

Town of
MARSHFIELD
VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2021



Outdoor Playgroup and Story Time
at the Jaquith Library

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Moderator Michael Caccavo

Town Clerk & Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe

Selectpersons

Term Expires 2022..... Michele Gonzales
 Term Expires 2023..... Rich Baker
 Term Expires 2024..... Christopher Martin

School Directors

Term Expires 2022..... Manny Sainz
 Term Expires 2023..... Patrick Healy
 Term Expires 2024..... Erin Barry

Auditors

Term Expires 2022..... Doris Dufresne
 Term Expires 2023..... Thomas Maclay
 Term Expires 2024..... Audrey Huntington

Listers

Term Expires 2022..... Laura Badeau
 Term Expires 2023..... Kathleen Hayes
 Term Expires 2024..... Meg Eberhardt

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Bobbi Brimblecombe

First Constable Shawn Codling

Budget Committee

Term Expires 2022..... Doris Dufresne
 Term Expires 2023..... Deanna Martin
 Term Expires 2024..... Michael Caccavo
 Term Expires 2025..... Thomas Maclay
 Term Expires 2026..... Betsy Brigham

Library Trustees

Term Expires 2022..... Anne Reed
 Term Expires 2022..... Sonia Carrasco
 Term Expires 2023..... Christina Ducharme
 Term Expires 2026..... Kara Casey
 Term Expires 2026..... Cathy Chodorkoff

Cemetery Trustees Board of Selectpersons

Justices of the Peace (Elected at General Election)

James Arisman, Christopher Bellamy, Meg Eberhardt, Ellen Halperin, Judy Henkin, Mary Leahy, Michael Sabourin

Appointed by Selectpersons

Planning Commission*

Term Expires 2022 vacant
Term Expires 2023 Asher Barnum
Term Expires 2024 Robin Schunk

* The Town Selectpersons and Village Trustees are Ex-officio members.

Development Review Board

Term Expires 2022 Jon Groveman
Term Expires 2022 Les Snow
Term Expires 2023 Gary Leach
Term Expires 2024 vacant
Term Expires 2024 Jenny Warshow

Zoning Administrator (Term expires 1/26/2024) Kathleen Hayes

Central Vermont Fiber Board Member John Morris

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Member

Term expires May 2022 Robin Schunk

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee Member vacant

Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt District Member vacant

Conservation Commission

Term expires 2022 Anne Miller
Term expires 2022 Taber Allison
Term expires 2023 Anne Reed
Term expires 2023 Ed Jalbert
Term expires 2024 Sarah Norton
Term expires 2024 J. Bradley Materick
Term expires 2025 Luke Boushee
Term expires 2025 Steve Fiske
Term expires 2025 Bob Popp

Energy and Climate Change Committee

Wes Cate, Anne Miller, Nick Seifert

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Term expires 2022 vacant
Term expires 2022 Ellen Cooke
Term expires 2022 Sarah Fowler
Term expires 2022 Patrick Pfeifer
Term expires 2024 Brett Engstrom
Term expires 2024 Michael Sabourin
Term expires 2024 Jenny Warshow

Recreation Committee

Drew McNaughton, Pam Quinn, Brad Washburn

Fire Chief Will Schwarz

Fire Warden (Term expires 6/30/2025) Thomas Maclay

Health Officer (Term expires 06/30/2022) Kathleen Hayes

Cemetery Sexton Joe Mangan

Pound Keeper Four Paws Inn

Dog Officer Heather Bent, Alana Vaillancourt, Seleste Weeks

Fence Viewers

Chris Bellamy, Dennis Ducharme, Richard Phillips

Tree Warden vacant

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood Dennis Ducharme

Weigher of Coal Albert St. Cyr

Assistant Town Clerk Winnie Valenza
(Appointed by the Town Clerk)

Road Foreman Timothy Ksepka

Road Crew Scott Ciampi
Paul Stecker

Village Clerk Meg Eberhardt

Village Trustees

Ian Covey, Art Gilman, Tamara McKee, Marie Olson-Badeau

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES
Marshfield Annual Town Meeting
April 6, 2021

Total registered voters on checklist	1169
Total number of voters checked off on the entrance checklist	303
Total number of absentee ballots returned	270
Total number of defective ballots (not counted but name checked off checklist)	9
Total ballots counted (number of voters checked off checklist minus defective ballots)	294

Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers:

Moderator	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>26</u>
Michael Caccavo	<u>268</u>
Write-In	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Town Clerk	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>12</u>
Bobbi Brimblecombe	<u>280</u>
Write-In	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Town Treasurer	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Bobbi Brimblecombe	<u>279</u>
Write-In	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Selectperson 3 years	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>24</u>
Christopher Martin	<u>266</u>
Write-In	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Selectperson 1 year	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>49</u>
Michele A. Gonzales	<u>238</u>
Write-In	<u>7</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Auditor	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>42</u>
Audrey Huntington	<u>251</u>
Write-In	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Lister	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>36</u>
Meg Eberhardt	<u>256</u>
Write-In	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>20</u>
Bobbi Brimblecombe	<u>272</u>
Write-In	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Constable	
Overvotes	<u>1</u>
Undervotes	<u>51</u>
Shawn S. Codling Sr.	<u>235</u>

Write-In	<u>7</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Budget Committee Member	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>38</u>
Betsy Brigham	<u>254</u>
Write-In	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>294</u>
Library Trustee	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>88</u>
Kara Casey	<u>249</u>
Cathy Chodorkoff	<u>248</u>
Write-In	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>588</u>

Article 2. To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director	
Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>46</u>
Erin Barry	<u>244</u>
Write-In	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures of \$1,188,186 for essential services (\$276,589 from non-tax revenue, \$107,592 from prior year surplus, and \$804,005 from property taxes)?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>5</u>
Yes	<u>254</u>
No	<u>35</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 4. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$82,727 in support of the Jaquith Public Library?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>10</u>
Yes	<u>227</u>
No	<u>57</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>6</u>
Yes	<u>236</u>
No	<u>52</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,500 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>9</u>
Yes	<u>268</u>
No	<u>17</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>12</u>
Yes	<u>250</u>
No	<u>32</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 8. Shall town tax payments be delivered to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 13, 2021, and shall school tax payments be delivered to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 5, 2021, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>14</u>
Yes	<u>267</u>
No	<u>13</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$575 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>12</u>
Yes	<u>247</u>
No	<u>35</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1400 to Central VT Council on Aging for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Yes	<u>258</u>
No	<u>23</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 3,200 to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>11</u>
Yes	<u>267</u>
No	<u>16</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 350 to Circle fka Battered Women's Services for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>14</u>
Yes	<u>244</u>
No	<u>36</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 300 to Family Center of Washington County for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Yes	<u>240</u>
No	<u>41</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300 to the Friends of the Winooski for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>20</u>
Yes	<u>221</u>
No	<u>53</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300 to Good Beginnings for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>24</u>
Yes	<u>223</u>
No	<u>47</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 882 to Green Mountain Transit for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Yes	<u>250</u>
No	<u>31</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to Green Up Vermont for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>14</u>
Yes	<u>253</u>
No	<u>27</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 1,100 to Onion River Food Shelf for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>12</u>
Yes	<u>269</u>
No	<u>13</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to Our House for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>27</u>
Yes	<u>218</u>
No	<u>49</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$300 to Peoples Health and Wellness for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>1</u>
Undervotes	<u>17</u>
Yes	<u>241</u>
No	<u>35</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 21. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000 to Twin Valley Senior Center for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>15</u>
Yes	<u>256</u>
No	<u>23</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 22. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 250 to Twinfield Together Mentoring Program for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>1</u>
Undervotes	<u>14</u>
Yes	<u>231</u>
No	<u>48</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 23. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 150 to VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Yes	<u>256</u>
No	<u>25</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 24. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 150 to VT Center for Independent Living for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>13</u>
Yes	<u>250</u>
No	<u>31</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 25. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$200 to VT Family Network for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>19</u>
Yes	<u>223</u>
No	<u>52</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 26. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>11</u>
Yes	<u>264</u>
No	<u>19</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 27. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 250 Washington County Youth Services Bureau for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>16</u>
Yes	<u>240</u>
No	<u>38</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

Article 28. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 200 to Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District for services to town residents?

Overvotes	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>17</u>
Yes	<u>226</u>
No	<u>51</u>
Total	<u>294</u>

I hereby certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk
Edwina Valenza, Assistant Town Clerk

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Looking back on the year 2021 it was a bit unusual for the Selectboard as it was for everyone. The Board met virtually using Zoom for part of the year and returned to a hybrid of zoom and in-person later in the year. The purchase of new audio and video equipment has allowed this hybrid meeting to work well for the board and others attending our meetings.

Due to the pandemic the municipal building remained closed for a time, and we postponed Town Meeting. We also changed our open Town Meeting to vote on municipal items by Australian Ballot and used outdoor, drive-thru voting.

Marshfield received a planning grant and hired the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to work with us to rewrite our Hazard Mitigation Plan, to meet FEMA requirements, so that Marshfield will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement in case of future disasters.

In January, the Selectboard hired Paul Stecker to fill the open Road Crew position created when Shane Brickey took a job with another municipality. Paul has a lot of experience and many skills to compliment our other crew members. Over the winter we also hired a new Zoning Administrator. Kate Hayes has taken on this job along with her work as a Lister and Health Officer.

As spring approached, long-time Board member Laurie Colgan had to resign from the Selectboard as she sold her property in Marshfield. Laurie was an asset to the Board, and we thank her for her years of service to the Town and wish her good luck in the future. The opening on the Board was filled at Town Meeting by Michele Gonzales.

The Board instructed the Road Crew to develop a small parking area off Bemis Farm Road on Depot Hill. This will allow a safer option for people who are accessing the increased recreational opportunities on the rail bed and surrounding properties.

Most residents have probably been contacted already by New England Municipal Consultants, the appraisal company hired by the town to conduct the town-wide reappraisal. They have been working all year, and this is good timing as we received notice from the State that our common level of appraisal dropped to 80%, below the level that automatically triggers a town-wide reappraisal.

Thanks to Rich Baker's hard work and diligence, the Board worked through revising some of our old ordinances and creating a new livestock ordinance. This was an overdue, much needed update.

The Town purchased a hydroseeder. This will allow the Road Crew to re-seed ditches in Town as they improve roadside drainage. The hydroseeder allows for better grass seed catch so less erosion. It also takes less manpower and is much faster to cover the same area as conventional seeding and mulching. The Town received a grant for part of the cost.

The Selectboard applied for and received the federal ARPA funds in 2021. The Board will continue to work on determining how and what the Town can spend this money on. Due to the lack of clarity about what projects would qualify, this has been more of a challenge than might be expected.

The Town has been working with VTrans during 2021 on a few different future projects. The School Street bridge is in need of a deck replacement, and some minor repairs are needed to the Upper Depot bridge. We are planning to fund the School Street bridge with a VTrans structures grant in 2022 or 2023. The Board has also been communicating with VTrans on improving the intersection of Route 2 and the Cabot Road. If this intersection can be improved it would occur with the Route 2 improvements that the state has been planning.

The Selectboard is also in the planning phase of building a side porch off the Library. This would serve as an additional entrance in case we had to close the building again, and would allow people to sit outside to use the wi-fi. Safety concerns could also be addressed at the same time. ARPA money may be able to fund this project.

The Town ended the year with an unexpected and welcome surplus. A combination of factors led to the surplus that the Board used to boost some designated fund as well as increasing the Town's working capital, and we carried enough surplus forward to level fund the 2022 taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Martin, Michele Gonzales, and Rich Baker

NET BUDGET AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Administration	150,927	144,461	150,085	165,755	155,138	150,916	163,259	201,572
Highways	515,435	516,663	502,374	537,019	552,526	599,711	620,638	611,307
Fire Department	63,548	63,548	63,647	67,832	69,082	72,119	73,219	76,024
EMS	20,500	20,500	20,500	43,500	46,100	47,318	48,572	49,865
Planning & Zoning	16,347	19,445	19,642	15,336	12,735	7,738	10,388	1,715
Recreation	3,950	2,250	2,250	1,900	1,900	2,400	2,925	2,925
Buildings & Grounds	5,933	5,209	-4,472	-16,797	-20,402	-11,087	-7,404	-2,134
Total Essential Services	776,640	772,076	754,026	814,545	817,079	869,115	911,597	941,274
Less Surplus/Plus Deficit	-112,909	-107,861	-109,847	-122,967	-81,621	-71,097	-107,592	-138,525
Taxes for Essential Services	663,731	664,215	644,179	691,578	735,458	798,018	804,005	802,749
Jaquith Library	74,850	76,822	79,850	80,713	78,954	82,727	82,727	84,383
Historical Society	8,455	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Cemeteries	8,500	8,500	8,600	8,600	14,000	10,500	10,500	10,500
Special Appropriations	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	0	13,920
Outside Organizations	19,915	20,415	21,165	21,615	21,540	21,740	21,540	21,140
Total Taxes to be Raised	775,451	776,407	760,249	808,961	856,407	927,440	925,227	939,147
Tax Rate	0.6567	0.6508	0.6341	0.6710	0.7089	0.7662	0.7599	0.7662 *

*estimate for comparison only, if all articles are approved. The actual rate will differ because of the reappraisal.

TAXES NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL WARNING ARTICLES

	Taxes Needed	Effect on Tax Rate	Taxes for \$100,000 Property		Taxes for \$150,000 Property		Taxes for \$200,000 Property	
			\$		\$		\$	
Article 3	\$ 802,749.00	0.6599	\$ 659.86	\$ 989.79	\$ 1,319.72			
Article 4	\$ 13,920.00	0.0114	\$ 11.44	\$ 17.16	\$ 22.88			
Article 5	\$ 84,383.00	0.0694	\$ 69.36	\$ 104.04	\$ 138.73			
Article 6	\$ 6,455.00	0.0053	\$ 5.31	\$ 7.96	\$ 10.61			
Article 7	\$ 10,500.00	0.0086	\$ 8.63	\$ 12.95	\$ 17.26			
Article 8	\$ 8,333.00	0.0068	\$ 6.85	\$ 10.27	\$ 13.70			
Articles 10-27	\$ 12,807.00	0.0105	\$ 10.53	\$ 15.79	\$ 21.05			
Total	\$ 939,147.00	0.7720	\$ 771.98	\$ 1,157.96	\$ 1,543.95			
Every \$10,000 in the budget	\$ 10,000.00	0.0082	\$ 8.22	\$ 12.33	\$ 16.44			
For a penny on the tax rate	\$ 12,165.43	0.0100	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00			

* Essential Services includes Highways, General Government, the Town Office, the Fire Department, Emergency Services, the Old Schoolhouse Common, Employment Taxes and Benefits, and Zoning and Planning. This chart assumes no increase in the grand list

TOWN ASSETS

Property:		Cost
Mears property	37 acres	7,500
Old Town forest	50 acres	195
Gravel pit	4 acres	1,000
Railroad depot	8.1 acres	2,000
Thorndike property/Martin Covered Bridge Park	70 acres & bridge	1,321
Anderson lot	1.05 acres	1,455
Virginia Stranahan Town Forest	619.6 acres	0
Town garage		41,000
Salt Shed		51,722
Old village school lot & bldg	3 acres	1
Fire station and land	2.20 acres	81,000
Total Property		187,195
Equipment - Highway:		
2020 Pickup		48,632
2022 International dumptruck		131,027
2021 International dumptruck		124,773
2018 International dumptruck		101,730
2018 Komatsu loader		140,238
2013 John Deere grader		188,000
2004 John Deere excavator		66,977
2007 Challenger tractor & mower		70,000
2021 Hydroseeder		16,314
2011 chipper		17,900
Trailer for excavator		8,170
Trailer for hydroseeder		3,975
Pressure washer & trailer		7,745
Portable Generator		1,299
Generator at Town Garage		11,041
Sander		4,045
York rake (2009)		5,195
Tools		9,979
Total Highway Equipment		957,040
Other Town Assets		
Solar Panels at Old Schoolhouse		63,448
Generator at Old Schoolhouse Common		10,052
Roller shelves (6)		3,100
Computers and printers		15,638
Office equipment		15,615
Office furniture		840
Air conditioners (2)		987
Total Other Assets		109,680

TOWN ASSETS

Fire Station Improvements	Cost
Security System	9,377
Air Vacuum System	15,912
Sprinkler System	15,577
Total Fire Station Improvements	40,866
Fire Station Equipment	
Standby generator	14,369
Communications equipment	25,010
Computers	4,162
Uniform washer	3,795
2011 Ford pickup	39,604
1937 Chev. Amer. LaFrance pumper	4,353
1991 Ford L-8000 pumper	99,168
1996 Ford LN 8000 tanker	83,531
Total Fire Station Equipment	273,992
TOTAL	1,568,773

Assets are listed at their cost at the time of purchase

2021 AUDITORS' REPORT

As directed by 24 VSA §1681, the Auditors have examined the financial records of the Town and the supporting data. We believe that all records and accounts contained herein are a true and accurate account of the Town's financial affairs.

State Law 24 VSA §1684 requires that the Auditors publish a statement showing the condition of the Town's indebtedness, trust funds, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. A list of these follows:

- Assets -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Cash on Hand		489.72
General Fund - Sweep Account	0.10%	772,889.86
Union Bank Money Market	0.0%	692.26
Union Bank Insured Cash Sweep	0.5%	319,929.60
Credit Union of VT Savings	0.0%	25.00
Credit Union of VT Money Market	0.9%	249,373.00
Fire Dept. Investments	3.1 - 3.25%	13,780.14
A/R Delinquent Taxes	12.00%	62,653.39
Mortgage on Hollister Hill Apts	0.0%	326,500.00

- Indebtedness -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Truck Loan – 2021	2.00%	110,000.00
Truck Loan – 2020	2.00%	88,000.00
Truck Loan – 2018	2.00%	15,000.00
Loader Loan - 2018	2.00%	44,000.00

The investments of the Cemetery Fund and Jaquith Library appear with their reports.

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Total
- Assets -			
Cash on Hand	489.72		489.72
Sweep Account		772,889.86	772,889.86
Insured Cash Sweep	319,929.60		319,929.60
Money Markets and Savings	78,246.21	171,844.05	250,090.26
Fire Dept Invest Account		13,780.14	13,780.14
Prepayments	9,440.18		9,440.18
Delinquent Taxes	62,653.39		62,653.39
Reserve for Del Taxes	(62,653.39)		(62,653.39)
Hollister Hill Apts Mortgage		326,500.00	326,500.00
Total Assets	408,105.71	1,285,014.05	1,693,119.76
- Liabilities -			
Damage Deposit	1,695.54		1,695.54
Performance Bond	500.00		500.00
Prepayments	42,697.71		42,697.71
Taxes Owed	134,677.31		134,677.31
State Funds Payable	120.00		120.00
Cemetery Funds in Bank Acct	37,327.79		37,327.79
Payroll Liabilities	818.15		818.15
Loader Loan		44,000.00	44,000.00
2021 Truck Loan		110,000.00	110,000.00
2020 Truck Loan		88,000.00	88,000.00
2018 Truck Loan		15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Liabilities	217,836.50	257,000.00	474,836.50
- Fund Balances -			
Fund Balances, 12/31/20	133,481.26	905,508.32	1,038,989.58
2020 Surplus Applied to Taxes	(107,592.22)		(107,592.22)
2021 Surplus/(Deficit)	164,380.17	122,505.73	286,885.90
Fund Balances, 12/31/21	190,269.21	1,028,014.05	1,218,283.26
Liabilities + Fund Balance	408,105.71	1,285,014.05	1,693,119.76

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

General Fund

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Previous Year Surplus				
Surplus Non Hgwy	69,122	42,286	42,286	43,925
Surplus Highway	1,976	65,306	65,306	94,600
Total Surplus	<u>71,097</u>	<u>107,592</u>	<u>107,592</u>	<u>138,525</u>
General Fund Income				
Property Taxes	924,918	930,227	982,786	945,147
Natural Disasters	1,692		5,249	
Town Office	22,728	13,925	15,625	13,410
General Government	127,768	104,700	117,588	111,500
Highways	129,699	98,697	118,500	99,497
Buildings & Grounds	55,934	52,067	57,503	54,261
Zoning/Planning	3,250	2,200	1,990	2,855
Recreation	2,165	0	0	0
Total General Fund Income	<u>1,268,153</u>	<u>1,201,816</u>	<u>1,299,240</u>	<u>1,226,670</u>
Essential Services				
Town Office	122,217	124,521	116,115	165,316
General Government	50,048	49,931	38,110	53,544
Highways	664,104	719,335	644,538	710,804
Buildings & Grounds	38,035	44,663	68,834	52,127
Fire Department	70,028	73,219	82,262	76,024
Emergency Services	47,318	48,572	48,572	49,865
Zoning/Planning	6,623	12,588	18,842	4,570
Recreation	17,002	2,925	2,925	2,925
Employee Expenses	93,777	112,432	101,031	113,622
Total Essential Services	<u>1,109,152</u>	<u>1,188,186</u>	<u>1,121,230</u>	<u>1,228,797</u>
Other Appropriations				
Town Office	100,766	99,682	99,682	115,258
Outside Agencies	21,740	21,540	21,540	21,140
Total General Fund Expenses	<u>1,231,658</u>	<u>1,309,408</u>	<u>1,242,452</u>	<u>1,365,195</u>
Surplus	107,592		164,380	

PROPERTY TAXES

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Town Taxes				
Town Taxes Collected	817,295	925,227	838,456	939,147
State Adjustments - Town Tax	31,065		33,716	
Total Town Taxes	<u>848,360</u>	<u>925,227</u>	<u>872,172</u>	<u>939,147</u>
Education Taxes				
Education Tax Collected	1,625,372		1,665,242	
Annual Adjust - Prev Yr Ed	478		119	
School Tax Admin. Fee	3,984		4,059	
Revised Homestead Bill Fees	120		420	
Education Tax Liability	-1,770,665		-1,804,883	
Total Education Taxes	<u>-140,711</u>		<u>-135,042</u>	
Land Use Change Tax				
Abatements	1,778		5,859	
Delinquent Tax Income	-15,833		0	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	225,003		232,619	
	<u>6,322</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,179</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Property Taxes	<u>924,918</u>	<u>930,227</u>	<u>982,786</u>	<u>945,147</u>

TAXES ASSESSED – 2021

Taxable Grand List as of the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$121,769,800

Setting the Town Tax Rate:

Amount of Taxes Needed 925,226.786
 Divided by Grand List (in 100ths) 1,217,698.00
 Equals Town Tax Rate 0.7599

Setting the Local Agreement Rate:

Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran 390,000
 Multiplied by Homestead Education Rate 1.8241
 Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran 120,000
 Multiplied by Non-Residential Education Rate 1.8329
 Equals Amount of School Tax to Make Up 9,313.47
 Divided by Grand List Equals Local Rate 0.0076

Total Tax Rate, Homestead Property
 Town 0.7599
 Local Agreement 0.0076
 School 1.8241
 Total 2.5916

Total Tax Rate, Non-Residential Property
 Town 0.7599
 Local Agreement 0.0076
 School 1.8329
 Total 2.6004

	Homestead Education	Non Residential Education	Late Homestead Filing Penalty	Total School Taxes	Total Taxes
Taxes Billed ¹	933,697.73	1,432,556.93	1,853.02	2,223,944.45	3,157,642.18
Taxes Paid To Treasurer	-838,455.97			-1,665,241.98	-2,503,697.95
State Adjustments	-33,715.68			-425,709.47	-459,425.15
Unpaid as of due date	61,526.08			132,993.00	194,519.08

¹ Reflects changes to the Grand List after the tax rate was set

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
2019	8,021.53	5,058.22	2,963.31
2020	92,731.37	90,493.53	2,237.84
2021	<u>194,519.08</u>	<u>137,066.84</u>	<u>57,452.24</u>
Balance due	295,271.98	232,618.59	62,653.39

COMPARISON OF DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNTS IN PRIOR YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Billed During Year</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes Turned Over to Collector</u>	<u>Balance of Delinquent Tax Account Dec. 31</u>
2021	3,157,642.18	194,519.08	62,653.39
2020	3,188,371.99	224,924.00	100,752.90
2019	3,137,007.58	185,541.52	100,831.71
2018	3,006,347.87	199,854.59	95,901.68
2017	2,847,544.30	115,057.97	67,845.95
2016	2,801,942.12	148,741.17	81,977.61
2015	2,800,159.48	123,209.64	81,999.59
2014	2,830,897.81	112,371.00	71,213.79
2013	2,591,841.78	124,607.17	63,282.49
2012	2,440,175.38	130,583.26	50,186.68
2011	2,412,330.10	128,344.17	40,804.94
2010	2,416,810.10	128,555.83	52,669.60
2009	2,276,189.13	158,765.64	56,338.54
2008	2,135,705.29	121,715.21	43,113.12
2007	1,940,836.23	112,870.08	104,445.90
2006	1,780,415.91	111,521.09	74,050.39
2005	1,665,353.22	124,952.07	55,491.38
2004	1,621,502.81	111,298.79	48,333.68
2003	1,771,745.16	130,883.32	61,038.67
2002	1,542,907.66	100,234.17	62,778.52
2001	1,463,678.32	108,203.40	66,822.09
2000	1,275,939.37	122,526.25	65,963.94
1999	1,149,456.77	112,632.76	66,014.55
1998	1,166,789.54	93,957.85	68,078.83
1997	1,138,613.48	102,635.59	84,822.26
1996	1,205,525.84	109,367.50	84,162.17

FYI - The delinquent tax collector received \$ 18,793.87 in fees in 2021.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
General Government Income				
Interest Income	23,363	3,400	5,691	5,000
Current Use Hold Harmless Pmt	77,420	75,000	84,676	80,000
PILOT - Forests & Parks	25,285	25,000	25,262	25,000
Traffic fines	695	500	677	500
Stranahan Town Forest Income	1,861	1,600	2,276	2,000
Transfer to Stranahan Fund	-931	-800	-1,138	-1,000
Lister Training Grant	0	0	44	0
Miscellaneous Income	75	0	100	0
Total General Government Income	127,768	104,700	117,588	111,500
General Government Expenses				
Town Officer Expenses				
Delinquent Tax Collector Wages	17,866	11,000	18,794	13,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	-17,866	-11,000	-18,794	-13,000
Lister Wages	9,864	12,433	10,811	15,188
Selectboard Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Health Officer Wages	350	500	365	1,087
First Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Second Constable Stipend	125	125	0	0
Fire Warden Stipend	25	25	25	25
Auditors Stipend	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
BCA Stipend	248	500	162	500
Social Security	1,978	1,737	2,082	2,060
Medicare	463	406	487	482
Mileage	192	750	245	750
Retirement	1,367	866	1,486	173
Total Town Officer Expenses	18,036	20,767	19,088	23,690
Lister Services/Supplies	1,427	1,000	1,037	1,000
Health Officer expense	0	100	0	100
Energy Committee Expense	0	500	0	500
Conservation Commission Expense	204	300	300	300
County Tax	10,656	11,000	10,530	11,000
Town Officers' Liability Ins.	2,100	2,041	2,041	1,974
General Liability Insurance	-3,799	-4,189	-4,189	-4,553
Employment Practices Ins.	2,259	1,624	1,624	1,753
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	10,344	1,900	1,866	3,000
Bank Service Charge	85	100	58	100
Legal Services	1,900	2,000	472	2,000
VLCT Dues	3,045	3,045	3,045	3,080
Solid Waste	1,429	1,493	1,493	1,350
Traffic Control/Law Enforcement	1,952	7,900	237	7,900
9-1-1 Signs/Expenses	37	100	65	100
Repeater Station	250	250	250	250
Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	123	0	193	0
Total General Government Expenses	50,048	49,931	38,110	53,544
Net Income	77,720	54,769	79,478	57,956

BOARD OF LISTERS

As many residents have no doubt noticed, the town is undergoing a reappraisal. The last full reappraisal was in 2003. That was long enough ago that many discrepancies in how similar properties are assessed have occurred in the Grand List. The reappraisal is being done to try to make all the properties in town be evaluated fairly. It will not change the total amount of taxes that the Town and State raise, but it will redistribute it.

The assessed value of most houses will probably increase, as house values in Vermont are rising. That does not mean you will pay more taxes. The amount of taxes to be raised is set by the Town and School budgets, not by the total value of the Grand List. The amount you will see your taxes go up or down by is a function of the value of your property relative to other properties in town, not the market value of your home.

The reappraisal is being performed by New England Municipal Consultants, Ltd. They have completed most of the external evaluations, but due to COVID-19, interior inspections are just being done now. The personnel doing the inspections carry photo ID and are vaccinated. They will be reaching out to you soon to schedule an appointment, if they have not already done so.

In-person evaluations are the most accurate way to do the appraisal, but if you are uncomfortable with persons entering your home, we have put some alternate procedures in place. Just keep in mind that, by law, once the grand list is filed, these assessments cannot be altered without in-person inspection.

Once the reappraisal is complete, every property owner will receive a notice with the new values for all the tax parcels in the town, and instructions for how to appeal the value of your property if you disagree with it.

We very much appreciate your help and cooperation with this reappraisal, which will make the Town a more equitable place to live. Thank you.

If you need to contact the Listers, there is a new phone number: 426-3045, ext. 1.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INSURANCE

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Employee Expenses				
COVID Sick Time	0	0	86	0
Workmen's Compensation	15,619	21,446	18,361	21,266
Unemployment Insurance	100	689	688	669
Disability Insurance	0	0	0	2,144
Health Insurance	76,791	88,397	81,533	86,643
Training Other Than Listers	266	1,500	669	1,500
Lister Training	229	0	44	1,000
Employee Recognition	0	150	0	150
Benefits Administration	0	250	0	250
Employee Expenses - Other	772	0	-349	0
Total Employee Expenses	<u>93,777</u>	<u>112,432</u>	<u>101,031</u>	<u>113,622</u>

TOWN OFFICE

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Town Office Income				
Office Fees	13,674	12,000	14,244	12,000
Dog Licenses	1,147	1,500	1,081	1,100
Marriage Licenses	100	100	90	100
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses	325	325	210	210
2020 Elections Grants	5,984	0	0	0
COVID grant	1,498	0	0	0
Total Town Office Income	<u>22,728</u>	<u>13,925</u>	<u>15,625</u>	<u>13,410</u>
Town Office Expense				
Town Office Staff Expenses				
Clerk Treasurer	48,226	48,262	48,262	51,448
Assistant	27,266	31,324	29,919	44,411
Additional Office Wages	12	50	0	50
Social Security	4,248	4,934	4,483	5,943
Medicare	993	1,154	1,048	1,390
Retirement	5,791	6,267	6,161	4,350
Mileage	96	500	160	400
Total Staff Expenses	<u>86,632</u>	<u>92,491</u>	<u>90,033</u>	<u>107,992</u>
COVID Expenses	1,534	0	258	0
OSC Allocation	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Cleaning Service	600	650	575	650
Postage	1,643	1,800	1,683	2,000
Supplies	1,734	2,000	2,288	2,200
Telephone	1,459	1,500	1,588	1,600
Computer Expense	8,401	7,000	4,864	10,000
Cybersecurity	0	0	0	25,000
Office Equipment	481	1,156	879	750
Town Report	1,828	2,100	2,153	2,300
Advertising	27	250	175	350
Printing	0	250	0	0
Elections Expense	6,464	3,850	70	1,000
Alarm System	240	300	375	300
Total Town Office Expense	<u>122,217</u>	<u>124,521</u>	<u>116,115</u>	<u>165,316</u>
Net Cost	99,489	110,596	100,490	151,906

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

COVID-19

The pandemic continues to influence how we operate the Town Office. While the office remains open for in-person business, the entryway can only accommodate one person at a time, and researchers are encouraged to use our online land records system to do title searches. Masks are required (by order of the Selectboard) everywhere in the Old Schoolhouse Common.

We have a secure drop box that can be used for anything that needs to be dropped off at the office – tax payments, dog licenses, absentee ballots, etc. The box is secure and tamper-proof, and we check it every work day.

Elections

In response to COVID-19, the Selectboard took advantage of emergency legislation in 2021 that allowed us to hold Town Meeting by Australian Ballot. While we saw significantly increased participation, we missed the interactions and discussion that we enjoy at a typical open Town Meeting. Unfortunately, due to the current number of COVID-19 cases, we will once again be switching from an open meeting to Australian Ballot for Town Meeting. Voting will be held on March 1st at the Old Schoolhouse Common. Voters are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot. You may request an absentee ballot for the annual town and school meetings by calling the town office, or by returning the postcard that was mailed to you, or online at My Voter Page (see below).

Voters are encouraged to attend a virtual informational hearing on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This will be your chance to ask questions about the budget and to discuss other items that will be voted on. The instructions for joining the meeting can be found on the last page of this report.

Voter Registration

You can register to vote online at <https://olvr.vermont.gov> or by mailing a registration form to the Town Clerk's Office. You can register to vote at the polls, but I encourage you not to wait until election day because we are trying to keep everyone as safe as possible by limiting in-person interactions.

My Voter Page

Every voter can access information about their polling hours and locations at <https://mvp.vermont.gov>. This is a great way to request an absentee ballot or notify us of a change of address. You can also track the progress

of your ballot to see when it has been issued by us and when we receive it.

Retirement

Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer Winnie Valenza will be retiring in 2022. Winnie joined the Town Office as a Lister in 2001 and as Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer in 2005. We will miss her kindness and her positive attitude, and her shoes will be hard to fill. Please join me in wishing Winnie all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

In the coming months I hope to find a new Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer who will begin training to eventually take over as Town Clerk/Treasurer. I expect the transition will take a couple of years until the new Assistant learns all that the Clerk and Treasurer positions require.

ARPA

The Town received almost \$183,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds, and we will receive the same amount again in 2022. The final guidelines were just released and at the time of printing it is still not clear how the funds may be used. More information will be presented as it becomes available.

Vital Records

We are no longer printing the lists of births, deaths, and marriages, due to concerns about identity theft. We had 9 marriages, 10 babies were born, and we lost 14 residents in 2021.

Tax Payments

We are happy to accept prepayments for property taxes at any time; some taxpayers find it easier to make monthly payments ahead of when the bill comes. We can also debit your bank account on the due date – let us know if you would like to sign up for that program. Forms are available on the website.

Dogs

We continue to struggle getting people to license their dogs as required by statute. Please don't put this off. It's a great waste of time for us to send notice after notice and make repeated phone calls. Please license your dog as soon as possible; the deadline to register them is April 1st. You can register them via mail – just send us the fee and the rabies certificate, and we will mail the license. You may also leave the fee and certificate in the drop box. Call if you have any questions about licensing. We were not able to schedule a rabies clinic at the town garage this year but Tractor Supply and Hardwick Veterinary are both doing clinics.

Bobbi Brimblecombe clerk@marshfieldvt.gov 426-3305

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Highway Department Income				
Highway/State Aid	111,249	85,000	93,615	85,000
Curb cut permits	100	100	105	100
Plowing/Sanding Other Towns	2,297	2,297	2,297	2,297
Grants-In-Aid	12,080	11,300	20,020	12,100
Other Income	3,973	0	2,463	0
Total Income	129,699	98,697	118,500	99,497
Highway Department Expenses				
Highway Staff Expenses				
Wages	138,345	182,932	156,827	193,015
Temp Wages	18,009	13,633	8,626	14,533
Social Security	9,304	12,187	9,924	12,868
Medicare	2,176	2,850	2,321	3,009
Retirement	9,176	12,783	10,801	13,938
Mileage	744	1,500	756	1,500
Pagers	241	400	313	400
Uniforms	2,268	2,400	2,710	2,600
Other	0	0	96	0
Total Staff Expenses	180,264	228,685	192,374	241,863
Garage Expenses				
Town Garage Electricity	1,521	1,600	1,598	1,600
Town Garage Heating Oil	5,085	6,000	4,996	6,300
Town Garage Building Maintenan	433	4,000	525	4,000
Supplies	676	1,000	629	1,000
Telephone	1,123	1,600	1,170	1,600
Rubbish Removal	1,062	1,000	1,190	1,200
Fuel Tank Assessment	50	50	750	50
Safety Equipment	200	2,000	212	2,000
Town Garage Insurance	2,655	2,582	2,582	2,618
Generator	0	9,500	11,041	450
Generator Propane	0	0	192	500
Misc. Garage Expenses	735	2,000	791	2,000
Total Garage Expenses	13,542	31,332	25,676	23,318
Equipment/Maintenance				
2011 Pickup	1,408	0	0	0
2020 Pickup	241	1,600	1,579	1,600
2015 International	2,897	0	0	0
2016 International	12,685	6,000	4,582	0
2018 International	2,228	4,000	3,568	4,000
2021 International	1,618	5,000	666	5,000
2022 International	0	0	2,383	5,000
2013 Grader	0	12,000	11,614	4,500
2018 Loader	0	1,000	0	1,000
2004 Excavator	1,004	7,000	4,641	2,000
Tractor/Mower	1,632	2,500	3,836	2,500
Trailers	330	1,000	0	1,000
Sanders	867	2,000	0	2,000
Plows	2,907	2,500	0	2,500
York Rake	0	0	0	1,000
Chain Saws	449	1,000	687	1,200

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Chipper	0	1,000	195	1,000
Tire Chains	8,999	9,000	9,000	9,000
Sanders	0	400	204	400
Tools	867	1,500	1,093	2,000
To Equipment Fund	130,300	92,784	137,784	89,548
Grants to Equip Fund	12,080	11,300	20,020	12,100
Vehicle Insurance	7,205	7,784	7,390	8,325
Misc. Equipment Expenses	2,796	2,000	2,065	2,000
Total Equipment	190,512	171,368	211,306	157,673
Materials				
Staymat	93,482	100,000	67,649	100,000
Stone	6,007	5,000	1,015	5,000
Winter Sand	71,459	70,000	70,140	70,000
Salt	15,107	19,000	11,155	19,000
Chloride	13,013	19,000	16,741	19,000
Equip/Vehicle Fuel	21,467	36,000	29,093	36,000
Grease & Oil	1,694	2,000	1,811	2,000
Welding Supplies	479	600	453	600
Cold Patch	911	500	456	500
Erosion Control	941	1,500	1,986	3,000
Mulch Hay	1,221	1,000	150	0
Misc. Materials	339	1,000	226	1,000
Total Materials	226,119	255,600	200,874	256,100
Highway Infrastructure				
State Permit Fee	1,590	1,350	1,350	1,350
Culverts Purchased	6,464	14,000	2,700	14,000
Culvert Reimb.	-269	0	-1,079	0
Road Signs	753	1,000	1,360	1,000
Guardrails	0	3,000	5,443	3,000
To Paving Account	20,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
To Bridge Account	18,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Private Contracts	2,875	4,500	1,820	4,000
Other	3,756	0	-5,785	0
Total Highway Infrastructure	53,667	32,350	14,308	31,850
Total Highway Department Expenses	664,104	719,335	644,538	710,804
Net Cost	534,405	620,638	526,038	611,307

WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st to April 30th. No vehicles are to be parked on town roads during these months. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.

Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and school bus routes first. The road crew usually starts operations at 3:30 a.m. to have these roads clear by 7:00 a.m. In most cases there will be no maintenance between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.

Each road crew member has a specific route that takes approximately 4½ hours to complete. After 16 hours on the job, they are required to stop operations and take off a minimum of 6 hours.

The Town does not plow Class IV and private roads and certain Class III roads, or sections thereof, as set forth by statute.

Salt will be applied to paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees). Sand will be applied to gravel roads.

Please note: according to 23 VSA §1126, it is illegal to plow snow from private property on or across public highways.

The road crew makes every effort to avoid mailboxes. However, because of snow conditions or oncoming traffic, the plows occasionally hit them. The Town has permitted mailboxes to be located in the Town right-of-way. If the mailboxes are damaged as a result of snow or ice clearing operations, the Town will not repair them.

WINTER SAND POLICY

The Town of Marshfield makes sand available to Town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways. Residents will find the sand pile outside the Town Garage gate on School Street. The sand is supplied only for Town residents and only for use at their home. Landlords and businesses should arrange for sand spreading from a number of 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 now and 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. Sand is piled outside the Town Garage gate for 24/7 access. The public must not enter the Town Garage yard to find sand or salt.

On another note, please remember that 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 snow plow. Under 19 VSA §1105, you could be fined \$1,000 plus damages and legal fees.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND PROJECTION

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Balance, January 1	25,675	53,849	113,547	129,623	94,776	99,376	110,695	111,013	34,007	10,804	598
Appropriation	82,800	85,284	89,548	94,025	98,726	103,662	108,845	114,287	120,001	126,001	129,781
Surplus Appropriation	40,000	45,000									
Grants-In-Aid	12,080	14,020	12,100								
Hydroseeder Grant		6,000									
Extra for Hydroseeder	7,500	7,500									
Sale of 2011 Pickup	11,000										
Sale of Mulcher and Plow		6,250									
Interest	178	81	568	648	474	497	553	555	170	54	3
Purchases:											
Pickup	(48,632)							(30,000)			
a. Purchase truck in 2014, 2020, 2026	(124,773)						(150,000)				
b. Purchase truck in 2015, 2021, 2027								(150,000)			
c. Purchase truck in 2017, 2023, 2029		(131,027)		(150,000)						(150,000)	
Purchase Grader							(225,600)				(150,000)
Purchase/Overhaul 2004 Excavator											
Purchase Hydroseeder		(16,314)		(130,000)							
Purchase Trailer		(3,975)									
Loans:											
a. Borrow for truck in 2014, 2020, 2026	110,000	110,000		110,000		110,000	110,000	110,000		110,000	110,000
b. Borrow for truck in 2015, 2021, 2027											
c. Borrow for truck in 2017, 2023, 2029											
Borrow for Excavator				110,000							
Borrow for Grader				110,000							
Payments:											
a. Pmt on 2014/2020/2026 truck loan	(22,319)	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(22,440)	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)
b. Pmt on 2015/2021/2027 truck loan	(15,900)	(15,600)	(15,300)	(23,760)	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(24,200)	(24,200)
c. Pmt on 2017/2023/2029 truck loan	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(24,200)	(24,200)
Pmts on loader											
Pmts on Grader											
Pmts on Excavator											
Balance, December 31	53,849	113,547	129,623	94,776	99,376	110,695	111,013	34,007	10,804	598	(28,725)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Old Schoolhouse Common

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Buildings & Grounds Income				
Allocations from Other Budgets				
Town Clerk's Office	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Library	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Historical Society	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Total Allocations	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,469</u>
Lease Income - Businesses				
Rebop	4,692	4,692	4,692	4,692
Food Shelf	5,016	5,016	5,016	5,016
Appraisers	798	2,394	3,990	4,788
Ducharme	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548
Village Office	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548
Total Business Leases	<u>19,602</u>	<u>21,198</u>	<u>22,794</u>	<u>23,592</u>
Gymnasium	495	400	185	200
Bandstand Rental	0	0	0	0
Meeting Room	0	0	0	0
Kitchen	25	0	25	0
Community Dinners	400	0	0	0
Tables and Chairs	13	0	0	0
COVID Grant	4,415	0	0	0
Other Grants	500	0	4,000	0
Other Income	15	0	30	0
Total Income	<u>55,934</u>	<u>52,067</u>	<u>57,503</u>	<u>54,261</u>
Buildings & Grounds Expenses				
OSC Staff Expenses				
Wages	2,472	7,145	6,093	12,947
COVID Wages	1,700	0	0	0
Social Security	254	443	387	803
Medicare	59	104	91	188
Mileage	0	0	268	500
Total Staff Expense	<u>4,485</u>	<u>7,692</u>	<u>6,838</u>	<u>14,438</u>
Electricity				
Electricity Used	4,230	4,200	4,598	4,200
Solar Meter Charge	254	260	251	260
Electricity Produced	-4,206	-4,200	-4,014	-4,200
Solar Incentive	-1,506	-1,500	-1,428	-1,500
Total Net Cost of Electricity at OSC	<u>-1,228</u>	<u>-1,240</u>	<u>-592</u>	<u>-1,240</u>
Heating Oil	3,034	3,000	3,175	4,500
Pellets	2,517	4,000	3,387	4,000
Propane for Cooking	206	250	190	250
Propane for Generator	44	75	137	100
COVID Renovations	2,621	0	0	0
Building Maintenance	1,513	2,500	6,311	2,500
Janitorial Supplies	448	600	495	600
Heating Repairs	212	1,000	5,663	1,000

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Old Schoolhouse Common

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Emergency Generator	368	400	0	450
Solar Panel Expenses	0	50	0	50
Contract Labor	1,955	3,000	2,000	3,000
Custodial Services	3,091	4,500	3,030	3,500
Alarm System Expense	836	850	729	850
Insurance	7,093	6,911	6,911	6,954
Rubbish Removal	1,766	1,800	1,801	1,900
Water Expense	2,119	2,200	2,305	2,200
Sewer Expense	2,928	3,000	2,928	3,000
Elevator Maintenance	525	1,000	525	1,000
To Building Fund	3,000	3,000	23,000	3,000
Miscellaneous Expense	500	75	0	75
Total Buildings & Grounds Expenses	<u>38,035</u>	<u>44,663</u>	<u>68,834</u>	<u>52,127</u>
Net Income	17,899	7,404	-11,331	2,134

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Fire Dept Administration				
Worker's Compensation	1,895	1,750	94	1,250
Office Supplies	83	250	32	200
Operating Supplies	0	50	0	50
Dues & Subscriptions	118	300	0	200
Liability/Vehicle Ins.	7,549	8,200	9,505	9,600
Total Administration	<u>9,645</u>	<u>10,550</u>	<u>9,631</u>	<u>11,300</u>
Firefighting				
Operating Supplies	230	1,000	0	800
Repairs & Maintenance	0	450	0	400
Small Tools & Equip.	1,692	250	260	175
Hose	1,883	600	80	600
Pers. Protective Gear	4,557	3,000	115	3,000
Contract Services	0	100	0	100
Breathing Apparatus	1,842	1,600	796	1,000
SCBA Equipment	0	1,500	160	1,000
Repairs	0	100	0	100
Total Firefighting	<u>10,205</u>	<u>8,600</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>7,175</u>
Fire Prevention				
Operating Supplies	0	150	0	100
Books, Handouts	0	150	0	100
Total Fire Prevention	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Fire Department Training				
Operating Supplies	0	300	0	200
Books, Training Aids	0	100	0	100
Contract Services	300	300	0	0
Total Training	<u>300</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>
Fire Dept Communications				
Simulcast System	0	2,500	0	2,500
Operating Supplies	2,042	1,500	180	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	0	100
Computers and Software	0	200	0	100
Capital West Dues	250	0	250	400
Dispatching	18,145	19,100	18,879	19,772
Radio/Pager Repairs	544	750	750	700
Total Communication	<u>20,980</u>	<u>24,050</u>	<u>20,059</u>	<u>24,572</u>
Fire Station				
Fire Station Heating Oil	2,451	2,000	1,346	1,750

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Operating Supplies	55	250	507	200
Repairs & Maintenance	255	500	2,884	1,000
Small Tools & Equip.	0	250	0	250
Telephone	1,771	1,750	1,838	1,750
Insurance	1,519	1,519	1,519	1,527
Contract Services	1,816	1,100	1,406	1,500
Electricity	1,509	1,600	1,778	1,500
To Building Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,750
Other	0	250	0	200
Total Fire Station	<u>11,875</u>	<u>11,719</u>	<u>13,779</u>	<u>12,427</u>
Trucks/Fire Fighting/Rescue				
Operating Supplies	640	500	742	500
Repair & Maintenance	266	3,000	9,141	3,200
Tools & Equipment	1,117	100	0	100
Hose and Ladder Testing	0	1,200	0	1,250
Total Trucks/Fire/Rescue	<u>2,023</u>	<u>4,800</u>	<u>9,883</u>	<u>5,050</u>
To FD Equipment Fund	<u>15,000</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Fire Department Expense	70,028	73,219	82,262	76,024

EMERGENCY SERVICES

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
East Montpelier Ambulance Serv	41,818	43,072	43,072	44,365
Plainfield Fast Squad	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
	<u>47,318</u>	<u>48,572</u>	<u>48,572</u>	<u>49,865</u>

MARSHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

2021 brought us to the 112th birthday of the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department. We are still a 100% volunteer department. None of the personnel receive any financial compensation towards our service. We, as a department, are very proud of this and will continue to operate as a volunteer department for the foreseeable future.

We saw a slight increase in the number of calls this past year, with vehicle accidents once again leading the way both in number and severity of injuries.

Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department Calls 2021

MVA's	32
Structure Fires	8
Vehicle Fires	4
Alarm Activations	17
Service calls	1
Grass fires/Illegal burns	5
Smoke/Hazardous Conditions	5
Wires/Trees on Lines/Pole Fires	9
Medical assists	2
Search and rescue	1
Other	<u>2</u>
TOTAL CALLS	86

As our community continues to navigate through the pandemic, please keep in mind that masks are available at the Fire Station. They can be found in the black mailbox on the right side of the station near the entryway.

Our tanker refurbishment project has been completed. We are now in the process of rebuilding the 2011 Ford pickup we purchased from the Marshfield Highway Dept. This smaller vehicle will be used as a brush fire/utility truck. Equipped with a portable skid unit for fighting brush fires, the truck will also be used for traffic control as well as other response tasks when the tanker is not needed. We are also applying for a Federal Grant to replace our SCBA units

(self-contained breathing apparatus). Ours are obsolete at this point as they are no longer supported by the Honeywell Corp. All our SCBA units are more than a decade old, and the new units will meet current NFPA standards. We are also continuing the planning for an addition to the Fire Station. We are in the process of restoring the 1937 American LaFrance pumper, the first motorized piece of fire apparatus the Town of Marshfield owned. We would like this piece of the town's history to have its own bay at the station. This would also give us more room for training, and for the new brush truck.

Capital Fire Mutual Aid continues planning for a major upgrade on the Central Vermont Communications System. We use a system of radios throughout the area to "tone out" departments, but the upgrade would vastly improve our capabilities in the entire area.

We are very grateful to have several new members on our roster. The job description of a firefighter involves a very long list of knowledge and practical skills. It's not a job for the faint of heart, it can be downright exhausting, but it is a very rewarding job, helping your neighbors in time of need. It does require time and a willingness to attend trainings. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Fire house.

As always, we have the people of Marshfield to thank for supporting us in our endeavor's, so we do so wholeheartedly.

Respectfully,

Will Schwarz Chief
Tim Morris Asst. Chief
Jacob Gouge Asst. Chief

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

I wish to commend the folks in the Town of Marshfield. For the second year we did not have any reported grass fires or wildland fires! This year Tim and I issued over 140 permits. I appreciate those folks who call in and ask for permits. Grass fires and brush fires require a lot of man power to extinguish. That is something we are short of in our department during the day time. It would be best to refrain from burning in the spring when wildland fire conditions are at their best. We would like to thank those folks who call for a permit.

Permits cover the burning of brush and natural wood only. Burning painted materials, furniture, tires and similar materials are prohibited by state law. These materials have to go to designated sites.

Fire wardens are given daily weather reports and fire danger reports. We know when it is not safe to burn and stop issuing permits. So please call before you burn. We will issue a permit if conditions are safe.

If you have questions about brush burning and would like to have us inspect the site before you burn please call us, we will gladly visit the site and offer our suggestions.

Please call when you want to burn. It only takes a phone call. The permit system keeps the Fire Department alert to places where burning is taking place and may save the department a run.

I need to emphasize that the fire department has very few volunteers, especially during the day time. Please think about joining the department and becoming a volunteer.

Contact me at 426-3265 or Tim Maclay at 454-7853.

Tom Maclay, Fire Warden

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

What does 2021 look like in the rear-view mirror? As we look back, we look at our success, our challenges, our failures, our stresses along with many other aspects of life, for many the next week will be planning for the new year and setting goals to make 2022 better than 2021. May all your dreams come true.

For East Montpelier Fire Department this will again be a record setting year for emergency services provided to our Towns. Our responses have included burn permits to grass fires, structure fires to car accidents, mutual aid to assist neighboring communities, CO alarms to smoke detector activations, medical calls to overdoses and yes, an increase of calls to COVID patients.

Today wherever you go so much of the discussion surrounds COVID, what are best practices for safety, how do we protect our families, what do we do? At East Montpelier Fire Department we have worked diligently to stay up to date on best practices to keep our volunteers and employees safe, including daily sanitization of the station and equipment. Our staff completes daily surveillance questions and is completely outfitted with PPE for all responses and as a result even with covid exposures during emergency responses or contact tracing we have had no members or employees contract COVID. We are also supplying staff to work at the local vaccination sites and have sponsored several vaccination clinics at U-32 as well as at East Montpelier Fire Department.

2021 reflects an increase in calls for drug overdoses, some have survived and some tragically have not made it. The drugs consist of narcotics, prescription drugs, cannabis, synthetic drugs and many others, at East Montpelier Fire Department we are part of the State program Naloxone leave behind program which provides us with Naloxone kits to leave behind with heroine users and may give somebody with them the chance to save their life. I encourage you to seek help for your family and friends, hopefully to get them the resources and help needed. Take time to sit with you children and have the hard conversations with them about the risks of drug and alcohol use, this may save their life.

Due to COVID the Fire Station is closed to public access until further notice and we will not be hosting a rabies clinic this year.

Thank you,
Chief Ty Rolland

President / Deputy Chief Toby Talbot

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Recreation Department Donations	2,165		0 *	
Recreation/Programming Expenses				
Portapotty Rental	625	1,125	1,125	1,125
Recreational Programs	3,277	700	0	700
To Playground Fund	600	600	600	600
To Recreation Fund	12,500	500	1,200	500
Total Expenses	<u>17,002</u>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,925</u>
Net Cost	14,837	2,925	2,925	2,925

* In 2021, donations were deposited directly into the Recreation Fund

With great support from The Town of Marshfield, and many individual donations, we were able to repave the basketball court. When the court was lined, they included two pickleball courts! We also hosted a family fun night over the summer. Unfortunately, we were unable to put the ice rink up because we need to invest in a new set up that will last. For the upcoming year, we are looking for more community members who want to share their talents and hobbies to get involved. We plan to host quarterly meetings to plan seasonal recreation events including: filling in the grass around the new court, supporting the town wide effort to install a picnic shelter, and creating a new space for the ice rink. Recreation Committee Meetings will take place the last Thursday of the month in February, May, August, and November. Meetings will be warned, and we hope you will join us.

PLANNING AND ZONING

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Zoning / Planning Income				
Building Permits	810	600	540	540
Accessory Use Permits	1,380	800	1,020	945
Site Plan Review	160	100	0	170
Conditional Use Permits	0	100	160	245
Subdivision Permits	780	400	0	600
Lot Line Adjustment	0	100	0	225
Certificate of Occupancy	120	100	0	130
Appeal to DRB	0	0	270	0
Total Income	<u>3,250</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,990</u>	<u>2,855</u>
Zoning / Planning Expenses				
Zoning/Planning Staff Expense				
Zoning Administrator	3,960	4,800	3,873	6,785
Planning Comm Clerk	82	600	0	600
DRB Clerk	130	200	79	200
Social Security	259	347	245	470
Medicare	60	81	57	110
Mileage	0	50	7	50
Total Staff Expense	<u>4,491</u>	<u>6,078</u>	<u>4,262</u>	<u>8,215</u>
Advertising	176	300	128	300
Legal Fees		1,000	1,290	1,000
Regional Planning Dues	1,876	1,885	1,885	2,105
Postage	11	50	30	50
Supplies	0	50	0	0
Printing	69	100	0	0
Copying	0	25	0	0
Maps	0	500	1,249	500
DRB Expense	0	100	0	0
Hazard Mitigation Plan	0	2,500	9,999	-7,600
Total Expense	<u>6,623</u>	<u>12,588</u>	<u>18,842</u>	<u>4,570</u>
Net Cost	3,373	10,388	16,852	1,715

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning Commission is looking for new members! Planning Commission members set goals for how the Town will be developed in the coming years. They are also involved in updating and streamlining our zoning. If you are interested in helping with this important work, please contact the Town Clerk.

Summary of Zoning Activity for 2021

In 2021, twenty one zoning permits were approved. Several permits included multiple projects, such as a single family dwelling and a garage.

If you are thinking about a construction project in the coming months, contact the Zoning Administrator, Kathleen Hayes, at Zoning@marshfieldvt.gov or call 426-3045 ext. 2.

PERMITS NEEDED

Highway Access: (Curb Cuts) A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from property to Town highways, and from the State for any access from property to State highways. Please be reminded that the Town of Marshfield is not responsible for maintenance of driveway culverts. They must be maintained by the property owner.

Zoning Permit: No land or building development may commence, nor shall any land or structure be used, extended in any way, or be occupied unless a zoning permit and a certificate of occupancy shall have been duly issued by the Administrative Officer (Zoning Administrator), as provided for in section 4443 of the Act. (Act 250, V.S.A. 24; Marshfield Zoning Regulations, Section 130).

Subdivision: No subdivision of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Marshfield Development Review Board. If no new lots are being created, the Zoning Administrator may be able to approve a lot-line adjustment without going before the DRB.

Conditional Use: Commercial uses other than home occupations require a conditional use permit from the Development Review Board.

Site Plan Review: Commercial uses and additional dwellings on a single building lot require a site plan review by the Development Review Board.

Note: Additional permits may be required by the State. Check with the State Permit Specialist before starting projects.

Before filing an application to the DRB, or for specific questions about zoning, email Zoning Administrator Kathleen Hayes at zoning@marshfieldvt.gov or call 426-3045 ext 2. Check the Town's website for copies of the zoning and subdivision regulations. <https://marshfieldvt.gov>. If you think you may be in a flood zone or a wetland, pay particular attention to the flood zone regulations.

Application forms and copies of the Marshfield Zoning and Subdivision regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

Building permits for one and two family dwellings and additions requiring additional sewage disposal	\$150.00
Accessory buildings, additions not requiring additional sewage disposal and signs	\$75.00
Reissuance of a previous valid permit that meets current regulations	\$25.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$75.00
Minimal Alteration	\$100.00
Minor Subdivision	\$275.00
Major Subdivision	\$350.00 up to 4 lots, \$75.00 each additional lot
Planned Unit Development	\$400.00, plus \$75.00 per unit
Appeal to Development Review Board	\$150.00
Site plan approval	\$175.00
Conditional use permit	\$175.00
Site plan approval and conditional use, if applied for simultaneously	\$225.00
Filing land plats	
11" x 17"	\$25.00
18" x 24"	\$25.00
Curb Cut Permit	\$50.00

The proper fee must be paid before the application will be deemed complete and considered.

The fee should be paid with a check or money order payable to the Town of Marshfield.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. The Commission provides planning, development, and project implementation assistance to communities. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. Marshfield's Representative is Robin Schunk.

FY21 Marshfield Activities

- Completed Grants in Aid FY21 pre-construction site visit.
- Drafted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and secured FEMA approval so that Town is eligible for federal grants and a higher level of state reimbursement for flood damages.
- Provided energy efficiency information so that Town can track progress on its energy goals.
- Completed traffic count and conducted speed studies on Bunker Hill Road, Gilman Street, English Cemetery Road, Folsom Hill Road, and Upper Depot Road.

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- *Municipal plan and bylaw updates:* Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- *Brownfields:* Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the community, stimulate the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- *Transportation planning:* Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee and provide studies, plans, data collection, and counts.

- *Emergency planning:* Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and the state on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- *Energy conservation and development:* Foster projects that support energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.
- *Natural resource planning and projects:* Implement activities to protect water resources/supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, maintain the forest products industry, and enhance environmental health.
- *Regional plans:* Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- *Geographic Information System services:* Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.
- *Special projects:* Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- *Grants:* Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, write applications, and manage projects.

The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource -- please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Marshfield Budget Committee met on December 28, 2021 to review requests for funding from many non-profit organizations that provide services to citizens of Marshfield. Requests are submitted prior to our annual meeting, and must include the organization's impact on Marshfield (description of the service provided and number of residents served) plus a current budget. See link to the Town of Marshfield website to review requests. <https://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>. Representatives are invited to attend our meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Budget Committee. This year we met in person but provided the option for representatives to attend either virtually or in-person.

In deciding how to allocate funds, committee members consider the impact of services on residents, the uniqueness of services provided, and prior years' allocations. While recognizing the importance of municipal support to the sustainability of these non-profits, we strive to support the vital services they provide and at the same time minimize budget increases from year to year. No monies were allocated for organizations that did not submit a request. We recommend support for the following:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 575.
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 1,400.
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice Circle	\$ 3,200.
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 350.
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300.
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	\$ 300.
Green Mountain Transit Agency	\$ 882.
Green -Up Vermont	\$ 100.
Onion River food Shelf	\$ 1,100.
OUR House of Central Vermont	\$ 100.
People's Health and Wellness Clinic	\$ 300.
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 3,000.
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250.
Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$ 150.
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$ 150.
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$ 100.
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	\$ 250.

Respectfully,
Marshfield Budget Committee: Betsy Brigham, Doris Dufresne, Deanna Martin, Thomas Maclay (Michael Caccavo, absent)

APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Other Appropriations				
Cemeteries	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Historical Society	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Jaquith Public Library	82,727	82,727	82,727	84,383
Discretionary Articles	1,084	0	0	13,920
Total Other Appropriations	<u>100,766</u>	<u>99,682</u>	<u>99,682</u>	<u>115,258</u>
Outside Agencies				
Transportation Services				
GMTA Commuter Bus	8,333	8,333	8,333	8,333
Total Transportation Services	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,333</u>
Social Services				
Central Vermont Adult Basic Edu	575	575	575	575
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Central Vermont Home Health	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	350	350	350	350
Family Center of Washington Cty	300	300	300	300
Friends of the Winooski	300	300	300	300
Good Beginnings	0	300	300	300
Green Mountain Transit	882	882	882	882
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	100
Rural Fire Protection Task Forc	100	100	100	100
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Our House	100	100	100	100
People's Health & Wellness	300	300	300	300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	100	0	0	0
Twin Valley Seniors	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250	250	250	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually	150	150	150	150
Vt Ctr for Independent Livin	150	150	150	150
VT Family Network	0	200	200	0
Washington County Mental Health	800	0	0	0
Washington Cty Youth Serv Bur	250	250	250	250
Winooski Natural Resources Cons	0	200	200	0
Total Social Services	<u>13,407</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>12,807</u>
Total Outside Appropriations	21,740	21,540	21,540	21,140

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

The following information is taken from the individual requests from these organizations. The full requests are posted on the Town's website. <https://marshfieldvt.gov>

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education Inc: Our mission is to provide free adult education and literacy instruction to adults age 16+, in Washington, Orange and Lamoille counties, and to engage the entire community in our students' efforts. In doing so, we create opportunities for jobs and further education.

Central Vermont Council on Aging: CVCOA is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income or other resources.

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice: CVHHH is a full service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association committed to providing high quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters, regardless of their ability to pay. In addition, CVHHH promotes the general welfare of the citizens of central Vermont with health promotion and long term care services.

Circle: A small, community based organization dedicated to ending all forms of domestic and sexual violence. Circle provides services to all victims of domestic and sexual violence, regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, or ethnicity. Circle has always provided these necessary services at no cost.

Family Center of Washington County: This organization operates an Early Childhood Program serving children from 6 weeks to 5 years as a traditional early childhood program as well as a therapeutic program for children with special physical or behavioral health needs. Other services and programs include child care referral and financial assistance, outreach to new parents, family supportive housing services, home visiting, job development, and other programs including playgroups and parent educations classes.

Friends of the Winooski: FOW is a small non-profit organization working with communities toward a clean, healthy, resilient Winooski watershed. Our Learn, Restore, and Paddle programs give residents access to priority information about their watershed, opportunities to plant trees along streams, collect water quality samples, develop solutions to local erosion problems, and enjoy paddling our scenic rivers. Marshfield is represented in our Winooski Headwaters Community Partnership, along with Cabot and Plainfield, identifying opportunities to focus on headwaters-specific challenges and solutions.

Good Beginnings: Our mission is to bring community to families and their babies. As part of our Postpartum Angel Family Support Program, trained volunteers visit families weekly to provide respite, community connections, and hands-on help during the postpartum period. We also provide peer support groups, early parenting workshops, and financial assistance with basic needs.

Green Mountain Transit: GMT offers specific transportation services for the most transit dependent citizens within our communities. We offer vital transportation service for the elderly and disabled, those needing Medicaid, Non-Medicaid medical, critical care such as cancer and dialysis, senior meal site, social visits, health care shuttle service and transportation for various Agency of Human Service programs. GMT also offers fixed route, demand response, deviated fixed route and commuter services for affordable and environmentally friendly transportation options.

Green Up Vermont: Organizes, promotes, and mobilizes a statewide cleanup day of our roadsides and waterways, always on the first Saturday in May, called Green Up Day. We are committed to raising public awareness for a litter free environment and pride in our communities through educational components in schools year-round and have initiated additional efforts to involve more youth.

Onion River Food Shelf: Operates a food shelf in the Old Schoolhouse Common in Marshfield, open to residents of Marshfield, Cabot, Calais, East Montpelier, and Plainfield, open on Wednesdays.

OUR House of Central Vermont, Inc: We are a nonprofit Children's Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit located in Barre and serving all of Washington County. OUR House's mission is to provide a safe and supportive setting for child victims of physical and sexual abuse, their non-offending family members as well as adult survivors of sexual abuse. OUR House (which stands for One Unified Response) works very closely with the Dept for Children and Families, Law Enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, CVMC and SACT along with other local organizations to ensure investigations whenever possible are conducted in a child friendly environment, with staff whom are trained in the area of trauma. We also offer therapy referral, case management, safety planning, training, and referral services to children and adults.

People's Health & Wellness Clinic: Their mission is to provide health care services and wellness education to uninsured and underinsured Vermonters. The clinic is sustained by dedicated volunteer practitioners, who provide an array of medical, mental health, oral health, bodywork, and other services. PHWC also provides comprehensive case management services.

Twin Valley Senior Center: TVSC offers the community of Marshfield plus surrounding towns a place for social gatherings and activities. It offers well balanced meals to attendees at the center. The center hosts many health related clinics and exercise programs, art classes, tax preparation and informative speakers on many topics. The center cooks, packages, and delivers meals to the homebound.

Twinfield Together Mentoring Program: The mission of the program is to provide all interested youth in our community an opportunity for a one-on-one friendship with a responsible, attentive and nurturing role model through a mentoring relationship. Twinfield Together supports three unique mentoring programs: community-based mentoring, *Everybody Wins!* mentoring and peer mentoring.

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Our mission is to help Vermonters with visual impairments to be more independent, cultivate adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life. We provide training, support groups, and a summer camp for students.

Vermont Center for Independent Living: VCIL is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force: We help Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Our Program Manager helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction.

Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Clubs: The Bureau's mission is to provide a wide range of innovative and effective programs that empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in Washington County, and to provide leadership and support to other youth programs throughout Vermont. We accomplish this through a variety of programs including: youth & family counseling; a program for runaway youth; a transitional living program for homeless youth; an adolescent substance abuse treatment program; a program supporting youth involved in foster care; a transitional living program for young men returning from jail; a teen center; a substance abuse prevention program; and a 24 hour on-call service. The Bureau also operates 4 statewide youth-focused coalitions.

MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Marshfield Conservation Commission (MCC) has been in existence for 15 years. The Commission is composed of nine community members appointed by the Select Board. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom until further notice. The meetings are open to the public, and we welcome attendance by any interested community members. We participate in service activities on town land, lead field trips, and sponsor talks by local experts.

The primary goal of the Conservation Commission is to encourage community involvement in protecting and enhancing the town's natural resources. We are strictly non-regulatory and provide advisory information to the Select Board and other town boards.

Members: Taber Allison, Luke Boushee, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Bradley Materick (Treasurer), Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp (Secretary) and Annie Reed (Chair)

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been involved in the following activities in 2021.

Field Trips:

- Mother's Day Wildflower Walk at Stranahan held jointly with Stranahan Stewardship Com.
- Annual Bird Migration Walk at Stranahan Town Forest.

Tree and Shrub Sale:

- Organized and carried out the annual tree and shrub sale. Material was locally sourced wherever possible;
- For first time included Cabot as well as Plainfield Conservation Commissions.
- Surplus plant materials were planted at the Old Schoolhouse Common property;

Old Schoolhouse Common:

- Previously planted trees at OSC were fenced, mulched, fertilized and protected by tree tubes.
- Made additional planting comprised of black walnuts, apples & black currants.
- Created signs along OSC trails warning of poison ivy and cow parsnip.

Town Natural Resource Inventory:

- Planned for undertaking a comprehensive Natural Resource Inventory for Marshfield (See Following Description).
- Discussed project with Cabot CC who recently completed an inventory, the Marshfield Select Bd, and some potential consultants.

Forest Farmers Property:

- Met with Dept of Forest, Parks & Rec (FPR) to discuss the Forestland Conservation Easement on the property held by FPR
- Easement guarantees public access and mandates approved forest management plan with FPR.
- Walked a portion of the property and identified erosion concerns which were promptly repaired.

Stream Bioassessment:

- Water sampling and aquatic community assessment undertaken on Lye Brook, Marshfield Brook and tributary of Turtlehead Pond

Other Activities:

- Met with Cross Vermont Trail director to assist in identifying and contacting landowners
- Placed two traps obtained from FPR for Emerald Ash Borer
- Assisted with mgt plan and trail work at STF

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY (ARTICLE 4)

The Marshfield Conservation Commission requests funding from the Town of Marshfield to hire an ecological consultant to conduct a Natural Resources Inventory of the Town of Marshfield. This inventory has been a long-standing priority of the Conservation Commission and will fulfill an important goal as described in the 2018 Town Plan.¹ The purpose of this inventory is to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the most ecologically significant areas of the Marshfield landscape to support town planning, conservation of the Town's significant ecological resources, and to enhance the ability of Marshfield residents to enjoy and steward their Town's natural resources. A Marshfield town inventory will complement inventories already completed in our neighboring towns of Cabot, Calais and Plainfield.

The Conservation Commission is providing \$5,000 in funds raised through its annual tree and shrub sale. Members of the Conservation Commission also will contribute in-kind support through reviewing recommendations for priority sites, conducting interviews and holding public forums to tap into the Town's substantial ecological expertise and promote awareness in Town residents. Commission members will determine ownership and obtain permission prior to accessing any privately owned parcel.

Visit our website <https://marshfieldvt.gov> for a more detailed description of our proposal. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Members of the Town of Marshfield, VT Conservation Commission

¹ Town of Marshfield Town Plan, 2018, page 38: "The Conservation Commission is encouraged to complete wetland mapping and a town-wide natural resource inventory."

MARSHFIELD ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

The Marshfield Energy and Climate Change committee continued to meet during 2021, though activities were limited due to the ongoing pandemic. We met throughout the year using a mix of Zoom and in-person meetings during the warmer months. During the beginning of 2022 we will continue meeting remotely through February. We normally meet the first Monday of each month at the Old Schoolhouse common at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome! Our goals are to help reduce our town's energy use, help community members reduce energy usage and heating fuels, learn more about climate solutions in our communities, and help educate others. These efforts take a direction that is based on member interest, state and federal incentives, all towards the goal of reducing the effects of climate change.

In the early part of the year the committee worked to increase our membership and welcomed Ellen Keene as a new member. Some long standing members stepped away from the committee during the pandemic, and we hope to welcome them back during 2022. All educational and transportation related efforts were curtailed during 2021 due to the pandemic. The intent is to resume these activities as soon as possible during 2022.

During 2021 the committee pursued further renewable energy work for the town. The performance of the existing solar panels at the Old Schoolhouse common was evaluated and found to meet installation predictions, returning the town about 8%/year on the initial cost. However, the current solar does not cover all municipal usage. The committee investigated options for adding more solar panels at the Old Schoolhouse common. The goal with this work is to increase renewable energy production to fully cover all municipal electricity use, and save the town money.

The committee began to revive weatherization efforts during 2021 with a new push to get landlords involved. Working with Efficiency Vermont and other advocates for rental weatherization, a letter was written and sent to encourage landlords in Marshfield to pursue weatherization of their rental units. Initial work on this met with some success and this project may be pursued into 2022. With new federal and state money available for weatherization efforts in Vermont it is likely that 2022 will see the rollout of major incentives for weatherization and home heating. The committee will be evaluating how we can most effectively help with this work.

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Marshfield Community Garden at the Old Schoolhouse Common is a garden space for the community. Everyone is welcome to grow their own garden plot, harvest what is grown in the 'help yourself' garden beds and participate in or facilitate activities and workshops that are gardening, food and community-building related.

2021 was a great year for the garden! In April the garden volunteers (Betsy Brigham, Bobbi Buchanan, Sarah Galbraith, Tracey McNaughton and Melissa Seifert) organized a GoFundMe fundraiser and raised \$1450 which was \$500 more than our goal. We are grateful for the enthusiastic community support. With this money we are in the process of planning a few new things for the garden space. First of all we have made some designs for a table top wheelchair accessible garden bed and hope to begin gathering materials and building in the coming spring and early summer. Secondly, we have created some new beds in which we'll be planting some rhubarb and asparagus for the public to harvest freely.

This past spring, with help from Glen Seifert, we installed a 275 gallon water tank which the Marshfield Fire Department kindly filled for us. Glen built a platform for the water tank to be elevated so the water flows down to reach the garden beds. No more hauling buckets from the river to water our seedlings! We also replaced the wood of three of our oldest garden beds and planted an herb tea garden with Angie Barger, a clinical herbalist at Luna Root Wellness here in Marshfield.

We successfully grew many veggies such as tomatoes, green beans, lettuce, potatoes and beets. Some plants didn't do so well such as peppers and carrots but we will try again next year! We harvested approximately one grocery bags worth of produce once a week for the Onion River Food Shelf which is located just inside the OSC building and is open on Wednesdays. Much appreciation goes to Dowell, Hardin, Nora and Samuel Bethea and Betsy Brigham for thoughtfully harvesting for the food shelf every week during the growing season.

Another fun addition to the garden this past year is a collaborative effort with artists Ellen Keene and Cheryl Davis who are designing and painting a wooden 'Community Garden' sign which will be ready to install next Summer.

In the Fall we held a Community Garden Open House and Gratitude Dedication. There were about 25 attendees. At this dedication Angie did a tutorial on how to garble dried herbs and make tea bags. Also, participants were encouraged to decorate a flag to hang around the garden to add color and cheer during the winter months. Everyone who wanted could sample a tea blend that Angie created from herbs that were grown in the Herbal Tea Garden. It was a fun way to end the growing season and connect with the community. We hope to offer something similar next Fall.

Sarah Galbraith wrote a wonderful article for the Times Argus about the community garden. She included information about the New England Grass Roots Environmental Fund and Vermont Community Garden Network who have both been excellent resources and inspiration for the Marshfield Community Garden. It can be viewed online on the Times Argus web page. 'Growing Community' By Sarah Galbraith Correspondent Oct 2, 2021.

We are excited for the 2022 growing season and we welcome you to reach out for more information and to get involved. Email us at marshfieldcommunitygardens@gmail.com. For those of you who prefer the good old fashion telephone please call 802-922-6800.

VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

The Stranahan Forest Stewardship Committee (SFSC), a seven person committee appointed by the Selectboard, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the 620-acre Stranahan Forest (SF), which is owned by the town. The Stranahan Forest is protected by a conservation easement held by the Vermont Land Trust and the VT Housing & Conservation Board. The Committee maintains trails, open spaces and historic sites, and develops new policies, procedures, budgets and plans for approval by the Select Board. Major decisions, including periodic management plan updates, require ultimate approval by the Selectboard. The Committee meets monthly; all meetings are open to the public. We are currently meeting via Zoom; look for the link on the town website.

The Committee encourages all townspeople and others to visit the Stranahan Forest to enjoy its beautiful trails, woods, fields, cellar holes, wetlands, wildlife, and other natural features. The varied uses of the property include hunting, agriculture, sugaring, education, habitat and natural resource protection, historic preservation, and recreation. Hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking (in summer and winter), horseback-riding, and snowmobiling are available in our town forest along trails designated for the various means of travel. Find trail maps and information on the Town of Marshfield website or at the kiosks located in parking areas on Hollister Hill and Jake Martin Roads, as well as a Facebook page that is maintained by members of the SFSC committee (called "Friends of Stranahan Town Forest"). Please reach out to anyone on the Committee if you have any questions.

In 2021, we focused on the following:

Maintaining Historic Sites: Homestead Foundation and Orchard, Mowing Fields:

The homestead foundation located at the intersection of the Thompson Road and Moonfield Trail and the adjacent old orchard are kept open so that the historical site can be easily accessed. There are picnic tables and a view to enjoy there as well. This work typically includes bush hogging around the historical foundation, periodic bush hogging of the open area along the Thompson Road, as well as general maintenance of that section of the Thompson Road. Since this work was suspended last year due to Covid, the Committee worked to catch up on some of the bush hogging and clearing in 2021.

Volunteer Trail Days:

The Committee held a successful trail work day on October 16, attended by 12 people. Volunteers cleared brush and trees from trails, put up trail signs, and cleared some brush around historic cellar holes.

Maintaining the Trail System

The SF includes 7 miles of trails, some of which are for foot traffic only, and others that allow bikes and horses. All trails allow snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. All trails are marked with trail signs that include mileages and information on allowed uses.

Committee members worked individually to clear various blowdowns from trails throughout the year. Five volunteers worked individually to maintain the mountain bike-designated trails, clearing trees, cutting back brambles, raking leaves, and doing some minor bridge repairs.

Updating Management Plan and Trail Maps:

The SFSC spent much of 2021 focused on updating the management plan. A draft will be ready for review by the public, and then the Selectboard, in early 2022.

Updated Trail maps are available at the two kiosks (on Hollister Hill Road, and Jake Martin Road), as well as on the town's website.

Events: Due to Covid-19, typical events at the SF were postponed, but we did host one lady beetle walk. A local tracking group routinely uses the SF.

Invitation to an Upcoming Meeting

Our meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 PM via Zoom until otherwise notified. Feel free to attend to let us know your ideas. If you are unable to attend and have ideas or suggestions, please email or mail your comments to the town clerk, or reach out to any Committee member.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stranahan Forest Stewardship Committee
Ellen Cooke, Brett Engstrom, Nancy Everhart, Patrick Pfeifer, Michael Sabourin, and Jenny Warshow

DESIGNATED FUNDS

ARPA Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		0.00
ARPA Fund Received	182,793.27	
ARPA Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		182,793.27
Bandstand Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		1,564.79
Interest	1.47	
Replace Electrical Outlet	<u>(292.54)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		1,273.72
Bridge Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		112,008.06
Interest	113.21	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
School St Bridge	<u>(2,720.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		112,901.27
Conservation Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		11,481.81
Interest	12.16	
Sale of Marshfield Booklets	36.00	
Proceeds from Plant Sale	<u>1,172.69</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		12,702.66
Energy Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		231.27
Interest	<u>0.24</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		231.51
Engineering Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		3,538.71
Interest	<u>3.53</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		3,542.24
Fire Department Building Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		17,325.11
Interest	18.69	
Budget Appropriation	<u>2,500.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		19,843.80
Fire Department Ed Duke Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		19,514.51
Interest	17.96	
Donations to the Fund	1,450.00	
Dry Hydrant Grant	5,610.00	
Dry Hydrant Repairs	(6,555.08)	
Gifts for Firefighters	(299.41)	
Shirts	<u>(4,687.96)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		15,050.02

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		168,229.86
Interest, Bank Accounts	113.68	
Interest, Investments	415.00	
Budget Appropriation	12,500.00	
Surplus Appropriation	15,000.00	
Truck Refurbishment	(82,632.00)	
Pickup from Highway Dept	(1,227.31)	
Tires? Need to check	(3,302.14)	
Change in Market Value-Investments	<u>(569.59)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		108,527.50
Highway Equipment Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		53,849.04
Interest	80.90	
Budget Appropriation	92,784.00	
Surplus Appropriation	45,000.00	
Grants in Aid for Erosion Projects	14,020.00	
Hydroseeder Grant	6,000.00	
Sale of Plow	3,500.00	
Sale of Mulcher	2,750.00	
Loan for 2021 Truck	110,000.00	
Purchase of Hydroseeder	(16,314.34)	
Purchase Trailer for Hydroseeder	(3,974.98)	
Purchase of 2021 Truck	(131,027.00)	
Principal Payment - Loader	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Loader	(1,320.00)	
Principal Payment - 2020 Truck	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2020 Truck	(2,200.00)	
Principal Payment - 2018 truck	(15,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2018 truck	<u>(600.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		113,547.62
Martin Covered Bridge Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		9,518.67
Interest	9.05	
Maintenance of Grounds	<u>(1,440.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		8,087.72
OSC Building Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		29,323.83
Interest	31.01	
Budget Appropriation	3,000.00	
Surplus Appropriation	<u>20,000.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		52,354.84
Paving Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		67,395.23
Interest	70.13	
Budget Appropriation	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		72,465.36

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Pet Control Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		12,739.55
Interest	13.26	
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	<u>654.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		13,406.81
Playground Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		8,507.35
Interest	8.85	
Budget Appropriation	600.00	
Balance, December 31, 2021		9,116.20
Reappraisal Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		203,937.64
Interest	195.11	
State Appropriation	7,904.00	
Reappraisal Expenses	<u>(36,959.75)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		175,077.00
Records Restoration		
Balance, January 1, 2021		46,935.26
Interest	49.38	
Fees Collected	7,554.00	
Digitization Grant	0.00	
Digitization of Land Records	0.00	
Land Records Software	(2,880.00)	
Land Records Microfilm	<u>(72.84)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		51,585.80
Recreation Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		13,111.31
Interest	9.09	
Budget Appropriation	500.00	
Donations	38.54	
Transfer from General Fund	700.00	
Basketball Court	<u>(13,719.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		639.94
Stranahan Town Forest Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2021		4,247.01
Interest	4.58	
Income from Sugaring and Haying, half	1,138.17	
Lights for Parking Lot	(22.99)	
Balance, December 31, 2021		5,366.77
Election Grant Funds		
Balance, January 1, 2021		1,549.31
Interest	0.66	
Election Expenses (partial)	<u>(1,549.97)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2021		0.00
Total Designated Funds, December 31, 2021		958,514.05

DESIGNATED FUNDS POLICY

The Town of Marshfield has designated some town funds to be set aside for future projects. This designated fund balance is segregated into several categories.

The following categories are funded through transfers from the general fund, to be shown as individual line items in the town budget and approved by the voters:

- **Bridge Fund:** This money is used to pay for town highway bridge work.
- **Engineering Fund:** This money has been set aside to allow the town to hire an engineer if required for major development projects.
- **Highway Equipment Fund:** This money is used to buy plow trucks and other major pieces of highway equipment.
- **Fire Department Equipment Fund:** This money is used to replace fire trucks and other equipment for the fire department.
- **Fire Department Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Fire Station.
- **Old Schoolhouse Common Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Old Schoolhouse Common.
- **Paving Fund:** This money is used for town highway paving projects.
- **Reappraisal Fund:** This category is funded through a line item in the town budget and also by an appropriation from the State of Vermont. It is used for town-wide reappraisals.

The following categories are funded through a combination of transfers and fundraising:

- **Conservation Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for future conservation projects.
- **Energy Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for projects undertaken by the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee.
- **Playground Fund:** This category is funded through donations and a transfer from the general fund. It is used for maintenance of the playground at the Old Schoolhouse Common, primarily for replacing

the woodchips under the playground equipment, and may be used to purchase other equipment in the future.

- **Recreation Fund:** This category is funded through donations and a transfer from the general fund. It is used to purchase recreation equipment, and was used in 2021 to refinish the basketball court at the Old Schoolhouse Common.
- **Stranahan Fund:** This category is funded by one-half of the revenue from the Stranahan Town Forest. It is used for Town Forest expenses. This fund will be capped at \$5,000.

The following categories of designated funds are either statutory or they are funded solely through donations:

- **Bandstand Fund:** This fund originated from donations that were raised to build the bandstand. It is used for maintenance of the bandstand.
- **Ed Duke Fund:** This category was established in memory of a Marshfield firefighter. It is funded through donations and used at the discretion of the fire department.
- **Martin Covered Bridge Fund:** This category is funded through donations and grants for the rehabilitation of the covered bridge and the creation of the surrounding park. It is used for maintenance and improvements of the bridge and park.
- **Pet Control Fund:** This category is funded through a surcharge on dog licenses, as allowed by statute, for the purpose of rabies control. It is used to pay for the dog officer and other animal control expenses.
- **Records Restoration Fund:** This category is funded by a portion of the recording fees that are received when land records are recorded at the town office. It is used for records restoration, preservation, and computerization.

Any remaining categories of designated funds result from grants that have been obtained for a specific purpose, and those funds are returned if unspent.

- **Election Grant Fund:** In 2021 we received a \$5,000 grant from the Center for Tech and Civil Life. We used most of it in 2021. We used the remaining funds in 2022 for election supplies and audiovisual equipment to allow voters to view ballot processing remotely.
- **ARPA:** The American Rescue Plan funds are federal funds meant to help respond to COVID. The Town has not decided how these funds may be spent; the federal guidelines have just been issued. The Town will receive an additional \$182,000 in 2022.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

In 2021, the Selectboard updated the Cemetery Ordinance, and adopted separate Cemetery Rules and Regulations that may be revised from time to time. The Rules and Regulations cover the following:

- I. **Interments and disinterments**
Sets the rules for interments, and requires approval of the Cemetery Sexton or Cemetery Commission for all interment activities.
- II. **Memorial Work**
Sets rules for memorials. The Cemetery Sexton must approve all work and lay out all grave corner markers and approve location of monuments.
- III. **Foundations**
Sets rules for foundation size and date of installation. The Cemetery Sexton must oversee the work.
- IV. **Memorials, mausoleums, and vaults**
Requires Cemetery Sexton's permission before starting work. Prohibits damage to other cemetery monuments, trees and property.
- V. **Lot plantings and decorations**
Sets rules for what may be used decorate cemetery lots, and what happens to items left.
- VI. **Endowment Care**
Explains the Town's obligations regarding perpetual care.
- VII. **Fees**
 1. Sexton services overseeing installation of foundations and monuments: \$20.00 per hour
 2. Installation of corner markers: \$20.00 per hour
 3. Cost of grave lots: \$500.00 for Marshfield residents, \$750.00 for non-residents
 4. Excavation, back fill and reseeding: \$700.00 for full burials, \$400.00 for cremation burials
 5. Transfer of lots between family members or from owner back to town: \$50, deeds to be prepared by the Town.

For more information about the cemetery rules or to arrange work in the cemetery or to purchase a lot, contact Sexton Joe Mangan at 426-3121.

The full text of the rules may be obtained from the Town Clerk or viewed on the Town website: <https://marshfieldvt.gov/ordinances>

CEMETERY OPERATING FUND

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	35,257	27,265
Income		
Interest	1,766	1,307
Appropriation	10,500	10,500
Burials	1,900	4,600
Total Income	<u>14,166</u>	<u>16,407</u>
Operating Expenses		
Sexton	800	800
Burials	1,350	3,200
Maintenance	1,624	0
Flags	200	230
Capital Repairs	7,650	0
Cemetery Mowing	10,500	10,500
Insurance	34	32
Total Operating Expenses	<u>22,158</u>	<u>14,762</u>
Net Income	(7,992)	1,645
Balance, Dec. 31	27,265	28,910

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	141,332	153,039
Income		
Investment Income		
Mutual Fund Dividends	3,665	7,657
Change in Market Value	6,543	(682)
Capital Gains	0	668
Total Investment Income	<u>10,208</u>	<u>7,642</u>
Lot Purchases	1,500	750
Total Income	11,708	8,392
Balance, Dec. 31	153,039	161,432

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Certificates of Deposit	0	0
In General Fund Account	34,933	37,328
Bonds/Government Securities	25,201	24,477
Mutual Funds	120,170	128,537
Total Assets	<u>180,304</u>	<u>190,341</u>
Perpetual Care Fund Balance	153,039	161,432
Operating Fund Balance	27,265	28,910
Total Both Funds	<u>180,304</u>	<u>190,341</u>

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY



Another year of the Covid pandemic has gone by but through it all the Jaquith Library stayed open and continued to provide **programs, concerts, books, movies, laptops for loan, computers, take home activity bags, STEM Maker Space boxes, games, puzzles, snow shoes**, and more. Hopefully, by the time you read this report, the pandemic will be in decline. No matter what happens, your intrepid librarians will still be here, as we have in the past, to serve you.

Our Youth Librarian, Debora Connolly, resigned in August after doing a stellar job engaging young readers in our summer reading program, a **Storywalk® along the river**, a **Backyard Food Scavenger Hunt** and **Raffle Extravaganza** and **take-home craft projects** and **STEM Maker Space boxes**

We hired a **Youth Services and Digital Outreach Librarian, Sasha McGarvey**. Sasha has two children and lives in Woodbury. She brings a wealth of experience and ideas. She is motivated to provide safe and engaging programs for youth of all ages in our community and is dedicated to promoting everything we are offering at the Jaquith.

Below is a sampling of the programs we have been offering at the Jaquith Public Library:

In the summer we reinstated our **Summer Concert Series** outside at the Old Schoolhouse Common bandstand. Thanks to Anne Miller we held a **Drive-in Movies Series** as well. We received a grant for an **Afternoon Summer Program** for Kids which provided directed and self-directed activities including **sports, games, arts and expression, science and nature explorations**. We also held **Family Fun Nights** and Wednesday **Story and Activity Time**. Much thanks goes out to **Vermont Afterschool** for funding the summer events.

In the fall we had a **Pumpkin Celebration** where people carved pumpkins, made lanterns, bought baked goods and books and walked around the Recreation Trail to the light of the pumpkins carved earlier in the day.

In the late fall and winter we held **outside Story time and Playgroups** where we gathered around our **new fire pit** for **songs, stories, hot drinks and**

refreshments before we ventured out for **sledding**. We also had a very successful **Winter Clothing Giveaway** with many gratified community members.

Come to the **Winter Carnival** on **February 26** (inclement weather date February 27th) featuring **storytelling and a sing-a-long around the fire, circus type performances, soup, bread, baked goods and hot drinks, story walk** on the recreation path, and if there is still snow: **snow sculpting and snow painting** with a prize for all creators.

Ongoing throughout most of the year are two book groups that meet weekly: **Chapters in History Book Group** and the **Monday Book Group**. Both groups are open to new members and the books are provided by the library. **Do you have an idea for a book group? For a library program? Make a proposal. We are open to hearing your ideas.**

Our Online Services

Our **free access to online services** and our **free Wi-Fi** and computers continue to be invaluable for those in our community who do not have these resources at home. Online access to **eBooks** and **audiobooks** is still available through Green Mountain **Overdrive/Listen-up Vermont and Libby** and they can be accessed through the library's website. Both of these services allow users to either stream or download audiobooks and eBooks and are free to library patrons. There are also digital resources available from the library, such as **VT Online Library, Universal Class and Consumer Reports**. You can find links at: www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/digital.html.

Gratitude

We continue to be so grateful for the volunteers who give their time to help shelving, working the circulation desk, processing books, helping with computers, planning and providing programs, working tirelessly at events and many other unseen tasks. Thank you to the artists and authors who shared their creativity with us. Thanks to the Library Trustees and the Friends for their endless work. Thank you to all the generous donors who gave financial support for programming and our annual appeal. This library could not function as fully as it does without the selfless gifts of time, enthusiasm, energy, resources and love of the library that these countless individuals give. **Thank you!**

Do You Need Help? Call the Library! Visit our Website!

If you need help ordering books and materials, setting up an account, remembering your library card number, or working through the use of any of these systems, please call or email the library 426-3581 or jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com and librarian, Susan Green, will be happy to help you. Check out our website www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org or call 426-3581 to find out all the great things that are happening at your library.

We hope you all stay healthy! Let us all take care of one another during these challenging times.

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Town Account

	<u>Actual 2020</u>	<u>Budget 2021</u>	<u>Actual 2021</u>	<u>Budget 2022</u>
Available, Jan. 1	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,017
Income				
Previous Year's Surplus	2,279	1,796	1,796	698
Town Appropriation	82,727	82,727	82,727	84,383
Total Fundraising	4,852	5,350	4,489	4,000
Dividends Cashied Out	0	2,883	3,700	7,577
Interest	10	10	8	11
COVID reimbursements	303	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	174	0	0	0
Total Income	<u>90,346</u>	<u>92,766</u>	<u>92,719</u>	<u>96,669</u>
Expense				
COVID expenses	341	300	128	100
Books	7,007	7,000	6,992	7,000
Magazines	252	250	220	150
Book Review Subscriptions	0	242	206	210
Amazon Prime	119	119	119	0
Computer Expenses	2,799	2,870	2,170	2,490
Telephone	890	900	924	900
Old Schoolhouse Common	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Cleaning Service	641	650	30	0
Insurance	1,025	1,025	995	1,010
Library Equipment	174	0	0	0
Library Supply	445	515	861	782
Postage and Returns	493	1,140	919	853
Programs	68	0	0	0
Conference Fees	29	0	134	100
Transportation/Mileage	69	70	0	0
Finance Charge	42	0	37	40
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	104	0
Staff Expense				
Librarian	34,245	34,200	34,267	36,608
Youth Librarian	9,788	14,183	14,074	15,028
Substitute	3,332	2,003	1,685	1,560
Custodian	0	0	739	780
Social Security	2,937	3,124	3,145	3,374
Medicare Expense	687	731	735	789
Retirement Expense	2,612	2,608	2,700	3,020
Health Insurance	7,715	7,996	7,996	9,035
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>61,315</u>	<u>64,845</u>	<u>65,342</u>	<u>70,194</u>
Total Expense	<u>88,550</u>	<u>92,766</u>	<u>92,021</u>	<u>96,669</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,796	0	698	0
Town Fund Balance	22,813		21,715	
Applied to Next Year	(1,796)		(698)	
Available Dec. 31	<u>21,017</u>		<u>21,017</u>	

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Jaquith Account

	<u>Actual 2020</u>	<u>Actual 2021</u>
Jaquith Fund Balance, Jan. 1	106,954	129,079
Income		
Investment Income	18,639	12,469
Grants	18,120	26,204
Donations	5,645	6,425
Conscience Can	36	50
Book Replacement	45	54
Book Sales	227	215
Total Income	<u>42,712</u>	<u>45,418</u>
Expenses		
Payroll	350	821
Books	2,482	291
Playgroup	118	0
After School Program	0	4,891
Programs	1,925	2,827
Program Supplies	2,464	585
Story Project	11,335	17,729
Expansion Expenses	87	0
Other Donation/Grant Purchases	1,826	2,137
Total Expenses	<u>20,587</u>	<u>29,280</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	22,125	16,138
Jaquith Fund Balance, Dec. 31	129,079	145,217
Town Account Balance	22,813	21,715
Jaquith Account Balance	<u>129,079</u>	<u>145,217</u>
Total Library Funds	<u>151,892</u>	<u>166,932</u>
Cash on Hand	257	38
Checking	5,612	4,919
Savings	25,774	28,562
Paypal/Gift Cards	719	1,003
Prepayments	0	410
Investments	<u>119,531</u>	<u>132,000</u>
Total Library Funds	<u>151,892</u>	<u>166,932</u>

MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marshfield Historical Society canceled in-person meetings during 2021 because of Covid-19 restrictions to public spaces and gatherings.

But **Marshfield Story Project**, a 2-year grant-funded program to preserve Marshfield's community memory with oral history video recordings and a new digital archive continued. We completed 5 in-person interviews and 2 interviews using Zoom. You can view them on YouTube.com—simply type “Marshfield Story Project” into the search bar at the top of the page.

Even though the funding for this project ends in February of 2022, **Marshfield Story Project** can live on! Part of the funding provided new, modern equipment for the library, including a scanner, digital camera, voice recorder and a Home Interview Kit. You can use this equipment to record your own history, make a podcast, or scan old photos to preserve them for the future.

For project details, visit the **Marshfield Story Project** page at <https://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org/marshfield-story-project.html>

The Historical Society, with the Jaquith Public Library, continues a reading- discussion series called **Chapters in History**. Titles include *James Madison* by Richard Brookhiser Smith, *The Last Founding Father: James Monroe* by Harlow Unger, *The Quartet* by Joseph Ellis and *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Books are available for loan from the library. Participants meet via Zoom on second Saturdays, at 2 o'clock. This series is open and free to all those interested in discussing the incredible history of this country.

The website, www.genealogybank.com is still available at no charge for your genealogy research. Access this site using janetN@myfairpoint.net with password, “jaquith.” It has local newspaper articles from long ago in Marshfield as well as genealogical information.

The Society is always looking for new participants and hopes to resume meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Hap Hayward History Center. We continue to welcome your stories, old photos or mystery artifacts from Marshfield's past. Drop them off at Jaquith Public Library, labeled for the Historical Society.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Checking Balance, Jan. 1	3,591	3,698	3,906
Income			
Book Sales	100	150	
Other Sales		204	
Appropriation	6,455	6,455	6,455
Donations		12	
Interest Income	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
Total Income	6,561	6,672	6,455
Expense			
Rent	6,455	6,455	6,455
Other Expenses		<u>8</u>	<u> </u>
Total Expense	6,455	6,463	6,455
Net Income	106	209	
Checking Balance, Dec. 31	3,698	3,906	3,906

DOGS

Marshfield had 311 dogs registered in 2019 and only 230 in 2021. Please don't let the pandemic be an excuse for not being a responsible dog owner. You can register through the mail, and veterinarians are still providing rabies vaccinations. Please send in your dog's rabies certificate and fee today.

Dog licenses for the current year are available beginning on January 2. The deadline for licensing is April 1. Puppies must be licensed when they are six months old. You may license your dog via the mail or using our secure drop box if you send or drop off the following:

- Current rabies certificate (if we already have one on file, we will mail yours back to you). A dog's first rabies shot is good for one year; subsequent shots are good for three years.
- Spay/neuter certificate if applicable
- A description of the dog, including name, breed, size, color, and age
- A check for the appropriate fee, made payable to the Town of Marshfield

The 2022 dog license fees are as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Late</u>	New Dog After Oct. 1
Neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
License	4.00	6.00	2.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	12.00	14.00	10.00
Unneutered/Unspayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
License	8.00	12.00	4.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	16.00	20.00	12.00

Dog Licenses Issued in 2021

Male	20
Male Neutered	85
Female	31
Female Spayed	94
Total	230

2022 RABIES CLINICS

Hardwick Veterinary Clinic will have rabies clinics every Saturday in March, from 8:30 to 9:30, for rabies vaccines only, \$20 each. Call 472-8400 for more information. Tractor Supply in Berlin has monthly rabies clinics. Call them at 223-2246 for more information.

DOG ORDINANCE

Marshfield's Civil Ordinance #4, Regulating Domestic Pets, was updated in 2021.

The ordinance prohibits an owner from allowing their dog to run at large or be a nuisance to others. Marshfield does not have a leash law but dogs are required to be under their owner's control at all times.

Dogs that are not licensed, or dogs that violate the ordinance may be picked up by Marshfield's Dog Officer. Violations that may cause your dog to be impounded include excessive barking, damage to property, scattering refuse, harassing pedestrians, cyclists, or passersby, worrying or attacking livestock or other pets, obstructing traffic, or threatening.

If your dog is impounded, you will be required to pay an impoundment fee and boarding fees before getting your dog back. In addition, the town ordinance allows the Selectboard to impose penalties. If your dog is found to be threatening or attacking livestock, the state statute requires the Selectboard to see that the dog is destroyed.

If you have a complaint about a dog, you should report the issue to the Animal Control Officer at ACO@marshfieldvt.gov.

Full text of the ordinance is available on the town's website, <http://www.marshfieldvt.gov/>, or at the Town Clerk's office.

SUMMARY OF CIVIL ORDINANCES ADOPTED as of December 31, 2021

#1 Burning and Disposal of Solid Waste

Prohibits dumping and burning of solid waste and requires the removal and proper disposal of hazardous fluids (antifreeze, oil, gasoline) and the battery from junked or long unused vehicles.

#2 Regulating Cemetery Operations **(revised in 2021)**

Covers cemetery operations, cemetery closure to all persons at night, vandalism, driving over graves, etc. Updated cemetery rules were adopted at the same time.

#3 Regulating use of External Facilities - Old Schoolhouse Common and other town lands and buildings

Restricts the use of the Town land and facilities surrounding the Old Schoolhouse Common, prohibits smoking on the Old Schoolhouse Common property, limits motor vehicles to parking areas and graveled driveways, prohibits alcoholic beverages, and makes it unlawful to deface or destroy Town property.

#4 Regulating Domestic Pets **(revised in 2021)**

Brings together in one document the licensing, rabies, vicious dog, nuisance and disturbance control requirements.

#5 Road Naming and Road Addressing

Authorizes the Selectboard to name all public and private roads in Marshfield, establishes a numbering system unique for each dwelling, and requires the numbers to be displayed at each dwelling.

#6 Traffic Ordinance **(revised in 2021)**

Sets speed limits on Town roads.

#7 Livestock Ordinance **(enacted in 2021)**

Prohibits Running at Large, authorizes impoundment and other remedies and penalties

The complete text of these ordinances can be reviewed online at <https://marshfieldvt.gov/ordinances> or obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

CV FIBER

CVFiber is a nonprofit municipality consisting of 21 communities, including Marshfield, with the mission to build a public, reliable, and affordable high-speed fiber network to serve the community, particularly those who are unserved, and those without reliable Internet and operating at speeds lower than 25/3 Mbps.

Construction of the 1,200 mile, \$50 million, fiber-to-the-home, 100/100 Mbps network will begin in the second quarter of 2022.

In 2021 CVFiber completed pole inventories for Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, Moretown, and Worcester. Pole inventories for twelve more towns, including Town of Marshfield, will be completed in early 2022.

Before construction and service can begin it is necessary to conduct pole inventories to figure out which poles may need to be replaced and the work needed to prepare the poles for the fiber.

Network design work began in 2021 and will continue into 2022. This all precedes the "make-ready" work, the actual preparation of the pole for the wire strand to which the fiber will be lashed, a very expensive and time-consuming process.

CVFiber executed an agreement with the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) in December to supply network design, project and construction management, and equipment- and materials-procurement services. By the 2022 town meeting, CVFiber will have engaged Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecomm (WCVT) to be the CVFiber Community Network operator and Internet service provider.

In October CVFiber was awarded a \$2.8 million ARPA grant by the Vermont Community Broadband Board to pay for the twelve-community pole inventory, detailed design and engineering, and administration expenses. CVFiber will be applying for a multimillion-dollar construction grant in the first quarter of 2022.

CVFiber is competing with other eligible entities for a share of an expected \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds and in 2023, \$100 million in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant funds. Grant funds are important because they enable faster development, and they lower subscription rates. Without grants CVFiber would have to sell bonds and pay interest. Principal and interest costs would have to be passed on to subscribers.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

CVFiber is hopeful it will receive 40%–50% of the total cost of building the \$50 million network from these grant funds.

The cost to build the Marshfield portion of the network is estimated at \$2.3 million. The first priority is to provide broadband access to the state-identified 395 underserved residences in Marshfield (See Map).

Each of our communities, including Marshfield, also received ARPA grant funds, which could be spent in many ways, including for broadband infrastructure. CVFiber is asking that each of its member communities consider contributing a portion of its ARPA grant funds to CVFiber to deliver service to the underserved in their community. Any funds contributed by a community will be spent in that community. The Vermont Community Broadband Board will match town contributions to CVFiber up to \$1.5 million for the total contributions made before April 15, 2022.

More information is available on the CVFiber website at www.cvfiber.net.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeremy Hansen, Founder and Chair CVFiber Governing Board

John Morris
Town of Marshfield Delegate, CVFiber
jmorris@cvfiber.net

The NEKWMD finished 2021 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2020– 2,952 tons in 2021 compared to 2,882 tons in 2020. Significant increases in organics, cardboard, and scrap metal offset decreases in mixed paper. Most other material tonnages were at or slightly above 2020 amounts. Recycling markets were very strong for nearly all of 2021.

The District ended 2021 with a surplus of \$74,405.44. Revenues in 2021 were 22% above projections, while expenses were 13% above projections. The COVID19 pandemic did not disrupt our work schedule to any large degree in 2021. In fact, the main impact of the pandemic on District operations was to drive commodity prices to near record levels. Revenues for the sale of recyclables, the surcharge, grants, and recycling pick-up fees were the primary drivers for above average revenues in 2021. Fees used to generate revenues will remain mostly unchanged or decrease in 2022. The per capita assessment will decrease from \$0.94/person to \$0.84/person, the surcharge will remain the same at \$24.99, and hauling fees will remain unchanged at \$49 and \$33/stop for facilities and schools, respectively.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2021. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2022 with a proposed budget of \$846,615.50 – an increase of 4.6% compared to 2021.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and three part-time employees in 2021. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 47,600 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

WARNING – TOWN MEETING 2022

The legal voters of the Town of Marshfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Old Schoolhouse Common in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 to transact the following business by Australian Ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Selectboard will hold an informational hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting details will be posted separately.

Article 1. To elect the following Town Officers:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectperson	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Lister	3 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year
Constable	1 year
Budget Committee Member	5 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years

Article 2. To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director	3 years
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Article 3. Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures of \$1,228,797 for essential services (\$287,523 from non-tax revenue, \$138,525 from prior year surplus, and \$802,749 from property taxes)?

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize general fund expenditures of \$13,920 for a Natural Areas Inventory (expected to cost \$20,048, with \$6,128 to come from the Marshfield Conservation Fund and In Kind Contributions)?

Article 5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$84,383 in support of the Jaquith Public Library?

Article 6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society?

Article 7. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,500 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries?

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares?

Article 9. Shall town tax payments be delivered to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 12, 2022, and shall school tax payments be delivered to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 18, 2022, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers?

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$575 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education for free adult education and literacy, including high school credentialing?

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,400 to Central VT Council on Aging for supporting elders and family caregivers?

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 3,200 to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice for visiting nurse services?

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 350 to Circle fka Battered Women's Services for support of direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence?

Article 14. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 300 to Family Center of Washington County for delivering a variety of services to families, many of whom may be particularly vulnerable?

Article 15. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 300 to the Friends of the Winooski for water quality monitoring, tree planting, and ecological restoration?

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 300 to Good Beginnings for free access to support, respite, and connections to community resources during the transition to parenthood?

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 882 to Green Mountain Transit for transit services for the elderly and disabled?

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to Green Up Vermont for supplies and promotional materials in support of Green Up Day?

NOTICE TO VOTERS

- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 1,100 to Onion River Food Shelf for food for residents?
- Article 20.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to Our House for support and advocacy for child victims of physical and sexual abuse?
- Article 21.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 300 to Peoples Health and Wellness for providing free medical, mental health and oral health care to uninsured Central Vermonters?
- Article 22.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 3,000 to Twin Valley Senior Center for providing social, emotional and physical wellbeing to our senior population?
- Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 250 to Twinfield Together Mentoring Program for providing youth in our community an opportunity for a one-on-one friendship with a responsible adult?
- Article 24.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 150 to VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired for vision rehabilitation services for blind and visually impaired Marshfield residents?
- Article 25.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 150 to VT Center for Independent Living for programs and services to enhance the lives of people with disabilities?
- Article 26.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 100 to VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force for helping to develop water supplies for fire protection?
- Article 27.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$ 250 Washington County Youth Services Bureau for prevention, intervention, and support for youth and families in Washington County?

Dated at Marshfield, VT this 18th day of January, 2022

Richard Baker Michele Gonzales Christopher Martin

Marshfield, Vermont, January 19, 2022 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 2022 and that it was recorded before posting.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by January 30, 2022. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 19, 2022.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.vermont.gov.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.vermont.gov. The latest you can request ballots for the March 1, 2022 Election is noon on February 28, 2022. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The Marshfield Selectboard will hold a public informational hearing by electronic means on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Australian ballot articles on the 2022 Town Meeting Warning. Please note that no voting will take place at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to answer voter questions about the articles to be voted on by Australian ballot.

You may join the meeting one of these ways:

1. You may join the meeting by going to the Town's website, to the calendar, and clicking on the link for the meeting. The web address is <https://marshfieldvt.gov/calendar>

2. You may enter directly from Zoom. Enter <https://zoom.us> in your browser.

Click "Join a Meeting"
Meeting ID: 471 213 4075
Passcode: 05658

3. To join by telephone, dial one of these toll-free numbers:

833 548 0282
877 853 5247
888 788 0099
833 548 0276

Meeting ID: 471 213 4075
Passcode: 05658

4. One tap mobile
+19292056099,,4712134075# US (New York)
+13017158592,,4712134075# US (Washington DC)

If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to the Town Clerk at clerk@marshfieldvt.gov prior to February 22.

The hearing will be recorded.

Town Web Address: <https://marshfieldvt.gov>

Town Clerk's hours: Tues. - Friday 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:00
Telephone: 426-3305 email: clerk@marshfieldvt.gov

Zoning and Listing Office: 426-3045 (ext. 1 Listers, ext. 2 Zoning)

SELECTBOARD: Richard Baker 522-1020
Michele Gonzales 426-2030
Christopher Martin 454-8441

ROAD FOREMAN: Tim Ksepka 426-3631
Town Garage 426-3752

LIBRARY: Susan Green 426-3581

VILLAGE CLERK: Meg Eberhardt 426-3393

VILLAGE TRUSTEES: Ian Covey 498-5624
Art Gilman, President 426-3272
Tamara McKee 426-3200
Marie Olson-Badeau 426-3865

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS: Reach the ACO team via email: ACO@marshfieldvt.gov

Jaquith Library Trustees meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Development Review Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. when required.

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Fire Department meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. (at the Marshfield Fire Station).

Marshfield Historical Society meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Selectboard meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee meets the last Thursday of February, May, August and November at 7:00 p.m.

Stranahan Stewardship Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

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Please review the information in this report and ask any questions that you may have at the informational hearing on February 22 (see page 88 for instructions).

Australian ballot voting will take place on March 1, 2022.