1,831,625	1,897,459.01	1,936,682.65
10-6-01-1-01.12 Delinquent tax penalty	10,000	14,443	12,000	14,000
10-6-01-1-01.13 Delinquent tax interest	11,000	13,642	9,000	7,000
10-6-01-1-01.14 Current taxes - interest	8,000	9,147	10,000	10,000
10-6-01-1-01.19 Education fee retained	-	15,067	-	15,220
10-6-01-1-01.17 State PILOT funds	3,800	4,879	4,879	4,879
10-6-02-2-10.10 Act 60 Reappraisal grant	14,500	14,807	14,500	14,500
10-6-02-2-10.12 Equalization grant	1,700	1,742	1,700	1,700
10-6-02-2-10.13 Railroad tax	3,000	3,601	3,500	3,700
10-6-02-2-10.14 Current Use/Hold Harmless program	78,000	78,000	77,715	78,841
10-6-10-1-01.11 Zoning permits/hearing fees	20,000	18,397	18,000	22,000
10-6-10-1-20.01 Water/Sewer admin. reimbursement	20,000	20,000	30,000	30,000
10-6-10-1-20.05 Water/Sewer audit reimbursement	-	-	9,250	12,910
10-6-10-1-21.01 Town Center rent - utilities reimbursement	25,400	22,444	23,000	23,000
10-6-10-1-21.03 Town Center rent - insurance reimbursement	-	-	-	8,875
10-6-10-1-21.02 Water & Sewer insurance reimbursement	26,656	13,087	23,959	-
10-6-10-1-40.05 Interest on investments	10,000	31,115	25,000	5,000
10-6-10-2-32.01 Electric Vehicle Charging Station	-	-	-	100
10-6-10-3-11.10 Beverage licenses	1,200	970	1,200	1,200
10-6-10-3-11.11 Dog licenses	5,100	3,685	5,100	4,000
10-6-10-3-30.10 Recording fees	18,000	27,702	18,000	22,000
10-6-10-3-30.12 Vault time & copies	3,000	3,530	3,000	3,000
10-6-10-3-30.13 Certified copies	1,200	1,778	1,200	1,000
10-6-10-3-30.14 Marriage licenses	200	210	200	200
10-6-10-3-30.15 Vehicle registration Fees	250	168	200	100
10-6-10-2-62.00 Building maintenance revenue	11,000	15,333	11,000	15,000
10-6-20-2-01.10 Police local fines	1,000	5,258	2,000	2,000
10-6-20-2-02.10 Police receipts	900	630	1,000	750
10-6-20-2-03.00 CESU contribution - SRO	34,000	-	39,800	-
10-6-20-2-04.00 Police short term contracts	500	660	1,000	1,000
10-6-20-2-04.01 Police Bolton contract	4,320	360	-	-
10-6-20-2-20.10 Police overtime/equipment grants	13,000	-	8,000	-
10-6-20-2-20.11 Uniform traffic tickets	23,000	8,876	15,000	15,000
10-6-20-2-97.00 PD sale of town property	500	-	2,000	3,260
10-6-35-3-00.10 Rentals & Bolton fees	8,000	11,902	16,000	8,000
10-6-40-1-20.01 Fire sale of town property	-	-	-	-
10-6-60-6-00.10 Field use fees	400	739	500	500
FUND BALANCE USAGE				
10-6-10-2-96.00 Electric vehicle supply - unassigned funds	1,800	-	-	-
10-6-20-5-50.01 Community Outreach - unassigned funds	9,205	-	-	-
10-6-40-1-99.10 Fire revenue - unassigned funds	-	-	10,000	-
10-6-10-1-30.03 Technical service rev - unassigned funds	10,000	2,114	-	-
10-6-00-0-00.01 Fire equipment transfer from fund 53	-	-	15,000	-
10-6-12-1-45.01 Reappraisal transfer from fund 61	-	-	-	87,480
00-0-00-0-00-00 General Unassigned Funds	-	-	-	91,000
Total General Fund Revenue	2,196,025	2,175,909	2,310,162	2,443,897
Highway Operations				
11-6-01-1-01.10 Current year property tax	1,447,595	1,447,595	1,557,818.45	1,576,309.00
11-6-02-2-05.10 Highway state aid	113,500	115,983	113,500	113,500
11-6-50-0-01.10 Overweight permits	1,500	1,345	1,200	1,400
11-6-50-0-01.12 Public right of way permits	300	2,165	800	1,000
11-6-50-0-01.11 Access permits	150	200	300	200
11-6-50-1-30.01 RIP RAP from unassigned restricted funds	140,719	-	-	-
11-6-50-1-30.01 Garage doors unassigned restricted funds	-	-	15,000	-
FUND TRANSFERS				
11-6-00-0-00.01 Jericho Rd transfer from fund 15	46,023	46,023	2,723	-
11-6-00-0-00.02 Truck deposit transfer from fund 55	25,000	25,000	-	-
11-6-00-0-00.04 Garage doors transfer from fund 55	-	-	25,000	-
11-6-90-5-90.49 Utility Truck transfer from fund 55	-	-	-	55,000
Total Highway Revenue	1,774,787	1,638,311	1,716,341	1,747,409
Total General & Highway Revenue	3,970,813	3,814,220	4,026,503	4,191,306
(non tax revenue)	705,823	535,001	546,226	678,315

TOWN OF RICHMOND
Fund Balances June 30, 2020

	Fund Balance	Increase	Fund Balance
	July 1, 2019	(Decrease)	June 30, 2020
General Fund			
Restricted for Highway Use	\$ 746,944	\$ (25,141)	\$ 721,803
Unassigned	\$ 216,027	\$ 175,863	\$ 391,890
TOTAL	<u>\$ 962,971</u>	<u>\$ 150,722</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,693</u>
Non Major Funds, Assigned			
Town Center Maintenance	\$ 459,145	\$ 60,891	\$ 520,036
Reappraisal	\$ 135,231	\$ 6,000	\$ 141,231
Soccer	\$ 12,356	\$ 1,690	\$ 14,046
TOTAL	<u>\$ 606,732</u>	<u>\$ 68,581</u>	<u>\$ 675,313</u>
Non Major Funds, Committed			
Police Reserve	\$ 8,283	\$ -	\$ 8,283
Library Reserve	\$ 40,076	\$ (1,325)	\$ 38,751
Fire Department Reserve	\$ 77,091	\$ 28,500	\$ 105,591
Railroad Street Planning Grant	\$ 7,069	\$ -	\$ 7,069
Conservation	\$ 287,285	\$ 20,535	\$ 307,820
TOTAL	<u>\$ 419,804</u>	<u>\$ 47,710</u>	<u>\$ 467,514</u>
Non-Major Governmental Funds, Restricted			
Highway Reserve	\$ 177,863	\$ 2,700	\$ 180,563
Bridge and Culverts	\$ 244,444	\$ 26,482	\$ 270,926
Jericho Road Improvement	\$ 48,746	\$ (46,023)	\$ 2,723
Library Copier Reserve	\$ 2,770	\$ (555)	\$ 2,215
Fire Fundraising	\$ 10,680	\$ 1,423	\$ 12,103
Fire Impact Fees	\$ 16,812	\$ 2,053	\$ 18,865
Lister Education Reserve	\$ 2,548	\$ -	\$ 2,548
Records Restoration	\$ 77,977	\$ 41,578	\$ 119,555
Adam Muller Flags	\$ 7,802	\$ -	\$ 7,802
Recreation Path	\$ 1,151	\$ -	\$ 1,151
Tennis	\$ 310	\$ 20	\$ 330
Recreation Tree Replacement	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ 237
Andrews Community Forest	\$ 25,198	\$ 353	\$ 25,551
Cemetery Fund	\$ 153,803	\$ 8,979	\$ 162,782
Guardrails	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 770,341</u>	<u>\$ 42,010</u>	<u>\$ 812,351</u>
Private Purpose Trust Funds			
Edmunds Trust	\$ 24,660	\$ 239	\$ 24,899
Shonyon A - School Athletics	\$ 3,153	\$ 31	\$ 3,184
Shonyon P - Scholarships	\$ 3,411	\$ 33	\$ 3,444
TOTAL	<u>\$ 31,224</u>	<u>\$ 303</u>	<u>\$ 31,527</u>

Richmond Village Housing Note Receivable

Note receivable consists of a \$300,000 mortgage loan made to the Richmond Village Housing Limited Partnership on March 9, 1999. The proceeds originated from a Grant Agreement dated January 9, 1998 between the Town of Richmond and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The note bears interest of 2.5% with principal and interest payments deferred until March 31, 2014. In August, 2014, the Selectboard agreed to a 15-year deferral of principal and to-date accrued interest until March, 2029. The mortgage remains secured by deed on the real property.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL FY20

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,297,790	\$ 3,336,397	\$ 38,607
Intergovernmental	\$ 210,700	\$ 214,560	\$ 3,860
Fees, Licenses and permits	\$ 37,100	\$ 39,811	\$ 2,711
Charges for goods and services	\$ 105,256	\$ 91,474	\$ (13,782)
Police Revenues	\$ 77,220	\$ 28,253	\$ (48,967)
Fire Dept. Efficiency VT Grant Income	\$ -	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
Interest Income	\$ 10,000	\$ 31,115	\$ 21,115
VT Youth Project Donations	\$ -	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 3,210	\$ 3,210
Transfer from Jericho Road Improvement Fund	\$ 46,023	\$ 46,023	\$ -
Transfer from Highway Reserve Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3,809,089	\$ 3,821,043	\$ 11,954

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 860,163	\$ 796,131	\$ 64,032
Public Safety	\$ 936,837	\$ 834,252	\$ 102,585
Highways and streets	\$ 1,634,068	\$ 1,607,978	\$ 26,090
Library	\$ 229,611	\$ 219,118	\$ 10,493
Recreation	\$ 61,758	\$ 60,117	\$ 1,641
Appropriations	\$ 107,657	\$ 108,626	\$ (969)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,830,094	\$ 3,626,222	\$ 203,872

EXCESS OF REVENUES (OR EXPENDITURES)

	\$ (21,005)	\$ 194,821	\$ 215,826
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ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE FROM THE BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING TO THE MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Total of Unbudgeted revenue and expenses

Total other financing sources (uses)

\$ (43,237)

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

\$ 151,584

FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2019

\$ 977,754

FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2020

\$ 1,129,338

Town Center Fund FY2020			
Balance 7/1/19	\$ 459,145	Expenses	
Income from Rents		Building Utilities	\$ 22,444
MMUUSD	\$ 21,158	Painting Post Office	\$ 9,544
Post Office	\$ 93,666	Air Conditioning Post Office	\$ 13,700
Radiate Art	\$ 444	Building Maintenance Expense	\$ 16,020
Western Slopes	\$ 204	Total Expenses	\$ 61,708
J. Hutchins	\$ 1,200	Excess Revenues over (under)	\$ 60,891
Subtotal	\$ 116,672	Balance 6/30/20	\$ 520,036
Interest	\$ 5,927		
Total Income	\$ 122,599		

POLICY ON LATE AND DELINQUENT TAXES

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 tax payer 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 tax payers 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 tax payer 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 tax payer 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 tax payer to the Collector within thirty days, the tax payer 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:

- a. 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.
- b. The Attorney will notify all mortgage holders, lessees and lien holders in accordance with the State Statute.
- c. The Attorney will place a lien on the property.
- d. 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).
- e. Cost of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees and advertising, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer, according to law.

In the event that 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.

This policy had been approved on the ____ day of _____ 2016 by the Richmond Selectboard and by the Richmond Delinquent Tax Collector.

David Sander, Selectboard Chair
Laurie Brisbin, Delinquent Tax Collector

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/20

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Outstanding
2007-2008	\$303.85	\$518.50	\$24.31	\$846.66
2010-2011	\$908.52	\$1,456.02	\$72.69	\$2,437.23
2011-2012	\$1,250.00	\$1,854.21	\$100.00	\$3,204.21
2012-2013	\$1,279.12	\$1,689.60	\$102.32	\$3,071.04
2013-2014	\$1,718.06	\$1,942.19	\$137.42	\$3,797.67
2014-2015	\$1,778.32	\$1,720.78	\$142.28	\$3,641.38
2015-2016	\$3,587.88	\$2,752.50	\$287.02	\$6,627.40
2016-2017	\$2,305.06	\$1,400.46	\$184.44	\$3,889.96
2017-2018	\$3,037.94	\$1,296.72	\$243.03	\$4,577.69
2018-2019	\$11,930.07	\$2,871.28	\$954.35	\$15,755.70
Total Outstanding	\$28,098.82	\$17,502.26	\$2,247.86	\$47,848.94

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-COLLECTED as of 6/30/20

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Collected
2014-2015	\$1,886.60	\$1,582.52	\$150.93	\$3,620.05
2015-2016	\$1,744.57	\$1,419.44	\$139.56	\$3,303.57
2016-2017	\$844.62	\$353.57	\$67.57	\$1,265.76
2017-2018	\$19,939.82	\$6,087.22	\$1,595.19	\$27,622.23
2018-2019	\$58,047.69	\$6,581.02	\$4,457.63	\$69,086.34
Total Collected	\$82,463.30	\$16,023.77	\$6,410.88	\$104,897.95



RICHMOND RESCUE, INC.

Despite the numerous challenges brought on by 2020, Richmond Rescue has had a successful and record setting year. While the COVID-19 pandemic has defined the past twelve months, creating

numerous new barriers, we have found ways to adapt and innovate to serve our communities.

In terms of the pandemic, we have felt an outpouring of support from the community. We have had ample access to necessary Personal Protective of Equipment (PPE) (N95s, surgical masks, face shields, gowns and gloves) thanks to the diligent work of our supply officer as well as donations from community members. We have taken extensive measures to ensure the safety of our crews, both on and off calls, as well as our patients. We feel particularly lucky to be included in the first wave of COVID-19 vaccines. By the end of December nearly all of our licensed providers had received their first dose of the vaccine.

Volunteer and full-time members have continued pursuing additional EMS education. Five members are currently enrolled in EMT courses, seven in AEMT courses and one in Paramedic school. Over the past year, five members became Advanced-EMTs, raising our Advanced Life Support coverage rate to 100%, the highest it has ever been. One of our full-time employees completed his Paramedic training in early 2020, raising our Paramedic coverage to 60%. It goes without saying that we are thankful and proud of our members and their dedication to the communities we serve.

Statistics from 2020:

Total requests for service:	645
Calls for service in Richmond:	253
Requests to Interstate 89:	34
Average ambulance response time in Richmond:	7:48
Number of active volunteers in 2020:	43
Total volunteer hours:	21,410
People taught CPR or First Aid:	52
Address signs made in 2020:	64
Total address signs made since start of program:	880

Our emphasis on High Performance CPR was once again validated this past spring with the successful resuscitation of a 16-year-old who had suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Following transportation to the hospital and admission, the patient had a full recovery, returning home 14 days later. In recognition of the successful resuscitation, an additional AED has been donated to the community. The AED will be placed in a public access box at the Volunteer’s Green. Successful resuscitations like these continue to cement Richmond as an exemplar of a “Heart Safe Community,” proving that with extensive education, community support and planning, it is possible to have positive out of hospital cardiac arrest outcomes in a rural setting.

Beyond responding to 911 calls, we are proud to offer a number of other public health services. While COVID-19 has made certain programs difficult, we continue to offer affordable E911 address signage, courses 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 team continues to grow, with a total of 32 members. 69% hold medical training with 2 MDs, 1 PAs, 3 Paramedics, 9 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. While call volume over the past few months has been low in our service area, we continue to provide care and mutual aid in northern Vermont.

We look forward to the coming year and are grateful for the support of our community.

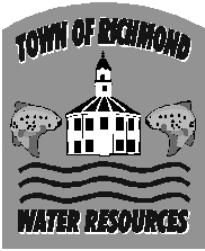
Sincerely,
The Board of Directors and Members of Richmond Rescue

RICHMOND 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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RICHMOND WATER RESOURCES

July watched Richmond get knocked off the podium for the highest rates in the county. Several towns are starting to tackle concerns we have been addressing one by one for several years. We verified VT Gas did not puncture a sewer line on Brown's Court. Work continued the new CHMS waterline extension. It was August by the time all the odds and ends were buttoned up. The State came out with new rules and regulations for the ongoing PFAS/PFOS debate. Richmond will need to do a well sample by the end of the year and hope for a non-detect rating. We also found some 2018 state money at a very favorable forgiveness rate (50%) for water line upgrades, which jump-started the process of filling out all the forms for an application. The month ended with a VOSHA inspection. We had a couple hits, but all the practice checks over the years really paid off with only a couple violations. Buttermilk resumed planning future projects on the old Creamery parcel and potential wastewater discharge routes.

The dewatering building sustained the usual September shenanigans by blowing out the polymer pump. Polymer is like nose snot and dog drool mixed with super glue on ice and it was shocking to see this all over the equipment. We missed our groundskeeper most keenly during this clean-up and really started looking hard for a replacement. For a change of pace, we upgraded the industrial billing policy, tossed about ideas for a gateway extension, put forth some methods to upgrade a private water line for the business block and initiated permits for excavating in the water district.

In October, we offered tours to interested folks. One of those individuals, Tyler Booska, thought the polymer mess sounded fascinating and came on board as our new hire. He became the first W/WW apprentice under the new federal program in the state. This initiative in Richmond is so successful Tyler was snatched away within a year. Brad Snow almost immediately took his place. There was a leak on Farr Circle, quickly repaired. The VOSHA fine was substantially reduced when the Town Manager went Krayt Dragon on the fine appeal board. It did help that we had corrected everything, but certainly this is the way to reduce fines. The month ended with a trick or treat flood from Mother Nature.

November got the Bridge Street project ready to bid out after the bond vote passed with a resounding yes for the work. A final plan for the Peaceable Kingdom project on Thompson Road was approved.

In December, the Whistle stop project chugged along on Railroad Street and septage got crazy. We sampled the well for PFAS/PFOS and got the sought-after non-detect as Aaron continued to rage against the state machine that wants to seek limits based on emotion, not science. We corrected a system risk on Lemroy Court and started negotiating a policy going forward that will substantially improve similar situations. All the staff was sick at varying levels, a rallying cry to end the year and hope 2020 would be better!

January produced an excellent bid package for all the Bridge Street work. We filed a new sludge management plan with the state and dove into the details of the possible extensions. Normal winter weather held into February, while we purchased a new (used) truck, approved the Buttermilk building connections for

occupancy and witnessed another uptick in septage, unusual for the dead of winter. Little did we know this month would be the end of normal for this year when we selected a contractor for Bridge Street.

March started quietly with whisperings of a virus on the horizon, moderate weather and preparations for the Bridge project. Exercising prudence, we made some good decisions to stockpile extra components and disposables just in case. This advance readiness was crucial as the department became essential when COVID hit. Other facilities stopped taking septage, isolated staff and buttoned up as all of Vermont locked down. Richmond, however, increased septage receiving four-fold, developed a broader continuity of operations plan and kept everything 100% operational and fully staffed. We will all remember this month for lonely drives to work without a soul in sight as we experienced something we thought could not happen, did happen.

In April, we still had supplies when some other places did not, Richmond became the #1 facility for taking septage in the state. On the water side, our engineering firm helped us convince the board to stay on track with the bridge project. Having a local Richmond contractor get the bid helped the decision, along with the prospect of doing the very disruptive work during the lock down.

May can be summed up simply by reminding everyone flushable wipes are terrible for all septic systems and please do not flush them! We put the pieces in place to start the big dig as soon as contracting work was allowed. It was extraordinary that we only had a month delay meeting all the new rules in the Governor's emergency order. With sparse traffic and modified businesses, the COVID shut down was perfect to tear up this critical section of town when little else could happen.

June gave us an eye-opener when our first in the nation participation in Biobot sampling of wastewater showed COVID markers in Richmond. This would turn out to be crucial relevant information for determining preventative actions needed by the Selectboard. The Bridge Street dig kicked into high gear, morphing into a positive spectator event (water leaks with spray over the telephone poles helped) with little else going on. We also learned zooming can be very helpful for work in 2020!

I would like to suggest everyone should often and profusely thank my staff for the excellent work they do, toiling in sometimes unspeakable conditions to keep customers supplied with water and waste transport all day, every day. In a year that ended with "normal" hard to find, my staff displayed remarkable resilience and adaptability, keeping operations as regular and predictable as possible. The water was on and wastewater flowing no matter what crazy curve balls came their way.

Kendall Chamberlin, Allen Carpenter, Aaron Krymkowski, Brad Snow

FY21 WATER BUDGET

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY19	Actual FY19	Budgeted FY20	Actual FY20	Budgeted FY21	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
WATER REVENUE							
20-6-00-3-00.00	Water User Receipts	297,500	308,228	304,185	307,234	305,824	1,639
20-6-00-3-01.00	Sale of Water from Hydrant	1,500	1,245	1,500	53	1,500	-
20-6-01-4-11.12	Gateway Water Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments	-	1,655	1,500	2,134	1,500	-
20-6-00-4-10-01	Sale of Meters	-	750	-	-	-	-
20-6-00-4-10.02	Hook On Fees – Water	500	1,185	500	3,166	500	-
20-6-10-4-10.04	Fire Service Fees	45,637	45,637	50,300	50,300	49,641	(659)
20-6-01-4-11.13	FEMA Grant Revenue	-	3,260	-	-	-	-
Water Revenue Sub Totals		345,137	361,960	357,985	362,887	358,965	980
WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (30% of total)							
20-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	51,443	42,493	55,361	53,650	57,828	2,467
20-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	-	254	-	1,529	1,500	1,500
20-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	900	1,505	900	2,115	900	-
20-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	3,862	3,696	4,332	4,318	4,592	260
20-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	2,750	4,001	3,199	10,536	3,488	289
20-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	10,828	10,150	17,545	9,034	8,200	(9,345)
20-7-80-0-15.01	Health Savings Account	-	-	-	1,000	1,500	1,500
20-7-80-0-15.01	Health Insurance HRA 70% exposure	-	-	-	-	400	400
20-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	325	314	371	370	412	41
20-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	360	41	360	284	400	40
20-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	210	355	210	600	300	90
20-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	150	44	150	52	200	50
20-7-80-1-22.01	Computer	-	221	-	238	-	-
20-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	150	-	150	-	200	50
20-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense	4,500	4,350	6,000	6,000	9,000	3,000
20-7-80-1-26.03	Audit Expenses	-	-	-	-	2,775	2,775
20-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	750	465	750	654	800	50
20-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	90	-	90	29	100	10
20-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	300	-	300	-	300	-
20-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	900	1,534	900	2,312	900	-
20-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	150	144	150	165	200	50
20-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	-	420	-	-	-	-
20-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	4,800	4,800	8,100	7,623	8,196	96
Water Administration Expense Totals		82,468	74,787	98,868	100,507	102,191	3,323
WATER OPERATIONS EXPENSES							
20-7-83-4-16.00	Personal Protective Equip	500	132	500	34	500	-
20-7-83-4-31.00	Heat	600	513	600	387	600	-
20-7-83-4-32.00	Electricity	8,000	8,151	8,000	8,614	8,500	500
20-7-83-4-34.00	Trash Removal	500	790	500	702	800	300
20-7-83-4-41.00	Permits/Fees/License	1,500	1,737	1,500	2,717	1,900	400
20-7-83-4-45.00	Water Contracted	5,000	972	5,000	3,869	5,000	-
20-7-83-4-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	332	500	142	500	-
20-7-83-4-46.00	Engineering	2,000	455	2,000	1,420	2,000	-
20-7-83-4-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	700	376	700	362	500	(200)
20-7-83-4-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	1,000	1,364	1,000	827	1,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.02	Water Line	25,000	16,505	25,000	5,200	20,000	(5,000)
20-7-83-4-62.03	Pumps/Tanks	5,000	3,254	5,000	-	5,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.04	Asphalt Repair	1,000	9,775	1,000	1,478	5,000	4,000
20-7-83-4-62.05	Equipment Purchase	500	35	500	1,522	500	-
20-7-83-4-62.06	Supplies	1,000	675	1,000	304	1,000	-
20-7-83-4-62.07	Meters	3,000	2,935	3,000	2,037	3,000	-
20-7-83-4-65.00	Water Treatment Chemicals	1,000	569	1,000	410	1,000	-
Water Operating Expense Totals		56,800	48,570	56,800	30,026	56,800	-

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY19	Actual FY19	Budgeted FY20	Actual FY20	Budgeted FY21	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
WATER CAPITAL EXPENSES							
20-7-90-5-90.03	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
20-7-90-5-93.01	Water Capital Reserve	42,793	42,793	35,237	35,237	35,211	(26)
20-7-90-2-90.09	Distribution System Capital fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
20-7-90-5-90.01	Water Reservoir (principal-interest) (2048)	38,220	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	25,857	-
20-7-90-2-90.17	Water Reservoir gap interest	-	4,522	3,941	3,941	2,465	(1,476)
20-7-90-5-93.02	East Main RF3-335 (principal & interest) (2047)	25,607	25,140	25,140	25,140	25,140	-
20-7-90-2-90.07	Jericho Road Loan Principal (2032)	24,336	26,208	26,208	26,208	26,208	-
20-7-90-2-90.08	Jericho Road Loan Interest	14,056	11,636	13,229	13,229	12,388	(841)
	Upper Bridge Street (phase 1 to Jolina)	-	5,245	-	-	-	-
	Water Capital Expense Totals	205,869	214,106	202,317	202,317	199,974	(2,343)
	TOTAL WATER REVENUE	345,137	361,960	357,985	362,887	358,965	980
	TOTAL WATER EXPENSES	345,137	337,463	357,985	332,850	358,965	980
	BALANCE	-	24,497	-	30,037	0	0
	Combined Water and Wastewater Revenue	927,137	992,824	958,137	1,202,560	965,352	7,215
	Combined Water & Wastewater Expense	927,137	924,134	958,137	1,043,733	965,352	7,215
	Balance	-	68,690	-	158,827	0	0

The Water and Wastewater budget contained in this Town Report show the approved FY21 Water and Wastewater budget that was approved at the Water and Sewer Annual Meeting on May 19, 2020. The 2021 Water and Sewer Annual Meeting will be held in May of 2021, exact time and date to be decided by the Water and Sewer Commission. Please join us for that meeting where the FY22 Water and Sewer budget will be discussed and considered for approval.

FY21 WASTEWATER BUDGET

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY19	Actual FY19	Budgeted FY20	Actual FY20	Budgeted FY21	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
WASTEWATER REVENUE							
21-6-00-3-00.01	Sewer User Receipts	391,000	388,423	405,652	407,183	401,887	(3,765)
21-6-00-4-10.03	Hook On Fees – Sewer	1,000	-	1,000	976	1,000	-
21-6-01-4-11.12	Gateway Sewer Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments	-	3,861	3,500	4,980	3,500	-
21-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-6-01-4-11.10	Septage Receipts	190,000	238,580	190,000	426,534	200,000	10,000
Waste Water Revenue Subtotal		582,000	630,864	600,152	839,673	606,387	6,235
WASTEWATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES (70% of total)							
21-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	120,033	113,580	129,177	127,186	134,933	5,756
21-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	-	592	-	3,568	3,500	3,500
21-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	2,100	3,512	2,100	-	2,100	-
21-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	9,010	8,624	10,108	15,011	10,714	606
21-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	6,416	15,989	7,464	24,255	8,138	674
21-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	25,265	23,682	40,938	21,078	19,100	(21,838)
21-7-80-0-15.01	Health Savings Account	-	-	-	-	3,500	3,500
20-7-80-0-15.01	Health Insurance HRA 70% exposure	-	-	-	-	800	800
21-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disability	725	733	866	833	960	94
21-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	840	444	840	414	900	60
21-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	490	598	490	1,165	500	10
21-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	350	102	350	142	400	50
21-7-80-1-22.01	Computer	-	515	-	-	-	-
21-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	350	-	350	-	400	50
21-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense	10,500	10,150	14,000	14,000	21,000	7,000
21-7-80-1-26.03	Audit Expenses	-	-	-	-	6,475	6,475
21-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	1,750	828	1,750	445	1,800	50
21-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	210	-	210	67	300	90
21-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	700	-	700	-	700	-
21-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	2,100	3,783	2,100	3,117	3,800	1,700
21-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	350	336	350	385	400	50
21-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	-	-	-	2,809	-	-
21-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	11,200	11,200	18,900	18,659	15,765	(3,135)
Wastewater Administration Expense Subtotal		192,389	194,668	230,693	233,132	236,185	5,492
WASTEWATER OPERATIONS EXPENSES (70%)							
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	349	500	1,255	500	-
21-7-82-3-31.00	Heat	13,000	7,482	13,000	6,630	10,000	(3,000)
21-7-82-3-32.00	Plant Electricity	34,200	30,862	34,200	37,490	32,000	(2,200)
21-7-82-3-32.02	WWTF water bill	16,000	32,880	16,000	29,530	16,000	-
21-7-82-3-34.00	Rubbish Removal	1,300	1,404	1,300	1,676	1,500	200
21-7-82-3-41.00	Permits/Certs/License	800	766	800	2,414	800	-
21-7-82-3-45.00	Wastewater Contracted	7,500	3,136	7,500	5,776	7,500	-
21-7-82-3-45.01	Biosolids Contracted	3,500	4,836	3,500	1,864	4,500	1,000
21-7-82-3-45.02	Equipment Rental	500	146	500	234	500	-
21-7-82-3-45.03	Biosolids Disposal/CSWD	60,000	65,667	60,000	116,769	60,000	-
21-7-82-3-46.00	Engineering	500	793	500	2,028	500	-
21-7-82-3-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	1,800	1,128	1,800	1,002	1,800	-
21-7-82-3-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	2,500	3,099	2,500	2,743	2,500	-
21-7-82-3-62.00	Wastewater Facility Repair	6,000	11,174	6,000	22,596	8,000	2,000
21-7-82-3-62.01	Biosolids Facility Repair	6,000	4,120	6,000	3,704	8,000	2,000
21-7-82-3-62.02	Collection System Repair	4,000	136	4,000	348	4,000	-
21-7-82-3-65.00	Wastewater Chemicals	6,000	7,067	6,000	9,120	6,000	-
21-7-82-3-65.01	Biosolids Chemicals	35,000	35,492	35,000	67,563	35,000	-
21-7-82-3-66.00	Supplies	5,000	2,479	5,000	2,450	5,000	-
Wastewater Operating Expense Subtotal		206,900	213,016	206,900	315,192	206,900	-

Account #	Description	Budgeted FY19	Actual FY19	Budgeted FY20	Actual FY20	Budgeted FY21	+INCREASE (DECREASE)
WASTEWATER CAPITAL EXPENSES							
21-7-90-5-93.04	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund	20,000	20,000	43,000	43,000	43,000	-
21-7-90-5-93.11	Collection System Capital Fund	20,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
21-7-90-5-93.00	Wastewater Capital Reserve	60,811	60,811	30,180	30,180	32,287	2,107
21-7-90-2-90.01	RFL-101 planning-ww (2027)	12,081	12,021	12,081	12,081	12,081	-
21-7-90-2-90.06	Project 7a Sanitary Sewer (2032)	14,092	14,163	14,092	14,092	14,093	1
21-7-90-2-90.02	Phosphorus SRF(2026)	22,220	22,220	22,220	22,220	22,220	-
21-7-90-2-90.14	Jericho Rd Loan Principal (2032)	22,464	20,592	20,592	20,592	20,592	-
21-7-90-2-90.16	Jericho Rd Loan Interest	11,043	9,180	10,394	10,394	9,029	(1,365)
Wastewater Capital Subtotal		182,711	178,987	162,559	162,559	163,302	743
TOTAL WASTEWATER REVENUE		582,000	630,864	600,152	839,673	606,387	6,235
TOTAL WASTEWATER EXPENSES		582,000	586,671	600,152	710,883	606,387	6,235
BALANCE		-	44,193	-	128,790	-	-



TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 710,244	\$ 0	\$ 710,244
Receivables	88,340	203,140	291,480
Prepaid Expenses	2,198	0	2,198
Due from Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>702,775</u>	<u>702,775</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>800,782</u>	<u>905,915</u>	<u>1,706,697</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets:			
Land	109,100	0	109,100
Construction in Progress	472,171	24,412	496,583
Land Improvements	68,418	0	68,418
Buildings and Building Improvements	25,000	487,888	512,888
Distribution and Collection Systems	3,927,469	1,983,564	5,911,033
Phosphorus Upgrade	0	3,939,064	3,939,064
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	11,550	100,550	112,100
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(620,475)</u>	<u>(2,314,735)</u>	<u>(2,935,210)</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>3,993,233</u>	<u>4,220,743</u>	<u>8,213,976</u>
Total Assets	<u>4,794,015</u>	<u>5,126,658</u>	<u>9,920,673</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>10,049</u>	<u>23,346</u>	<u>33,395</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>10,049</u>	<u>23,346</u>	<u>33,395</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	193,017	65,399	258,416
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	2,245	5,240	7,485
Due to Other Funds	639,645	0	639,645
Accrued Interest Payable	3,216	3,625	6,841
Notes Payable - Current Portion	25,857	0	25,857
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Current Portion	<u>99,053</u>	<u>69,012</u>	<u>168,065</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>963,033</u>	<u>143,276</u>	<u>1,106,309</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences Payable	3,129	7,301	10,430
Net Pension Liability	28,194	65,359	93,553
Notes Payable - Noncurrent Portion	103,428	0	103,428
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion	<u>1,966,051</u>	<u>609,111</u>	<u>2,575,162</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>2,100,802</u>	<u>681,771</u>	<u>2,782,573</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,063,835</u>	<u>825,047</u>	<u>3,888,882</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>244</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>809</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>244</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>809</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,798,844	3,542,620	5,341,464
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	<u>(58,859)</u>	<u>781,772</u>	<u>722,913</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,739,985</u>	<u>\$ 4,324,392</u>	<u>\$ 6,064,377</u>

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 360,931	\$ 835,148	\$ 1,196,079
Total Operating Revenues	<u>360,931</u>	<u>835,148</u>	<u>1,196,079</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Payroll and Benefits	82,552	191,960	274,512
Office Administrative Expenses	17,956	41,203	59,159
Professional Services	5,431	9,902	15,333
Supplies	2,375	3,705	6,080
Utilities	10,065	76,328	86,393
Repairs and Maintenance	18,097	42,297	60,394
Chemicals	410	76,683	77,093
Permits & Testing	2,717	2,414	5,131
Machinery and Equipment	1,522	0	1,522
Biosolids Disposal	0	116,769	116,769
Depreciation	78,517	133,636	212,153
Total Operating Expenses	<u>219,642</u>	<u>694,897</u>	<u>914,539</u>
Operating Income	<u>141,289</u>	<u>140,251</u>	<u>281,540</u>
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses):			
Investment Income	2,135	4,980	7,115
Interest Expense	<u>(17,624)</u>	<u>(17,748)</u>	<u>(35,372)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses)	<u>(15,489)</u>	<u>(12,768)</u>	<u>(28,257)</u>
Net Income Before Capital Contributions and Transfers	<u>125,800</u>	<u>127,483</u>	<u>253,283</u>
Capital Contributions and Transfers:			
Capital Contributions	17,550	0	17,550
Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>7,039</u>	<u>7,039</u>
Total Capital Contributions and Transfers	<u>17,550</u>	<u>7,039</u>	<u>24,589</u>
Change in Net Position	143,350	134,522	277,872
Net Position - July 1, 2019	<u>1,596,635</u>	<u>4,189,870</u>	<u>5,786,505</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 1,739,985</u>	<u>\$ 4,324,392</u>	<u>\$ 6,064,377</u>

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 March 2020 we have been closed to the public but, have taken many phone calls and email messages to assist our residents.

Due to the COVID regulations items for the town office, such as taxes, water bills, dog licenses, zoning applications & ballots have needed to be deposited in the Town Center Drop Box. You will find a new large white box, like a UPS box located between the post office and town center entrances. The VT Election Division has paid for the new box. My thanks to the Richmond Highway staff for installing it.

Our voter checklist stands at 3236 registered voters. Thank you to all who assist at the elections. The combination of the Board of Civil Authority and volunteer workers makes for a more efficient day. Because of COVID, many of the older volunteers were not able to volunteer, but we did have many new volunteers step forward. I hope they will continue to be interested in serving at elections. 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.

Three elections were held in 2020. The statistics are as follows:

<u>Election</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>voters on checklist</u>	<u>total residents voted</u>
Town Meeting	3/3/2020	3377	1760
Primary Election	8/11/2020	3341	1747
General Election	11/3/2020	3476	2966

"Same day voter registration" is available in Vermont. For Richmond residents that come to the polling place and have not previously registered to vote, the option will now be available on the day of the election. Residents will automatically be registered to vote when your Vermont driver's license is renewed, per a legislative mandate. If someone does not wish to be included on the voter checklist they do need to "opt out" when obtaining or renewing their driver's license.

2020 made elections different because of the COVID 19 virus. Town Meeting was held as usual, but that was it. Governor Scott asked that people social distance and to wear masks. We were able to hold the Primary Election outside at the Town Center. The General Election was held at Camels Hump Middle School, with many adjustments. Per the State of Vermont, every registered voter was mailed a ballot. Most of those were returned by mail or drop box, but 300 people arrived to vote at the school. The State paid for the postage to the voter & the return postage to the Clerk's Office. The Board of Civil Authority scheduled several work sessions to process all the 2666 ballots received through the tabulator before the election. At CHMS, we had to social distance and disinfect throughout the day. Masks were required.

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 in or a friend to be silly, each name must be recorded and reported to the Secretary of State. We do welcome legitimate write in campaigns. There were approximately 500 write ins at the General Election. Those 500 write ins added a lot of work for the election staff.

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. Unfortunately, the rabies clinic to be held at the

Huntington Fire House in 2020 was cancelled due to COVID. 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. Dogs were required in 2020 to be registered through the drop box. We expect this will continue in 2021. Please leave the current rabies certificate and the \$15 fee, check appreciated in the drop box. 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.

In 2020 we had to suspend auto registrations, as the Town Center had to be closed to the public. Green Mountain Passports are available at the Town Clerk's Office for a fee of \$2.00. The application is on the town website. The \$2 fee and application should be left in the town drop box. We return your pass by mail. 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. In 2020 we had to make appointments and meet the signers outside the building. TD Bank in Richmond is also doing notarizations for people, even if you are not a customer.

This year a new Town Center sign was installed on the front lawn. It was an Eagle Scout project by Miles Heskett of Troop #23. It was installed by members of Troop #23 and Cub Scout Pack #646. It is beautiful and will stand there for a very long-time directing people to our building.

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. Notices are also posted on the Front Porch Forum.

The Secretary of State's office manages an Elections Management Platform. It can be accessed at www.sec.state.vt.us. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

- Voters are encouraged to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.
- Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>
 - Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

The Clerk's office works as a team. Thanks to Martha Laing, Assistant Clerk & Connie Bona, Finance Director, for support in keeping the Town Clerk's Office open and welcoming. All departments of the Town of Richmond work very well together, helping each other as may be necessary.

We were deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of Janet Bonneau in December 2020. She and her husband Rick owned and operated Winooski Press. They were very instrumental in the publishing of the annual town report. They would format all the articles and photos, as well as print and deliver the reports to Richmond. She will truly be missed.

For many years Beacon Light Grange #557 have provided lunch, homemade soups, donuts, baked beans and beverages at a very nominal cost. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the 2021 annual meeting in person, so we will be missing those treats.

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.

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Richmond Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Births	46	35	36	43	33
Deaths	22	22	27	36	25
Marriages	22	29	30	19	23

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.

BIRTHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2020

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAME
French, Patrick Rodney	January 23, 2020	Rebecca & Andrew French
Prack, Oliver Maddox	February 10, 2020	Britni & Jonathan Prack
Crabb, Maeve Badlam	February 28, 2020	Jessica Badlam & Matthew Crabb
Kennedy, Camden John	March 1, 2020	Amber & Darren Kennedy
King, Hazel Grace	March 8, 2020	Laura & Edward King
Redburn, Ava Lynn	March 29, 2020	Amy & Robert Redburn
Endicott, Remy Garrison	April 6, 2020	Kameron Escajeda & Jeffrey Endicott
DeHond, Potter Cohen	April 6, 2020	Annalise & Andrew DeHond
Felix-Daoust, Hunter Charles	April 18, 2020	Stephanie & Charles Daoust
Delphia, Lochlin Joseph	April 21, 2020	April & Collin Delphia
Savard, Isabelle Marie	May 2, 2020	Ashley Brooks & Thomas Savard Jr
Rushford, Willa Jane	May 5, 2020	Sotera & Jeremy Rushford
Steinhoff, Maximillan Joseph	May 15, 2020	Amy & Peter Steinhoff
Leclerc, Katelyn Micaela	May 17, 2020	Kara & Andrew Leclerc
Reller, Joseph Craig	June 15, 2020	Shannon & Charles Reller
Charpentier, Emma Grace	June 16, 2020	Kelly & Alex Charpentier
Bellerose, Mae Ingrid	July 1, 2020	Holly & Daniel Bellerose
Baily, Juniper Grace	July 8, 2020	Megan & Peter Bailey Jr
Davis, Margaret Marie	July 8, 2020	Kelly & Roy Davis
Erkson, Matthew David Jr	July 18, 2020	Heather Fontaine & Matthew Erkson Sr
Dashnow, Travis Brent II	July 17, 2020	Jena Mays & Travis Dashnow
Mobbs, Beau Alan	July 21, 2020	Bridgett Youngman & Bret Mobbs
Kamuda, Harper Katherine	July 28, 2020	Hillary Keating & Jeffrey Kamuda
Morrie, Makenzie Jade	August 8, 2020	Ashley Bartlinski
Heath, Jackson William	August 11, 2020	Tina & Benjamin Heath
Cochran, Oliver Zachary	August 11, 2020	Callie Ewald & James Cochran
Kimball, Maximus Beckham	August 27, 2020	Stefanie Kozikowski & Brian Kimball
Moreau, Gregory Albert	September 6, 2020	Melissa Skinner & Bryan Moreau
Wowelko, Noah Daniel	September 14, 2020	Casie & Nicholas Wowelko
Reisman, Ellery J	September 23, 2020	Caitlin Baran & David Reisman
Tabasko, Myla Juniper	October 1, 2020	Sara & Matthew Tabasko
Tuttle, Lane Arthur	November 30, 2020	Katie Hatin & Avery Tuttle
Ortiz, Pia Fatima	December 29, 2020	Lucia Orantes & Patricio Ortiz

MARRIAGES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2020

SPOUSE	SPOUSE	MARRIAGE DATE
Kmetz, Phillip John	Sarausky, Hailey Marie	January 2, 2020
Irish, David Craig	Nealy, Diane Thayer	January 28, 2020
Epstein, Dayna Lyn	Chapek, Tyler Bailey	March 19, 2020
Fletcher, Douglas Gerald	Brewer, Katherine Stutt	April 12, 2020
Leikauskas, Jillian Amie	Krieger, Maxwell I	May 20, 2020
Valovcin, Andrea Helen	Corley, Charles Grier	May 30, 2020
Senning, Sophia	Siegel, David Andrew	June 20, 2020
Feinson, Alexandra Sloane	Jacobson, Ramie Isaac	June 27, 2020
Liberty, Carrie Ann	White, Matthew Edward	June 20, 2020
Clairmont, Emily Beth	Deckman, Thomas Stone	July 3, 2020
Sanborn, Amelia Jane	Breneman, Drew Anson	August 8, 2020
Knapp, Jillian Patricia	Millett, Samuel Archer	August 22, 2020
Falcone, Katherine Anne	Brown, John Henry III	September 5, 2020
Bessette, Caitlin Alyssa-Rachelle	Terry, Robert Joseph III	September 12, 2020
Drumm, Erik Lee	Goracy, Lauren Jean	September 12, 2020
Nguyen, Jade Bich	Hoopagh, Joseph Francis III	September 19, 2020
Burgin-Young, Philip Matthew	Potter, Jamie Maria	October 7, 2020
Shover, Jenna Lynn	Murray, Kevin Howard	October 24, 2020
Atherton, Tammy Jean	Latreille, Jaun-Paul Leonard	October 24, 2020
Weidman, Kelsey Jean	Mattoon, Ian Stewart	October 31, 2020
Osborne, Julia Susanne	Gitto, Mark Anthony	November 29, 2020
Leyden, Tashina Neisa	Robare, Scott Douglas	November 30, 2020
Kelley, Benjamin James	Martin, Alisha Jane Helene	December 25, 2020

DEATHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2020

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Olszewski, Edward D	January 13, 2020	Richmond
Frosolone, Aidan John	January 11, 2020	Burlington
Dashnow, Imogene Mays	January 17, 2020	Richmond
Cook, Gladys Marie	January 18, 2020	Colchester
Myott, Rogene S	January 23, 2020	Richmond
Shuck, Donna Catherine	January 26, 2020	Colchester
Siple, Earl Wesley	January 29, 2020	Richmond
Edwards, Jeffrey Craig	February 12, 2020	Richmond
Joel, Petereanne B	February 27, 2020	Colchester
Galliher, Shirley C	March 6, 2020	Richmond
Wysockey-Johnson, Soren	April 4, 2020	Richmond
Masterson, Frederick	April 22, 2020	Richmond
Howard, Elias Brennan Jonathan	May 1, 2020	Richmond
Moody, Elisabeth Sara	June 23, 2020	Richmond
Crete, Norman G	August 2, 2020	Richmond
Quiet, Adele Louise	August 10, 2020	Burlington
Allen, Dayle John Sr	August 30, 2020	Burlington
Canaday, Catherine Lynn	September 3, 2020	Richmond
McHugh, Sherry A	September 3, 2020	Burlington
Sandwell, Alice A	September 6, 2020	Burlington
Matthews, Edward G	October 2, 2020	Shelburne
Salter, Alma Florence	November 6, 2020	Colchester
Bower, Mark Aaron	December 1, 2020	Underhill
Bonneau, Janet Stenstrud	December 3, 2020	Burlington
White, Ann E	December 7, 2020	Lowell



RABIES CLINIC

MARCH 27, 2021

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

TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2020

<u>SELLER</u>	<u>BUYERS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
ALLISON, JAMES	DECKMAN, THOMAS & CLAIRMONT, EMILY	21 HIDDEN PINES EXT
ARENDT, JESSICA	MOORE, JAMES & FARINA, AMBER	350 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD
ATWOOD HOLDINGS LLC	WEFERS, JENNIFER	2945 EAST MAIN ST
ATWOOD HOLDINGS LLC	PLOUFFE, AIMIE	2947 EAST MAIN ST
ATWOOD HOLDINGS LLC	BURKE, MEGHAN	2945 EAST MAIN ST
ATWOOD, WESLEY	HILLVIEW HEIGHTS LLC	2427 HILLVIEW RD
BARNES, MARYANN & NYE, MARTHA	PORTER, ALI & BLAKE	59 PINE TREE LN
BARRON, EMILEE	BOUFFARD, DEBORAH & PROVOST, THOMAS	92 HILLTOP CIR
BARTLETT, ROBERT & SALLY	REDBURN, ROBERT & AMY	142 BRADFORD TERR
BARTON, KELLY & DAVID	MATERNA, JESSICA & GRAIG	27 LABOUNTY LN
BEDARD, AMBER & KELSEY	HUYNH, JACK & ALDEREMAN, KELSEY	171 HILLTOP CIR
BEER, MICHAEL	WOOD, ERIC	280 JERICHO RD
BELLIS, JAMES & KAREN	NOVOGROSKI, BENJAMIN & BARONE, KAITLIN	725 SOUTHVIEW DR
BOMBARDIER, PAUL	BARNARD, MICHAEL & DENISE	115 JONESVILLE ESTATES
CANEEL LLC	SEGOVIA, PEDRON & CATHLENE	215 SWAMP RD
CARSCADDEN, JANET	WERNER, KYLE & SHAIN	109 JERICHO RD
CLARKE, VIRGINIA & HAMENT, DANIEL	233 EAST MAIN ST LLC	233 EAST MAIN ST
DECKMAN, THOMAS	REINSCHMIDT, SANDRA	69 RAILROAD ST
DONAHUE BROOK LLC	WILLOW BARN LLC	36 WILLIS FARM RD
DUNN, BARBARA	EATON, THOMAS & JESSICA	52 JERICHO RD
EASON, KENNETH & MARLETA	BRADLEY, CHRISTIAN & AMANDA	68 LAWRENCE RD
EICKER, JOAN ESTATE	GALE, DAVID	1394 STAGE RD
FABIANI, PAUL & CHERIE	VELPULA, PAUL & ANDERSON, AMBER	102 ORCHARD LN
FARNHAM, BRUCE TRUST	MAILLOUX, CLAUDE & CARRIE	25 LORDS VIEW TERR
FARR, PEGGY	OSBOURNE, JULIA	180 EAST HILL RD
FEENAN, ROSE & GERALD	BARONE, BRITTANI & CASSOTIS, JESSICA	41 HIDDEN PINES CIR
FERREIRA TRUST	RUSHFORD, ROBERT & CAMPBELL, HEATHER	275 LILAC KNOLL
GARWOOD, JUSTIN & ASHLEY	LAPIERRE, GEORGE III & ALIZA	29 STONEFENCE RD
GAUTHIER, MARY JANE	AVERY, SHAWN & NADOW, VICTORIA	39 PHOENIX CIR
GILLIS, RICHARD	BORDEN, MICHAEL SR & SALLY	337 SUMMERS ST
GRASSO, RALPH & EVELYN	GORMLEY, BRENDAN	1045 HINESBURG RD
GREEN MOUNTAIN HABIT FOR HUMANITY	MCSWEENEY, JAMES & KATIELEIGH	43 BORDEAUX LN
HARVEY, MAURICE	168 RIVER ROAD LLC	168 RIVER RD
HOLCOMB, GEORGE & DARIA	HEIM, SARAH & YOUNSE, NOA	58 WESTALL DR
HU, STEPHEN & ELIZABETH	QUINLAN, GEORGE IV	697 EAST HILL RD
HUSTON, JENNIFER	YOUNG, LI LING & PONZIO, NICHOLAS	3204 COCHRAN RD
KILPECK, KATHERINE ESTATE	MOLTZ, LAURA & JAY	23 HINESBURG RD
LABOUNTY ENTERPRISES INC	YOUNGMAN CONSTRUCTION	3295 EAST MAIN ST
LAVIGNE, WINONA	KNOWLES, ALLEN & LYNN	71 EAST MAIN ST
LECLAIR, BRENDA	KREBSER, JULIE	344 SUMMER ST
LONERGAN, FLORENCE	LEGGETT, KYLE	1712 HINESBURG RD
MASHTERE, BRETT & BICK, LIENNE	ALPAUGH, MARTHA & FITZSIMMONS, SEAN	269 EAST MAIN ST
MILLER, CHRISTINE	STAGE ROAD PARTNERS	1489 STAGE RD
MORGAN, TED & PATTI	FOLKMAN, DAVID & JANE	962 DUGWAY RD
MORIN, DONALD & BONNIE	BLAIR, PARISI & KNOWLES TRUST	112 EAST MAIN ST
PATNAUDE, SHIRLEY	GAY, LAUREL & CRAIG	144 LOWER CIR
PEACEABLE KINGDOM LLC	FEENAN, ROSE & GERALD	22 PEACEABLE RD
PEACEABLE KINGDOM LLC	HALLMAN, EUGENE & SHARON	1 PEACEABLE KINGDOM
PEARCE, JOANNE ESTATE	PEARCE, JASON	23 LOWER CIR
PIRO, EDWARD & DONNA	WHALON, DANIELLE	59 FIELD LN
PLEASANT STREET HOLDINGS LLC	SMITH, JENNIFER & SCHMIDT, DANIEL	74 PLEASANT ST
REAP, ROBERT & JOY	WILLOW BARN LLC	65 WILLIS FARM RD
REAP, ROBERT & JOY	THOMAS, MARTIN & BRANDI	71 BEAR CREEK RD
REDBURN, ROBERT & AMY	HALEY, GEORGE & MARY	462 HIDDEN PINES CIR
RICHMOND BENDER LLC	CHICAGO YACHT CLUB LLC	30 BRIDGE ST
RICHMOND BENDER LLC	IN THE BLOCK LLC	46 BRIDGE ST
RICHMOND BENDER LLC	SWEET SUITES VERMONT LLC	38 BRIDGE ST
RIGGS, HARRIET	LUTHY, MAXWELL & BRADLEY, MEREDITH	29 MILLET ST
RULAND, WESLEY & FRAHER-RULAND, DOLORES	DELONG, PHILIP JR & ELISSA	205 FIDDLEHEAD LN
SALANT, BARRY ESTATE	BEATY-OWENS, BENJAMIN & PHILIPPA	150 DURAND RD
SANDWELL, ALICE ESTATE	WATERS, MORGAN & FULTON, LAUREL	283 JERICHO RD
SIEGRIST, C RONALD & ALICE	WHITMAN, LARS & SUSAN	20 WEST MAIN ST

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
SIPLE, CHRISTOPHER & KIMBERLY	RANSOM, NATHANIEL & EMERY, ROBERT	10 PHOENIX CIR
SPELLMAN, MARIBETH	BROADWORTH, JORDAN & MARY	282 JOAN AVE
THOMAS, MARTIN & BRANDI	FILKLINS, BRENDAN & CAITLIN	35 OVERLOOK LN
TOUCHETTE, JOSEPH & CAROLYN	MILLER, LISA & MARYLEE	166 MAPLE HILL
ULMER, TERRY	MANDEVILLE, NICOLE & TIMMONS, SCUYLER	52 ONEIL DR
VILLEMAIRE, MARYANN	ANDERSON, TREVOR & GASKE, KAREN	114 ROBBINS MTN EXT
WALKER, GREGORY	HAUSERMAN, WALTER & MILLER, NATALIE	198 LILAC KNOLL
WARD, AUDREY (SPENCE) & WALTER	TUCKER, TAMMY	659 EAST HILL RD
WHEELER, CLINTON & LORI	WHEELER, MICHAEL	41 LOWER CIR
WHITCOMB, JOYCE	ROULEAU, MONIQUE	35 LOWER CIR
WILLIS FARMHOUSE LLC	WILLOW BARN LLC	35 WILLIS FARM RD
WOOD, ERIC & PARENTE, ELYSSE	LAWNEY, BRIAN & MOLLY	46 OLD BROOKLYN CT
WOOD, ERIC & PATRICIA	DYER, MATTHEW & CHADWICK, HEATHER	617 EAST MAIN ST
YERBY, STEPHEN	THIBAUT, KEVIN	138 ROCKY RD

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.

CONSTABLE & ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

As Constable I am completing my seventh year in office. It has been a most unusual year to say the least. 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 all other events were cancelled. But that brought out a lot of additional people to play in our rivers, causing more than the usual parking issues. That gave me a busy summer after all. I did not keep an exact count of the parking tickets I wrote but it was over 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 has to spend time in the pound while we wait for the owner to contact us. Collars and town registration tags are required by state law.

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 have to 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

VT SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

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

VSNIP is now at “0” funding due to dogs not being registered at least by six months of age. Required by law, a rabies vaccination enables your dog to be licensed. While town offices may not be open to the public, dogs can be licensed. This can be accomplished thru our drop box in Richmond. Provide the rabies certificate, include a check for \$15 per dog 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! Call for their schedule.

Licensing a dog:

- 1) identifies your dog if lost
- 2) provides proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but would still need immediate medical attention}
- 3) bites another animal/person, which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanasia to test for rabies if your current vaccination 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 want this, so vaccinate & register – for the protection of your animals and people!

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

VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society has held a “DRIVE UP & POKE! RABIES CLINIC” for several years now. This type of clinic allows us to maintain a safe distance from people while vaccinating dogs and cats. All people stay in cars, masks are required. Pre-registration is encouraged.

RICHMOND ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Richmond Equalization results for 2020 were:

CLA (common level of assessment) 85.65%
COD (coefficient of Dispersion) 15.26

2018	CLA 93.15	COD 11.04
2019	CLA 89.53	COD 13.89
2020	CLA 85.65	COD 15.26

The real estate market continues to show steady improvement over the last three years. 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. 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 project will start in summer of 2021.

The primary objectives of the Reappraisal is to bring the Assessed Value to Fair Market Value as well as to improve the equity of Assessed Value across all property types (Residential, Land, Farms and Commercial)

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

During the Reappraisal, employees from NEMRC will be visiting each property. The property owners will be notified by mailings as to when we will be in your area. A card will be left at each property during the site visit with contact information and instructions to electronically review the data collected. Hopefully we will be able to have physical interior inspection in the near future, but we do have the capability of doing remote video interior inspections with property owners.

The Assessors' office accounts for all property value changes (new construction, subdivision, Boundary Line Adjustment, additions and improvements). There were over 100 change notices sent out for 2020 Grand List which is fairly 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 Assessors Office by email at Assessors@Richmond.gov

Lisa Truchon, VMPPA
Assessor/NEMRC



RICHMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter 2019 / 2020 started and ended as a very snowy winter. There were several freezing rain events that took more materials to treat the roads than anticipated. Spring mud season was very mild. Because of your 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.

As everyone is aware COVID-19 took effect in March of 2019. The Town took immediate measures to minimize contact within the Highway Department by keeping personnel home unless needed to plow or repair roads. By the end of April, the Governor partially lifted the ban on construction by allowing small crews to work together. As a Town we took advantage of this down time opportunity to haul in winter sand for the winter of 20/21 instead of waiting until fall. This allowed us to stockpile in advance keeping the employees productive and safe while operating individually in trucks and equipment.

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 Ray Wilson for grounds maintenance.

There have been many personnel changes this year. On November 30th George Brownell retired after 9 years of service to the Town. Ray Wilson was promoted from part-time to full time as the new operator/ground's maintenance supervisor. On October 30th Mike Mashia retired from the Highway Department after 9 years of service to the Town. Dillon Laforce was promoted to assistant foreman to replace Mike Mashia. In November Kevin Mahoney was hired to a full-time operator position. I want to reach out to both Mike Mashia and George Brownell and thank them for all their years of service and dedication to the Highway Department and the Town of Richmond. You both will be greatly missed. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

On October 31, 2019 we once again endured several inches of heavy rain which washed out sections of roads. Due to the amount of road damages within the State a disaster was declared which triggered FEMA aid. The affected roads from the storm were:

Dugway Road – 80-foot-long section of roadway washed out into the Huntington Gorge. Road was closed to through traffic and still is presently.

Wes White Hill – Shoulder washout by the Fish and Game Club. Water over the road at the Cochran Road intersection.

Cemetery Road – Road embankment slide into Cemetery and Hinesburg roads.

Volunteer's Green Park – Submerged under 3 feet of water. Damage to playground and Concession Stand.

Hinesburg Road – Water over road. Shoulder washed out.

Durand Road – Road crossing culvert washed out.

Jones Mill Road – Water over road. Road surface erosion.

Snipe Ireland Road – Streambank erosion.

Thompson Road – Road crossing culvert undermined.

East Hill Road – Road shoulder erosion.

Christmas Hill Road – Road shoulder erosion and plugged driveway culverts.

Millett Street – Underground stormwater system inlet plugged.

Besaw Road – Shoulder erosion.

All the above damaged roads were repaired with Highway equipment and personnel within 30 days of the event with the exception of Dugway Road, Snipe Ireland Road and Wes White Hill Road. Wes White Hill and Snipe Ireland Roads were completed in the fall of 2020 leaving Dugway Road as the last site to be repaired. Due to the complexity of the repairs on Dugway Road, the process has taken over a year to engineer and acquire permits to complete. The Town plans to go out to bid this winter with the hope of selecting a contractor before spring. Best case scenario is that this project is the first project of the construction season and the road is reopened by the end of June.

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

Mountain View Road – Replaced 2 driveway culverts.

Pleasant Street – Installed 200 feet of 24" HDPE stormwater pipe within a drainage easement on private property from Pleasant Street to the Railroad R.O.W. This project included full reclamation of the property.

Volunteer's Green - Silt cleanup and restroom repair from the October 31 storm. Removed and replaced the toddler swing set.

Jericho Road – Ditched and rock lined approximately a 1.5-mile section of ditch line. Replaced 6 driveway culverts including the entrance culvert at Valley View Road utilizing a Grant in Aid grant. This grant is affiliated with the VT Clean Waters Act.

Southview Drive – Replaced and repaved a large diameter road crossing culvert due to sinkhole in culvert.

Andrews Forest parking lot – Constructed additional parking spaces at the Andrews community forest.

Cochran Road – Replaced and repaved 2 road crossing culverts. Installed temporary recreation access. Replaced 1 driveway culvert.

Dugway Road – Installed 2 new culverts. Reset all guardrails to proper height. Resurfaced 3.3 miles of gravel.

Hinesburg Road – Replaced overflow pipe on beaver pond.

Greystone Drive – Installed a drywell and rock lined a section of ditch.

Snipe Ireland Road – Installed rip rap stone on a section of the Snipe Ireland brook to stabilize the streambank from the October 31 storm.

Town Center – Repaired 80 feet of underdrain along rear of parking lot.

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.

RICHMOND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- 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 stock pile.
- Hauling and stockpiling winter sand.

We applied for and were not awarded a VTRANS Structures Grant or Class 2 Roadway Grant due to the reclassification of state funds. We applied for a Better Roads grant as well as a Grant in Aid grant for Jericho Road. The Better Roads grant was not approved but the Grants in aid grant was approved.

Contracted work for the summer includes the following: J. Hutchins Inc. from Richmond was awarded the Bridge Street utility upgrade project. This included new stormwater piping and structures from the Railroad tracks to the Rt. 2 intersection as well as sidewalk upgrades in front of the Big Spruce restaurant. The water main was also replaced from Rt.2 to Church Street. Pike Industries was awarded our paving contract for the FY 21 budget. We have decided to hold the paving of 21 until spring to have a better financial outlook on the Town. Dugway Road is slated for repair in the spring if all goes well. It will be great to re-open this road. John Scott Excavating was awarded our Hazard Mitigation grant for the installation of a new concrete headwall at 746 Dugway Road. This project was completed in May.

I would like to acknowledge a certain individual for his generous act for the Town of Richmond. Dennis Bolio, a Richmond resident who owns Industrial 4 Incorporated orchestrated a very large donation worth tens of thousands of dollars to the Town of Richmond. His company had a project to install a rubberized interlocking playground matting system for Ben & Jerry's. When finished there was enough material left over to do an additional 2500 – 3000 square feet of surface. Ben & Jerry's graciously wanted to donate this excess material to a non-profit business or municipality. Dennis immediately thought of the Town of Richmond and contacted me. Industrial 4 not only set up the donation to the Town, his company delivered it to the Highway garage. I have been in discussions with the new recreation committee about a future upgrade of the playground at the Volunteer's Green. This interlocking rubber matting system would work great for this. It would be flood resistant and would require very little maintenance.

Thank you, Dennis Bolio, I-4 and Ben & Jerry's, for this generous donation to the Town!

The Highway Department had no new purchases this year. 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 434-2631 or E-mail me at: pgosselin@richmondvt.gov

Peter Gosselin,
Richmond Road Foreman

The Richmond Transportation Committee had a very busy first year. We applied for and received three grants to support transportation planning in Richmond. Those grants are underway, with lots of options for the public to get us your ideas for a master pedestrian and bicycle plan as well as to improve Bridge Street for pedestrians and bicycles, and to help address parking in the village business area. The Transportation Committee is in the process of applying for additional grants to continue planning and to take the next steps toward building infrastructure for sidewalks, trails, and safe ways to get around Richmond.

There is a lot of public interest in doing transportation planning in town. As a result, the Selectboard increased the size of the Transportation Committee to seven members in October 2020. Whether you like to walk, bicycle, or are seeking out public transit options in town, we want to hear from you. We meet the first and third Thursday at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathleen Gent (chair), **Chris Cole**, **Mark Damico**, **Erik Filkorn**, **James Floyd**, **Jon Kart**, **Allen Knowles**

WINTER SAND POLICY AND WINTER PARKING INFO

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.

TOWN OF RICHMOND 7 - YEAR GRAVEL PLAN

January 2021						
FISCAL YEAR	Gravel	Extra trucking to Haul Gravel	Culvert repair or replacement	Brush clearing, flagging & ditching	Miles	Anticipated Road and Mileage to receive gravel resurfacing
FY 22 Summer 2021	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$2,500	2.00	Williams Hill Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles Wortheim Road - .30 miles of .30 miles Old County Road - .30 miles of .30 miles
FY 23 Summer 2022	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	3.40	Johnnie Brook Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles Snipe Ireland Road - 2.0 miles of 2.55 miles
FY 24 Summer 2023	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$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
FY25 Summer 2024	\$145,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.35	Kenyon Road - 2.25 miles of 2.25 miles; Volunteers Green - .30 miles of .30 miles
FY 26 Summer 2025	\$140,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	2.60	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
FY 27 Summer 2026	\$140,000	\$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	\$140,000	\$15,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	3.35	Dugway Road - 3.35 miles of 3.35 miles
7-year resurfacing cycle continues						Note: Plan includes gravel and rip rap stone for all roads

TOWN OF RICHMOND 12-YEAR PAVING CYCLE
January 2021

FISCAL YEAR	Budget Amount	Miles Paved or Planned	Anticipated Road and Mileage to be paved	Notes
FY 22 Summer 2021	293,000	2.51	Collins Mountain Road - .35 miles of .35 miles; Kenyon Road apron - .05 miles of .05 miles; East Hill Road 1.20 miles of 1.20 miles; Upper Bridge Street .11 miles of .57 miles; Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles; Dugway Road apron - .10 miles of .10 miles; Cochran Road - .50 miles of 3.68 miles	East Hill Road requires additional paving and shoulder work in sections of road. Upper Bridge Street resurfaced after new water / storm and sidewalk replacements are complete. Bridge Street requires asphalt milling
FY 23 Summer 2022	294,000	2.27	Cochran Road – remaining 2.27 miles of 3.68 miles;	Cochran Road (grant eligible)
FY 24 Summer 2023	294,000	2.16	Town garage - .20 miles of .20 miles; Jericho Road – 1.50 miles of 2.33 miles; Lower Bridge Street – remaining .46 miles of .57 miles	Lower Bridge Street resurfacing after last segments of water, stormwater and sidewalk upgrades are complete. Lower Bridge Street requires asphalt milling
FY25 Summer 2024	295,000	2.14	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; Southview Drive – 1.30 miles of 1.30 miles; Sherwood Forest Road - .07 miles of .07 miles	Village Streets 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 not grant eligible
FY27 Summer 2026	298,000	2.11	Huntington Road – 2.0 miles of 4.15 miles; Farr Road - .11 miles of .11 miles	Huntington Road (grant eligible) Huntington Road requires multiple years to resurface
FY 28 Summer 2027	298,000	2.15	Huntington Road – remaining 2.15 miles of 4.15 miles	Huntington Road (grant eligible) Huntington Road requires multiple years to resurface
FY 29 Summer 2028	300,000	1.54	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	Huntington Road (grant eligible)
FY 30 Summer 2029	300,000	1.97	Governor Peck Road - .80 miles of .80 miles; Roger's Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Johnnie Brook apron - .15 miles of .15 miles; Millett Street - .13 miles of .13 miles; Tilden Avenue - .18 miles of .18 miles; Baker Street - .11 miles of .11 miles; Mary Drive - .22 miles of .22 miles; School Street - .09 miles of .09 miles; Lemroy Court - .19 miles of .19 miles	Governor Peck Road (grant eligible) Village streets require asphalt milling
FY 31 Summer 2030	300,000	2.03	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; Church Street - .18 miles of .18 miles	Village streets require asphalt milling
FY 32 Summer 2031	305,000	2.10	Wes White Hill Road - .90 miles of .90 miles; Cochran Road – 1.20 miles of 3.68 miles of 3.68 miles	Cochran Road (grant eligible)
FY 33 Summer 2032	305,000	2.00	Hinesburg Road – 2.0 miles of 3.90 miles	Cochran Road (grant eligible)
	3,665,000	25.03	Variable: 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.

RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT



As I am sure it was for so many others, 2020 was a challenging year for the Richmond Police Department to say the least. The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to change our modality and how we responded to

certain calls for service to ensure the safety of our community and our officers. Countless hours were spent in meetings and briefings to stay abreast of the latest science and advice from medical experts, so that department members were equipped with proper PPE and guidance.

In May 2020, the killing of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis Police Officer sparked nationwide protests and riots, as well as calls for police reform. Locally, there has been much discussion surrounding racial equity and policing policies and practices. On a state level, Governor Scott issued an Executive Order on police reform. Governor Scott's order was comprehensive and included such topics as: community participation, hiring and promotion practices, data, body-worn cameras, use of force policy, training, and improper conduct allegations. Further, the order identified three areas where legislative proposals needed to be developed for 2021. Those areas were: universal reporting portal for improper conduct allegations, use of force investigation and review, and community oversight models. At the time of this writing, much of this work is still in process, and all these things are shaping policing here in Richmond.

The pandemic has made it difficult to be proactive in traffic safety and community policing. We have made efforts to connect with the community in creative ways such as birthday party and graduation parades. Nonetheless, we remain committed to providing Richmond with the high level of police services that they expect and deserve.

Personnel

There have been significant staffing changes at the Richmond Police Department in 2020. Officer Benjamin Herrick was hired in February 2020 to fill the vacant SRO position. Unfortunately, before he was able to assume that role, school transitioned

to fully remote learning. Officer Herrick has been performing regular patrol duties since then. Officer Daniel Silver joined our team in May as a part-time officer. Officer Silver is a Major in the Army National Guard and serves as a Military Science Professor at Norwich University. In July, Chief Larry Muldoon retired and moved to the Pacific Northwest. Chief Muldoon served in law enforcement for over 20 years and spent his last 15 months here in Richmond. I was appointed as the Acting Police Chief and remain in that capacity at the time of this writing. Also, in July, Corporal Rick Greenough resigned after 15 years of service to the Town of Richmond. Cpl. Greenough accepted a position with the Williston Police Department. In August, Corporal Bullock resigned from his part-time position with the Richmond Police Department to pursue different endeavors in his retirement. Also, in August, we welcomed Officer Kevin Wilson to join our ranks, which left us with a vacant Chief of Police position and a vacant Patrol Officer position. In January 2021, Officer Wilson is being called to active duty with the Vermont Army National Guard and is being deployed overseas. We wish him a safe deployment and return.

Statistical Information

Traffic Warnings 2020: 96

Traffic Tickets 2020: 44

Arrests 2020: 13

Calls for service 2020: 582

A more detailed report of statistics will be available on our Facebook page and on the Town's website.

FY2022 Budget

FY 2021 Budget: \$723,415

FY 2022 Budget: \$769,178

Total increase in 2022: \$45,763

Of this increase \$23,423 are fixed costs (items where there is no discretion) or fixed cost line items that were not in the 2021 budget.

Increase line items:

Regular Salaries \$342,700 from \$297,228 (absorbs SRO contract hours line and accounts for 2022 COLA increase)

* Health insurance opt-out \$5,000 (Not budgeted in

FY 2021)

* Municipal retirement \$31,374 from \$31,065 in FY 2021

* Short term disability \$624 (Not budgeted in FY 2021)

Uniforms \$7,600 from \$4,000 in FY 2021

Body Cameras \$10,000 (Not budgeted in FY2021)

Office equipment \$8,000 from \$2,500 In FY 2021 (offset by the reduction in the Computer – Office line and adjusted for actual expense)

* General/PACIF Insurance \$44,077 from \$42,337 in FY 2021

Training/Education \$5,000 from \$4,000 in FY 2021

* Dispatch \$15,750 (not budgeted in FY 2021)

Polygraph testing \$800 from \$500 in FY 2021

Police Cruiser purchase \$45,000 from \$42,000 in FY 2021

Police capital reserve \$22,500 from \$10,000 in FY 2021

Community Outreach \$10,000 from \$6,879 in FY 2021

“*” denotes fixed cost line items, or line items that are new to the FY 2022 budget

Decreased line Items:

SRO contract hours \$0 from \$39,800 in FY 2021

Overtime \$20,000 from \$35,000 in FY 2021

Social Security/Medicare \$29,198 from \$29,532 in FY 2021 Health insurance \$95,064 from \$95,557 in FY 2021 Health insurance HSA \$0 from \$500 in FY 2021

Health Insurance HRA \$0 from \$560 in FY 2021

Long term disability \$1991 from \$3157 in FY 2021

Life insurance \$1,500 from \$1,800 in FY 2021

Computer – office \$1,000 from \$4,000 in FY 2021

Thank you,
Acting Chief Kyle Kapitanski

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, behind the band stand at Volunteers Green and outside the gate at the Chittenden Solid Waste drop off located on Rte 117.

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



RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT



In 2020, the Richmond Fire Department responded to 155 alarms. The breakdown is as follows:

4 structure fires, 2 rescue assists, 33 mutual aid calls, 1 brush fire, 1 hazardous material call, 24 carbon monoxide calls, 10 power line problems, 31 motor vehicle accidents on I-89, 20 motor vehicle accidents not on I-89, 5 natural gas & L/P gas problems, 2 smoke investigations, 6 burnt food calls, 1 car fire, 4 illegal burns, 2 chimney fires, 1 missing person, 2 wood stove problems, 3 miscellaneous calls.

The members of the Richmond Fire Department are: Chief Dennis Gile, Assistant Chief Gerald Levesque, Captains: Michael Carter, Mark Klonicke, Jake Kilpeck, Lieutenant Eric Wood, Treasurer Sherry Gile, Firefighters: Richard Dana, Christopher Fahner, Byran Moreau, William Gray, Erin Lynn, Kevin O'Grady, Luke O'Leary, Mike Parent, Prachankhet Muangthai (PAR), Harland Stockwell, Aaron Toth, Graham Wolfson. Due to the CORONA VIRUS the fire department did not have the coin drop this year. The other changes made were cancelling most of our in-person business meetings and drills, which we held by ZOOM. This system has worked out very well with us so far.

Thanks to Mark Klonicke for writing and being awarded a grant for the fire department from the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks. We received fire hose, nozzles, chainsaw operator chaps, the new style backpack pump and tools. This was a 50/50 grant. The equipment was greatly needed as we previously had only hoses and hand tools.

Richmond Fire Department continues to use Shelburne Dispatch as our emergency dispatcher. Thank you once again for an excellent job. Please call Shelburne Dispatch at 985-8051 to request a burn permit.

We, the Richmond Fire Department, would like to thank our mutual aid departments for responding to Richmond. They are as follows: Bolton Fire Dept., Huntington Fire Dept., Williston Fire Dept., Hinesburg Fire Dept. and the Underhill Jericho Fire Dept.

Currently Richmond Fire Department has 5 trucks:

- * 2009 pickup brush truck
- * 2005 rescue truck which has extrication tools for car accidents, exhaust fans, a generator, chain saws and tools needed for house fires and car accidents
- * 2015 Engine 2 truck has a 1250 GPM 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.
- * We cannot forget our 1932 Maxum

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 2800 hours of training and fire calls. 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 2800 hours of training and fire calls.

We are always looking for volunteers for the fire department. There is a great need for daytime firefighters. Please contact our business line at 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 your fellow citizens in an emergency. This is an excellent way to serve your community.

Dennis Gile
Fire Chief

911 SIGNS

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. The sooner we can be on-scene and responding to your emergency, the sooner we can help you.

How many times has a friend, the pizza guy, or anyone else told you that they could not see or find a house number for you and had to turn around and come back? Have YOU ever had to do the same thing trying to find a home or business? You can help us avoid that.

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
- *Put that reflective 911 sign at the end of your driveway, close to the road.

When we respond to a call, we want to know that we are heading to the correct address.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
as of 6/30/2020		
INCOME:		
Coin Drop	\$	-
Donations	\$	7,549.85
Interest Earned	\$	3.34
		<u>\$ 7,553.19</u>
EXPENSES:		
Uncategorized	\$	500.00
Dues	\$	282.00
Equipment	\$	3,130.09
Food	\$	197.94
T Shirts	\$	148.25
Coats Expense	\$	1,648.00
Coins	\$	150.00
Misc Expense (Business)	\$	18.16
USPS Box Rent	\$	56.00
		<u>\$ 6,130.44</u>
TRANSFERS:		
FROM RFD Checking	\$	(2,000.00)
TO RFD Savings	\$	2,000.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	1,422.75
TOTAL ASSETS:		
RFD Checking	\$	5,485.30
RFD Savings	\$	6,617.86
<i>Submitted by Sherry Gile, RFD Treasurer</i>		

RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

The Library kicked off the fiscal year with summer programming in full swing! We offered weekly arts and crafts programs, a visit from the Fairbanks portable planetarium, a Dance and Drum session, Very Merry Theater, a presentation by Greensea on the potential application of their robots in space(!), movie time, poetry and story walks, school outreach, a holiday puppet show, Lego club, and in conjunction with Radiate Art, Flying Fish art and poetry and an Easter Egg hunt, and of course, guessing jars! Before COVID restrictions, the library made weekly outreach storytime visits to area caregivers and offered after school reading activities at the Richmond Elementary School. Our regular weekly programs of Baby Lap Time, Playgroup and preschool Storytime were very popular, and our middle grade MMCTV video camp and reading club filled to capacity. Youth programs met 138 times and had 3239 attendees.

For adults the Library continued to facilitate two monthly on site book discussion groups, weekly knitting nights, as well as many programs: Teresa Mares' Life on the Other Border: Farmworkers and Food Justice in Vermont, a presentation on the updated edition of Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A Guide to the Natural Communities of Vermont, sessions on mushroom foraging, and meat hunting (part of the Rooted in Vermont localvore mission), poetry reading by Richmond resident, Rebecca Starks, and a Vermont Humanities Council program on the iconic Morgan Horse and its significance to Vermont lore. The Library also served as venue for many programs coordinated by the Community Senior Center. On November 15, library staff and trustees hosted a Harvest Fare dinner featuring hearty soups, breads, and apple crisp for Friday Food Affair.

In person programming came to a screeching halt on March 13, 2020 when library trustees made the decision to close the building just prior to Governor Scott's statewide "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order due to the coronavirus. For the remainder of the fiscal year library staff, along with the rest of the world learned to navigate the world of online programming and Zoom and did our best to keep in touch with the community. This time closed, however, also allowed us to assess the collection, cull many items and identify gaps. The Library added 1,073 items in all categories.

Prior to March, the Library featured exhibits in the display case and used the walls on the first floor as a gallery for talented local artists and fun collections. These offerings were always engaging and delightful. Featured artists included Jake Levison and photographs, Judy Bush and pulp paper art, Larry Hills painted landscapes, Marya Lowe's quilted designs. Our last on-site exhibit was called "Women Speak" and consisted of protest and resistance art that commented on cultural and political concerns. The artists were Meta Strick, India Tresselt and Sarah Rosedahl. The exhibit was interrupted by COVID closure in March, but we provided an online gallery of their work. We look forward to having our artists and collectors back!

Keep the Friends of the Richmond Free Library annual book sale on your calendar! (Whenever that might be!) Proceeds from the sales have helped sustain and expand Library programs, acquisitions, and furnishings. Friends provided \$740 to cover summer programming expenses and \$1000 for the acquisition of additional Playaways for both youth and adults. If you cannot make it to the sale, consider a donation to Friends of the Richmond Free Library to facilitate their library support activities.

Active patrons' number 2237, representing 55% of the Town of Richmond. Visits to the Library averaged 3,000 per month (while the building was open). The collection includes: 1,496 audiobooks, 20,231 books, and 1,560 videos and over 60 magazines to borrow. Additionally, the Library offers access to over 6700 audio and 42,000 ebook downloads via Libby/Overdrive. Additional digital acquisitions were made possible by an \$18,000 grant to the Green Mountain Library Consortium from the Department of Libraries.

Other digital content includes many subject databases, continuing education classes, test preparation and career exploration online modules. Electronic resources became especially important and sought after as people found themselves stuck at home due to the virus. We directed additional financial resources toward electronic content as we were able and began issuing new library cards to town residents wishing to access material from home. How-to tutorials were created to address the increased need for shelf browsing remotely and putting items on hold.

Prior to the closure of non-essential businesses patrons enjoyed borrowing passes to a variety of area attractions such as ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Vermont State Parks, Shelburne Farms, Sleepy Hollow Ski and Bike Center, Catamount Outdoor trails and more.

The Library collaborated with other groups such as RiseVT, the Community Senior Center, UVM Medical Center, AARP, Richmond Climate Action Committee, Radiate Art, MMCTV, Green Mountain Club, the Vermont Land Trust, and Green Mountain Audubon Society to provide a multitude of activities, workshops and presentations that benefit the community.

The community room of the Library has served as an important assembly space for different groups, clubs, and activities. The excellent grand piano owned by the Library is a magnet for many music teachers and performers. The space has been rented for birthday parties, funeral services, and business groups. In the prior year, the Library added over \$17,000 to the Town's general fund. In this year, a lesser amount of \$10,000 was turned over to the Town. A return to normal functioning is also important for revenue activities.

A Town Buildings Committee formed to address deferred and underfunded maintenance issues of Town Buildings, particularly the Town Center and the Library. Among many structural problems at the Library are rotting siding, fascia and trim, particularly in the towers. Slates on the original roof and asphalt roof require repairs and replacement. The building needs extensive weatherization. Addressing the failing radiant heat of the first floor is a high priority and we hope to mitigate moisture issues in the basement and introduce ventilation. The Committee is addressing and will continue to work to resolve these shortcomings.

One month after the Library closed in response to the COVID pandemic, the Library reopened to offer curbside service and interlibrary loans. Staff made it as understandable and easy as possible for patrons to reserve items from the collection using their patron account, or by filling out a google request form, sending an email, or placing a phone call. People unsure of what to choose next or parents in need of large bundles of books for their kids were pleased to take advantage of our "personal shopping" option. Youth Services Librarian, Wendy de Forest, developed 11 Storytime Bags to make at home storytime easy and fun. Each bag has a different theme, five picture books, songs, and an activity. 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.

We look forward to seeing all of you in person when it is safe again. In the meantime, keep your requests coming and call/email with any questions regarding how to access library physical and digital resources during these unprecedented times. If you want to stay informed on Library activities, new materials, and upcoming initiatives, provide us with your email address and we'll add you to our email newsletter service. You can also visit the Library's website at www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org or like us on Facebook where you can see announcements of special events.

--Submitted by **Rebecca Mueller**, Director

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 Acting Zoning Administrator). Suzanne Mantegna was the Zoning Administrator until November 2020. Since Mantegna’s departure, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) has provided invaluable support to the Planning and Zoning Department.

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, Seven Days, or Williston Observer. 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.

In 2020, staff issued 120 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:						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Accessory Dwelling	1	0	3	3	2	2
Accessory Structure	34	23	27	22	33	24
Addition and Renovation	37	31	29	32	25	20
Administratively Created Lot	0	0	3	1	5	4
Boundary Adjustment	4	8	2	2	5	9
Home Occupation/Cottage Industry	3	2	2	2	1	2
Mobile Home Replacement	0	1	4	1	2	6
New Construction Commercial	0	0	7	3	0	1
New Construction Residential Dwelling	7	6	11	8	18	15
Sign	1	1	7	3	5	6

In addition, staff issued 48 Certificates of Occupancy in 2020. Certificates of Occupancy are issued after construction is complete for significant projects, including new houses, additions, and accessory apartments.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Throughout 2020, the Planning Commission has been studying ways to improve the quality of life through land use policy. The Planning Commission investigated methods to increase the affordable housing stock in town, regulate short-term rentals, and improve the economic vitality of the town.

Following the approval of the Town Plan in November 2018, the Planning Commission has been working closely with the community on updating the town’s zoning regulations. Notably, in the first half of 2020, the Planning Commission worked with the Selectboard to approve the Jolina Court Zoning District regulations within the town zoning regulations. In addition, in September 2020, the commission streamlined regulatory processes for landowners with farms and forestry operations.

Towards the end of 2020, the Planning Commission initiated its Community Outreach Work Plan--a series of discussions with residents, property owners, business patrons, and business owners in Richmond Village. The commission began this project to develop a better understanding of the needs and aspirations of Village residents and business owners. In return, these conversations will guide the Planning Commission’s work on updating the zoning regulations within the village. The Community Outreach Work Plan is currently ongoing and expected to continue until Spring 2021.

Another ongoing project is the study of town’s land use regulations regarding housing. In July 2020, the Selectboard and the Planning Commission created the Town of Richmond Housing Committee. The purpose of the Housing Committee is to study the housing-related town regulations as well as housing issues town-wide and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Selectboard.

Membership changes in 2020 included the departure of Lauck Parke and Scott Nickerson. Jake Kornfeld was appointed to replace Parke, and Caitlin Littlefield was appointed to replace Nickerson. 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!



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Town of Richmond Development Review Board (DRB) is responsible for all development review functions for land development projects that require a public hearing, including Site Plan Review, Conditional Use Review, Subdivision review, and appeals. Current and alternate members are listed in the Town Report. As shown in the table below, the DRB reviewed several Subdivision, Site Plan Review, and Conditional Use applications. Notably, the DRB reviewed and approved a five-lot commercial subdivision application at the end of Railroad street, and the Town's waterline replacement project along Bridge Street.

The board began review of a four-lot residential subdivision off East Hill Road, and an eight-lot residential subdivision off Kenyon. Review of these projects will continue in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Cole, Chair, Planning Commission; **David Sunshine**, Chair, Development Review Board; **Ravi Venkataraman**, AICP, Town Planner; and **Suzanne Mantegna**, (former) Zoning Administrator.

Applications reviewed by the Development Review Board:						
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Site Plan	1	4	6	6	1	1
Conditional Use Review	10	10	11	5	4	4
Subdivision Sketch Plan	3	4	2	0	0	0
Preliminary Subdivision Application	1	6	5	2	1	1
Final Subdivision Application	3	3	0	1	0	0
Subdivision Amendments	3	3	0	1	0	0

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2020 RHS Officers

President - Fran Thomas
Vice President – Connie Carpenter
Secretary - Mary Ann Barnes
Treasurer - Geoff Urbanik & Mary Ann Kittinger

Covid19

Because of COVID19 the public activities of the Richmond Historical Society were substantially curtailed in 2020. We cancelled our Annual Meeting scheduled for March, the Annual November Potluck dinner and Folknight Richmond normally held on New Year's Eve. We were not able to open the Round Church to visitors, except by appointment, and following recommended health safety protocols. A few weddings were held in the church, but under the guidelines issued by the Governor and Vermont Department of Health. Thus, our income for 2020 was significantly lower than in years past.

For archival purposes, the Historical Society asked community members and local businesses how they were dealing with the pandemic. We received some photos depicting the lack of activity in town early on and several interesting responses from businesses describing the effects that COVID19 was having on their business and their efforts to deal with it. Future researchers will find this information very useful.

Round Church

Work on the Church was limited to some minor roofing repairs in the belfry area. In 2021 we plan to have someone skilled in plaster work repair the church ceiling where the paint is peeling, and then have the entire ceiling painted. Thermostats were installed on the pump room heaters, which protect the sprinkler system from freezing during the colder months.

RHS Highlights

February – Using some of the glass plate slides donated by the Bressor family, archivist Karen Yaggy presented a program at the Hale and Hearty meeting on local farm families.

March – Postponed our Annual Meeting and program (Of Wheelmen, The New Woman, and Good Roads: Bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920) scheduled for the 22nd.

May – Held a socially distant workday at the Round Church to clean the inside of the church and wash the windows. Decided not to open the Round Church to visitors except by appointment and under COVID19 safety guidelines.

July – held our first Board meeting via Zoom; accepted the resignation of Geoff Urbanik as treasurer and appoint-

ed Mary Ann Kittinger to the Board as treasurer and Ryan Ackley as assistant treasurer.

September – Karen Yaggy, a long time Board member, received a **2020 League of Local Historical Societies and Museums Award for Individual achievement**. The director of the Vermont Historical Society, Stephen Perkins, presented Karen with her award at a brief outdoor ceremony in front of the Round Church.

November – co-sponsored a virtual program with the Community Senior Center: Michael Tougias's **Above and Beyond: JFK and the U2 pilots during the Cuban Missile Crisis**

December – Christmas Carol Sing in the Round Church cancelled

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: Fred and Mary Dobson, Nancy Atherton, Jen and Tim Kenny and Brian Lindar.

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

Our long-term goal to secure suitable storage, work and display space took a major step forward in 2020. Based on a summary of the Historical Society's space needs and our contributions to the Town relative to the preservation of the Town's history and the Round Church, and a parallel evaluation of the needs and contributions of the Community Senior Center, the Town Center Building Committee recommended to the Selectboard that we be allotted shared space with the CSC on the third floor of the Town Center building. The Selectboard then voted to accept this recommendation. We are awaiting details of a proposed lease agreement, which will include no rental fees but a requirement that we secure renters insurance. We are excited about this opportunity to move memorabilia, documents, and photographs held by the Historical Society, which are currently stored under beds, in attics and basements, into a safe space where they can be easily accessed and preserved. It will be great to have space for small meetings, work projects and secure storage.

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.

In January, Andrew Shepard, a freshman at Bennington College, did an internship under the Karen's direction. The project titled "Richmond Then and Now" involved the creation of a Power Point display that compares contemporary views of the village (photos taken by Andrew) with older photos of town buildings and homes.

Mo Humphrey is digitalizing the history of the Underwear Factory written by Harriet Riggs and Gary Bressor. He is adding information acquired since the first edition was written as well as genealogies of the owners. Also, to be included are photos that are related to the factory and owners, photos that are found in our collection or the glass plate negatives

Weddings and Guide Service

A few volunteers gave tours of the Round Church by appointment.

There were five weddings in the Round Church – two were quite small. Hosting normal size weddings in compliance with COVID19 guidelines proved to be quite complicated and stressful.

In Conclusion ...

I would like to thank the Historical Society Board members and other volunteers who made possible 2020's events and accomplishments. Special thanks to Geoff Urbanik for his several years of service as treasurer.

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 or write to us at rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

RICHMOND HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Richmond Housing Committee was established in July 2020. The Committee currently consists of nine full-time members and two alternate members. Our initial focus has been on setting goals and gathering data for a Housing Needs Assessment. The Committee's short-term goals for the 2020-2021 fiscal year include:

- (1) collect and maintain data on the community's demographics, housing stock (current and projected), and livability
- (2) identify housing issues within the town
- (3) study the planning and zoning ordinances and the Town Plan, and provide policy recommendations to municipal boards to alleviate housing issues in town
- (4) develop legible and effective affordable housing regulations in collaboration with the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and other housing partners.

Currently, the Housing Committee is focused on collecting data for a Housing Needs Assessment report. This document includes information on current trends and changes over time in housing availability, costs, and accessibility in Richmond. The data in the Housing Needs Assessment will aid the Committee in crafting policy recommendations in line with the goals. The Committee is also developing a community survey to identify specific gaps in housing availability for people who want to live in Richmond but have not been able to secure housing here.

The Housing Committee looks forward to a productive new year and encourages community members to join our monthly meetings to share their concerns about housing in Richmond and ideas on ways to improve housing in our community!

VERMONT FAMILY NETWORK

The Vermont Family Network's mission is to empower and support all Vermont families 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 and one professional through our work, and greatly appreciate the support provided by the Town of Richmond.

STAY CONNECTED!

Sign up for our E-news / "like" us on Facebook / for parents only - join our closed Facebook group



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VERMONT 2-1-1 REPORT

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

For over 40 years, Age Well has provided services and support that allow seniors to stay independent, and remain healthy at home, where they want to be. We have continued to support older Vermonters during COVID-19, with over 500 individuals signing up for meal deliveries, a key lifeline as they self-isolate.

Thanks to past support from the Town of Richmond, we have been able to offer care & service coordination, Meals on Wheels; community meals; wellness programs; social activities; transportation services; expertise on Medicare, insurance, and long and short-term care options; and a Helpline.

Vermont is ranked as the second "oldest" state in the country and the population of seniors is expected to double in the next fifteen years. Older adults living in rural areas have less access to healthcare, including specialized healthcare, and the services tend to be more costly than those provided in metropolitan areas. Vermonters want to grow old in their own homes; Age Well provides the services and support to ensure that is a possibility.

As a non-profit, our services are provided at no charge and we rely on donations and town funding to continue to help our aging population. Your continued support ensures that we are able to continue to provide life-changing services to all those in need during this pandemic.

Age Well's Mission: To provide the support and guidance that inspires our community to embrace aging with confidence.



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.

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Also visit: 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.*



LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to be able to report that once again this year, Lake Iroquois has shown a highly significant decrease in phosphorus levels. This is an indication that the hard work of the Lake Iroquois Association (LIA) and its volunteers, along with the work of the surrounding communities to reduce nutrient and sediment flow into the lake, is having a real, measurable impact. Lake Iroquois has now moved from being a eutrophic waterbody (one that has excessive levels of nutrients) to one that is mesotrophic (containing a moderate level of nutrients). While the lake will always have naturally occurring nutrients, which are needed to maintain the aquatic life necessary to a healthy lake, our goal is to eliminate, to the extent possible, human caused nutrient increases and allow the lake to be at a natural level. 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>.

2020 has been another busy year for the LIA. This past spring, the LIA-Pine Shore Road Restoration and Erosion Control Project, a collaboration of the LIA, the Pine Shore Road Association, and the Town of Hinesburg, and supported by a grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC) Ecosystem Restoration Program and completed in 2018, was reviewed to determine its implementation success. We were honored to receive the highest rating possible – optimal – indicating that the project is above and beyond the baseline requirements for functionality. We also published the 4th edition of our Lakeshore Property Owner's Manual, which provides extensive information on lake-friendly best management practices that help to maintain and improve the lake's water quality. In February, we launched our new, completely re-designed website. It provides extensive information and data on Lake Iroquois and its watershed along with the many activities around the lake. In March, we developed an integrated pest management plan for controlling invasives, especially invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil. As part of that plan, we submitted an application for the use of the herbicide ProcellaCor on a small portion of the lake in an effort to reduce this widespread infestation so that in the future, we will be able to control it using mechanical means. We continue to work on a holistic plan for the entire Lake Iroquois watershed and to that end we have submitted a pre-proposal in partnership with the Lake Iroquois Recreation District, the Lewis Creek Association, and the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District for funding to assess the watershed and create a Watershed Action Plan.

Our Greeter and Boat Wash Program, which we have operated for over 10 years, had another successful year. The purpose of this program is to prevent other invasives from entering the lake. The greeters also provide information to lake users on safety and best practices to protect

water quality while using the lake. The greeter program operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day and this year the number of boats inspected more than doubled from 2019. This program, with its hot water boat wash, has become a model for other greeter programs in the state. It is supported by an Aquatic Nuisance Control grant from the VT DEC, the dues and donations of LIA members, and the towns of Williston, Hinesburg, and Richmond.

Due to the pandemic, several of our data collection programs were suspended but are expected to resume next year. The LaRosa Partnership Program grant that supports our tributary sampling was not funded this year due to diversion of state funds needed for COVID-19. We also were unable to conduct an aquatic plant survey or carry out any Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting of milfoil – again due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, we fully expect that these programs will be back in operation for the summer of 2021.

In other good news, we once again had a loon pair successfully nest and raise two young on Lake Iroquois this summer. What a pleasure amid so much concerning news to watch our loon family swimming around the lake. The LIA works with the Loon Restoration Project under the Vermont Center for Ecostudies to maintain the loon nesting platform and to place signage protecting the nesting area. Our members also contribute to our Loonwatch spreadsheet to record loon activities as a contribution to the Project's data collection efforts.

Even as 2020 wanes, the LIA is already planning new projects and activities for 2021. Our newest project is our first annual **Ice-Out Contest**. Tickets will go on sale January 1st, 2021. Watch our website, our Facebook page, Front Porch Forum, and local news outlets for more information. Other projects in the works for 2021 include continued efforts to seek grant funded projects that reduce sediment flow into the lake and a renewed effort to increase lakeshore property owner participation in the Vermont Lake Wise program.

Christopher J. Conant, President



LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT (LIRD)

The Lake Iroquois Recreational District (LIRD) manages over 150 acres of land on the north end of the lake accessible by Beebe Lane off Oak Hill Rd. This acreage includes some wetlands and woods with walking trails and a public beach which is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day every year. LIRD is comprised of representatives from four towns, Hinesburg, Williston, St. George, and Richmond. Each town is assessed every fiscal year for the maintenance and improvements of this recreational area.

The access road, Beebe Lane is the responsibility of LIRD. A design to improve the road so that storm water run-off would not directly enter the lake was approved and paid for. The design will incrementally be activated as money is becomes available.

The edges of the road have significant growth of land based invasive plants. It is an ongoing problem but to prevent these invasive plants from entering the valuable woods, we began manually removing the buckthorn, Japanese honeysuckle, and the other invasive species.

Lake Iroquois has over one hundred acres of the

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) infestation. LIRD has cosponsored with the Lake Iroquois Association (LIA) an application to the state for a permit to use ProCellucor in 40 acres of the infested area. ProCellucor is a target specific chemical with a very short half-life that has been used in lakes all over the country and in lakes in Vermont without any negative results. We have not yet received approval from the state agency but expect it soon. LIA has in the past has spent significant money using diver assisted suction harvest (DASH), mechanical harvesting, and even attempted weevils to slow the spread the EWM with very limited success. The canoeist, kayakers, and swimmers have all been turned off by the EWM. We will be continuing efforts to control it and keep it from clogging the lake.

If you have not yet experienced recreating in these 150 acres, we hope you give it a try.

Jack Linn, Richmond LIRD Representative

PARADE & FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

The July 4th celebration in 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. The Committee is hoping to be able to hold the celebration in July 2021.

RICHMOND COMMUNITY BAND

Richmond Community Band thanks the Richmond community for their support as musicians, facilitators, and audience. 2020 was our 23rd consecutive year since reestablishment in 1998. Our modest expenses were lower this year, so now we can reimburse band members for their donations of music and plan for much needed new band shirts.

RCB is a volunteer non-profit organization open to anyone who plays a concert band instrument, including high school students and octogenarians. As a community band, we welcome members from other towns, many of which do not have a town band.

Most years, Richmond Community Band rehearses 7pm to 9pm Mondays in the hall of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, beginning in May or June. Our biggest event usually is the 4th of July parade and concert, which is also attended by residents of neighboring communities. Throughout the summer we typically play about four additional free evening concerts in the Volunteers' Green band shell.

However, because of public meeting restrictions due to the SARS-CoV-2, in 2020 we began rehearsing later in

the summer and played outdoors with distancing in the parking lot behind Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Individuals at risk were encouraged to remain away, so participation was reduced; we practiced without a conductor. Those of us in attendance appreciated the occasional neighbors listening in!

Fortunately, we recruited conductor Nick Allen and percussionist Patty Jacob from Morrisville Town Band to join us at the end of August, so were able to perform one concert at Volunteers' Green on September 14. We greatly appreciate the larger than expected audience spaced safely apart on that cool and darkening evening! The community participation and support were a highlight of this pandemic year.

We greatly missed many of our usual members and audience. We hope in 2021 that we can resume play more public concerts as usual, including the 4th of July Parade and Richmond Holiday Market in early December.

CHITTENDEN UNIT FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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 26 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.

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. This year marked the 50th anniversary of Green Up Day which brings thousands of volunteers throughout the state to remove litter & trash from our roadways, waterways & public places. The success of Green Up for Vermont in Richmond depends upon two essential ingredients. 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.

We appreciate all the volunteers that work with the Richmond Highway Department for Green Up. Through their efforts .89 TONS of trash and 2 dump trucks full of discarded tires were removed from the roadside. Mark your calendars May 1, 2021~ 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!

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.

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, except for the springtime months where restrictions were in place due to the Covid pandemic. 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 web site. A map of Richmond Trails is available at both the Town's web site and the Western Slopes web site. Paper maps were available as supplies lasted during the year, and updates to the maps and additional maps are printed to replenish the supply as needed. These Town residents have served as members of the Committee during 2020: Willie Lee (Chair), Jean Bressor, Callie Ewald, Jim Monahan, Tyler Merritt, Martha Marciel, Ed Wells, Mike Donohue, Sasha Morey, Kate Kreider, Chase Rosenberg, Alison Aiken, Ben Reller, and Halle Harklau.

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

- The committee 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:

- Re-routing and rebuilding the River Shore Trail in several places after the Halloween Storm in November of 2019 caused significant erosion of the trail.
- Re-establishing the trail and building bridges along the trail corridor between Snipe Ireland and Snipe Island roads. Coordination took place between landowners and the town to ensure a respectful approach to this work.
- Coordinating the efforts of Camel's Hump Middle School high students to help decommission a section of trail that was re-routed. Thank you to Jon Kart for this effort!
- Organized and performed a volunteer trail day at the Andrew's Community Forrest to build both a new trail and a boardwalk for the newly named Urbanik Way trail.

- The Cross Vermont Trail Coordinator took lead on fixing the Johnnie Brook Trail. The boardwalk was re-built and the approach to the bridge over the Johnnie Brook was extended to establish resilience in future flooding events. Members of the trails committee participated in early discussion as to the approach for this work. The project was funded through a grant from the Conservation Commission.

- Participated as board members representing the Trails Committee in the management of the Andrews Town Forest and the towns' Transportation committee.

- Participated as Trail's Committee representative on a group effort to develop consistent signage throughout the town trails. Chair Willie Lee took lead on developing a design, fabricating, and installing several signs for existing trails. This effort will continue in 2021 for the remainder of the Town trails. Rise VT awarded the committee a grant for this effort – we thank them for investing in our community!

- Put out messages on social media and at trail heads to provide awareness during the hunting season as we have several trails that have hunting in the area.

Expenditures of our allocated \$1000 this year enabled purchasing of a wheeled trimmer to cut back the vegetation on trails throughout the summer, trail and bridge building materials, and various other materials and supplies for trails maintenance

and repair.

Major initiatives for this upcoming year include major rehabilitation to the bridges on the Rivershore Trail, re-establishing the Sip of Sunshine loop post logging efforts, creating a new lower loop on Sip of Sunshine, assisting in work on the Andrew's Community Forrest and continuing efforts to develop consistent trail signage throughout Richmond.

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, the Western Slopes Business Association, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Cross Vermont Trails Association, Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation, Local Motion, RiseVT and most recently the Richmond Conservation Commission.

Willie Lee will be taking on the leadership of the committee as Chair as Jean Bressor and Callie Ewald step down from the co-chair positions.

Contact the Committee with any questions or suggestions via the email address located on the Richmond, VT website.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

This has been a year of progress for the Recreation Committee. After newly appointing nine members to the Committee, the group tackled creating a Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives. This focus has allowed for progress in a variety of areas, including posting for an internship position that will allow us to create a user-friendly online brochure to capture recreation opportunities in Richmond, Huntington, & Bolton in one place. We also began reaching out to local groups and organizations to determine areas of collaboration and how we can provide support. Most recently we applied for two grants through Rise VT; one to purchase snowshoes for a community lending program and one to support the creation of a park plan for Brown's Court Ball Field. Additionally, we worked on incorporating findings from a grant focused on community wellness to assess existing opportunities and how to make them more accessible.

Looking forward to 2021, the committee will:

- Continue to seek grant funding for projects of community importance, guided by the 2018 Town Report
- Begin a snowshoe rental program in collaboration with the Library
- Create a 12-month work plan for the Village Green
- Research playground replacement options & funding
- Support other town committees that impact recreation users
- Explore what other recreation departments are doing state & nationally to keep communities mentally and physically well in rural areas

The Committee still seeks a full-time member from Huntington. We would also love to hear input from community members about areas of recreation that they are passionate about or ways we can better serve the communities of Richmond, Bolton, & Huntington. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month via zoom (currently). Meeting agendas, minutes, and access information can be found at: <http://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-minutes/recreation-committee/>.

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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 responsible 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.

Due to the COVID pandemic burials were forced to be suspended for several months. When a burial did take place, only the funeral director & immediate family were allowed at the gravesite, all wearing masks.

Thanks go out to Girl Scout Troop #30075 of Jericho & Essex for choosing Richmond for their community service project. They removed all American Veteran Flags from the Riverview and Bridge Street cemeteries and plan on installing fresh flags in the spring.

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. Boy Scout Troop #23 has been active in cleaning up the area. Thanks to Clint Buxton for tending to the brush hogging done. With more interest in the area, we will be working on stone restoration and tree clearing in the upcoming year. 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**

OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP IN 2020

Summer enrichment camp serving Richmond, Huntington, Bolton, Jericho, Underhill

In its 12th year of service, Our Community Cares Camp was able to significantly impact our community by adapting to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing to provide engaging summer programming safely.

Summer Camp in a Pandemic

In a year marked by uncertainty, OCCC felt it was essential to provide an option for children coming off months of virtual learning to socialize with their peers in person. To make this a reality, months of careful planning, new procedures, and the implantation of an adapted camp format ensured the safety of our campers and staff. Due to all MMUUSD services held remotely this summer, OCCC could not provide transportation to camp families via buses. To make our camp more accessible for families, we extended our hours from our usual half-day format to 7:30 am to 3:00 pm to prevent guardians from needing to arrange for transportation midday. Our in-person camp was limited to 60 campers, and we implemented a virtual component, which any family could opt for. All campers and staff wore masks, and our counselors sanitized surfaces and took handwashing breaks frequently. All camp spaces were cleaned daily, with a deep clean of the building taking place every Friday. Meals were provided for all campers by MMUUSD in individual servings. To create an environment that had all the fun of camp while prioritizing safety, we adapted a schedule where most of the day was outdoors. Art projects, music lessons, picnic-style lunches, and of course, all types of games, sports, and water play were all set up outdoors. We found that our campers quickly adopted and embraced this new style of camp. We are happy to report that the joy of camp was not diminished in the slightest by the new protocol meant to ensure the health and wellbeing of our campers, staff, families, and community.

Successful Leadership Changes

At the end of April, during Vermont's Stay at Home Order, Susanne Parent officially became the new Executive Director of OCCC. Despite the uncertainty at the time of this transition, Susanne immediately dedicated herself to creating an action plan that closely followed all Vermont state safety guidelines. This summer, OCCC also welcomed a new Program Director, Hollister Rosen, to our LAC program, which serves older campers' grades 6-9. Our committed staff and volunteers are crucial to the functioning of OCCC, and we are grateful for our amazing team.

New and Continued Partnerships

Our numerous community partnerships play a large role in the success of OCCC. We were excited to partner with Kids on the Ball, an organization that provides tennis lessons, for the first time this summer. Our campers were thrilled to have the opportunity to learn a new skill as the blacktop behind CHMS was transformed into a working tennis court for an afternoon each week. Another camp highlight was a day of outdoor storytelling and the accompanying book giveaway provided by CLiF. Exposing our campers to the joy of reading and the power of stories is something that CLiF continues to allow us to do. Additionally, we want to extend our thanks to MMUUSD, who worked closely with us to provide a safe and sanitary venue for camp.

OCCC would not be what it is today without the continuous support of private donors, businesses, and municipal funding. We are an important asset to our district's five towns. Offering a camp experience, providing nutritious, locally sourced meals, establishing bridge employment for MMUUSD employees, creating employment opportunities, and job training for high school students and young adults.

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 old 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 sponsors at least one bus trip to an area of interest in Vermont or a nearby state

Programs and presenters last year were Larry Muldoon, Richmond Police Chief in January, and Karen Yaggy with a presentation on Richmond's past in February. After our February meeting all our in-person activities were canceled for the remainder of the year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope to resume our activities 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

RICHMOND LAND TRUST



Among the many changes the pandemic brought in 2020 was in the record numbers of people everywhere turning to nature and the outdoors for fun, exercise, solace, and beauty. In Richmond, the pandemic sent more people than ever to the free public preserves we own and manage throughout town, as evidenced by:

- Cars parked bumper-to-bumper around our **Bombardier Meadow Preserve**, so many that we opened a safe, temporary parking lot to serve paddlers, tubers, anglers, and others.
- Throngs of swimmers enjoying Triple Buckets, part of our **Huntington Gorge Preserve**
- Kayaks and canoes lining the shore of our Beeken **Rivershore Preserve**, with hikers, bikers, birders and others enjoying its trail along the Winooski River
- Increased visits at all of our preserves, including **Safford Brown, Rochford Delbianco** and others.



RLT set up a temporary parking lot in its Bombardier Meadow Preserve, off Cochran Rd., to handle summertime crowds wanting to access the Winooski and Huntington Rivers.

Even after the pandemic ends, we expect that so many new people have discovered our preserves that usage will remain strong. This will put new demands on RLT for keeping our preserves accessible, safe, and pristine – and to avoid their overcrowding by establishing new ones. That vision drove much of our other work throughout the year.

For example, in late summer we finished helping the Town of Richmond conserve 30 acres of untouched forest west of Stage Road that it has owned for almost 80 years. We also helped the Town of Bolton conserve an adjoining 13 acres.

The land is part of one of Vermont's largest intact forest blocks and surrounded by other pristine woodland. The area offers prime opportunities for hikers, hunters, skiers, birders and photographers. Relics of its past as a rugged hill farm can be seen in the form of stacked stone foundations, a lined spring, and stone walls, all visible from a trail accessed from of Stage Road.

At our Huntington Gorge Preserve, the pandemic and other factors combined to delay repairs to the 2018 Dugway Road washout, forcing continued closure of the upper section. RLT provided the Town of Richmond with an easement to allow space for the road repairs and a reinforced retaining wall to support the reconstructed roadway.

Downstream at the Lower Gorge and Triple Buckets, a River Steward was on hand many days to help visitors learn about the area's natural history and safely enjoy its beauty. The River Steward Program was a joint project between RLT and the Vermont River Conservancy. We also created an online visitor survey to help us better understand how people are use the Preserve and how we can improve it.



Wintertime fun at RLT's Willis Hill Preserve.

We continue working with Friends of Gillett Pond to save that irreplaceable treasure. Dry weather and a very old and leaky dam made for low water last summer. It is a race against time, but we've made a strong start towards raising the hundreds of thousands of dollars needed to ensure the dam's reconstruction and the Pond's long-term survival.

To close I want to thank everyone for supporting RLT and land conservation in general. The Richmond Trails Committee deserves special thanks and recognition for helping keep our preserve trails open and safe. Richmond voters get a big round of applause for renewing the Town's Conservation Reserve Fund, without which much of our work would have been impossible. The Conservation Reserve Fund is up for its annual renewal again this March and we hope voters will keep it alive it as a practical, low-cost way to enable Richmond to consider and act on important conservation opportunities as they arise.

Finally, if you would like to get involved in our work, please email me at jeremydhoff@gmail.com. Thanks again!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Hoff, Chair



FISCAL YEAR 2019 REPORT

WHO WE ARE

We are a municipality created in 1987 to oversee and manage solid waste in Chittenden County.

We are governed by a Board of Commissioners. Each of the communities in Chittenden County appoints a volunteer Commissioner to the Board.

Our mission is to reduce and manage the solid waste generated within Chittenden County in an environmentally sound, efficient, effective and economical manner.

HOW WE'RE FUNDED

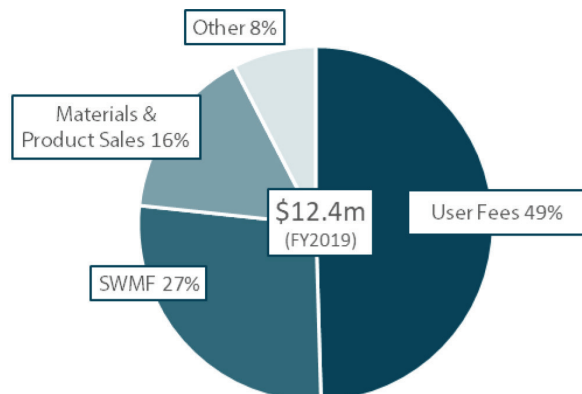
Our revenue comes from three primary sources:

User fees on incoming material at our facilities;

The **Solid Waste Management Fee (SWMF)**, a per-ton fee on material sent to the landfill;

Sales of materials and products that we collect, sort or process at our facilities.

We do not receive any state or local tax funding.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

As of July 1, 2018

BOLTON

Rep: Duncan Galbraith

BURLINGTON

Rep: Rob Green

Alt: Jennifer Green

CHARLOTTE

Rep: Abby Foulk

Alt: Rachel Stein

COLCHESTER

Rep: Tim Moran

Alt: Jeffrey Bartley

ESSEX

Rep: Alan Nye

Alt: Max Levy

ESSEX JUNCTION

Rep: Alan Nye

Alt: George Tyler

HINESBURG

Rep: Lynn Gardner

Alt: Doug Taff

HUNTINGTON

Rep: Roman Livak

Alt: Landel Cochran

JERICHO

Rep: Leslie Nulty

Alt: Bert Lindholm

MILTON

Rep: Ken Nolan

Alt: Vacant

RICHMOND

Rep: Adam Sherman

Alt: Logan Hegg

ST. GEORGE

Rep: Maggie Kerrin

SHELBURNE

Rep: Timothy Loucks

Alt: Lee Krohn

SOUTH BURLINGTON

Rep: Paul Stabler

UNDERHILL

Rep: Dan Steinbauer

Alt: Paul Ruess

WESTFORD

Rep: Michelle DaVia

WILLISTON

Rep: Craig Abrahams

Alt: Caylin McCamp

WINOOSKI

Rep: Bryn Oakleaf

Alt: Candice Holbrook

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE

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FACILITIES & OPERATIONS:

Facilities for household quantities of blue-bin and special recycling, food scraps, trash, DROP-OFF CENTERS (DOCS): Owned & operated by CSWD. Convenient, one-stop and more. Blue-bin recycling collected at Drop-Off Centers dropped 2.2% to 2,900 tons, and household trash increased 8.3% to 6,612 tons over FY18.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT: Owned & operated by CSWD. Safe drop-off for almost all types of household hazardous waste. 1,137 households and 720 businesses brought in 784,929 lbs. of hazardous waste for processing in FY19, a 3% decrease from FY18. This included 7,803 gallons of latex paint re-blended and sold in Vermont as Local Color.

GREEN MOUNTAIN COMPOST: Owned & operated by CSWD. We turn community food scraps, leaves, and yard debris into high quality compost products to improve soil in lawns and gardens. We composted 14,488 tons of material in FY19, including 5,763 tons of food scraps, an decrease of 2% from FY18.

MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF): Owned by CSWD; operated by Casella. The MRF sorts and prepares large loads of blue-bin recyclables -- paper, cardboard, and clean single-use containers -- for sale to processors. The MRF received 45,365 tons of material in FY19, a 4% decrease from FY18. Roughly 7% was landfilled non-recyclable material. The weighted average revenue from the sale of recyclables was \$52 per ton in FY19, a 40% decrease over the FY18 average.

**RICHMOND DROP OFF CENTER IS
LOCATED ON ROGERS LANE**
8 AM – 3:30 AM Tuesday & Saturday 434-2712

COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER (COTS)

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is grateful for the allocation we received in 2020 from citizens of the Town of Richmond. COTS utilized this funding to help offset the cost of sheltering homeless individuals and families, and to prevent many more households from becoming homeless.

During the most recent state fiscal year (7.1.19 – 6.30.20) COTS provided help and hope to ten households (24 individuals including 5 children) living in Richmond.

Financial support received from the Town of Richmond helped make a positive outcome for this family possible:

“Angela” was working as a nurse at a private medical practice when her hours were cut due to decreased patient visits across the organization during the pandemic. As a military veteran and single mother of three young girls, she began feverishly applying for other nursing positions as well as accessing local resources for veterans after the additional \$600 in unemployment insurance benefits ended earlier this summer. She was given small amounts of assistance here and there to keep her afloat, but she soon found her unemployment benefits were not enough to cover her mortgage and the monthly expenses for herself and her three girls. A HRC housing specialist met with Angela to assess her situation and determined that she was eligible for assistance through COTS HRC. COTS would help pay back a portion of Angela’s overdue mortgage payments to prevent her from becoming at risk of homelessness while she worked to secure employment. Angela met with a HRC housing specialist via the phone on a regular basis to help her set goals and improve her budgeting skills. Angela applied for dozens of jobs every week, but initially found it challenging to secure a new nursing position. By the end of October, she had achieved all her goals, including finding employment as a nurse. She and her three children continue to live comfortably in their home.

We greatly appreciate the support we received from the citizens of the Town of Richmond last year and in years past, which helps ensure that our programs remain open and available to everyone who needs help.

Thank you so very much!

TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR AND ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Perhaps our most significant energy project over the past year was the installation of an EV Charging Station in the Town Center Parking lot. This project was two years in the making and was funded in large part by a state grant. RCAC wrote the grant proposal for the town with a shout out to Steve Bower who did the heavy lifting on the grant proposal. Total project costs were \$21,000 with 90% of the project costs covered by grant funds. The state grant funds came from a settlement with VW when they were caught actively lying to the EPA about the miles per gallon claims on their diesel vehicles. The charging station is now operational and available to all.

Other projects RCAC this year included:

- Frequent postings to Front Porch Forum on energy efficiency topics and strategies
- Curated with Radiate Art Space an exhibit of artwork addressing the climate crisis for the Richmond Free Library and Richmond Town Center which was to be exhibited throughout the month of April 2020 in recognition of Earth Day. A public reading of prose and poetry was also planned to accompany the exhibit. Unfortunately, the exhibit and readings were postponed due to the pandemic.
- Before the pandemic, a series of workshops were offered by Radiate Art Space and Richmond Climate Action Committee over the winter of 2019-2020. These workshops gave participants the opportunity to create climate-focused cartoons, posters, banners, collages, and prints.
- Sponsored a free, socially distanced Basic Bicycle Maintenance Workshop on August 12, at Volunteer's Green in Richmond, taught by Art Herttua.
- Provided input to the Richmond Bike, Walk, and Trails Plan and the Bridge Street Complete Streets Corridor Study being developed by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for the Richmond Planning Commission.
- On a state-wide level, RCAC worked with the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network, a coalition of the 120+ Town Energy Committees across the state, to lobby the legislature on the Global Warming Solutions Act. This legislation, which overcame a Gubernatorial veto, established a Climate Council that will develop a plan for the state to meet its climate change commitments and will hold the state accountable on its progress toward meeting those commitments.

Richmond town buildings and town owned properties are not well suited for solar. In 2017, the Town issued a request for proposals to find an off-site solar net metering project whose output could be applied against town electric accounts. The Town received several proposals and Green Lantern, a renewable energy developer based in Jericho, was the winning bidder. They offered the Town a 20% discount on the cost of electricity produced by an array they built down in Bennington. The 150-kW solar array produces over 200,000 kWh per year annually

and the Town averages over \$9,000 per year in savings on electricity costs.

The Richmond Climate Action Committee (RCAC) is dedicated to reducing carbon pollution and advancing climate justice through local action. We are a group of concerned citizens (not an official town committee) and meet monthly (on Zoom for now). Learn more and join us!

<https://www.richmondclimateaction.net/>

Respectfully Submitted,
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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Burlington District, 2021

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

COVID-19

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

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

Additional Programs

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

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



Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov
Join us on www.facebook.com/healthvermont

MOUNT MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (MMCTV)

Please get to know us! We are the community media center for Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill. MMCTV pivoted in 2020, providing most key government and school board meetings live on MMCTV's government channel (Comcast Cable 1086) and on Youtube. We edited & archived more meetings than ever and, and filmed and streamed unique pandemic-time events, from MMU's graduation to farmers market adaptations and the November elections! Though our studio was closed, we offered curbside video equipment.

Apart from public meetings, we partner with many local non-profit organizations to share their messages with you. We are particularly proud of being a media sponsor for the "Racism in America" forum that is co-sponsored by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and The Vermont Racial Justice Alliance; we share the videos with organizations like us around the country. Last year we "moved up in the world" from Comcast channels 15 and 17 to channels 1076

(Public/Educational) and 1086 (Government). We have big plans for 2021, including new remote camera systems for meeting coverage; stay tuned! Your feedback and donations are always welcome at our 501c3 organization, which is part of a network of 25 public access centers in Vermont.

If you would like to learn more, visit our website MtMansfieldCtv.org

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

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FRONT PORCH FORUM

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

- More than 200,000 members participate. That's 750 FPF members for every 1,000 Vermont households!
- We're publishing 1.2 million newsletters statewide every week.
- More than 2 million postings have been shared by FPF members
- We've gained some remarkable national attention lately for our community building work, local focus, and approach to digital tech. Listen to this segment on the "On the Media" podcast featured on NPR and read this recent article in Politico to learn more. Or check it all out on our blog.

Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

Many local 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



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January 12, 2021

Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District Annual Report

The Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District (MMUUSD) Annual Report will be available February 12, 2021. The report will include a proposed 2021-22 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 (Preschool)
- 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 schools, 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.

Mt. Mansfield Unified Union School District Audits can be viewed by going to: <https://www.mmuusd.org/>

SMILIE MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Barbara Tomasi-Gay
Principal

Smilie Memorial School began this most unusual school year on September 8, 2020, in a Hybrid model, with our school population divided into two groups. Our teachers were ready as we had received some excellent inservice training on outdoor teaming activities. The trainers happened to be two parents who also own the Petra Cliffs Climbing Center and Mountaineering School. Teachers learned some wonderful games and activities to share with their students in outdoor settings. We are so appreciative of these two individuals who gave of their time to better our school community.

Our teachers were brave and dedicated to the well-being of our students. We placed great emphasis on the social and emotional needs of our students, families, and staff. Our school counselor made sure to touch base with students individually, in small groups and in whole classes, mostly outside! We have successfully practiced social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing on a daily basis. Our teachers were fearless as we accommodated the ever-changing guidelines from the Vermont Department of Health, Agency of Education and Center for Disease Control. Everyone was extremely happy when 100% in person instruction was allowed.

Our Outdoor Education initiative has taken on a whole new level of urgency. Most of our Unified Arts teachers, i.e., Art, Music, Library, P.E. held their classes outside. Teachers have also been spending quality time outdoors. Students took on a whole new appreciation of our outdoor world. Tents, alternate seating, plexiglas and rolling carts all have helped to make us safely learn together!

This year, we welcomed Ms. Fiona Farmer as our Grade 2 & 3 teacher. Ms. Cathy Bristol, formerly Grade 2 & 3 teacher, became a Virtual Academy teacher for the year. Ms. Delphia was on maternity leave so Ms. Laurie Menard became our grade 1 & 2 teacher, until Ms. Delphia returned in January. In January, Ms. Menard will return to her original job of being our Academic Interventionist.

We continue to expand our practices of Restorative Justice and Mindful meeting circles. Teachers are engaged in high level professional development for Literacy, Math and Science, on a weekly basis. Data from student work is analyzed monthly. Students work in Reading and Writing Workshops as well as a strong Math Curriculum every day. We are all dedicated to the social-emotional and academic well-being of all in our educational family. We are grateful for the support of our amazing community.

- Enrollment: PreK-4 68, K-4 54, Virtual Academy 10

BREWSTER-PIERCE MEMORIAL SCHOOL

*Sally Hayes
Principal*

It has been a busy year at Brewster-Pierce! Students continue to learn in a dynamic environment which promotes independence, a love of learning, curiosity, creativity and resilience. Students and staff were challenged multiple times throughout this school year, including a pivot to remote learning. Each time, educators and students rose to new challenges. We relied on the support of families in ways we never imagined; their ongoing support has been critical and it's what makes BPMS such a special place.

This year we have focused on the integration of our social studies curriculum with literacy. We spent time revising lessons and units to reflect a more balanced narrative for our youngest learners. We have added new informational and fictional texts to our classroom and school libraries, bringing new perspectives to the forefront of learning for all children. We continue to implement our new word study curriculum which integrates phonics, spelling and decoding skills. We are working to embed the practice of word study skills within reading and writing practice daily.

We continue to include critical social and emotional learning strategies, including restorative practices, throughout the school day. We participated in professional development through the state which strengthened our foundation of restorative practices and has enabled us to coach and share new practices with staff and students using a universal design approach.

This year we received a large grant through LLBean which will support Outdoor Learning. We have also been collaborating with the Huntington Conservation Commission and The Trust for Public Land as they work to acquire the 245 acres adjacent to school. This parcel will soon be the Huntington Community Forest <https://forest.huntingtonvt.org> This new community forest will provide greater opportunity for students and staff to expand Outdoor Learning. We are looking forward to many hours of learning and fun in the forest.

- Enrollment: PreK-4 117, K-4 97, Virtual Academy 6

JERICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Victoria Graf
Principal

In the spring of 2020, learning at Jericho Elementary School went virtual due to the pandemic. Our school community quickly reached out to families to provide online learning. Students were provided with all the materials needed to succeed while learning remotely. Teachers created welcoming Google classrooms with engaging learning activities.

This fall, 300 students returned to Jericho Elementary School in person and an additional 16 students are attending the Virtual Academy. Our students and educators are excited to be back in school. Our first priority has been the social and emotional well being of our students and making sure safety protocols are in place so we can continue to attend school in person. In addition, our educators are working together closely to support students academically. Students are regaining skills they lost during our school closure and are also learning new skills. They love being back in school.

This fall, we formed a school based equity committee to support the district equity work. We are exploring our implicit bias and learning new strategies to ensure that all students feel included in our school community. This is such critical work to ensure access for all students and to broaden our students' understanding of the world around us.

At the end of this school year, I will be retiring as the Principal of Jericho Elementary School after 15 years at Jericho and after 45 years in education. I have been honored to lead this school community. I am proud of the work our community has done to support student learning. We have worked together to transform the school.

During my tenure, we built a playground, installed a walking path and replaced the roofs on both wings of the building. We implemented school wide literacy and math programs with systems in place to meet the needs of all learners.

- Enrollment: K-4 300, Virtual Academy 16

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jeremy Rector
Principal

With a growth mindset, adaptability, patience, and collective, creative energies, we at RES have stood up to the adversity of the COVID-19 pandemic this school year, and continue to inspire learners in making meaningful connections each school day. While much of the focus this year has been on re-imagining school and developing new and ever-changing health and safety protocols, there are also several amazing ways in which we have been able to enhance student learning.

For several years now, RES has maintained two outdoor learning spaces that have provided many opportunities for exploration and project-based activities that engage students in the world around them. Through a tremendous District and community effort this year, RES now boasts six separate and unique outdoor learning spaces; all of which include a variety of seating options and dynamic structures that offer many different ways for students to learn while in nature. A newly formed committee is exploring professional development and local partnerships to ensure that our work in these spaces truly embraces outdoor education in its entirety, and to ensure that our approach and connection to outdoor learning continues to expand for years to come.

I am also proud to highlight the work that the RES faculty and staff have been invested in with Rebecca Haslam of Seed the Way. For the past 3 years, we have been working with Rebecca as a consultant. We have been digging deep into our professional practices and learning resources to ensure equity and social awareness in our methods, and to identify and disrupt any ways that we may be inadvertently oppressing those who are marginalized in our community. This year, I am excited to report that the District and RES staff are working with Rebecca to directly address any bias and racism that may exist in our own thinking and work with students. We are all committed to providing anti-bias and anti-racist education to all learners, and we are excited to engage in professional reflection and learning so that we may make any changes necessary to guarantee that all students and families feel equally welcome, supported, challenged, and inspired as valued members of our learning community.

- Enrollment: PreK-4 261, K-4 222, Virtual Academy 30

UNDERHILL CENTRAL SCHOOL

Jennifer Cote
Principal

Underhill Central School welcomed 118 students back to school for in-person instruction this school year. After six months of being away from school, students transitioned seamlessly back into the learning environment. I have been inspired by their resilience and ability to follow the newly established health and safety guidelines during this unprecedented time. Our teaching community acknowledges that all students have been impacted by the pandemic with vast differences in their experiences and are dedicated to ensuring social and emotional learning (SEL) is at the forefront of all learning during this unique school year.

We have a staff that cares deeply about our children and their education. They are always willing to take on new challenges, reflect on their practices and make changes as new challenges arise. Our staff are committed to meeting every student where they are. They regularly examine student progress and determine next steps for instruction in all content areas through a professional learning committee and data teams. Our learning community has also spent an increased amount of time outdoors this year. Each teacher established an outdoor learning area and utilized this space for all content areas, unified arts, and lunch. We welcome the opportunity to be outside as much as possible and continue to explore the connection between nature and learning.

UCS is devoted to our district's equity and antiracist initiatives. Our staff utilize the district's Anti Bias Anti Racist council's lessons to reflect on our experiences and ensure we embrace the unique backgrounds, identities and perspectives of our community. Social studies units are also being revised to align with our equity work and provide opportunities for diverse voices and experiences to be incorporated into the curriculum.

- Enrollment: 118 K-4, Virtual Academy 11

BROWNS RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Kevin Hamilton
Principal*

*Rebecca Marsh
Assistant Principal*

The 2020-21 school year brought about many challenges during the COVID 19 pandemic, but also many opportunities to discover new ways to educate our students. The faculty and staff of Browns River Middle School were dedicated to support both student academics and emotional learning throughout the spring remote learning experience and this fall's hybrid instructional model, as well. With the support of District Academic Coaches, our teachers worked closely with the teachers at Camels Hump Middle School to create common academic lessons for all our 5-8th grade students in the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District. Teachers met virtually every week to plan consistent lessons that would be delivered to students both virtually and in the classroom. Much of our professional development this year focused on improving virtual instruction, equity work, and social emotional learning.

Browns River Middle School students were able to participate in a modified sports program this fall. Soccer, field hockey, and cross-country teams were able to practice and hold several competitions with the athletes from Camels Hump Middle School. It was a great opportunity for our district students to connect and build on relationships that will continue to develop when they reach high school. Club advisors were also able to find creative ways to meet with students in a variety of formats that ensured the safety of our community. Students were able to participate in Vermont History Day, November's National Novel Writer's Month, and Math Club.

We are proud of the efforts of our students and staff during this very challenging year. The children of BRMS have been vigilant in following our health expectations since their return to school in September. They have taken their responsibilities to keep our community safe seriously. All the staff at BRMS is looking forward to the day when we are able to welcome all of our students back into our school for full in-person instruction.

- Enrollment: 5-8 323, Virtual Academy 31

CAMELS HUMP MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Mark Carbone
Principal*

*Wilhelmina Picard
Assistant Principal*

During the 2019-2020 academic year, Camels Hump Middle School has continued our work with inquiry-based instruction. During the fall of 2020, our eighth grade Legacy Team designed and created a pollinator garden from the data collected from the school participation in a “bioblitz” the prior year. We continue partnerships with a variety of community groups partnering to plant disease resistant elm trees combating Dutch elm disease, extending the riparian buffer at Volunteers Green, removing invasive species, and rivershore restoration. Social Studies instructors engaged in developing units that addressed the multiple perspectives represented to ensure that our curriculum represents all equitability. CHMS literacy and math teachers continue to expand their skills at analyzing students’ preexisting knowledge (what students already know and are able to do) and forming small groups for explicit instruction to develop those understandings. Math and ELA target benchmark understandings (the big ideas) that will support continued success in student learning.

CHMS also continued our Equity work implementing weekly conversations with students focusing on our individual and collective responsibilities in creating an inclusive community. We continue to strive to meet our school mission statement: *To create a civil and inclusive school community where people are respected, valued, and welcome participants so that everyone succeeds here.*

Enrollment: 5-8 280, Virtual Academy 48

MT. MANSFIELD UNION HIGH SCHOOL

*Michael Weston
Principal*

*Krystina Fernandez
Assistant Principal*

*David Marlow
Activities Director*

Oh....what a year! We started the 2019-2020 school year with typical energy and the 53rd senior class at MMU set a tone that was an equal mix of determination and laughter. Students and staff were working on making tweaks to our new system, required because of the move to proficiency-based graduation system. These adjustments had the effect of making the curriculum more applicable to students and our hope is a better prepared graduate. We had great turnout for our extracurricular activities and clubs, well over 70% of MMU students participated in at least one of these opportunities and for many students it was multiple activities. Our belief is that by focusing on the classroom and on what occurs outside of the classroom, we can better prepare our students to be Effective Engaged Citizens when they move on from our hallways.

As we are all aware, we did not end the year in a typical manner. The Class of 2020 had their graduation ceremony on the MMU athletic field, instead of walking in as a class they drove in with their family and stayed in a 10x10 box with those that entered in the vehicle with them. This very different ceremony worked wonderfully and celebrated these students as they completed their journey through MMUUSD schools. Like graduation, everything in the spring had significant adjustments, but because of the efforts of staff, students, and families, we were able to get through good and bad times together. I want to thank students and their families for the energy they put into making all parts of last year work as well as it could - we appreciate you!

- Enrollment: 9-12 736, Virtual Academy 48

**Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District
FY22 Budget Summary**

Description	Restated* FY20	Actual FY20	Budget FY21
General Instructional Programs (PK-12)	20,115,249	19,765,284	20,595,576
Special Education Programs (PK-12)	10,010,028	10,561,517	10,935,892
Career and Technical Education	957,848	872,287	965,365
Co-Curricular Activities	680,893	534,427	708,372
Social Work, Guidance & Other Student Support Svcs.	1,276,199	1,271,741	1,410,657
Health Services	528,253	490,867	496,647
Curriculum & Professional Development	481,440	558,528	558,304
Technology & Library Services	1,799,680	1,724,684	1,863,121
Board of Education, Legal & Negotiations	71,311	75,701	75,311
Superintendent's Office	721,402	773,425	715,044
School Administration & Support	2,641,153	2,545,047	2,723,691
Fiscal Services	775,703	775,803	757,091
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	4,247,236	4,007,437	4,240,851
Transportation Services	2,329,091	2,255,135	2,602,961
Capital Projects	525,000	480,810	325,000
Other Fiscal Services	282,000	282,000	282,000
Debt Service	948,835	961,612	870,675
Total Expenditures	48,391,321	47,936,305	50,126,558
Education Spending Revenue	39,480,533	39,516,313	40,530,497
Career & Tech Ed Transfer	479,516	467,266	503,491
Small School Grant	42,632	42,631	42,632
Drivers Education	10,000	8,229	10,000
High School Completion	30,000	44,392	30,000
Tuition Income	234,022	187,200	117,000
Interest Income	132,000	212,299	170,000
Transportation State Revenue	940,000	957,963	940,000
Special Education State Revenue	6,011,603	6,008,184	6,600,237
Other Income	44,250	299,330	47,500
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	986,764	-	1,135,201
Total Revenue	48,391,320	47,743,807	50,126,558

**FY20 Budget was restated due to the MMUUSD merger that wer*

Proposed FY22	\$ Variance	% Change
20,980,986	385,410	1.87%
11,042,759	106,867	0.98%
1,134,477	169,112	17.52%
750,024	41,652	5.88%
1,515,696	105,039	7.45%
573,751	77,104	15.52%
495,202	(63,102)	-11.30%
2,187,752	324,631	17.42%
79,995	4,684	6.22%
790,672	75,628	10.58%
2,682,335	(41,356)	-1.52%
715,579	(41,512)	-5.48%
4,302,752	61,901	1.46%
2,391,820	(211,141)	-8.11%
325,000	-	0.00%
282,000	-	0.00%
873,076	2,401	0.28%
51,123,876	997,317	1.99%
41,694,352	1,163,855	2.87%
550,440	46,949	9.32%
42,632	-	0.00%
10,000	-	0.00%
30,000	-	0.00%
70,000	(47,000)	-40.17%
190,000	20,000	11.76%
925,000	(15,000)	-1.60%
6,696,120	95,883	1.45%
125,000	77,500	163.16%
790,332	(344,869)	-30.38%
51,123,876	997,318	1.99%

nt into effect 7/1/19.

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

March 2, 2021

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 town school districts on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021** 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 Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend **\$51,123,876**, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2021-22 fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$16,660** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **2.95%** higher than spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District are further warned and notified that virtual informational meetings will be offered at 6:00 pm on February 18, 2021 and February 25, 2021 for the purpose of explaining the 2021-22 proposed budget. To find information on how to attend and participate in these meetings, please go <https://www.mmuusd.org/> or call 802-434-2128.

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 11th day of January, 2021 and approved unanimously by the MMUUSD Board of Directors.

**OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021
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 2021 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 8, 2021 and MARCH 1, 2021 BOTH AT 7PM.**

The voters are further warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 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 2, 2021

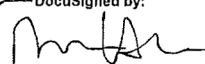
- Article 1. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot.
(To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of **\$4,191,306** to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?
(To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 3. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to approve a loan toward the purchase of a dump truck in the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$110,000? (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the establishment of the “Town Center Reserve Fund” and transfer to it accumulated rent paid by Town Center tenants (Approximately \$583,820 as of February 28, 2021) to be used to pay, in whole or in part, utilities and insurance of the Town Center Building; and maintenance, planning, and capital costs of the Town Center Building, the Library Building, and the Town owned land each building occupies? (To be voted by Australian ballot)

- Article 5. If Article 4 is approved, shall rent hereafter paid by Town Center tenants be deposited to the Town Center Reserve Fund? (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 6. Shall the Town of Richmond vote pursuant to S.54 to approve operations of cannabis retailers within the Town of Richmond? (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 7. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to approve funding the Conservation Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in the 2021-2022 fiscal year? (To be voted by Australian ballot)
- Article 8. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of replacing and relocating 800 feet of waterline on Bridge Street, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)?


Richmond Select Board

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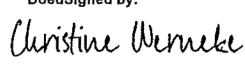
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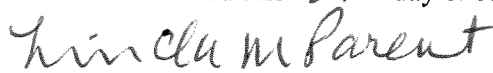
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Received for record this 21ST day of January 2021



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 March 1, 2021.**

Mt. Mansfield Unified Union School District: The legal voters of the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held for the purpose of explaining the 2021-2022 proposed budget:

MMUUSD budget informational meeting ~ **February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM** virtually via Google Meet.

MMUUSD Annual Meeting & budget informational meeting ~ **February 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM** virtually via Google Meet

Richmond Select Board: The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are warned and notified that an informational meetings will be held virtually via Zoom on February 8, 2021 and March 1, 2021 each commencing at **7:00 PM**, for the purpose of explaining the 2021-2022 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

Login Information for Informational Meetings:

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88336589221?pwd=NGVlbHVQSUN0TlpKcTBuaUlzSG1TQT09>

Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 883 3658 9221

Passcode: 479083

MARCH 1, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82240318792?pwd=MmN6LzVBdDBheHR5aWZqMk1lZTJtUT09>

Join by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 822 4031 8792

Passcode: 997425

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
RICHMOND, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">vote for not One Year Term more than one</p> <p>CLINT BUXTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SELECTBOARD</p> <p align="center">vote for not Two Year Term more than one</p> <p>JUNE D. HESTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JENNIFER SENSENICH <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FIRST CONSTABLE</p> <p align="center">vote for not One Year Term more than one</p> <p>GABRIEL FIRMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ANDY SQUIRES <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">SELECTBOARD</p> <p align="center">vote for not Three Year Term more than one</p> <p>TERRY MOULTRUP <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CODY "Q" QUATTROCCI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">vote for not Five Year Term more than one</p> <p>GEORGE GIFFORD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">MOUNT MANSFIELD UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DIRECTOR</p> <p align="center">vote for not Three Year Term more than one</p> <p>KATIE A. NELSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">vote for not Five Year Term more than one</p> <p>LAURIE DANA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>AMY WARDWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	

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ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of \$4,191,306 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to approve a loan toward the purchase of a dump truck in the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$110,000?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 4. Shall the voters authorize the establishment of the "Town Center Reserve Fund" and transfer to it accumulated rent paid by Town Center tenants (Approximately \$583,820 as of February 28, 2021) to be used to pay, in whole or in part, utilities and insurance of the Town Center Building; and maintenance, planning, and capital costs of the Town Center Building, the Library Building, and the Town owned land each building occupies?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 5. If Article 4 is approved, shall rent hereafter paid by Town Center tenants be deposited to the Town Center Reserve Fund? ?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Richmond vote pursuant to S.54 to approve operations of cannabis retailers within the Town of Richmond?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Richmond vote to approve funding the Conservation Reserve Fund by adding one cent to the municipal tax rate in the 2021-2022 fiscal year?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
ARTICLE 8. Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of replacing and relocating 800 feet of waterline on Bridge Street, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Assistant Town Clerk	Martha Laing	434-2221
Delinquent Tax Collector	Laurie Brisbin	434-2221
Financial Director	Connie Bona	434-2221
Fire Chief.....	Dennis Gile	
.....	434-2002 (non-emergency)	
Highway Road Foreman.....	Peter Gosselin	434-2631
Library Director.....	Rebecca Mueller	434-3036
Police Chief	Kyle Kapitanski-Acting	434-2156
(non-emergency)		
Richmond Town Historian	Harriet W. Riggs	434-2556
Town Manager	Josh Arneson	434-5170
Town Planner	Ravi Venkataraman	434-2430
Water Resources Superintendent	Kendall Chamberlin	
434-2178		
Zoning Administrative Officer	vacant	434-2430

APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS

Animal Control Agent	Andrew Squires	363-7162
Chittenden County		
Regional Planning Commission.....	Bard Hill	434-5672
Chittenden Solid Waste District.....	Logan Hegg	448-8479
Energy Coordinator	Jeffrey Forward	434-2344
Emergency		
Management Coordinator.....	Josh Arneson	434-5170
Forest Fire Warden	Dennis Gile	316-7558
Assistant Forest Fire Warden	Gerald Levesque	310-7182
To obtain a Burn Permit, call Shelburne Dispatch 985-8051		
Weigher of Coal.....	Jay Furr	434-4601
.....	Jeff Forward	434-2344
Lake Iroquois Committee.....	Jack Linn	434-4882
Town Fence Viewers	Jared Katz	434-4995
.....	Carole Furr	434-4601
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood ..	Jon Kart	999-7515
Town Health Officer.....	Eric Wood	735-4702
Deputy Town Health Officer.....	Kevin Duniho	752-7990
Town Tree Warden	Matthew Leonetti	760-7577
Richmond Rescue Representative		
.....	Ken Heskett	734-358-8180

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Superintendent, CESU	Dr. John Alberghini	434-2128
Principal, MMUHS	Michael Weston	899-4690
Principal, CHMS	Mark Carbone	434-2188
Principal, RES	Jeremy Rector	434-2461

STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor Honorable Phil Scott

1-802-828-3322

VT State House 115 State St Montpelier VT 05633

Lt. Governor Molly Gray

1-802-828-2226

VT State House 115 State St Montpelier VT 05633

Secretary of State Jim Condos

1-800-439-8683

128 State St Montpelier VT 05633

U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy

863-2525 1-800-642-3193

119 Main St Floor 4 Burlington VT 05401

U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders

1-800-339-9834

1 Church St Floor 3 Burlington VT 05401

U.S. Representative Peter Welch

1-888-605-7270

128 Lakeside Ave Ste 235 Burlington VT 05401

State Senators :

Chittenden County

Thomas Chittenden (D) 233-1913

Philip Baruth, Burlington (D) 503-5266

Virginia Lyons, Williston (D) 863-6129

Christopher Pearson, Burlington (P/D) 860-3933

Kesha Ram (D) 881-4433

Michael Sirotkin (D) 999-4360

All Mailing addresses:

115 State Street Montpelier VT 05633

Chittenden 1 Representatives:

Jana Brown

PO Box 66

Richmond, VT 05477

Phone Statehouse 1-800-322-5616

Phone Home 802-999-4333

Email: jbrown@leg.state.vt.us

CSWD Drop-off Center

434-2712

Located at 80 Rogers Lane

Off Route 117 (River Rd)

Open:

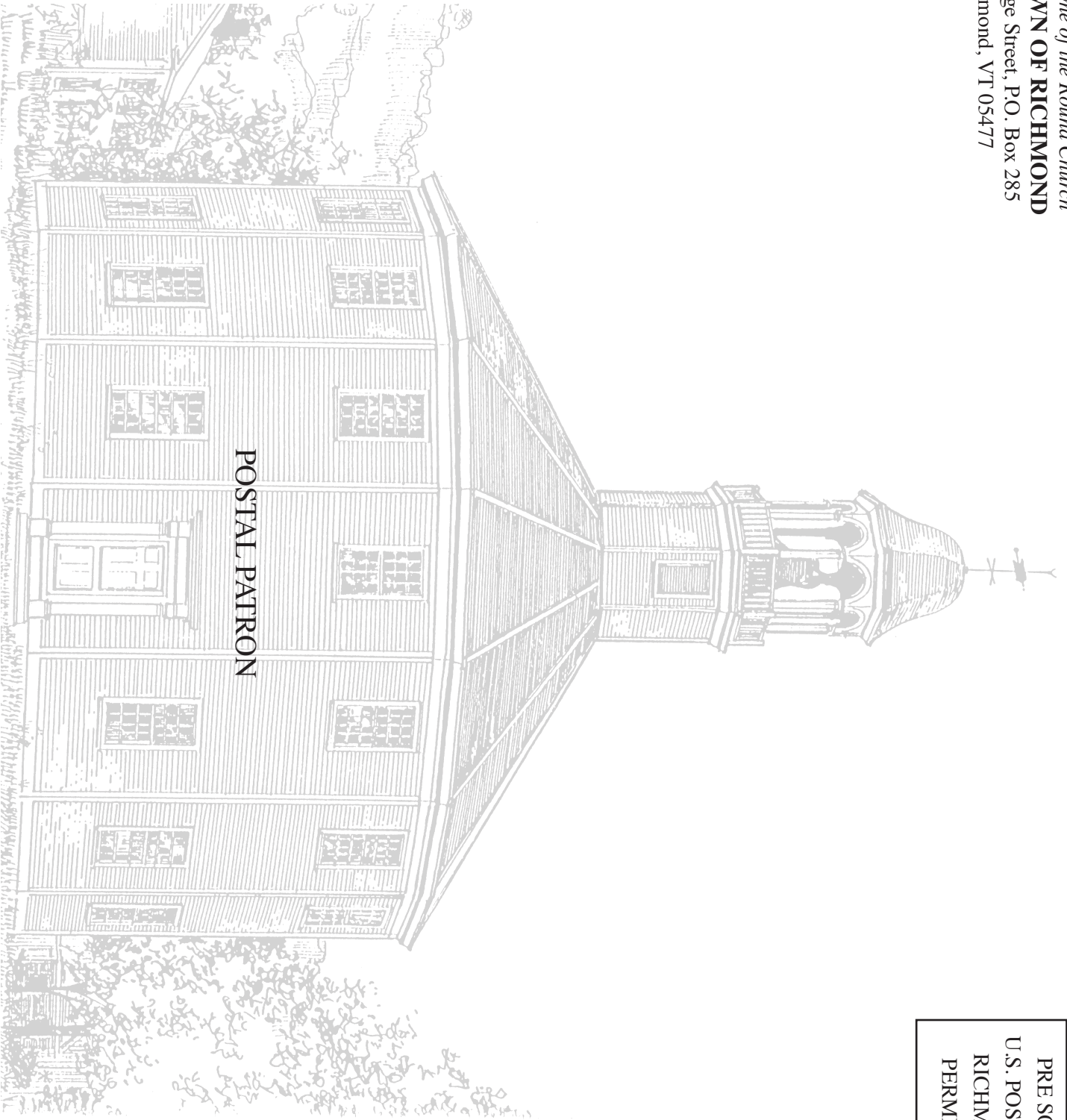
Tuesday 8:00-3:30

Saturday 8:00-3:30



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