

## Town of Starksboro

# ANNUAL REPORT

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This large house (still standing, corner of Big Hollow Road and Mason Hill Road North) was called the “stagecoach inn.” It had eighteen rooms for guests. It was on the busy post road that was the main route for travelers, with their own transportation or on the stage (horse, wagon, and later motor vehicles), to Huntington, Waterbury, and central Vermont.

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# Starksboro's History of Goods and Services

## Stores, Hotels, Doctors, and More

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The first families arriving in Starksboro in the late 1780s and 1790s had to rely on the supplies and tools they brought with them and on what they could make, plant, and harvest to survive. The Bidwell family and others, with limited or no funds, suffered from illness and scarcity of food. To make purchases or trade their wares and barter for needed goods, they had to walk or ride a horse to the nearest established towns of Vergennes to the west and Middlebury to the south.<sup>1</sup>

Town proprietors were warned in October 1789 to meet on the second Monday of April 1790 at George Bidwell's dwelling (no longer standing, east side of VT Route 116 half a mile south of Varney Hill Road) to conduct required organizational business for the new town. More town meetings were held there in the next decade, likely leading to George and Sarah opening their house (an addition to the original log cabin) for travelers. Their grandson Sedgwick said it was a "public house or 'Inn' as it was written on the sign." This was Starksboro's first inn. "It became a noted resort for travelers far and near." Sarah was a fine cook. It was open until c.1820, after which they still responded to frequent requests for "honey and metheglin parties" (spiced mead).<sup>2</sup>

In 1791 Starksboro's population reached 40, climbing to 359 in 1800. Residents began businesses and farms using the natural resources, such as water power, iron, forests for timber, and land to plant wheat to grind. Industrial centers developed in what became Starksboro village, Rockville, and South Starksboro. To boost efficiency and thrive, basic services were a must. Mail had to be picked up in more established towns. In 1802 the U.S. Congress established post roads. In Starksboro the post road was what is VT Route 116 north to the village and up Big Hollow Road to Huntington. By 1805 the general post office in Washington, D.C., solicited proposals to carry the mail on the post roads. The once weekly local route ran from Middlebury and north to Chittenden and Franklin counties, with Starksboro on the way back through Richmond and Huntington.<sup>3</sup>

Stores were needed in the villages to serve residents and the people working in the mills and forges. The population had reached 726 in 1810 and 914 in 1820. By 1805 there was a store, strategically located in the village at the base of Big Hollow Road on the post road. Storekeepers also often were the postmasters. Isaac Stowell, of Smith & Stowell (perhaps the village store), was the first known postmaster. It was very much a barter economy. For payment of services provided by the Hoag & Carpenter carding machine company in Rockville (Lewis Creek falls), they advertised "All kinds of merchantable grain, and most kinds of country produce taken in payment." It was difficult for businesses to collect payments, leading to a high turnover of ownership including of the village store.<sup>4</sup>

It appears that when the 1824 *Vermont Gazetteer* noted a store in the village, it was run by Augustus White. He was an agent for "Clay's itch ointment" and "stomach bitters," of doubtful therapeutic value. White also was postmaster, a drover, and longtime deputy sheriff. Luman Munson and Mark Moor announced the opening of their village store in September 1828. They offered "a new and elegant assortment of Fancy and Staple GOODS...for cash, approved credit, or most kinds of produce." Available were "dry goods, groceries, crockery, glass and hard ware, paints, oil, drugs, and medicines. Together with almost every article usually kept in country stores." The firm then became White & Moor. Some customers had trouble paying for their goods. In 1832, when Augustus White took over, he placed newspapers notices requesting those indebted to Munson & Moor to settle or face being sued. At some point the store was taken over by Everett Hall, who in 1836 and 1837 offered for sale his house, store, and outbuildings "in Starksboro North Village in the business part of the Town." Also for sale was his "entire stock of goods."<sup>5</sup>

In South Starksboro in the 1830s Gilbert Elliott (northwest corner of Jerusalem and Jim Dwire roads) had a business that met many needs—making and repairing boots and shoes, buying and selling local products from farms and mills and factories, and working for other businesses.<sup>6</sup>

The growing town also required medical care. The first physician was Enos Pearson, who came in 1797. Friend Hall, born 1787, came to town in 1796 with his family, farmed with his father, graduated from Middlebury College in 1812, and studied medicine with a doctor in Cornwall and another in Dorset, Vermont. He practiced here from 1816-1820, lived in the village (house on site of Town Office), and then moved to Berkshire. Other doctors moved to town after that time.<sup>7</sup>

Ansel Hawkins, the town's first lawyer, came to Starksboro village (house west side of VT Route 116, opposite former Town Office) in 1832. The town's population had reached 1,342 in 1830. Off and on he also was the postmaster. His son Eugene studied law and practiced with him.<sup>8</sup>

The post road and industries stimulated more travel to and through town. Going by foot, horseback, or horses or oxen and carriages or wagons could take a day to cover 10 to 20 or more miles, leading to a demand for places at regular intervals along main roads to spend the night. Asahel Wentworth may have built a tavern in 1811, after buying the land on the northeast corner of VT Route 116 and Big Hollow Road. When his estate was settled in 1835, the property was called "the Tavern Stand." His brother Ira either expanded it or built a new hotel after that—a large two-story Greek Revival style building (still standing), with an upstairs ballroom. A minister visiting the new Village Meeting House stayed in the hotel, writing for a newspaper in 1843: "We were hospitably entertained, gratuitously, at the public house of Ira Wentworth and his wife." On January 15, 1851, Wentworth held a "French ball," tickets \$1.50, in his hotel. This likely was a masked ball, with relaxed social standards. Wentworth died later that year. His widow Sabrina auctioned the tavern stand and land in 1853 to settle the estate. After that it became a private home.<sup>9</sup>

About this time the large and stately "stagecoach" inn was built at corner of Big Hollow Road and Mason Hill Road North, with eighteen rooms for guests traveling along the post road to Huntington, central Vermont, and beyond. In 1857 it was owned by W. Sayles and by Myron Small in 1871.<sup>10</sup>

By 1842 there were five physicians--John Strong, Ira Metcalf, John Keeser, John Work, and Frederick H. Wheeler. They were busy in 1845 when small pox was "raging in Starksboro', Vt, and vicinity, upwards of forty cases having happened within a short time, introduced from Canada. Many had died with it."<sup>11</sup>

L. L. Holcomb was an agent for Brant's Purifying Extract, likely in the village store (it became known as the Union Store). About 1849 or after, Lee Taft opened another store just to the south, selling groceries. On September 26, 1859, the village woke up to an explosion. The fire destroyed the Union Store, Noble L. Boynton agent, and everything inside after most goods were stolen. The fire was set to cover up the robbery. A new store was built, a gable front building with a front porch or overhang. In 1868 it was taken over from Frank N. Hill by Cyrus W. Atwood.<sup>12</sup>

Hill then built a new store (still standing) in 1869 across the road and just north of the old Wentworth Hotel. He and his partner, R.F. Livermore, were "Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats and Caps, Hardware, Drugs and Medicines, Paints and Oils, Crockery, Boots and Shoes, &tc.&tc." Later the firm became Carpenter & Hawkins, which also carried a wide variety of goods. They obtained and sold many local products, such as butter, to send by train to wholesalers in Boston and other urban areas. Eggs were sent by wagon to nearby larger towns. Local purchases of produce to then sell to wholesalers were often to obtain cash to settle store accounts. The economy still relied heavily on bartering.<sup>13</sup>

After the Civil War, South Starksboro stores included Harlow & Cain by 1865 (co-partnership dissolved in 1869), B. J. Grennell at the J.H. Harlow & Co. Store in 1871, and Daniel Orvis, whose store was featured in the *Middlebury Register* in 1875. “His store, grist mill and blacksmith shop are all thronged with customers, he has more business than any other three men in town.” In 1877 Lee White ran a grocery in the old Cain store. In 1888 S. A. Tart had a large stock of goods, offering cheap “the best underwear” and flour at the lowest market price. Competitor E.S. Follansbee also offered the lowest prices.<sup>14</sup>

South Starksboro had a hotel, run by Martin Dike and his wife since before 1871. One March evening in 1871, when there was a benefit event nearby, some local roughs burst in, demanded cider, came back the next morning for more liquor, and badly beat up the Dikes and their little girl. The roughs were caught, fined, and punished.<sup>15</sup>

Regular stages made it possible for those without horses and wagons or buggies to travel to neighboring towns. An 1879 notice about the Starksboro stage, “run by C. Norton,” indicates it was active before that year. “It will leave Starksboro on all days but Sunday, at 12:30 p.m., arriving at Bristol at 2:00 p.m., and return upon the arrival of the mail from the south.” From Bristol, travelers could get another stage to the railroad in New Haven.<sup>16</sup>

More people also made longer trips to visit friends or family and see the sights, requiring lodging along the way. One 1872 group drove up to the old “Hotel corner, formerly known as the Wentworth place.” The homeowner invited them to stay. The next day they went to look at S. D. Holcomb’s trout pond up the hill. Oscar Baldwin also had a trout pond (Baldwin Pond, up from the village). An 1886 article about a New England tour stated the route through Starksboro, Huntington, and to Waterbury was “first in point of variety and beauty of scenery.”<sup>17</sup>

After the Wentworth Hotel closed, Hoel Sayles hosted some travelers in his village house (opposite the Town Office). About 1877 James L. Brooks began a hotel, (perhaps a one-story house north of the Union Store). His son-in-law Freeman J. James appears to have taken it over. He kept a house in the village, “hardly a hotel...where he entertains travelers.” The State of Vermont brought him to court in 1883 for “150 offences of liquor selling at his hotel.” He was found not responsible and the case dropped. His health was poor and he passed away in 1885 at age 37.<sup>18</sup>

By 1876 Starksboro had two doctors, “Dr. Hamblin, who has resided here about two years, and Dr. Avery, formerly of Salisbury.” Dr. Henry Wade arrived in 1879, upon graduation from the University of Vermont, and was Starksboro’s longest serving doctor—until his death in 1933. In a pinch he even set a broken leg of a colt. There regularly was a need for more doctors. For eye care, “W.B. Guy the optician” was at the village hotel for two days in January 1897. The influenza epidemic of 1918-19 hit hard. It was reported Bristol doctors could not come to South Starksboro and “the sick are suffering for medical attendance. Miss Sarah Orvis, nurse, has cared for three families...”<sup>19</sup>

Warren Hatch opened his new general store in South Starksboro in 1900. The building (owned by Daniel Orvis) burned down in February 1902, with total losses of \$3,000 and insurance only \$2,000. Charles L. Atwood, successor to his father at the village store and also town clerk, moved by 1908 to California. Leslie G. and Frank S. Ferguson had taken over the store by 1901 when they offered a “fine selection of wallpaper samples...” The second story was added about this time. They sold custom photo postcards of Starksboro scenes and buildings. In 1910 the post office safe in the store was blown up with nitroglycerin. Luckily Leslie had the money safely elsewhere. An electric lighting plant was installed in 1915, well before the 1936 Rural Electrification Act brought electricity to the rest of town. In 1908 Louis Gordon built and opened a new store (now gone), with large plate glass storefront windows, at the northern end of the village near the

creamery. He carried groceries and staples, and had gas pumps, which he sold in 1925, maybe because the Ferguson store also was selling gasoline.<sup>20</sup>

Frank Walston took over the Starksboro stage route in 1903. He eventually ran the village hotel (north of the Ferguson Store). It was called the Traveler's Inn or Walston's Hotel. A second floor was added to the original house. There were several ownership turnovers in the 1910s. By 1910 area newspapers noted the names of guests staying at the inn. Some people also boarded there. Walston sold his work horses and heavy sleds and wagons, likely from his stage route, in 1914, when construction began for his new store (Starksboro First Response building) north of his house.<sup>21</sup>

Times were changing and traveling was faster, after motor vehicles were invented and becoming more available. In the winter it could be difficult for the stage to get through. In one snow storm, the stage got stuck. The driver waded through with his horse and the mailbag. In 1917 it was reported a "Ford chassis is now used on the Starksboro stage line in place of the old-fashioned 'one-hoss' stage." In 1920 George Clifford bought a "new automobile" for the stage route.<sup>22</sup>

To encourage travel, a New England railway guide was published monthly. The May 1908 guide noted the nearest railroad station to Starksboro and South Starksboro was eight miles away in Bristol. From the 1910s on, the Vermont Bureau of Publicity issued a number of publications to attract visitors to Vermont and aid existing businesses. One of their first was the 1911 *Vermont, Designed by the Creator for the Playground of the Continent*, with the only Starksboro listing being the Traveler's Inn. The inn could be reached by rail to Bristol and then the stage. There was room for twelve people. Rates were \$1.50 a day or \$10 per week. "Where to Stop When in Vermont," a 1918 *Middlebury Register* article, also noted the railroad and stage runs twice daily. Long Trail guidebooks encouraged hikers--the stage and area residents with cars would transport them from the railroad station to the mountains.<sup>23</sup>

A 160-mile "Reliability Run" with 16 cars from Burlington to Rutland and back in 1911 was a test of endurance and good humor, and had a refreshment stop in Starksboro at the Elbert and Mary Wyman farm (west side of VT Route 116, half a mile south of Varney Hill Road). The Wymans and their children served ice cream, cake, pumpkin pie, and milk out on the lawn to the appreciative guests. In 1918 the Wymans served supper to the Bristol High School senior class and faculty, who arrived by sleigh.<sup>24</sup>

The national economy prospered in the 1920s, more people had vehicles, and those living in urban areas in other states were eager to enjoy fresh air and the Vermont countryside. In the 1921 Vermont Publicity Bureau's *Motor Tours of Vermont*, one of the suggested routes went through the mountains north from Middlebury "through Bristol, Starksboro, and Hinesburg..." That year John Kinsley offered special afternoon auto stage trips at reasonable prices. By 1923 a Cadillac bus ran twice daily from Burlington to Bristol through Starksboro. In 1926 a twice daily bus ran south to Rutland. "Busses will stop on signal." In 1928 the *Burlington Free Press* organized a series of weekly Sunday afternoon ("and other pleasant days") automobile trips. One route went through Huntington and on to Starksboro.<sup>25</sup>

A number of Vermont farms began to offer tourist accommodations. In Starksboro there were two such farms on VT Route 116. The Wymans expanded on their hospitality, advertising the Fall Inn, the Sign of the Lantern in 1920s. They offered "perfect rest amid beautiful country surroundings." "Wonderful location. Fine rooms. Delicious food. Hunting, fishing. On bus line." Special chicken dinners attracted area residents and they sold on order homemade ice cream. In the weekly New York City family magazine, *The Outlook*, Mrs. Wyman advertised in 1925: "EXCELLENT care given to small children during summer vacation on a farm." Local newspapers reported on their

many day, overnight, or boarding guests, from all over Vermont, other New England states, and New York.<sup>26</sup>

South of the village (east side of VT Route 116), the Jesse Carpenter family ran the Maple Hillside Inn on their farm (current Russell Farm). They offered “a modern farm house, table supplied from our own farm and garden, . . . trout fishing,” on the route of the twice daily bus between Burlington and Rutland, and when ordered in advance “Tea for Three” or more, and chicken dinners. Guests came from New York, New Jersey, and all over Vermont. After the property was sold in 1940, hunters who stayed here before expected to be accommodated as usual.<sup>27</sup>

During the Depression of the 1930s, Long Trail guidebooks noted people in South Starksboro who offered to hikers transportation, meals, use of a phone, and room and board. In 1933 Harry Strong, who owned the village store, also bought Walston’s Store where he sold grain. His son Frank joined him, running it after his father’s death in 1962, until he passed away from auto accident injuries the next year. Mrs. Harry (Ava) Strong gave the building to the Fire Department, organized in 1959, for a station in honor of her husband, the assistant chief.<sup>28</sup>

In 1971 Gardner and Hilda Orvis built the Jerusalem Country Store (VT Route 17), still going strong. In more recent decades, several historic houses, such as the Mill House near the Lewis Creek Falls and the Russell Young House in South Starksboro, were turned into Bed and Breakfasts and places such as Quittner’s Stark View Lodge opened. As more local people worked outside town and could easily go elsewhere for goods and services, or order items for delivery, it was difficult for local stores and other businesses to survive. Opportunities continue to evolve. Today there are nearly 20 Airbnb listings all over town, with unique opportunities for visitors to stay and appreciate this special place.<sup>29</sup>

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George Bidwell, one of Starksboro's first two settlers, and his wife Sarah ran a public house or inn in their home (east side VT Route 116, half a mile south of Varney Hill Road, no longer standing) from the late 1790s until about 1820. It was Starksboro's first inn. In this 1937 photograph of a car accident by George Lathrop, the main house that included the inn at the time is the middle section with the chimney and windows on each side of the door. Collection of Henry Sheldon Museum, Middlebury, Vermont.



## Facts of Interest

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Chartered	November 9, 1780
Population (2020 census)	1756
Area	29,056
Miles of Roads	Paved – 5.3 miles Unpaved – 42 miles
Altitude-Geological Survey Benchmark, Starksboro Village	615 feet
Zip Code	05487
Registered Voters	1,472
Grand List – 2023	\$1,702,003
Tax Rate – 23/24 year	\$2.5992 Residential \$2.4589 Non-Residential
Town Plan (9/18/18)	February 6, 1989
Town Hall Policy (revised 2009)	July 1991
Animal Control Ordinance (10/5/93, 9/1/98, 8/20/04, 11/19/19)	August 13, 1991
Land Use & Development Regulations (revised 1/7/20)	March 2, 1993
Alcohol & Drug-Free Work Policy (revised 10/95)	October 19, 1994
Sexual Harassment Policy	August 3, 2009
Personnel Policy (revised 6/21)	April 12, 1994
Delinquent Tax Policy (revised 11/18)	August 11, 1995
Road Naming & Addressing Ordinance	September 2, 1997
DRB-Rules of Procedure & Conflict of Interest Policy	February 22, 2007
DRB-Alternate Member Use Policy	August 4, 2008
Speed Ordinance (revised 1/3/2019)	May 14, 2010
Town Road Access Ordinance	April 27, 1989
Conflict of Interest Policy	May 3, 2010
Policy for Appointments to Boards & Commissions	April 5, 2010
Invoice Policy	January 13, 2007
Purchasing Policy (revised 7/24)	March 15, 2010
Reimbursement Policy	October 11, 2023
Health Ordinance (8/19/83; 9/13/97; 12/6/04)	June 20, 1983
Policy for Use of School Facilities (12/10/92)	December 12, 1990
All Hazards Mitigation Plan (FEMA approved date)	November 2, 2018
Class 4 Road and Trail Policy	February 2, 2017
Town Road & Bridge Standards (revised 7/17/19)	February 5, 2013
COVID-19 Exposure Control Work Plan	July 8, 2020
Winter Parking Ordinance	December 3, 2023

## Vital Statistics

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### BIRTHS:

Evren Spruce Beall  
George Everett Payeur  
Leo Wallace McLearn  
Skylar James Zeno  
Henry Hutch Mendell  
Henrik Vindelin Anderson  
Jackson Kenneth Parker

### DEATHS:

Jean Wagner  
Elizabeth Fairchild  
Paul John Morse  
Sally Ann Palmer  
Vida (Mika) Zivtins Kragh  
Barbara Lynn Moffi  
Martin Donald Lewis  
Douglas C. Dague  
Cynthia Anne Kling  
Richard J. Catella

### MARRIAGES:

Eve Blane & Thomas Dreitlin  
Liahana Gay & Clark McKinnon III  
Travis St Clair & Jordan Emmons  
Scott Heath & Kelsey Armell

### DEATHS:

Mitchell Earl Kelly  
Eugene Raymond  
Carol Dorothy Hadley  
Roger Sylva Duprey  
Harold Frederick Clark Jr  
Curtis W. Smith  
Cynthia Jean Emmons  
David Jeffrey Heins  
Dean Marchacos  
Liza Mae Domingue

**New Goods.**  
**T**HE subscribers have formed a partnership, under the firm of  
**MUNSON & MOOR,**  
and are now opening at their store in Starksboro' village, a new and elegant assortment of  
**Fancy and Staple GOODS,**  
which they are offering for sale as low as can be bought in this vicinity, for cash, approved credit, or most kinds of produce: Their assortment consists of—  
**DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CROCKERY, GLASS AND HARD WARE, PAINTS, OIL, DRUGS, AND MEDICINES.**  
Together with almost every article usually kept in country stores. Those wishing to purchase, are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves.  
**LUMAN MUNSON,  
MARK MOOR.**  
Starksboro', Sept. 22, 1828. 25:8

The town's first store was built in Starksboro village (west side of VT Route 116 at base of Big Hollow Road) on the post road, before 1805. It had many owners over time, burned down in 1859, and was rebuilt. In 1828 Munson & Moor advertised in the *Middlebury Register* "a new and elegant assortment of fancy and staple goods."

# Elected Officials - Town and School District

(Term expires in parenthesis)

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## Moderator

Keegan Tierney (2025)

## Town Clerk

Amy McCormick (2027)

## Selectboard

Koran Cousino (2026)

Eric Cota (2025)

Carin McCarthy (2026)

John Painter (2025)

David Schmidt (2027)

## Listers

Norman Cota (2027)

Richard Warren (2025)

Charles Webber (2026)

## Auditors

Robert Turner (2025)

Laurie Webber (2026)

Thomas Payeur (2027)

## Delinquent Tax Collector

Amy McCormick (2025)

## Mt Abe Unified School Director

Vacant (2027)

Brad Johnson (2025)

Kristen Toy (2026)

## Justices of the Peace 2yr term (Feb 2027)

Ben Campbell

Luke McCarthy

Margaret Casey

Brittany Peduzzi

Laurie Webber

Alan Quittner

Norman Cota

*\*voted on in November 2024 General Election*

## Planning Commission

Luke McCarthy (2027)

Dennis Casey (2027)

David Schmidt (2025)

Daniel Nugent (2026)

Kevin (Dan) Kuzio (2025)

Alexsys Thompson (resigned 2023)

Bradley Boss (resigned 2024)

## Cemetery Commissioner

Norman Cota (2026)

Pete Antos-Ketcham (2027)

Vacant (2025)

## Library Trustees

Christa Finnern (2027)

Katie Antos- Ketcham (2025)

Jake Mendell (2025)

Leah Hamilton (2026)

Laura Doyle (2026) resigned June 2024

## First Constable & Second Constable

Vacant

## Board of Civil Authority

Selectboard

Justices of the Peace

Town Clerk

## Board of Abatement

Selectboard

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer

Listers

Justices of the Peace

## Appointed Officials

<b>Road Foreman</b>	Joshua Martell (July 2021)	
<b>Town Administrator</b>	Amanda Vincent	
<b>Treasurer</b>		
<b>Assistant Town Clerk</b>	Amanda Vincent	
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Vacant	
<b>Animal Control Officer</b>	Charles Webber	
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>		
<b>Health Officer</b>	Luke McCarthy	
<b>E911 Coordinator</b>	Amy McCormick	
<b>Recycling Coordinator</b>	Louis DuPont	
<b>Inspector of Lumber/Weigher of Coal/Fence Viewers</b>	Selectboard	
<b>Tree Warden</b>	Tony Porter	
<b>AC Solid Waste Rep</b>	Susan Jefferies	
<b>AC Solid Waste Alternate</b>	Erin Bent	
<b>AC Regional Planning Delegates</b>	Richard Warren	Tom Perry
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Charlene Phelps	
<b>AC Transportation Advisory Committee</b>	Vacant	
<b>Green Up Day Coordinator</b>	Rebecca Trombley	
<b>Fire Wardens</b>	Tom Estey, Tony Porter	
<b>Postmaster</b>	Lena Estabrook	
<b>Development Review Board</b>	Ben Campbell (2027)	Arnell Paquette (2025)
	Evelyn Boardman (2026)	Richard Warren (2025)
	Luke McCarthy (2026)	
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	Margi Gregory	Peg Casey
	Jan McCleery	Jennifer Lovett
	Robert Turner	Alice Weston
<b>Energy Committee</b>	Richard Faesy	
	Jeff Dunham	
	Robyn King	
	Megan Nedzinski	
	Richard Warren	
<b>Jerusalem Community Center Committee</b>	Tom Estey	Luke McCarthy
	Susan Klaiber	Megan Nedzinski
	Alan Quittner	Greg Orvis
	Edie Sears	
<b>Starksboro Vol. Fire Dept Officers</b>	Tom Estey, <i>Fire Chief</i>	
	Tony Porter, <i>First Asst. Chief</i>	
	Matt Estey, <i>Second Asst. Chief</i>	
<b>MAUSD Superintendent</b>	Patrick Reen	
<b>Robinson Elementary School Principal</b>	Andy Weis	
<b>Town Report coordinators</b>	Auditors, Town Administrator, Town Clerk	

## Current Town Fees

Copy Fees		Recording Fees	
Regular	\$0.25	Deeds, mortgages, property transfers	\$15.00
Color	\$1.00	Maps	\$25.00
11x17	\$1.00	UCCs	\$45.00
Deeds	\$1.00	(Amendments, Continuations, Terminations, Assignments of UCCs)	\$25.00
Certified Copies	\$10.00		
Faxes/scans	\$1.00		
Vital Records (birth, death, marriage)	\$10.00		
Dog Licenses		Other Fees	
		Vault Time	\$4/hr
Males/Females by 4/1	\$15.00	Civil Marriage Licenses	\$80.00
Late Fees added after 4/1	\$20.00	Posting Land	\$5.00
		Green Mountain Passports	\$2.00
		Driveway/Access Fee	\$60.00
		DMV Renewal Fee	\$3.00

**Zoning Fees:** See Zoning Fee Schedule at the town office or town website for a complete listing with details. Fees revised 2022.

## Compensation for Town Officials

*The following wages are set annually by the Selectboard, except the Selectboard wages set by the Auditors. These are the FY22-23 rates:*

**Selectboard:** Salaries, set by the auditors at the time of the annual town audit, are \$12.55/hour for each regular meeting attended; \$15/hour for weekday meetings; \$900 per year for performance of all other duties plus mileage for travel\*. (FY24-25 rates will be \$13.67/hour.)

Board of Civil Authority	\$10 per meeting
Election Officials	State Minimum wage**
Regional Planning Delegates	\$10 per meeting plus mileage
Planning Commission & Development Review Board	\$20 per meeting
Addison Country Solid Waste Rep	\$10 per meeting plus mileage
Delinquent Tax Collector	8% of taxes collected by statute
Animal Control Officer	\$15/hour plus mileage, expenses and stipend
Health Officer	\$12/hour plus mileage and expenses

\*Mileage is paid based on the currently approved Federal reimbursement rate, .67 for 2024

\*\*\$14.01 in 2025

# Town Property Inventory

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## Real Estate:

- Two farms on which the Municipal Forest is located (Hillsboro Rd): Rockwood – 150 acres; Hannan – 110 acres, Vol. 31, page 440.
- Old Town Garage site (1686 Rte 116), 4 acres, from Caryl Steward – Vol. 29, page 258, 1975
- Old Town Garage – (1686 Vt Rte 116) built in 1975
- Gravel Pit, 7 acres (1686 Rte 116), from Hormides & Denise Godin – Vol. 21, page 416, 1949
- Page Hewitt lot, Rte 17 - .25 acres from Tax Sale, 1993 – Vol. 50, page 205, parcel C317L1S
- Original Village School lot, from Page Smith, 1892 – Volume 16, page 27  
(.4 acres sold from Town of Starksboro to Town School District, 8/30/18, Vol. 117, page 459)
- Starksboro Town School Dist to Town of Starksboro – 14.1 acres, Vol. 117, pg 456, 8/30/18
- Jerusalem School lot (397 Jerusalem Rd), from Milton Elliott, August 25, 1944, Vol. 19, page 484.
- Jerusalem School House – 397 Jerusalem Rd
- Town Hall – 1911 – Vol. 19, page 5 (2827 Vt Rte 116)
- Town Salt Shed – 1991 (1686 Vt Rte 116)
- New Town Garage & Salt Shed – completed in 2016 (3904 Vt Rte 116)
- Municipal Building (3056 Vt Rte 116) built 1972; addition in 1986
- Post Office Building (3054 Vt Rte 116) built in 1976  
The Municipal lots above were obtained as follows: **Parcel 1** – 20 x 32 ft purchased by Town in 1949, Volume 21, page 468. **Parcel 2** – 105 x 105 ft, donated by Leroy & Ila Smith, Volume 28, page 324; **Lewis Gordon Lot** – 145 x 110 ft, purchased by town in 1974 – Volume 28, page 479, with measurements in Volume 27, page 115.
- Colton Gravel Pit property purchased from Vermont Land Trust, Dec 14, 1998 (3902 Vt Rte 116); 3 parcels – Ballfield parcel, Northerly Riparian Zone (92 acres), and Southern Riparian Zone (63 acres) – Vol. 59, page 491. The Firehouse is part of this property. The new town garage and salt shed are now located on this property. Town sold 13.24 acres to adjoining landowner on 9/08/2017.
- Cota Field Pavilion – 2005
- Town Office property (2849 VT Route 116) – house, former barn, carriage shed and 3 acres – July 9, 2002, Vol. 69, page 356. Former Donald Shepard property.
- Huber property adjacent to old town garage, 5.81 acres, from Huber Family Trust, 9/21/06, in Vol. 86, page 390.
- 5 Solar Trackers
- Town Green Pavilion / rockwall - 2021
- 3 picnic Tables - 2021

## Cemetery Lots & Town Cemeteries:

Green Mount Cemetery – Lots 10, 11, 13. Section 4 – Endowed 1964 (lots only).

Brace Cemetery (also known as Newell Stokes Cemetery); Brown Hill Cemetery; Mason Hill Cemetery; Starksboro Village Cemetery; Gore Cemetery; Hillsboro Cemetery (also Known as Ryan Cemetery); Butler Cemetery; Norton Cemetery; Friend's Cemetery; Jerusalem Cemetery; Taft Cemetery; Rounds Cemetery; Brown Hill East Cemetery.

## Municipal Building Contents:

Dell Laptops (6)

Varidesk standing workstation (2)

Computer monitors (4)

2 Heat Pumps

1976 Bicentennial Flag & 1976 State flag

Bennington Battle flag

## Other Equipment:

1 Kenwood TK-760H Scanning Base, 1998

45-Watt Radio, 1991

1 Scanning Motorola Base Radio, 2010

45-Watt Radio, 1996

55-Watt Radio, 1989

6 Solar Trackers located at 101 Parsonage-\$54800

2000 Honda EB 11000 Generator, 10.5 KW, s/n EZCQ-3009004 (Emergency Management Grant) 2002

Kohler Generator, Model 40RE0Z, s/n 0695502 (Emergency Management Grant)

**FOOD SHELF BUILDING:**

3 chest freezers, 2 full-size frig, 1 half-size frig, 1 heat pump

**TOWN GARAGE EQUIPMENT:**

2024 Utility Trailer	2010 John Deere 624K Loader
2021 Sure-Trac Utility Trailer	2013 Tiger Mower
2020 Mack Dump Truck w/plow & sander	1994 Case International 5240 Tractor
Hay Mulcher	1996 York RB-70 Road Rake
2018 Chevy 3500 Pickup w/ plow & sander	1998 Powerscreen TRBO Chieftain
2018 Kenworth 270 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing	2007 B & B Culvert Thawer
2017 Mack GU713 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing	1999 Lincoln Power Mig 255
2013 John Deere 772GP Grader	1984 Wind Power 45 KW Generator
2012 Mack GU713 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing	2018 Buffalo Turbine Debris Blower
2018 Mikasa MTX-60 Compactor	2017 Heat Pump
2016 IDEAL Mobile Column Lift	2015 B & B Chloride Trailer
2015 B & B Chloride Trailer	Air Compressor
300 gallon Gas Tank & Pump	1000 gallon Diesel Tank & Pump
2024 Western Star 47X	Assorted Hand & Power Tools

**Garage office equipment:**

Dell laptop (1)	iPhone (2)
iPad (1)	Timeclock
Multi-purpose printer/copier/scanner	

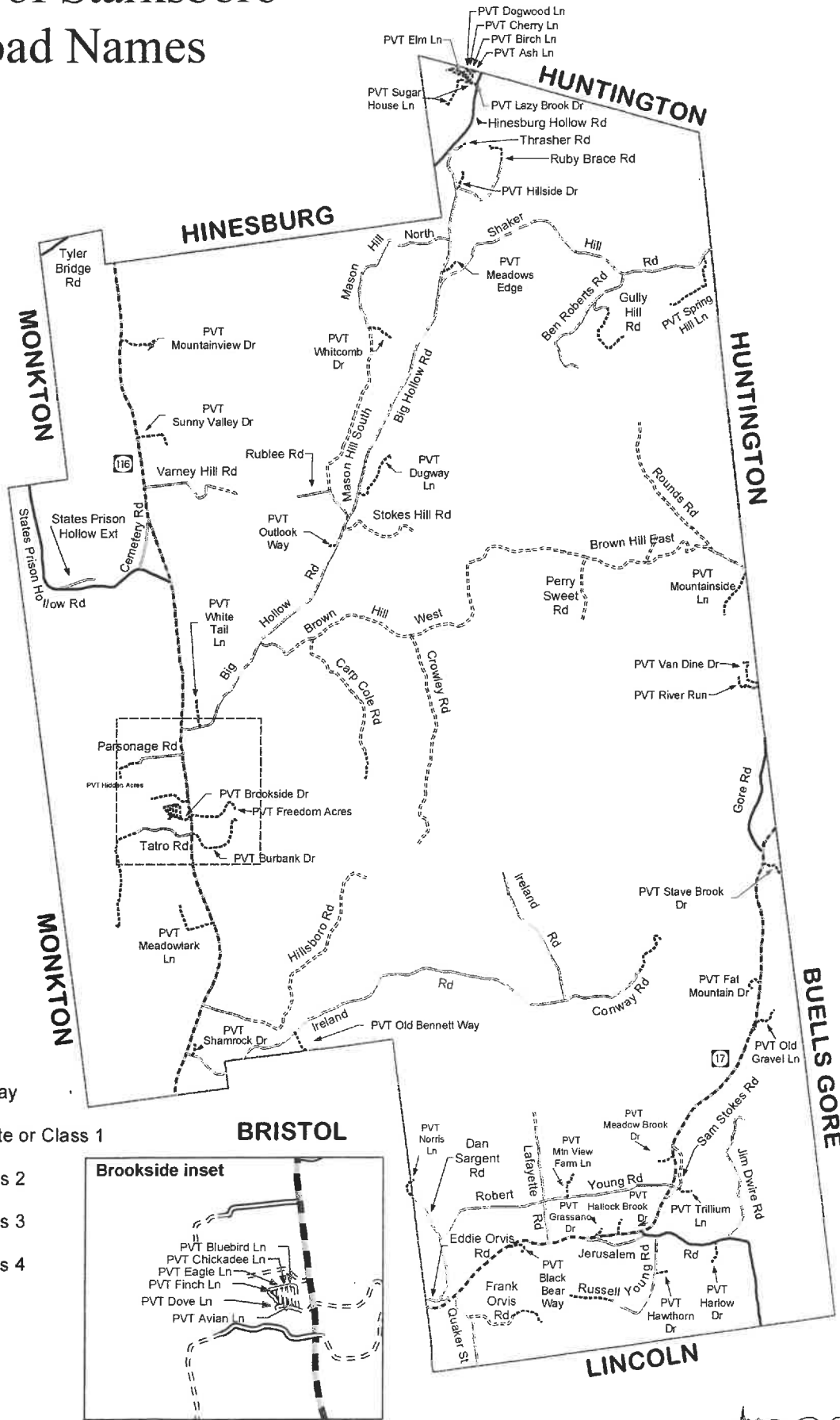
**Garage breakroom:** Refrigerator, stove, microwave, television

**RECYCLING:** 20-foot roll-off Dumpsters (2)



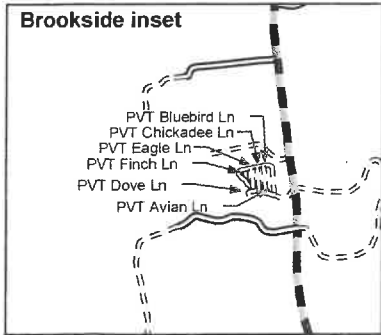
The town's first store was built on this location (west side VT Route 116, base of Big Hollow Road) likely before 1805. In 1859 an explosion was set that started a fire, burning down the Union Store to cover up a robbery. This was the new store, built after the fire, with the latest large storefront windows. Projecting from the south roof is a covered hoist, to lift goods to the upper level for storage. In the early 1900s a second story was added.

# Town of Starksboro Road Names



### Road Class

- US Highway
- State Route or Class 1
- Town Class 2
- Town Class 3
- Town Class 4
- Legal Trail
- Forest Rd
- Private Rd



Addison County  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



## Town Clerk's Report

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2024 started out quiet with our March Election for school budgets and town officer re-elections. The school budget was denied in March and April and passed in June of 2024. Our town held a few community events, such as the Eclipse – Path of Totality, Harvest Festival, & Trunk or Treat. Thank you to the residents that participated and for making these events a fun time.

There were 5 elections held in 2024, and only 1 for 2025. The Presidential Election was a stellar turnout for the Starksboro Residents. Between absentee ballot returns and in-person voting, the total was 1,085 out of 1,402 registered voters.

Our town website has had many updates and information for the residents, from voting, dog registrations, marriage license forms, and a calendar of upcoming events. Please check here for any changes to the office days or hours before coming in.

A reminder to all Starksboro Taxpayers – Due Date for Taxes due in 2025 and the future, is October 15 by 4:30pm.

A sad goodbye to our Town Administrator – Rebecca Elder. Her experience and knowledge will be missed, but we wish her the best of luck with her next adventure. We welcome her replacement Amanda Vincent who has also taken on the role as my Assistant Town Clerk. Please stop in and welcome her to our community!

I also want to wish our Town Treasurer & Zoning Administrator Nancy Boss (Farmer) good luck as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. These ladies knowledge and expertise will be missed.

A huge Thank you to our Road Crew for taking care of the roads during the storms that wreaked havoc on our small Town. They go out when the rest of us stay home to avoid the dangerous conditions. THANK YOU!

I also want to thank the Selectboard members for their unwavering support and guidance. This board works extremely well together and collaborates on many hard issues that affect the residents. They always put the residents first when working on the budget, mediating issues, and serving the community in any fundraiser that benefits the Town and the residents. Thank you, Koran, Eric, Carin, David & John for taking on this behind-the-scenes role that serves our residents. Here's wishing a safe and healthy 2025 TO ALL!

Amy McCormick Town Clerk

**NEW! Town Office Summer Hours June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>  
Mon through Thurs, 9 am to 3 pm, Closed on Fridays**

# Selectboard Report

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2024 snapshot:

- Village Center Designation - Applied for and received Village Center Designation for the Starksboro and Jerusalem village centers through the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development. This designation allows for technical assistance from the State, priority consideration for State grant programs, as well as code improvement and historic tax credits.
- FEMA Project – The permanent replacement bridge on Brown Hill East, lost in the 2019 Halloween Storm, was completed this year. The Selectboard extends many thanks to Rebecca Elder and Josh Martell for their tireless efforts in facilitating this project.
- Emergency Management Planning – The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan review was completed and submitted to the State and FEMA for approval. This plan must be updated regularly to ensure the town remains eligible for emergency funding. Staff and volunteers worked with SEAM Solutions to coordinate this review, supported by a grant from the State of Vermont.
- July 10 Flood - After the devastating flooding that hit our town on July 10, the Town has worked tirelessly to help those in need. This flood impacted not only Town infrastructure but also the homes and properties of many residents. We are fortunate to have a dedicated road crew that immediately worked to make roads passable, along with the help of many local contractors. Our Fire Department and Rescue Squad provided essential services. Emergency Management Director Charlene Phelps spent countless hours meeting with residents and advocating for them in the FEMA process. We also extend our gratitude to Rebecca Elder, Amy McCormick, Nancy Boss, and Tom Estey for their behind-the-scenes logistical work. Starksboro is fortunate to have a great support system through the Addison County Regional Planning Commission and Andrew L’Roe, who has compassionately supported our residents during this time of need. The Town also thanks VTrans and Vermont Emergency Management for their assistance and guidance.
- Jerusalem Community Center Project - Following 15 years of research and project management, as requested by the Selectboard, the Friends of the Jerusalem Community Center Committee have completed necessary research, project management, and grant funding to move the project forward with both the Jerusalem Schoolhouse and Fire Station on the same site. We anticipate an informational meeting and special vote will take place later this spring. We extend our thanks to the committee members for their ongoing support and leadership in advancing this project.

The Selectboard would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Elder and wish her the best in her next endeavors. Rebecca started as the Selectboard Assistant in 2017 and has served in many roles for the Town over the past seven years, both formally and informally. These roles include Zoning Administrator, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer, and eventually Town Administrator. Rebecca has a genuine spirit of service and has consistently risen to any challenge with a can-do attitude. Starksboro has greatly benefited from her advocacy and the relationships she built with partner organizations across the State. Rebecca will be deeply missed, but we send her off with our most sincere appreciation!

Koran Cousino, Chair  
John Painter, Vice Chair  
Eric Cota  
Carin McCarthy  
David Schmidt

# Auditors' Report

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In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined the following FY 23-24 reports:

Tax Appropriation	Schedules
Report Statement of	Combined Balance Sheet
Taxes Delinquent Taxes	Five-Year Financial Comparison
(all years) Profit and	Grand List
Loss Report Debt Service	Treasurer's Report
	Forms 411

We have also examined the following internal documents:

Bank Statements	Monthly Bank Reconciliations
Treasurer's Journals	Reserve Fund Schedules
Selectboard's Orders	

We have compiled the accompanying statements and schedules representing the financial position of the Town of Starksboro as of June 30, 2024 and the changes in its fund balances for the year ended.

The accompanying financial statements and schedules are not presented in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, including application of Governmental Standards Board (GASB) Opinion 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments, effective for years beginning after June 15, 2003.

In 2023 and 2024, the town experienced serious flooding events that taxed our financial reserves. We expect much of our outflows to be reimbursed by FEMA, even if the timing is uncertain. To date, our reserves have been adequate and no additional external borrowing has been necessary. This situation bears watching in 2025.

We are once again in search of a treasurer/bookkeeper. The select board has signed an extended time agreement with NMREC, our financial software provider, for accounting support. It is our opinion that this is a sound move, both in the short and intermediate term. It provides stability and continuity as we search for a treasurer.

An outside audit was performed against FY23 and another is underway for FY24.

Starksboro Town Auditors:  
Robert Turner  
Laurie Webber  
Thomas Payeur

## Board of Civil Authority

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The Board of Civil Authority is made up of 7 Justices of the Peace, 5 Selectboard, and the Town Clerk. They met this year to revise the checklist and prepare for the March Town Meeting & Presidential Primary Vote, MAUSD School Budget Re-Vote, the August Primary & the November General Election, along with the Reappraisal Grievance Meetings. Without this board and their expertise, the elections & grievances would not be handled smoothly and professionally. Thank you!!

## Board of Abatement

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The Board of Abatement is made up of 7 Justices of the Peace, 5 Selectboard, 1 Town Clerk, 3 Listers, and 1 Town Treasurer. This board met 5 times during 2023 – 2024. This board conducts grievances based on the request of the property owner for the appeal of the property taxes.

## Road Foreman's Report

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2024 started as a normal year with a milder winter, and as mud season came, we started grading, ditching, and replacing culverts. On July 9th through the 10th, Starksboro woke up to six-plus inches of rainfall, destroying our roads, some homes, and even washing a car down Lewis Creek. The road with the most impact was Ireland Road; most of it was down to one lane, but with the quick response from local contractors and other highway departments, we were able to get our roads passable in a very short time.

We do not have the total amount of damage yet. We will be trying to finish up our 2024 projects in 2025.

I would like to thank our road crew for all the time they put in during this crazy year and for all the people who helped during the flood.

Thank you,  
Josh Martell  
Starksboro Road Foreman



## Starksboro Conservation Commission

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The mission of the Conservation Commission is to provide leadership in efforts to protect natural and agricultural resources through education, conservation advocacy, land stewardship, and town planning. The Commission maintains the Creekside Loop Trail on the Cota conserved lands and manages the Town's forest. The Commission is authorized to identify and map natural communities, wetlands, and wildlife travel.

We are open to facilitating committees that would focus on community concerns and where not all members would need to be formal SCC members. These could include: invasive species management, pollinators, wildlife, outreach, education, youth projects, collaboration with the sports committee. Please let us know if you have other ideas or would like to serve on a committee.

In February 2024 we began a comprehensive inventory of invasive plant species on our conserved land, researching both their ecological impact and management strategies. We also brainstormed how to find volunteers to help us control these species.

The July flood damaged the suspension bridge at the Creekside Trail. The trail cannot be used as a loop until the bridge is repaired or an alternative is found. We are currently applying for a Forest Parks and Recreation grant to repair the bridge in summer-fall 2025.

In September 2024 we drafted revised bylaws that better reflect how we operate and envision our role within the town to be. These will be reviewed and voted on in winter, 2025.

Members attended the Middlebury Community Engagement Fair at Middlebury College and recruited an enthusiastic and committed group of students who worked hard with us for three days in October and November to control several invasive plant species. We plan to continue and expand our efforts with Middlebury College students this coming year. We would also like to access grants that would enable us to pay local youth to also assist us in our work.

In February 2025 we sponsored Kristen Underwood, a Research Faculty member in the UVM Dept of Civil & Environmental Engineering, to talk about how the Lewis Creek watershed fared in the recent July flooding, and various mitigation strategies that could avoid or lessen damages in future floods.

We generally meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the library at 6pm. We welcome input from the public and have an opening on our board. Sometimes we meet outdoors, so watch for our monthly notices for location and time.

## Delinquent Tax Policy

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Property Taxes are due and payable to the Town of Starksboro Treasurer on or before October 15 by 4:30 pm each year.

There will be no grace period allowed for late payments. Payment must be received by October 15 by 4:30 pm to avoid additional payments of interest and penalty.

After October 15 by 4:30 pm (32 V.S.A. 3004) the town treasurer will give the delinquent tax collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.

After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the delinquent tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent tax payer, itemizing the amount due, including tax, interest and penalties (collector's fee).

Payments received after October 15 at 4:30 pm are subject to 1% per month (1½% after January 31<sup>st</sup>) or portion thereof, interest charge plus a 2% collector's fee if paid in full by November 10<sup>th</sup> or an 8% collector's fee, if paid after the November 10<sup>th</sup> of the year billed (32 V.S.A. 1674 (2), 1674 (3), 5142, 4773).

Partial payments will be applied first to any costs or expenses that may be due, then to outstanding interest, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the principal amount of tax, the delinquent tax collector's fee, and any attorney's fee (if applicable).

If a delinquent tax payer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the delinquent tax collector on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the delinquent tax collector will take those steps required under Vermont Law to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due as is necessary to pay the property tax, interest, penalties and all legal costs (including attorney's fee, legal notices, and certified mail).

The tax collector may, in his/her discretion, take those steps under Vermont Law to schedule a tax sale at any time when taxes are delinquent. In exercising his/her discretion, the tax collector may take into account, among other relevant factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent, the taxpayer's history of delinquency in previous years; whether or not the property has been subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not delay may impair the Town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the Town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes.

Note: Original document approved by Selectmen 8/17/1999, revised 11/25/2002, revised 11/2018

Amy McCormick  
Delinquent Tax Collector 2024

## Starksboro Village Meetinghouse Society

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The Starksboro Meeting House is a community building managed by a non-profit organization, the Starksboro Village Meeting House Society. The purpose of the organization is to 1. foster utilization of the building by the Town of Starksboro residents as well as other interested persons or groups 2. To restore and maintain the Starksboro Meeting House while preserving its historic character.

In 2017 the Meeting House Board began an aggressive restoration campaign to improve the functionality and aesthetic appearance of the building with the intention of making it a more attractive venue for community functions and to promote rental uses of the building to help generate revenues for on-going maintenance. This work has refreshed the interior of the sanctuary space, restoring the wall plaster, repairing the ceiling, and restoring the sanctuary windows.

Over the last two years we have worked with the pre-school to put together a significant renovation plan for the walk-out basement level of the building. While this planning has been in the works since before the pandemic, this year has brought the planning and fundraising to a final fruition. With a project estimate approaching \$500,000 the project planning committee – made up of representatives from the Meeting House and Preschool completed significant value engineering to ensure the project was as conservative as possible while also meeting the programming goals of the pre-school and long-term functionality of the meeting house spaces. We are in the final fundraising for this project and plan to begin construction in mid-March to early April, dependent on the weather.

The town of Starksboro has supported the meeting house since 2019 with an initial allocation of \$10,000 in and subsequent annual allocations of \$3,000. In addition to working on an additional financial request to help us meeting our funding gap for this project the meeting house is also requesting the \$3,000 the town has committed for the past 5 years. These funds will be used to help offset annual operating expenses and serve as seed money for the final phase of the restoration of the meeting house – the replacement of the steeple tower that was removed in 2012.

The Meeting House board is seeking interested individuals to serve as board members. If you have an interest in historic preservation, community building activities, or public engagement please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are continuing to explore how we can further use the building and provide more regular community access to the space in the future.

Anyone interested in helping these efforts should reach out to Keegan Tierney by email [keegantierney@gmail.com](mailto:keegantierney@gmail.com)

Vice-President, Starksboro Village Meeting House

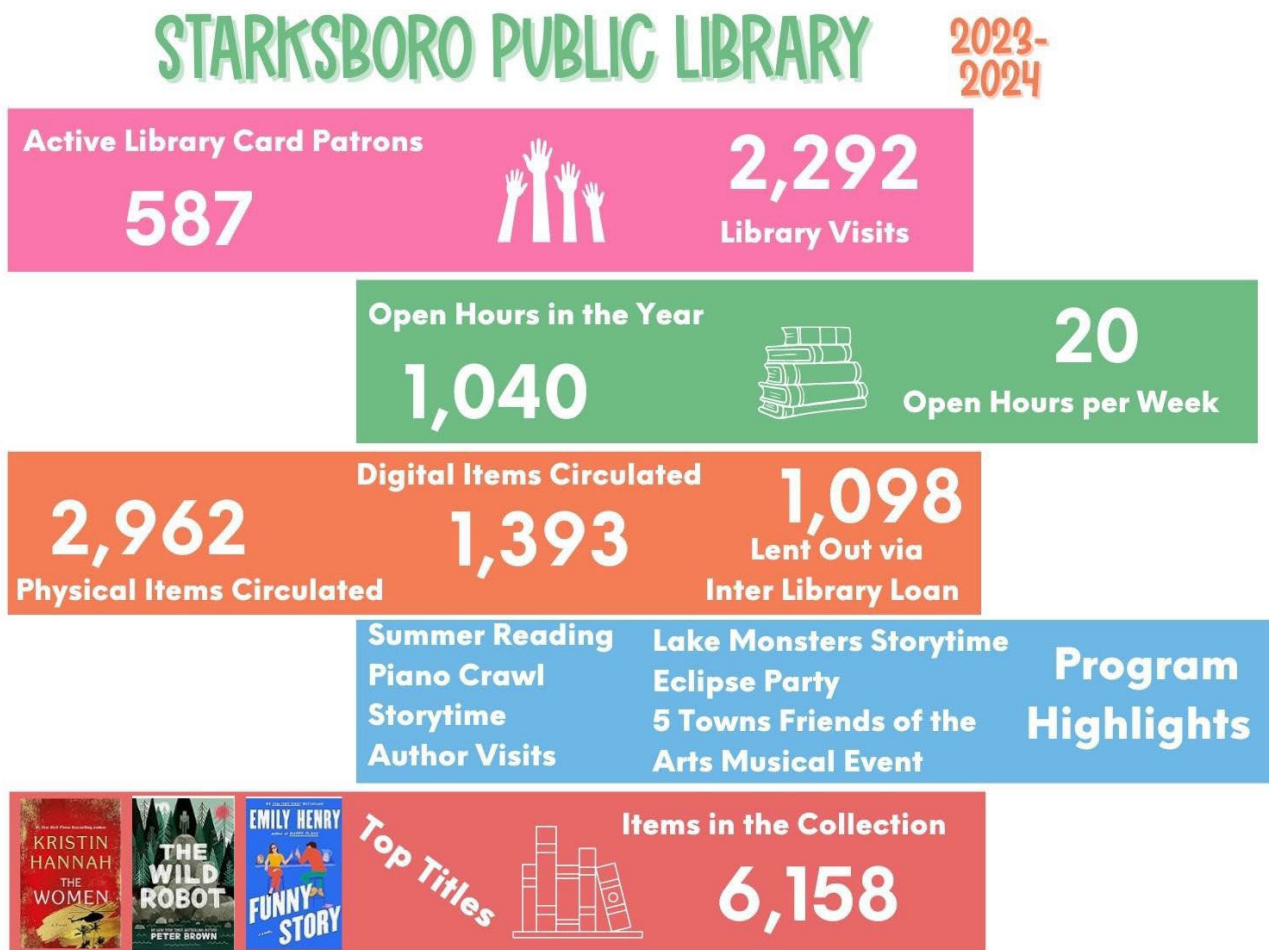
# Starksboro Public Library

The Board would like to welcome Cathy Townsend, our Library Director, who started last May. She and Marty Burt, the Library Clerk, have been offering a lot of new terrific programming. The library appreciates the dedicated SPL volunteers, including Samantha Fenner, Judy Kessler and Cecilia Elwert, and extends a special thanks to our former Library Director, Catherine Goldsmith and Storytime Leader, Meg Ritter.

A sub-committee of the SPL Board, the Town Hall Accessibility Committee, continues to make progress on key enhancements to the historic 1911 Town Hall building to support full use of the second floor space once again. The goal of the committee’s work is to implement a plan to address barriers to physical accessibility by making the building ADA and fire code compliant. The plan includes the installing a Savaria vertical platform lift, creating a second means of exit that meets ADA and fire code requirements, and making improvements to the front entrance. Funding from the American Library Association, Vermont Arts Council, and a municipal ARPA grant support this first phase of the project. Thank you to committee members Susan Thompson, Alex Davis, Jeff Dunham and Katie Antos-Ketcham.

Last but not least, we thank our community for its continued support. If you have not been to the library in awhile please come by and check us out!

Respectfully submitted by the SPL Board of Trustees: Katie Antos-Ketcham, Christa Finnern, Leah Hamilton, and Jake Mendell.





# Starksboro Public Library

	ACTUAL 22-23 FY	ACTUAL 23-24 FY	BUDGET 24-25 FY	PROPOSED 25-26 FY
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Grants	\$ 871.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 983.00
ARPA Funds Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ 1,053.00	\$ 20,943.98	\$ -	
Book Sales	\$ 411.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Appropriation	\$ 39,478.00	\$ 43,667.00	\$ 46,916.00	\$ 51,958.83
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 41,814.33</b>	<b>\$ 64,610.98</b>	<b>\$ 46,916.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,941.83</b>
<b>Expenses - Grants</b>				
Books & Mat's ARPA	\$ 258.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies Grants	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -
Currier Grant Exp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 683.00
Computer & TechEq	\$ -	\$ 382.86	\$ -	\$ -
Books & Mat'l's - Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Programs - Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Subscriptions - Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses - Grants</b>	<b>\$ 258.84</b>	<b>\$ 392.86</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 983.00</b>
<b>Expenses - Appropriation</b>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 28,895.63	\$ 34,802.61	\$ 34,616.00	\$ 37,561.83
Supplies	\$ 1,202.78	\$ 1,393.63	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
Furnishings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00
Postage/Courier	\$ 1,217.39	\$ 1,677.12	\$ 750.00	\$ 617.00
Library Catalog	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
IT and technology	\$ 343.94	\$ 306.95	\$ 150.00	\$ 550.00
Books & Materials	\$ 3,218.63	\$ 3,126.97	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 4,750.00
Programs	\$ 466.60	\$ 825.98	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Admin Expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 428.40	\$ -	\$ -
Prof Development	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 4,469.79	\$ 6,012.88	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 5,130.00
<b>Total Expenses Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 40,714.76</b>	<b>\$ 49,384.54</b>	<b>\$ 46,916.00</b>	<b>\$ 51,958.83</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 40,973.60</b>	<b>\$ 49,777.40</b>	<b>\$ 46,916.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,941.83</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) or Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 840.73</b>	<b>\$ 14,833.58</b>		
<b>Fund Balance - Start of Year</b>	<b>\$ 9,484.33</b>	<b>\$ 10,325.06</b>		
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 10,325.06</b>	<b>\$ 25,158.64</b>		

# Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Middlebury District, 2023, 1- 888-253-8804 or HealthVermont.gov

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is at the address and phone number above. We provide essential services and resources to towns across Addison County in order to protect and promote the health and well-being of people in Vermont. For example, in the past year and beyond, the Middlebury Local Health Office:

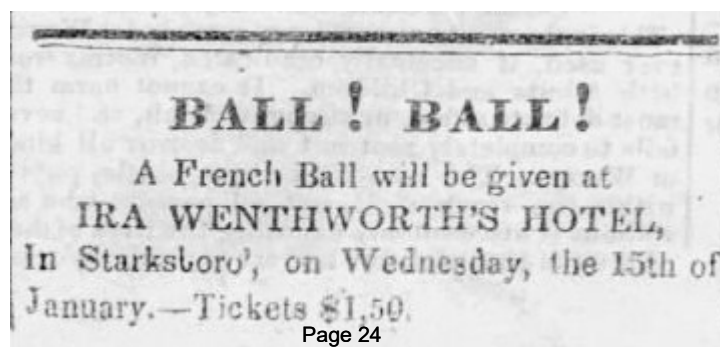
- **Protected communities from COVID-19:** Since the pandemic began three years ago our doors have remained open, and we've been able to serve communities thanks to individuals, families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless others that worked with us to meet the needs of local towns. We provided vaccine, testing, and information, along with other key public health services.
- **Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In collaboration with community partners, since COVID-19 response efforts began, we hosted over 60 COVID-19 vaccination clinics and provided over 8,780 COVID-19 doses. Since August 2021, all local health offices have also documented and helped manage 8,125 COVID-19-related situations, including 1,271 COVID-19 outbreaks.
- **Ensured local preparedness for future emergencies:** We worked with partners like schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel to ensure effective pandemic response and support preparedness to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during public health emergencies. This year, we responded to the emergence of human monkeypox virus by sharing information and providing vaccine to community members. As of November 15, 2022, 13 hMPXV vaccine doses have been administered.
- **Stayed attentive to people and communities most underserved:** We provided services and resources to people who are more likely to experience adverse health outcomes due to health inequities. For example, we provided vaccine at schools without access, shelters, meal, and food distribution sites, farms, and more.

To achieve health, we must continue to work together to improve opportunities for health across all sectors and periods of our lives.



The Wentworth Hotel (still standing, northeast corner of VT Route 116 and Big

Hollow Road) was built in the village by Ira Wentworth after 1835 in the elegant Greek Revival style, with a ballroom on the second floor. This may have been added to the original 1811 tavern. In 1851 Wentworth advertised, in the Daily Sentinel, a “French ball” with tickets at \$1.50, to be held on January 15.



# Vermont League of Cities and Towns

## Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, [vlct.org/about/audit-reports](http://vlct.org/about/audit-reports). Member Benefits - All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal and technical assistance**, including prompt responses to member questions that often involve how to comply with state and federal requirements. During the past year, VLCT answered more than 4,000 legal questions, publishing guidance, templates, research reports, and FAQs explaining how municipalities can comply with the state's most recent COVID-19 requirements and guidance. To support Vermont's towns and cities in recovering from the pandemic, VLCT created a new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coordination and Assistance Program to help members comply with requirements for spending and tracking Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding.
- **Trainings and timely communications** on topics of specific concern to officials who carry out their duties required by state law. The League provided online trainings, a virtual week-long conference, and timely announcements and information about how to access Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funding as well as a range of municipal topics.
- **Representation before the state legislature, state agencies, and the federal government**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to respond to the pandemic, address road and bridge repair, tackle cybersecurity, improve housing and economic growth, promote renewable energy, provide emergency medical services, address equity and inclusion, and ensure the quality of our drinking water. Members are also represented at the federal level to Vermont's Congressional delegation and through our partner, the National League of Cities. This federal partnership was instrumental in securing more than \$200 million in local pandemic aid through the American Rescue Plan Act, and ensuring it got to every city, town, and village in Vermont.
- **Access to insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust provides unemployment insurance at stable pricing. VLCT also provides members with the option to purchase life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products at a competitive price. All the programs offer coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are only available to VLCT members. At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to contact VLCT anytime to ask questions, and to access resources that can help them carry out the important work of local government.

For a comprehensive list of member benefits and services, please visit [vlct.org/memborguide](http://vlct.org/memborguide). To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at [vlct.org](http://vlct.org)

# Addison County Solid Waste Management District

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The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 21 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The district is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate appointed by each of the member municipalities. The Board regularly meets virtually (due to the ongoing pandemic) on the third Thursday of the month at 7PM, and the Executive Board meets monthly 8 days prior to the Board meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

## District Mission

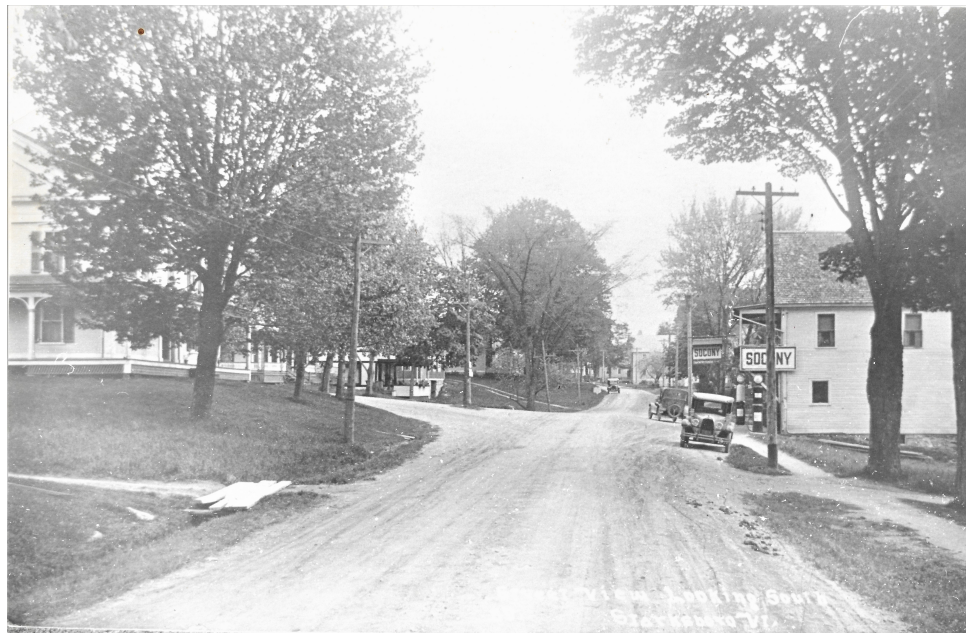
To seek environmentally sound & cost, effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

## District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone:(802)388-2333      Fax:(802)388-0271      Website: [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)  
E-mail: [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)      Transfer Station Hours:      M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM  
Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM      HazWaste Center Hours:      M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the district’s website. The office is closed to visitors due to the pandemic, but staff can be reached via phone, e-mail, text, and mail.

For a copy of the 2023 Annual Report and Adopted CY2024 Annual Budget and Rate Sheet, please call (802) 388-2333, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).



Vermont Route 116 looking south through the village, after 1911. Note the SOCONY sign and gas pumps in front of the Ferguson Store, now two stories tall.

# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury VT 05753 802-388-3141

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## Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2024

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following services during its 2024 fiscal year:

### Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Worked with Waltham, Ferrisburgh and Addison on Municipal Planning Grants and Starksboro on its village center.
- Worked with Bristol, Lincoln, Shoreham and Salisbury on Bylaw Modernization projects focused on housing.
- Represented the Region in Act 250 and Section 248 hearings.
- Assisted municipalities with Town Plan updates; New Haven, Ripton, Lincoln, Bridport, Addison.
- Supported Middlebury, Vergennes and Ferrisburgh in the Transit Oriented Design (TOD) master plan process.
- Assisted municipalities with housing studies; Shoreham, Bridport, Cornwall.

### Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops on planning topics, including housing, planning essentials and flood resiliency bylaws.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Participated in Bridport’s Community Visit.

### Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County’s Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning and training.
- Helped all communities update Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs)
- Completed 2 municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs) and initiated plans with 5 additional municipalities
- Updated Mutual Aid agreements for municipal Public Works Departments.
- Completed two Flood Resilient Communities Fund (FRCF) grants.
- Administered one Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant with GMP in Pantton.
- Assisted Vermont Emergency Management and FEMA with summer flooding response and assistance.

### Energy Planning:

- Helped all towns access capacity grants and energy assessments through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Worked with Efficiency Vermont and municipalities to implement enhanced energy plans.
- Began work rewriting the Regional Enhanced Energy Plan with the Energy Committee.
- Developed an online map of renewable energy resources and siting.

### Transportation Planning

- Updated the Addison County Transportation Plan with the guidance of the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to reduce road erosion from local roads.
- Assisted Towns with bike and pedestrian, Better Roads and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for projects in Middlebury, Weybridge, Bridport, and Ferrisburgh.
- Conducted traffic and pedestrian studies and hosted the regional Walk/bike council meetings.
- Administered a Planning and Environmental Linkages Study for Vergennes and surrounding communities

### Natural Resources Planning

- Actively supported the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support conservation commissions.
- Served as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Otter Creek Basin, providing funding for 14 projects.
- Provided educational outreach supporting the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan update.
- Assisted in stormwater planning projects and Ecosystem Restoration Program grants.

### Brownfields Planning

- Administered EPA-funded Community Wide Assessment grant for 10 brownfield sites

## Maple Broadband

14 Seminary St., Middlebury, VT 05753

[www.maplebroadband.net](http://www.maplebroadband.net) (802) 377-3713

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As one of Vermont's 9 Communications Union Districts, Maple Broadband is transforming how Addison County towns access the digital world. Our expanding network, powered by local governance and strengthened through strategic partnerships, is bridging digital divides across our 20 member towns: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge, and Whiting.

### 2024 Accomplishments

These numbers tell the story of what we can achieve when we work together. Through careful planning and dedicated effort, we exceeded expectations across every measure - from miles of fiber installed to community members engaged:

- Activated 135.9 new miles of fiber service in 2024, for a total of 240.7 miles with available service across portions of 12 towns;
- Nearly 500 customers now receive Maple Broadband service;
- Maple Broadband achieved a 98% satisfaction rate among current customers;
- Awarded \$669,800 in new grant funding;
- Met 100% of construction obligations, under the Vermont Community Broadband Board's grant, on schedule and under budget;
- Engaged over 325 community members through surveys and interviews to guide our strategic improvements.

Our partnership with Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT)/Green Mountain Access continues to expand fiber access throughout our region. In 2024 WCVT:

- Installed over 56 miles of fiber service drops;
- Activated service on over 75 miles of mainline fiber in portions of Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Ferrisburgh, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro, and Weybridge;
- Converted 1,000+ customers to fiber, with more conversions scheduled daily.

For the expanded version of our Annual Report, including construction plans, maps, and timelines see this link on our website: <https://www.maplebroadband.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/FINAL-Maple-Broadband-Annual-Report-2024.pdf>.

## Property Taxes FY 24-25 (last year)

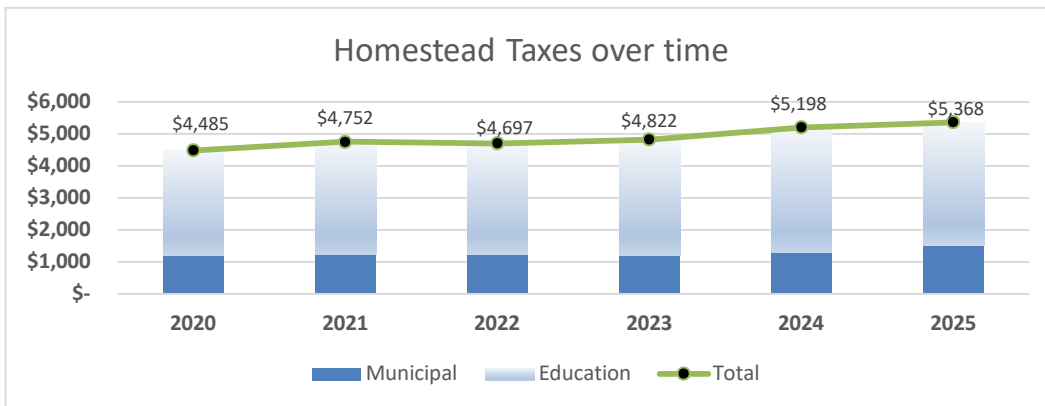
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g item	<u>Municipal Spending (Warned 2024)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>%</u>	Notes
(3)	General Fund	\$ 917,709	\$ 0.3115	74%	
(4)	Fire Reserve	62,100	\$ 0.0211	5%	
(5)	Road Reserve	119,344	\$ 0.0405	10%	
(7)	Library	46,916	\$ 0.0159	4%	
(8)	Richmond Rescue	7,590	\$ 0.0026	1%	
(9)	Starksboro Sports Program	3,500	\$ 0.0012	0%	
(10)	In-Town Requests	53,200	\$ 0.0181	4%	
(11)	Out-of-Town Requests	30,530	\$ 0.0104	2%	
	<b>Total Municipal Spending</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,889</b>			
	 Grand List (July 2024)	 \$ 2,946,521			(1)
	Tax Rate, Municipal Spending		0.4194	100%	
	Tax Rate, Veterans exemption		0.0110		
	 Total Rate, Municipal		<u>\$ 0.4304</u>		(2)
<b><u>Tax Rate For Residential Property</u></b>					
	Tax Rate, Municipal Portion		\$ 0.4304	28%	
	Education Tax Rate (Homestead)		1.1033	72%	(3)
	Total Tax (Municipal + Homestead Education)		\$ 1.5337	100%	
	<i>Estimated Tax on a \$350,000 home:</i>	<i>\$5,368</i>			
<b><u>Tax Rate For Non Residential Property</u></b>					
	Tax Rate, Municipal Portion		\$ 0.4304	29%	
	Education Tax (Non-homestead)		1.0759	71%	(4)
	Total Tax for Non-homestead property		\$ 1.5063	100%	
	<i>Estimated Tax on a \$350,000 property:</i>	<i>\$5,272</i>			

Notes:

[1] The Grand List shown here the 2024 Billed Grand List.

[2] Starksboro's 2024 reappraisal increased the grand list by 72% and increased the CLA to 1.2929 from 0.77. These factors make the year-to-year comparison on the average tax bill less than straightforward. For this analysis the \$200,000 "typical" property value was increased by 1.72 to \$350,000.



## Estimate of The FY 25-26 Property Tax Rate

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item	<u>Municipal Spending (Warned 2024)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Notes</u>
(3)	General Fund	\$ 958,395	\$ 0.3253	71%	
(4)	Fire Reserve	67,689	0.0230	5%	
(5)	Road Reserve	126,505	0.0429	9%	
(6)	Library	51,959	0.0176	4%	
(7)	Bristol Rescue	13,250	0.0045	1%	
(8)	Starksboro Food Shelf	5,000	0.0017	0%	
(9)	Bristol Have-a-Heart Food Shelf	700	0.0002	0%	
(10)	Richmond Rescue	6,077	0.0021	0%	
(11)	Greenmount Cemetary	5,000	0.0017	0%	
(12)	In-Town Requests	54,700	0.0186	4%	
(13)	Out-of-Town Requests	24,536	0.0083	2%	
	<b>Total Municipal Spending</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,313,811</u></u>			
	 Grand List (July 2023)	 \$ 2,946,521			 (1)
	Tax Rate, Municipal Spending		0.4459		
	Tax Rate, Local Agreement		0.0006		
	Tax Rate, Veterans exemption		0.0110		
	<b>Total Rate, Municipal</b>		<u>\$ 0.4569</u>		

### Tax Rate For Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$ 0.4569	29%	(2)
Education Tax Rate (Homestead)	1.0972	71%	(3)
<b>Total Tax (Municipal + Homestead Education)</b>	<b>\$ 1.5541</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<i>Estimated Tax on a \$350,000 home:</i>	<i>\$5,439</i>		

### Tax Rate For Non-homestead Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$ 0.4569	22%	
Education Tax (Non-homestead)	1.6396	78%	
<b>Total Tax for Non-Residential property</b>	<b>\$ 2.0965</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<i>Estimated Tax on a \$350,000 property:</i>	<i>\$7,338</i>		

Notes: This schedule shows *anticipated* spending and *projected* tax rates based on the *previous year's* Grand List.

[1] The Grand List reflects the reappraisal completed in 2024. The 2024 Grand List is nearly 72% higher than the 2023 Grand List.

[2] Starksboro's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) dropped from 1.29 to 1.11. Changes to the education funding calculations in 2024 make direct comparisons of the year-to-year tax rate difficult.



## Delinquent Taxes FY23-24

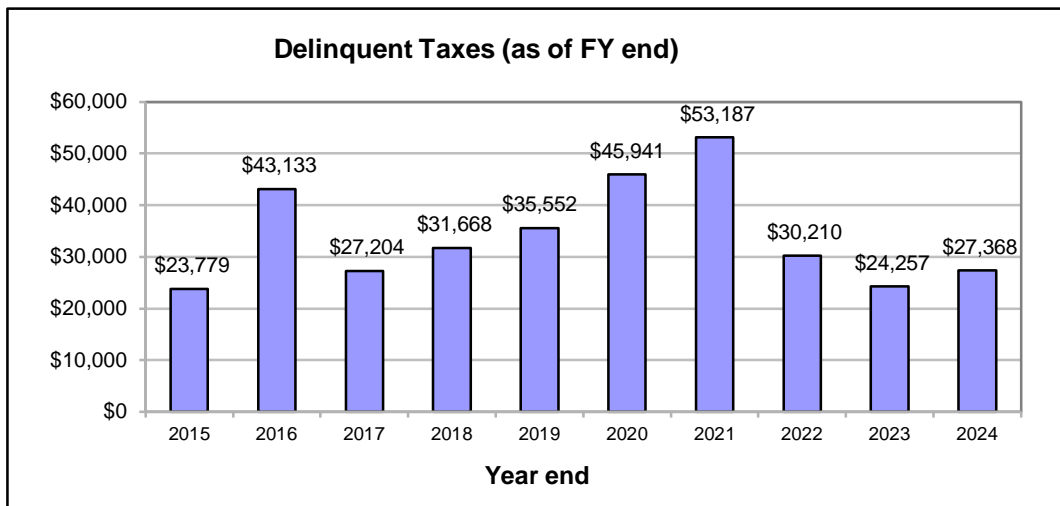
Delinquent on June 30, 2024 \$ 27,368

Taxes Paid for FY23-24 between 07/01/2024 and 12/31/2024 (5,322)

Taxes Abated -

The following landowners are responsible for the remaining delinquent taxes of: \$ 22,046

BARBER, ANTHONY	LATOUR, DONALD
BARTLETT, NAOMI	LEDUC, JAMIE
BEVINS, GARY	MCDONOUGH, NOREEN
BIRD, DIANA	MOULTROUP, DAWN
BOUTIN, DAVID	NORTH, EMIL
COLEMAN, TIM	POMAINVILLE, SHAWN
FORAND, GEORGE	RAYMOND, JESSIE
GERMAIN, AMANDA	REGNAUD, RHEA
GERMAIN, TIFFANY	THOMPSON, DANIELLE
GIROUX, PAMELA	THURBER, PAMELA
GRADY, ROBERT	TOMASI TAYLOR, ADRI
HOFFMAN, JUSTIN	WAITE, JAMES



## Delinquent Taxes for years prior to FY23-24

Outstanding as of June 30, 2023 \$ 51,241

Paid between 07/01/2023 and 12/31/2024 (42,937)

Remaining outstanding for prior to FY23-24 as of December 31, 2024 \$ 8,304

The following landowners are responsible for the remaining delinquent taxes for all prior years.

### FY20-21

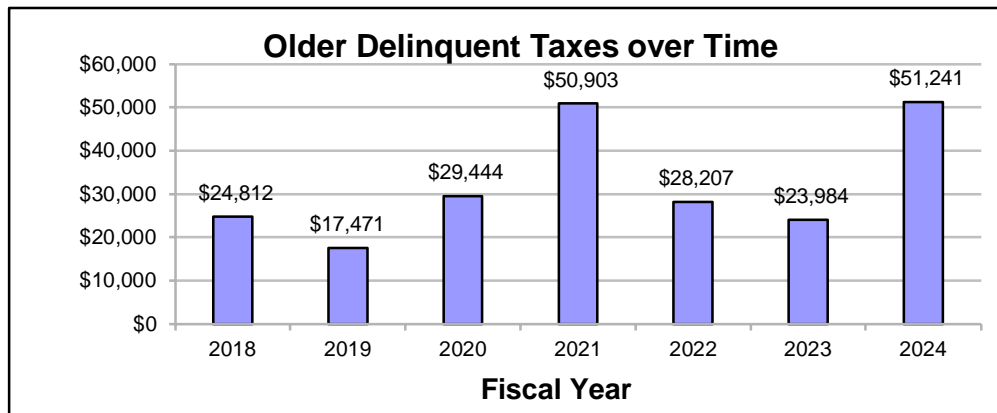
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### FY21-22

BARBER, ANTHONY  
 GERMAIN, AMANDA  
 LEDUC, JAMES  
 MOULTROUP, DAWN  
 THURBER, PAMELA

### FY22-23

BARTLETT, NAOMI  
 BIRD, DIANA  
 BOUTIN, DAVID  
 COLEMAN, TIM  
 FORAND, GEORGE  
 GERMAIN, AMANDA  
 LEDUC, JAMES



**STATEMENT OF TAXES**  
**Fiscal Year 23-24**

PROPERTY VALUATIONS		Notes
Total Taxable - Municipal	\$ 294,652,100	
Grand List @ 1% - Municipal	2,946,521	
Total Taxable - Education, Homestead	206,257,600	
Grand List @ 1% - Education, Homestead	2,062,576	
Total Taxable - Education, Non-Residential	88,810,207	
Grand List @ 1% - Education, Non-residential	888,102	
TAX ASSESSMENT		
Tax Rate computation		
Tax Rate - Municipal	\$ 0.4194	
Tax Rate - Education, Homestead	1.1033	
Tax Rate - Education, Non-residential	1.0759	
TAXES TO BE COLLECTED		
Municipal	\$ 1,235,771	
Education, Homestead	2,275,640	
Education, Non-Resident	955,509	
Veterans and local agreements	32,412	
Late Homestead Penalty	5,395	
Adjustments	20,600	
Abatements	-	
Errors and Omissions	(16,740)	(1)
<b>TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$ 4,508,587</b>	
NET TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR		
Prepaid during FY 22-23	\$ 9,490	
Collected by Treasurer	4,427,240	
Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector	5,322	
Delinquent taxes due (excluding penalties)	27,368	
Overpayment Credit from State	39,167	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$ 4,508,587</b>	

(1) Errors and omissions account for a variety of anomalies over the course of a tax year.

**Audit Year Grand List  
Billed July 2023**

<b>Real Estate Category</b>	<b>Number of Parcels</b>	<b>Municipal Listed Value (Taxable)</b>	<b>Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)</b>	<b>Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable)</b>	<b>Total Education Listed Value (Taxable)</b>
Residential-1		57,529,300	48,200,600	9,328,700	57,529,300
Residential II		82,371,500	66,961,800	15,409,700	82,371,500
Mobile Homes-U		2,460,600	1,572,400	888,200	2,460,600
Mobile Homes-L		6,679,000	4,689,400	1,989,600	6,679,000
Seasonal 1		3,248,400	79,400	3,169,000	3,248,400
Seasonal 2		12,253,000	730,700	11,522,300	12,253,000
Commercial		4,244,200	472,300	3,771,900	4,244,200
Commercial Apts		-	-	-	-
Industrial		431,400	-	431,400	431,400
Utilities-E		3,067,100	-	3,067,100	3,067,100
Utilities-O		-	-	-	-
Farm		7,716,000	4,089,400	3,626,600	7,716,000
Other		-	-	-	-
Woodland		5,968,600	-	5,968,600	5,968,600
Miscellaneous		3,906,700	89,500	3,817,200	3,906,700
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 189,875,800</b>	<b>\$ 126,885,500</b>	<b>\$ 62,990,300</b>	<b>\$ 189,875,800</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>					
Cable		419,710	-	419,710	419,710
Total Personal Property	0	419,710	-	419,710	419,710
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>		<b>\$ 190,295,510</b>	<b>\$ 126,885,500</b>	<b>\$ 63,410,010</b>	<b>\$ 190,295,510</b>
<b>Exemptions</b>					
Personal Property contracts		419,710	-	-	-
Veterans		150,000	60,000	-	60,000
Other		59,100	-	-	-
<b>Current Use</b>		<b>18,165,200</b>	<b>6,365,200</b>	<b>11,800,000</b>	<b>18,165,200</b>
<b>Special Exemptions</b>					
<b>Total exemptions</b>		<b>\$ 18,794,010</b>	<b>\$ 6,425,200</b>	<b>\$ 11,800,000</b>	<b>\$ 18,225,200</b>
<b>Net Taxable Property</b>		<b>171,501,500</b>	<b>120,460,300</b>	<b>51,610,010</b>	<b>172,070,310</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>		<b>\$ 1,715,015</b>			
<b>Total Education Grand List</b>			<b>\$ 1,204,603</b>	<b>\$ 516,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,720,703</b>

Note: The 2023 Billed Grand List is used for FY24 taxes.

**Current Year Grand List  
Billed July 2024**

Real Estate Category	Number of Parcels	Municipal Listed Value (Taxable)	Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Total Education Listed Value (Taxable)
Residential-1	299	102,204,000	85,865,200	16,338,800	102,204,000
Residential II	253	133,827,400	110,301,600	23,525,800	133,827,400
Mobile Homes-U	123	4,772,200	3,079,000	1,693,200	4,772,200
Mobile Homes-L	54	11,577,700	8,364,400	3,213,300	11,577,700
Seasonal 1	34	5,545,100	-	5,545,100	5,545,100
Seasonal 2	52	22,506,800	-	22,506,800	22,506,800
Commercial	12	5,991,600	910,000	5,081,600	5,991,600
Commercial Apts	0	-	-	-	-
Industrial	1	732,200	-	732,200	732,200
Utilities-E	2	5,263,000	-	5,263,000	5,263,000
Utilities-O	0	-	-	-	-
Farm	13	12,532,400	5,988,600	6,543,800	12,532,400
Other	0	-	-	-	-
Woodland	41	9,751,600	-	9,751,600	9,751,600
Miscellaneous	50	6,198,800	-	6,198,800	6,198,800
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>\$ 320,902,800</b>	<b>\$ 214,508,800</b>	<b>\$ 106,394,000</b>	<b>\$ 320,902,800</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>					
Cable		415,707		415,707	415,707
Total Personal Property	0	415,707	-	415,707	415,707
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>		<b>\$ 321,318,507</b>	<b>\$ 214,508,800</b>	<b>\$ 106,809,707</b>	<b>\$ 321,318,507</b>
<b>Exemptions</b>					
Personal Property contracts		415,707			
Veterans		150,000	60,000		60,000
Other		165,200			
<b>Current Use</b>		25,935,500	8,101,200	17,834,300	25,935,500
<b>Special Exemptions</b>					
<b>Total exemptions</b>		<b>\$ 26,666,407</b>	<b>\$ 8,161,200</b>	<b>\$ 17,834,300</b>	<b>\$ 25,995,500</b>
<b>Net Taxable Property</b>		294,652,100	206,347,600	88,975,407	295,323,007
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>		<b>\$ 2,946,521</b>			
<b>Total Education Grand List</b>				<b>\$ 889,754</b>	<b>\$ 2,953,230</b>

Note: The 2024 Billed Grand List is used for FY25 taxes.

## Combined Balance Sheet

ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS  
6/30/2024

	General Fund	Highway	Road Equipment	Fire Equipment	ARPA	Non-major Special Reserves	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash	\$ 50						\$ 50
Checking Community Bank	407,325						407,325
Accounts receivable	297,957						297,957
Property taxes receivable	25,062						25,062
Interest and penalties rec'ble	16,212						16,212
Due from/to other funds	(391,224)	(429,809)	107,254	34,364	255,577	419,854	(3,984)
Credit card in transit	705						705
Prepaid expenses	2,371						2,371
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>358,458</b>	<b>(429,809)</b>	<b>107,254</b>	<b>34,364</b>	<b>255,577</b>	<b>419,854</b>	<b>745,698</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Accounts payable	12,982						12,982
Ed taxes due to school	87,304						87,304
Other liabilities	29,763						29,763
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>130,049</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,049</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>							
Deferred property taxes	40,725						40,725
Taxes paid in advance	24,330						24,330
<b>Total deferred inflows</b>	<b>65,055</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,055</b>
<b>Fund balance</b>							
Nonspendable	-						-
Restricted					255,577		255,577 (1)
Committed		(429,809)	107,254	34,364		419,854	131,663
Unassigned	163,354						163,354
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>163,354</b>	<b>(429,809)</b>	<b>107,254</b>	<b>34,364</b>	<b>255,577</b>	<b>419,854</b>	<b>550,594</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 358,458</b>	<b>\$ (429,809)</b>	<b>\$ 107,254</b>	<b>\$ 34,364</b>	<b>\$ 255,577</b>	<b>\$ 419,854</b>	<b>\$ 745,698</b>

**Notes:**

This schedule omits non-current assets (roads, buildings, etc.) and the principal portion of long-term liabilities. Since non-current assets exceed current liabilities, the fund balances here are understated.

## Reappraisal Reserve Fund

	ACTUAL FY22-23	ACTUAL FY23-24	BUDGET FY24-25	PROPOSED FY25-26	Notes
<b>Revenues</b>					
Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
State of Vermont	8,169	8,228	8,200	8,200	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 8,169</b>	<b>\$ 8,228</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
	(46,632)	(44,716)	-	-	(1)
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	(38,464)	(36,488)	8,200	8,200	
<b>Fund Balance - Start of Year</b>	102,016	63,552	27,064	35,264	
<b>Fund Balance - End of year</b>	<b>\$ 63,552</b>	<b>\$ 27,064</b>	<b>\$ 35,264</b>	<b>\$ 43,464</b>	

The purpose of this reserve fund is to accumulate the monies needed to pay for periodic reappraisals for all properties on the Grand List. A reappraisal was begun in FY23 and is expected to be complete in FY24 in time for FY24-25 tax rate setting.

**Notes:**

(1) The budgeted expenditures for FY23-24 are based on the anticipated schedule of payments from the reappraisal contractor.



Dr. Henry Wade was a well-respected doctor in town from 1879 until 1933, except for an attempt at retiring in Florida in 1920. At age 81, while still practicing and making house calls, he was hit in an automobile accident and passed away in the hospital. He lived in the village the latter half of his life (house north of First Response building).

## ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND

	ACTUAL FY22-23	ACTUAL FY23-24	BUDGET FY24-25	PROPOSED FY25-26	Notes
<b>Revenues</b>					
Appropriation	\$ 106,216	\$ 112,589	\$ 119,344	\$ 126,505	
Short-term Bank Loan		218,243			
Trade-in or sale revenues					
Other adjustments					
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 106,216</b>	<b>\$ 330,832</b>	<b>\$ 119,344</b>	<b>\$ 126,505</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
.03 3/4-ton pickup (2018)	9,662	9,330			
.04 Utility Truck (2018)	35,855	34,626			
.07 Tandem 1 (2019)	45,667	44,446	43,218		
.09 Excavator (2022) lease	15,252	15,252	15,252	15,252	
.08 Grader (2023) lease			57,896	57,896	
.10 Tandem 2 (2023)		136,343	54,539	52,361	
Other adjustments			141,393		(2)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 106,437</b>	<b>\$ 239,997</b>	<b>\$ 312,298</b>	<b>\$ 125,509</b>	
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over</b>	<b>(221)</b>	<b>90,835</b>	<b>(192,954)</b>	<b>996</b>	
<b>Fund Balance - Start of Year</b>	<b>107,476</b>	<b>107,255</b>	<b>198,090</b>	<b>5,136</b>	
<b>Fund Balance - End of year</b>	<b>\$ 107,255</b>	<b>\$ 198,090</b>	<b>\$ 5,136</b>	<b>\$ 6,132</b>	

The Road Equipment Reserve Fund was created to fund the long term replacement of road equipment without wide fluctuations in the tax rate. It is based on a long term replacement plan. Municipal loans are used to purchase large items and the reserve fund is used to make the loan payments. Municipal loans typically have low interest rates compared to other loans. The replacement schedule is recommended by the Road Foreman and approved by the Selectboard.

Recently replaced equipment includes:

<u>FY Purchased</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	(3)
22-23	Tandem 2	261,000	
22-23	Grader	260,000	
19-20	Tandem 1	210,000	
17-18	3/4-ton pickup	45,000	
17-18	Utility Truck	167,000	

(1) Appropriations based on the expected timing of purchases, and the estimated costs for equipment and financing.

(2) Delivery of the tandem (2) purchased in 2023 was delayed. Payment was made in FY24 for the chassis. The balance of the truck was paid for in FY25 and was added as an adjustment to the budget for that year.

(3) Actual costs are determined at the time of purchase. Grants and trade-in values will affect



## Road Equipment Reserve Fund Replacement Schedule and Costs

The purpose of this schedule is to show what equipment is to be replaced and when. In order to estimate future fund balances, all equipment is given an estimated useful life. The following projections include replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. Actual replacement of equipment is determined based on its condition at the time - not its estimated life. Grants and trade-in values will affect future costs.

Equipment Item	Purchased Year	Projected Purchase Year	Estimated Cost Today	Updated from schedule	
				Escalated Cost	Escalation Years
Loader	12-13	26-27	280,000	294,175	2
3/4 ton	18-19	28-29	48,500	53,535	4
Single-axle	18-19	28-29	194,000	214,140	4
Tandem 1	19-20	26-27	258,500	271,587	2
Excavator	21-22	31-32	109,000	139,529	10
Tandem 2	24-25	32-33	285,300	347,610	8

<u>Equipment Item</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
3/4 ton	8
Grader	10
Loader	14
Tandem 1	8
Tandem 2	8
Tractor/Mower	30
Single-axle	8
Excavator	10

# Fire Equipment Reserve Fund

	ACTUAL FY22-23	ACTUAL FY23-24	BUDGET FY24-25	PROPOSED FY25-26	Notes
<b>Revenues</b>					
Appropriation	\$ 52,268	\$ 57,495	62,100	67,689	
Bank loan			377,000		
Inter-fund loan					
Sale proceeds					
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 52,268</u>	<u>\$ 57,495</u>	<u>\$ 439,100</u>	<u>\$ 67,689</u>	
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Tanker 2018	42,397				
Pumper 2025 Adjustment		121,876	377,000	92,554	(1)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 42,397</u>	<u>\$ 121,876</u>	<u>\$ 377,000</u>	<u>\$ 92,554</u>	
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	9,871	(64,381)	62,100	(24,865)	
<b>Fund Balance - start of year</b>	90,874	100,745	34,364	96,464	
<b>Fund Balance - end of year</b>	<u>\$ 100,745</u>	<u>\$ 34,364</u>	<u>\$ 96,464</u>	<u>\$ 71,599</u>	
<u>FY</u>	<u>Equipment (1)</u>	<u>Cost</u>			
17-18	Tanker	290,000			
24-25	Pumper	490,000			

Notes:

The replacement schedule is recommended by the Volunteer Fire Department and approved by the Selectboard. Priority is given to critical life-saving and safety equipment. Appropriations are expected to increase annually based on an average rate of inflation.

(1) The pumper is expected to be delivered Spring 2025.

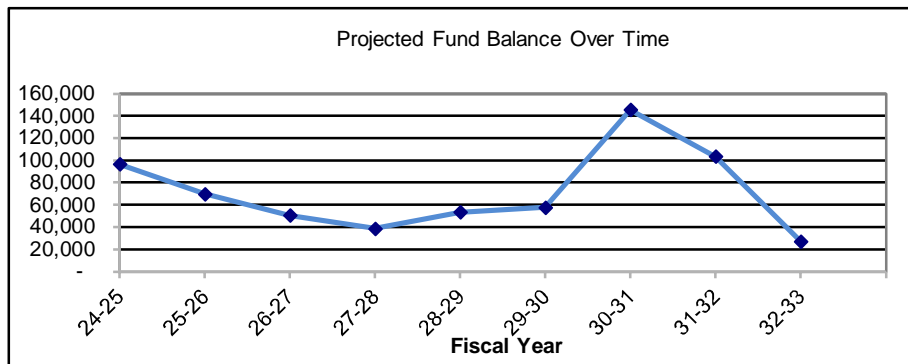
## Fire Equipment Reserve Fund Replacement Schedule and Costs

The purpose of this schedule is to show what equipment is to be replaced and when. In order to estimate future fund balances, all equipment is given an estimated useful life. The following projections include replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. Actual replacement of equipment is determined based on its condition at the time - not its estimated life.

The amount of the appropriation is set so that the fund balance does not fall below zero in any year. Increases to the appropriation should stay within the average rate of inflation.

<b>EQUIPMENT ITEM</b>	<b>Purchased Year</b>	<b>Projected Purchase Year</b>	<b>Estimated Cost Today</b>	<b>Escalated Cost</b>	<b>Escalation years</b>
Pumper 2	02-03	30-31	500,000	579,847	6
Utility Truck	14-15	31-32	170,000	202,077	7
Tanker	17-18	37-38	196,000	270,188	13
Pumper 1	24-25	44-45	500,000	799,325	20

<b>Equipment Item</b>	<b>Useful Life of Equipment</b>
Air Packs	15
Portable Pumps	30
Pumper 1	20
Pumper 2	20
Tanker	20
Utility Truck	12

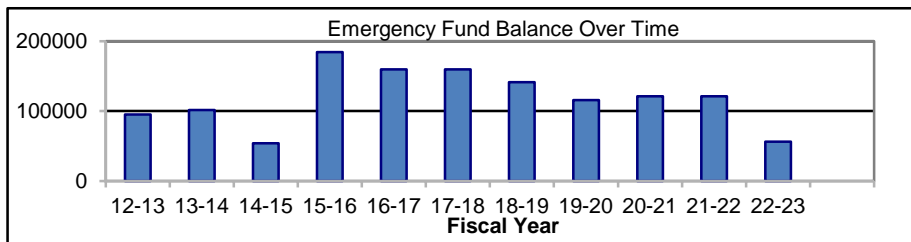


## Emergency Fund

	Actual FY20-21	Actual FY21-22	Actual FY22-23	Actual FY23-24
<b>Revenues</b>				
Reimbursement--emergency fund	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Earned				
Budget Surplus				
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Emergency Repair	14,499		2,200	54,232
Paving expense			5,200	
Initial grader payment				57,896
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 14,499</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,400</b>	<b>\$ 112,128</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	5,501	-	(7,400)	(112,128)
<b>Fund Balance - start of year</b>	115,688	121,189	121,189	113,789
<b>Fund Balance - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 121,189</b>	<b>\$ 121,189</b>	<b>\$ 113,789</b>	<b>\$ 1,662</b>

FUND LIMIT (20% of budget)	\$ 141,554	\$ 141,554	\$ 154,772	\$ 183,542

This fund was established in 2008 to allow the Town to establish a cash reserve, funded with any General Fund surplus, to be used for unanticipated expenses. The maximum amount allowed in this fund (Fund Limit) is 20% of the most recent voted budget.



## DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Below are the estimated annual requirements to pay all municipal loans outstanding at June 30, 2024.

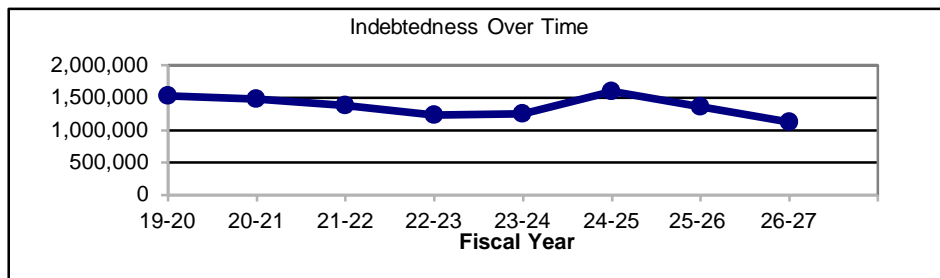
		FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26	FY26-27	FY27-28
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>						
Town Garage Loan	(P)	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
\$1,650,000 Jun 2015						
Community, 3.06%, 2045	(I)	32,459	30,778	27,417	25,734	24,051
SUB-TOTAL		\$ 87,459	\$ 85,778	\$ 82,417	\$ 80,734	\$ 79,051
<b>ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND</b>						
Tandem 2 (2023)	(P)		43,649	43,649	43,649	43,649
\$218,000 January 2024	(I)		10,594	8,712	6,534	4,356
Community Bank 4.99%, 2029						
Single-axle (2018)	(P)	33,400				
\$167,000 Sept. 2018	(I)	1,226				
Community Bank 3.67%, 2023						
3/4-ton Pickup (2018)	(P)	9,000				
\$45,000 Sept 2018	(I)	330				
Community Bank 3.67%, 2023						
Tandem 1 (2019)	(P)	42,000	42,000			
\$210,000 Aug 2019	(I)	2,446	1,218			
Community Bank 2.9%, 2024						
Grader (2022)			57,896	57,896	57,896	57,896
\$260,000 Lease						
Excavator (2021)		13,163	13,556	13,962	14,379	14,809
\$95,060 lease 2.95%		2,089	1,696	1,290	873	443
SUB-TOTAL		\$ 103,654	\$ 170,609	\$ 125,509	\$ 123,331	\$ 121,153
<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND</b>						
Pumper (2025)	(P)			75,400	75,400	75,400
\$377,000 estimated	(I)			17,154	13,723	10,292
Community Bank 4.55%						
SUB-TOTAL		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,554	\$ 89,123	\$ 85,692
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>\$ 191,113</b>	<b>\$ 256,387</b>	<b>\$ 300,479</b>	<b>\$ 293,187</b>	<b>\$ 285,895</b>

### Loan Principal Balance (as of 6/31/2024)

General Fund	\$ 1,033,468
Road Equipment Fund	\$ 302,213
Fire Equipment Fund	\$ -
<b>Total Indebtedness</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,681</b>
<b>Current year portion</b>	<b>\$ 132,599</b>

Notes:

(P) indicates Principal. (I) indicates Interest.



## Budget Reconciliation FY 23-24

### GENERAL FUND

	Budget FY24	Actual FY24
<b>Revenue</b>		
Property Taxes	774,184	648,249
Taxes voted other:		
Fire Reserve	57,495	57,495
Road Reserve	112,589	112,589
Paving Reserve	40,000	40,000
Library	43,667	43,667
Other voted articles	11,394	11,394
In-town requests	50,200	50,200
Out-of-Town requests	29,636	29,636

Subtotal to be raised by taxes	<u>\$1,119,165</u>	<u>\$993,230</u>
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### **Other Revenue**

Property taxes to Highway	(641,553)	(641,553)
Other tax rev	162,678	182,656
Minor grants	-	-
Licenses, permits & fees	40,130	43,053
Other miscellaneous income	3,400	21,751
Transfers in		25,000

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$683,820</u>	<u>\$624,137</u>
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### **Expense**

Salaries & Benefits	251,229	235,133
Office Ops & Expenses	60,100	52,970
General exp	34,726	37,970
Public safety	24,600	24,124
Building & grounds	60,099	69,236
Recycling	13,500	7,807
Transfer out	-	6,288
Voted articles, other	334,981	346,281
Misc	-	

<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$779,235</u>	<u>\$779,809</u>
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Change in Fund Balance (rev-exp)	(155,672)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$319,714
Ending Fund balance	\$164,042

### HIGHWAY

	Budget FY24	Actual FY24
<b>Revenue</b>		
Property taxes to Hwy	641,553	641,553
Grants		294,664
State Aid	63,000	68,672
Permits	880	1,035
Due to other funds		

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$705,433</u>	<u>\$1,005,924</u>
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### **Expense**

Salaries & Benefits	295,388	311,061
Building Maint.	26,940	34,773
General exp	10,320	9,000
Building and grounds	5,950	5,672
Highway Equip	141,800	135,336
Road Maint	81,535	67,229
Gravel Pit	48,500	55,403
Grant expenses	-	490,404
Garage Loan	95,000	87,459
Transfer out	-	43,429

<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$705,433</u>	<u>\$1,239,766</u>
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Change in Fund Balance (rev-exp)	(233,842)
Beginning Fund Balance	(191,148)
Ending Fund balance	(424,990)

### Combined General Fund and Highway Fund

**FY 22-23 Operating Deficit** **(\$389,514)**

(combined Fund Balance change)

# BUDGET SUMMARY

This schedule summarizes the detail budgets shown on the following pages.

	Budget	Actual	Better /	Budget	Proposed	B / (W) Comparison of		
	22-23	22-23	(Worse)	23-24	24-25	23 Bgt	24 Bgt	%
						-24 Bgt	-25 Bgt	B/(W)
<b>Combined Gen Fund &amp; Hwy Summary</b>								
Expenses	\$ 1,068,546	\$ 1,162,226	\$ (93,680)	\$ 1,149,579	\$ 1,201,874	\$ (81,033)	\$ (52,295)	(4.5%)
Revenue	270,890	403,709	132,819	270,088	284,165	(802)	14,077	5.2%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>797,656</b>	<b>758,517</b>	<b>39,139</b>	<b>879,491</b>	<b>917,709</b>	<b>(81,835)</b>	<b>(38,218)</b>	<b>(4.3%)</b>
<i>Adjustment--</i>								
Prior year Surplus	89,888	89,888		105,306				
<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>\$ 707,768</b>	<b>\$ 668,629</b>	<b>\$ 39,139</b>	<b>\$ 774,185</b>	<b>\$ 917,709</b>	<b>\$ 66,417</b>	<b>\$ (143,524)</b>	<b>(18.5%)</b>

Note: Grants, though budgeted for and included in the actual revenues and expenses, are not included in the budgeted amounts.

**Significant driver of the 2,162 FY22 Actual vs. Budget Variance:**

Expenses:  
Most General Fund items are very close to budgets, with the exception of the replacement of the Jerusalem Schoolhouse roof (37k), which was expected, but not budgeted. Highway expenses were approximately 10% (74k) over budget, driven by repairs, parts and fuel (+28k). Highway also had 86k in unanticipated EMA expense. Direct payroll expenses were below budget for the Highway Fund and Highway.

Revenues:

+ \$132k Reflects approximately 100% of the State Aid grants to the Highway Fund. The General Fund received a 39k refund on school taxes paid. Various other revenues were over budgeted to a lesser extent.

**Significant increases in the proposed 24-25 budget are:**

Expenses:  
General fund expenses are projected to increase roughly 5% overall, despite a 35k (near doubling) of health care premiums. Highway expenses are projected to grow about 1%, with expected increases being offset by decreases in numerous accounts.

Revenues:

General Fund revenues are projected up slightly. Highway revenues will benefit from an expected increase in State Aid.

This schedule should be reviewed against the more detailed budget on previous pages. The budget reflects funds needing to be raised by taxes. It omits real estate tax receipts and other revenues that are not budgeted. This and other items accounts for the differences between the positive net budget here and the actual operating deficit shown on the Budget Reconciliation page.

*In the previous two fiscal years, the selectboard voted to use a portion of our operating surplus to offset some of the taxes needed to cover the budget. With no surplus available this year, the actual amounts needed to be raised jumps 18.5%, despite the fact that actual spending increases only 4.3%.*

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Account	Approved FY23-24	Approved FY24-25	YTD FY24-25	Proposed FY25-26
2	<b>General Fund</b>				
3	<b>General Fund Revenues</b>				
4	<b>01-5-01 Taxes</b>				
5	01-5-01-02.00 Current Tax Interest	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,573.86	\$ 5,000.00
6	01-5-01-02.01 Delinquent Tax Interest	\$ 17,410.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 1,097.98	\$ 2,500.00
7	01-5-01-03.00 Delinquent Tax Penalty	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,190.03	\$ 8,000.00
8	01-5-01-04.00 Current Taxes Rev PTA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
9	01-5-01-05.00 School Tax Refund	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10	01-5-01-08.00 Current Use Hold Harmless	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 106,000.00	\$ 117,656.00	\$ 118,000.00
11	01-5-01-09.00 State Land Payment PILOT	\$ 14,028.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,208.96	\$ 14,208.96
12	01-5-01-10.00 Tax Sales Revenue	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -	
13	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 162,678.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,240.00</b>	<b>\$ 149,726.83</b>	<b>\$ 147,708.96</b>
14	<b>01-5-03 Clerk Fees, Permits &amp; Licenses</b>				
15	01-5-03-01.00 Recording Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,337.00	\$ 10,000.00
16	01-5-03-02.00 Photocopy, Fax Fee	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 605.40	\$ 1,500.00
17	01-5-03-03.00 Burial Transit Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
18	01-5-03-04.00 Posting Land Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
19	01-5-03-06.00 Vault fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 127.00	\$ 500.00
20	01-5-03-07.00 Land Records Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
21	01-5-03-09.00 Maple Lease	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ -	\$ 2,900.00
22	01-5-03-10.00 Post Office Lease	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,066.65	\$ 7,500.00
23	01-5-03-11.00 Green Lantern Solar	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
24	01-5-03-21.00 Marriage License Fee	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 140.00
25	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 31,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,965.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,456.05</b>	<b>\$ 23,845.00</b>
26	<b>01-5-04 Other income</b>				
27	01-5-04-01.00 Zoning Fees	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,248.20	\$ 5,500.00
28	01-5-04-03.00 Fines - Traffic and Civil	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 2,500.00
29	01-5-04-04.00 DMV fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 50.00
30	01-5-04-06.00 EV Chargepoint revenue	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 530.93	\$ 1,000.00
31	01-5-04-07.00 Dog - Registration Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ (315.77)	\$ 2,000.00
32	01-5-04-09.00 Green Mountain Passport F	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
33	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 8,780.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,380.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,918.36</b>	<b>\$ 11,090.00</b>
34	<b>01-5-06 Miscellaneous</b>				
35	01-5-06-01.00 Interest Income	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 406.54	\$ 2,000.00
36	01-5-06-03.00 Recycling Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,290.53	\$ 2,000.00
37	01-5-06-04.00 Transfer In other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
38	01-5-06-04.01 Transfer In-ARPA Funds	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
39	01-5-06-99.00 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,131.12)	\$ -
40	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,700.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,434.05)</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>
41					
42	<b>01-5 Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 206,208.00</b>	<b>\$ 213,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 166,667.19</b>	<b>\$ 186,643.96</b>
43					
44	<b>01-6 General Fund Expenditures</b>				
45	<b>01-6-10 Payroll Expenses</b>				
46	01-6-10-10.01 Salaries - Selectboard	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,432.70	\$ 9,000.00



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47	01-6-10-10.02 Salaries - Town Clerk	\$ 42,531.00	\$ 45,933.00	\$ 21,134.42	\$ 49,929.17
48	01-6-10-10.03 Salaries - Asst Town Cler	\$ 14,018.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,034.00	\$ 10,000.00
49	01-6-10-10.04 Salaries - Listers	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,807.00	\$ 10,000.00
50	01-6-10-10.05 Salaries - Delinquent Tax	\$ 9,023.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,069.47	\$ 9,000.00
51	01-6-10-10.06 Salaries - Health Officer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
52	01-6-10-10.07 Salaries - Election Offic	\$ 1,665.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
53	01-6-10-10.08 Salaries - Auditors	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
54	01-6-10-10.09 Salaries - Cemetery Commi	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
55	01-6-10-10.11 Salaries - Treasurer	\$ 30,576.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 11,613.14	\$ 20,000.00
56	01-6-10-10.12 Salaries - Asst Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,560.00
57	01-6-10-10.13 Salaries - Zoning Admin	\$ 15,660.00	\$ 13,264.00	\$ 12,016.53	\$ 19,000.00
58	01-6-10-10.14 Salaries - Zoning Asst.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
59	01-6-10-10.15 Salaries - BCA	\$ 456.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
60	01-6-10-10.16 Salaries - Planning/DRB	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,202.50	\$ 4,000.00
61	01-6-10-10.18 Salaries - Regional Plann	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -
62	01-6-10-10.20 Salaries - Town Administr	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,428.00	\$ 23,182.28	\$ 44,990.40
63	01-6-10-10.21 Salary - Animal Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 297.50	\$ 1,500.00
64	01-6-10-10.23 Salaries - Maintenance	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
65	01-6-10-11.00 SS & Medicare	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,237.05	\$ 14,870.04
66	01-6-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution T	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 368.02	\$ 856.91
67	01-6-10-12.00 Retirement - Employer	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 903.95	\$ 2,098.39
68	01-6-10-13.00 Health Insurance - Admin	\$ 40,750.00	\$ 75,048.00	\$ 68,871.47	\$ 52,038.00
69	01-6-10-13.02 LT/ST disability GFund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 102.75	\$ 500.00
70	01-6-10-14.00 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 580.00	\$ 580.00	\$ (19.53)	\$ 250.00
71	01-6-10-15.00 Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 1,000.00
72	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 251,119.00</b>	<b>\$ 281,223.00</b>	<b>\$ 163,531.25</b>	<b>\$ 265,992.91</b>
73	01-6-15 Office Ops & Expense				
74	01-6-15-20.00 Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,247.53	\$ 6,000.00
75	01-6-15-20.01 Delinquent Tax Coll. Supp	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 258.55	\$ 250.00
76	01-6-15-20.02 Lister's Software/Supplie	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
77	01-6-15-20.04 Select Board Exp	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 82.39	\$ 150.00
78	<del>01-6-15-20.05 Town Boards</del>	<del>\$ 1,000.00</del>	<del>\$ -</del>	<del>\$ -</del>	<del>\$ -</del>
79	01-6-15-20.06 Zoning Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
80	01-6-15-20.07 Miscellaneous	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 310.95	\$ 500.00
81	01-6-15-21.00 Postage	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,824.60	\$ 2,500.00
82	<del>01-6-15-21.01 Postage Town Report</del>	<del>\$ 300.00</del>	<del>\$ -</del>	<del>\$ -</del>	<del>\$ -</del>
83	01-6-15-22.01 Mileage - Admin.	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 31.71	\$ 200.00
84	01-6-15-22.02 Meetings/Conferences/Work	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 600.00
85	01-6-15-23.00 Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
86	01-6-15-24.00 Copier	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,481.99	\$ 6,000.00
87	01-6-15-27.01 Town Report Printing	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
88	01-6-15-27.02 Legal notices	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 848.87	\$ 1,200.00
89	01-6-15-27.03 Elections	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 109.12	\$ 1,500.00
90	01-6-15-31.00 Telephone, Internet	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 2,667.17	\$ 4,750.00
91	01-6-15-37.00 Technology	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 16,760.13	\$ 35,000.00

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1	Account	Approved FY23-24	Approved FY24-25	YTD FY24-25	Proposed FY25-26
92	01-6-15-40.00 Dues	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 150.00
93	01-6-15-41.00 Community Events	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
94	01-6-15-45.06 Town Office Snow Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
95	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 60,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 65,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,668.01</b>	<b>\$ 62,600.00</b>
96	01-6-20 General Expense				
97	01-6-20-37.00 Audit Expenses	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
98	01-6-20-40.00 Regional Planning Com.	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,370.60	\$ 2,450.00
99	01-6-20-40.01 Solid Waste Mgmt Dist	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
100	01-6-20-40.02 VLCT Dues	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
101	01-6-20-41.00 County Taxes	\$ 9,026.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,689.00	\$ 11,000.00
102	01-6-20-43.00 Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,742.75	\$ 6,000.00
103	01-6-20-44.00 Animal control	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
104	01-6-20-45.00 Zoning Maps	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
105	01-6-20-83.00 Bank Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 142.00	\$ 250.00
106	01-6-20-86.00 Tax Abatements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,574.19	\$ -
107	01-6-20-88.00 Tax Sales Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
108	01-6-20-99.00 Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 518.00	\$ 500.00
109	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 34,726.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,036.54</b>	<b>\$ 41,900.00</b>
110	01-6-25 Public Safety				
111	01-6-25-20.00 Emergency Preparedness	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
112	01-6-25-30.00 Electricity-Streetlights	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 679.11	\$ 2,000.00
113	01-6-25-45.00 Sherrif Department Contra	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 4,924.00	\$ 14,000.00
114	01-6-25-48.00 VFD - Commercial Pkg	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ -	\$ 11,234.00
115	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 24,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,603.11</b>	<b>\$ 29,234.00</b>
116	01-6-30 Buildings & Grounds				
117	01-6-30-30.00 ElecTown Bldgs no Hwy	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
118	01-6-30-30.01 Electricity 3056 Rental	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 157.69	\$ 2,200.00
119	01-6-30-30.02 Electric Fire Station	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 144.30	\$ 600.00
120	01-6-30-30.03 Electric Jerusalem SH	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 105.30	\$ 300.00
121	01-6-30-30.05 Electric Rescue Bldg	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 103.49	\$ 300.00
122	01-6-30-30.06 Electric Town Office	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,381.26	\$ 1,600.00
123	01-6-30-30.07 Electric Town Hall/Librar	\$ -			\$ -
124	01-6-30-30.09 Electricity Cota Field	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 101.93	\$ 300.00
125	01-6-30-30.10 Electric Solar Array Pars	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 125.79	\$ 450.00
126	01-6-30-32.01 Heat Food Shelf	\$ 131.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
127	01-6-30-32.03 Heat Jerusalem School	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
128	01-6-30-32.06 Heat Town Office 2849	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 129.78	\$ 4,000.00
129	01-6-30-32.07 Heat Town Hall/Library	\$ -			\$ -
130	01-6-30-35.01 Water Food Shelf 3056	\$ 300.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 490.00
131	01-6-30-35.04 Water Post Office	\$ 300.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 490.00
132	01-6-30-35.06 Water Town Office	\$ 300.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 490.00
133	01-6-30-35.07 Water Town Hall/Library	\$ 300.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -	\$ 490.00
134	01-6-30-37.01 Mowing Food Shelf 3056	\$ 663.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 700.00
135	01-6-30-37.02 Mowing Cemeteries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 3,000.00
136	01-6-30-37.03 Mowing Jerusalem Sch	\$ 865.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 1,600.00

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137	01-6-30-37.04 Mowing Post Office	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 600.00
138	01-6-30-37.06 MowingTown Offices	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 3,250.00
139	01-6-30-37.09 Mowing Cota Field	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 3,695.00	\$ 4,250.00
140	01-6-30-45.00 Logging Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
141	01-6-30-45.06 Cleaning Town Office	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 3,000.00
142	01-6-30-45.07 Cleaning Town Hall	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 360.00	\$ -
143	01-6-30-50.00 Bus Shelter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,280.00	\$ -
144	01-6-30-69.08 Repairs & Maint. Cemeteri	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
145	01-6-30-69.09 Repairs&Maint. Town Bldgs	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,546.47	\$ 7,500.00
146	01-6-30-70.03 Major Maint. Jerusalem SH	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
147	01-6-30-70.04 Major Maint Post Office	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
148	01-6-30-70.05 Major Maint. Food Shelf	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
149	01-6-30-70.06 Major Maint Town Offices	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
150	01-6-30-70.07 Major Maint - Town Hall	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 19,850.00	\$ 2,000.00
151	01-6-30-70.08 Major Maint. Fire Station	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
152	01-6-30-71.00 Property Insurance - GF	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 4,272.00	\$ 22,000.00
153	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 60,099.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,010.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,829.01</b>	<b>\$ 79,560.00</b>
154	01-6-35 Recycling				
155	01-6-35-03.00 Recyling charges	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,966.50	\$ 4,500.00
156	01-6-35-03.02 Landfill Closure	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 8,000.00
157	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,186.50</b>	<b>\$ 12,500.00</b>
158	<b>01-6 Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 444,144.00</b>	<b>\$ 488,083.00</b>	<b>\$ 267,854.42</b>	<b>\$ 491,786.91</b>
159					
160	<b>General Fund Net Budget</b>	<b>\$ (237,936.00)</b>	<b>\$ (274,798.00)</b>	<b>\$ (101,187.23)</b>	<b>\$ (305,142.95)</b>
161					
162	<b>Highway Fund</b>				
163	<b>02-5 Highway Revenue</b>				
164	02-5-02-01.00 State Aid to Highway	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,773.50	\$ 70,000.00
165	02-5-02-10.00 FEMA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
166	02-5-02-30.00 FEMA GRANT 2023 STORM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
167	02-5-04-11.00 Overweight Permits	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 880.00
168	02-5-04-12.00 Driveway Accessibility Pe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
169	02-5-06-99.00 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
170	<b>02-5 Total Highway Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 63,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 70,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,303.50</b>	<b>\$ 70,880.00</b>
171					
172	<b>02-6 Highway Fund Expenditures</b>				
173	02-6-02-10.02 Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,990.00	\$ -
174	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,990.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
175	02-6-10 Salaries & Benefits				
176	02-6-10-10.01 Salaries - Road Crew	\$ 215,355.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 110,064.64	\$ 223,151.00
177	02-6-10-11.00 SS & Medicare	\$ 15,690.00	\$ 15,690.00	\$ 7,534.03	\$ 17,071.05
178	02-6-10-11.01 Child Care Contribution T	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 449.71	\$ 981.86
179	02-6-10-12.00 Retirement - Highway	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,941.34	\$ 4,463.02
180	02-6-10-13.00 Health Ins. - Highway	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 46,700.00	\$ 10,172.56	\$ 45,000.00
181	02-6-10-13.02 LT/ST disability road crew	\$ 1,146.00	\$ 1,146.00	\$ 367.59	\$ 1,500.00

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182	02-6-10-14.00 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 0.63	\$ 430.00
183	02-6-10-15.00 Workers Comp Insurance	\$ 15,567.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,039.00	\$ 10,000.00
184	02-6-10-19.00 Uniforms	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 623.24	\$ 1,500.00
185	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 295,388.00</b>	<b>\$ 300,166.00</b>	<b>\$ 134,192.74</b>	<b>\$ 304,096.94</b>
186	02-6-15 Building Maintenance				
187	02-6-15-20.00 Garage Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 2,439.53	\$ 11,500.00
188	02-6-15-22.01 Computers and Technology	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
189	02-6-15-30.00 Electricity-Garage	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 463.84	\$ 800.00
190	02-6-15-31.00 Telephone - Garage	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 861.60	\$ 1,900.00
191	02-6-15-32.00 Heat - Garage	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 302.81	\$ 9,500.00
192	02-6-15-34.00 Trash - Garage	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
193	02-6-15-37.00 Cleaning - Garage	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 2,800.00
194	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 26,940.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,490.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,207.78</b>	<b>\$ 29,000.00</b>
195	02-6-20 General Expense				
196	02-6-20-48.00 Property Insurance-Garage	\$ 10,320.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,800.00
197	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 10,320.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,800.00</b>
198	02-6-30 Buildings & Grounds				
199	02-6-30-36.00 Security System	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
200	02-6-30-36.01 Septic pumping	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
201	02-6-30-37.01 Mowing Garage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 840.00	\$ 2,000.00
202	02-6-30-69.00 Garage - Repairs/Maintena	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 3,000.00
203	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 5,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,200.00</b>
204	02-6-50 Highway Equipment				
205	02-6-50-56.00 Contracted Services	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 452.50	\$ 15,000.00
206	02-6-50-61.00 Gas	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 633.51	\$ 5,000.00
207	02-6-50-62.00 Diesel Fuel - Town Garage	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 13,558.37	\$ 55,000.00
208	02-6-50-63.00 Grease/Oil	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
209	02-6-50-67.00 Radios	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 426.77	\$ 1,200.00
210	02-6-50-68.00 Parts: Repairs & Maint	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 18,166.57	\$ 35,000.00
211	02-6-50-68.01 Welding Supplies	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
212	02-6-50-68.02 Tires	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,752.42	\$ 11,000.00
213	02-6-50-68.03 Plow Blades	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
214	02-6-50-68.04 Personal Protective Equip	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
215	02-6-50-80.00 Minor Equipment Purchase	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,876.60	\$ 6,500.00
216	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 141,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 144,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,866.74</b>	<b>\$ 148,500.00</b>
217	02-6-55 Road Maintenance				
218	02-6-55-50.00 Culverts	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,698.34	\$ 15,000.00
219	02-6-55-51.00 Road Salt	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 23,000.00
220	02-6-55-52.00 Outside Aggregate	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,820.00	\$ 10,000.00
221	02-6-55-53.00 Chloride	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,718.95	\$ 12,500.00
222	02-6-55-54.00 Paving/Resurfacing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
223	02-6-55-55.00 Cold patch	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 235.98	\$ 1,035.00
224	02-6-55-56.00 Street Signs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,406.24	\$ 3,500.00
225	02-6-55-57.00 Guardrail installation/re	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
226	02-6-55-58.00 Bridges	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Account	Approved FY23-24	Approved FY24-25	YTD FY24-25	Proposed FY25-26
227	02-6-55-59.00 Road Fabric	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
228	02-6-55-99.00 Highway Miscellaneous	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,687.72	\$ 3,000.00
229	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 81,535.00</b>	<b>\$ 84,535.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,567.23</b>	<b>\$ 85,535.00</b>
230	02-6-60 Gravel Pit				
231	02-6-60-37.00 Pit Crushing	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ -	\$ 48,500.00
232	02-6-60-56.00 Pit Equip Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
233	02-6-60-80.00 Pit Reclamation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
234	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 48,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 55,500.00</b>
235	02-6-80 Debt Payments				
236	02-6-80-81.00 Highway Garage	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 91,000.00	\$ -	\$ 82,500.00
237	<b>sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 95,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 82,500.00</b>
238	<b>02-6 Highway Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 705,433.00</b>	<b>\$ 713,791.00</b>	<b>\$ 238,914.49</b>	<b>\$ 724,131.94</b>
239					
240	<b>Highway Net Budget</b>	<b>\$ (641,553.00)</b>	<b>\$ (642,911.00)</b>	<b>\$ (166,610.99)</b>	<b>\$ (653,251.94)</b>
241					
242	<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
243	General Fund Expenses	\$ (444,144.00)	\$ (488,083.00)	\$ (267,854.42)	\$ (491,786.91)
244	General Fund Revenues	\$ 206,208.00	\$ 213,285.00	\$ 166,667.19	\$ 186,643.96
245	<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (237,936.00)</b>	<b>\$ (274,798.00)</b>	<b>\$ (101,187.23)</b>	<b>\$ (305,142.95)</b>
246					
247	Highway Expenses	\$ (705,433.00)	\$ (713,791.00)	\$ (238,914.49)	\$ (724,131.94)
248	Highway Revenues	\$ 63,880.00	\$ 70,880.00	\$ 72,303.50	\$ 70,880.00
249	<b>Net Highway</b>	<b>\$ (641,553.00)</b>	<b>\$ (642,911.00)</b>	<b>\$ (166,610.99)</b>	<b>\$ (653,251.94)</b>
250					
251	Surplus Used to Offset FY Budget	\$ 105,306.00			
252					
253	<b>Total Tax Budget General Fund &amp; Highway</b>	<b>\$ (774,183.00)</b>	<b>\$ (917,709.00)</b>	<b>\$ (267,798.22)</b>	<b>\$ (958,394.89)</b>

# Five-Year Comparison

	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	Approved 24-25
<b><u>TAX APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>					
General Fund	\$ 744,744	\$ 707,768	\$ 707,768	\$ 773,862	\$ 917,709
Reappraisal Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Road Equipment Reserve	97,267	101,158	106,216	112,589	119,344
Fire Equipment Reserve	49,268	51,239	52,268	57,495	62,100
Paving Reserve	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
Library	31,950	35,375	39,478	43,667	46,916
Special Voted Appropriations	11,506	5,650	14,000	14,000	11,090
In-town Appropriations	44,425	47,000	37,000	50,200	53,200
Out-of-Town Appropriations	29,588	28,536	34,536	29,636	30,530
<b><u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,048,748</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,726</b>	<b>\$ 1,031,266</b>	<b>\$ 1,121,449</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,889</b>
<b><u>TAXES TO BE RAISED</u></b>					
Municipal	1,046,119	1,016,084	1,044,787	1,235,771	
Homestead	2,064,725	2,098,063	2,163,267	2,275,640	
Non-homestead	881,667	868,555	899,408	955,509	
Total	\$ 3,992,511	\$ 3,982,702	\$ 4,107,462	\$ 4,466,920	\$ -
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,685,658	1,697,151		1,715,015	2,946,521
Education Grand List	\$ 1,178,051	1,199,853	1,200,549	1,204,603	2,063,476
Tax Rate--Municipal and Homestead	\$ 2.3750	\$ 2.3473	\$ 2.4111	\$ 2.4739	\$ 1.46478
Tax sale (year end)	N/A	240	-		(1)
Deliquent Taxes (year end)	\$ 53,187	30,210	24,257	27,368	(1)
<b><u>MUNICIPAL FUNDS BALANCES</u></b>					
General Fund (unassigned)	\$ 253,785	\$ 333,471	\$ 365,039		(1)
Highway Fund	(93,966)	(127,761)	(171,557)		(1)
Reappraisal Reserve	93,898	102,016	63,553	27,396	35,264
Road Equipment Reserve	129,238	107,476	172,524	131,452	5,136
Fire Equipment Reserve	99,891	90,874	100,745	158,240	96,464
Emergency Reserve	121,189	121,189	55,894	1,662	(1)
Paving Reserve	57,978	57,978		115,978	115,978
<b><u>MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE (Principal and Interest)</u></b>					
General Fund	\$ 92,410	\$ 90,925	\$ 92,142	\$ 87,459	\$ 84,100
Road Equipment Reserve	126,181	122,920	106,423	103,654	170,905
Fire Equipment Reserve	61,578	60,255	42,937	-	-
<b><u>TOTAL DEBT</u></b>	<b>\$ 1,480,120</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,858</b>	<b>\$ 1,284,678</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,681</b>	

Notes:

(1) Not available until after the close of the fiscal year.

## Appropriations

	ACTUAL FY23-24	BUDGET FY24-25	PROPOSED FY25-26	<u>Notes</u>
<b><u>IN-TOWN REQUESTS</u></b>				
COOPERATIVE PRE-SCHOOL	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
PROJECT READ		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
STARKSBORO MENTORING PROGRAM	2,000	2,000	2,000	
FIRST RESPONSE	12,000	12,000	12,000	
FOUR WINDS	1,200	1,200	1,200	
STARKSBORO FOOD SHELF	2,000	2,000		
STARKSBORO VILLAGE MEETINGHOUSE	3,000	3,000	3,000	
STARKSBORO SPORTS PROGRAM			3,500	
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	24,000	24,000	24,000	
<b>TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$ 50,200</b>	<b>\$ 53,200</b>	<b>\$ 54,700</b>	
<b><u>OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</u></b>				
AC HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE, INC.	\$ 1,964	\$ 1,964	\$ 1,964	
AC PARENT/CHILD CENTER	1,600	1,600	1,600	
AC READERS	350	350	350	
AC RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES	800	800	800	
AGE WELL		2,500		
AMERICAN RED CROSS	500	500	500	
ATRIA COLLECTIVE (formerly WomenSafe)	1,250	1,250	1,250	
BRISTOL FAMILY CENTER	500	500	500	
BRISTOL RECREATION DEPT.	2,500	2,500	2,500	
BRISTOL RESCUE SQUAD	7,500			
COUNSELING SERVICE OF ADDISON COUNTY	2,200	2,200	2,200	
ELDERLY SERVICES	900	900	900	
GREEN UP VERMONT	100	100	100	
HOMEWARD BOUND (formerly AC HUMANE SOCIETY)	500	500	500	
HOPE (formerly ACAG)	1,750	1,750	1,750	
JOHN W. GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER	970	970	970	
LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION	550	550		
OPEN DOOR CLINIC	250	250	250	
OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES	176	176	176	
RICHMOND RESCUE		7,590		
RSVP	370	370	370	
TRI VALLEY TRANSIT	2,106	2,106	2,106	
TURNING POINT CENTER	1,000	1,000	1,000	
VERMONT ADULT LEARNING	700	700	700	
VT ASSN FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	500	500	500	
VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	250	250	250	
VT FAMILY NETWORK	250	250	250	
VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE	100	100	100	
<b>TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$ 29,636</b>	<b>\$ 32,226</b>	<b>\$ 21,586</b>	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$ 79,836</b>	<b>\$ 85,426</b>	<b>\$ 76,286</b>	

# GRANTS

## FY23-24

### FEMA (Highway)

Receipts	\$ 294,664
Expenses	(490,074)
	\$-
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(195,410)
Balance-beginning of year	0
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ (195,410) (1)</u>

### Records Restoration Grant

Receipts	\$ 3,918
Expenses	(15)
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	3,903
Balance-beginning of year	26,795
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 30,698</u>

### ARPA

Receipts	\$ -
Local Funding	\$-
County Funding	\$-
Library Funding	
Expenses	(226,993)
18-6-02-90.01 ARPA Fire Dept Equipment	\$61,868
18-6-02-90.02 ARPA Project READ	\$-
18-6-02-90.03 ARPA Library renovation	\$-
18-6-02-90.05 ARPA Town Administrator	\$25,000
18-6-02-90.06 ARPA digitization land re	\$-
18-6-02-90.07 ARPA Jerusalem Schoolhous	\$3,974
18-6-02-90.08 ARPA Pavilion roof	\$-
18-6-02-90.09 ARPA Water CoOp	\$85,000
18-6-02-90.10 ARPA Preschool Meetinghou	\$50,000
18-8-90-90.01 Transfer to Special Proje	\$1,152
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(226,993)
Balance-beginning of year	482,570
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ 255,577</u>

(1) In FY 23-24, FEMA was accounted for in the Highway Budget. Since we don't "budget" FEMA revenue or expenditures, these are not shown in the voted-on budget and are instead shown here. Starting in FY24-25, FEMA accounting is entered in a separate fund.



# GRANTS (continued)

FY23-24

**BRIC**

Receipts	\$ 2,568
Expenses	(2,175)
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	393
Balance-beginning of year	(937)
Balance-end of year	<u>\$ (544)</u>



Ansel Hawkins, the town’s first lawyer, arrived in 1832. He built this small law office on his property (VT Route 116 opposite former Town Office), and upon becoming town clerk in 1869 moved the town books here. When Ila Smith became town clerk in 1941, the building, which had been moved across the road, was fixed up for use as the town clerk’s office. No longer standing.



The Traveler’s Inn or Walston’s Hotel (west side VT Route 116, just north of Union Store), run by Frank Walston, originally was a one-story building. The second floor was added in the early 1900s. The hotel accommodated up to twelve people. It was the only Starksboro hotel in a 1911 state guide for tourists. “Best of Vermont scenery. Best water in the country. Beautiful drives. Good fishing and hunting. A comfortable, commodious place combining desirable features of hotel and home life.”

## Fiduciary Funds

### FY23-24

#### Starksboro Food Shelf

Receipts	
Donations	14,710
Appropriation	2,000
Subtotal- receipts	\$ 16,710
Expenses	(11,761)
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	4,949
Balance-beginning of year	2,856
Balance-end of year	\$ 7,805

#### Starksboro Community Garden

Receipts	\$ 860
Expenses	(758)
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	102
Balance-beginning of year	430
Balance-end of year	\$ 532

#### Friends of Jerusalem

Receipts (donations)	\$ 2,080
Expenses	0
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	
Balance-beginning of year	50,279
Balance-end of year	\$ 50,279

#### Cemetery

Receipts	\$ -
Expenses	-
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues	-
Balance-beginning of year	
Jerusalem and Starksboro Village Cem	7,501
Mason Hill Cemetery	2,843
Friends, Village and Mason Hill Cem	243
Cemetery Fund Balance	(176)
subtotal- beginning of year	\$10,411
Balance-end of year	\$ 10,411

#### Conservation Commission

Receipts	\$ -
Expenses	0
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	0
Balance-beginning of year	457
Balance-end of year	\$ 457

#### Special Projects Fund (Pavilion)

Receipts		\$ 3,510
Pavilion donations	3,510	
ARPA transfer	-	
Expenses		(16,945)
Pavillion Expenses	16,945	
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		(13,435)
Balance-beginning of year		1,954
Balance-end of year		\$(11,481)



## Starksboro Cooperative Preschool

December 2024

SCP's big news this year is all about our expansion project, which we have undertaken in partnership with the Starksboro Village Meeting House. After several years of grant-seeking and fundraising, we are excited to announce our plans are moving forward. These include the complete reworking of the ground floor of the Meeting House, by which we will add two new classroom spaces, two bathrooms, and two offices/meeting rooms. We will also build an addition to house an ADA-compliant entryway and a mechanical room for a state-of-the-art HVAC system. These improvements will allow us to add 11 full time slots for both preschool and toddler aged children, develop and enhance our workforce, and provide space that families and service providers can utilize. With construction slated to begin in March of 2025, the Meetinghouse and the Preschool continue to work to close the funding gap for this project. To this end, we invite all who have passed through SCP's program over the last 50 years, as well as all those who love the historic Starksboro Village Meeting House, to help by donating to this project. Checks may be sent to SCP/SVMH Building Project, PO Box 36, Starksboro, VT 05487 OR you can donate via our Go Fund Me page, found here: <https://gofund.me/6edb62dc>

First licensed in 1975, SCP has served generations of children. We continue to provide a positive first school experience and affordable childcare to local children and families. We are a five-star preschool program, offering a play-based, nature-inspired curriculum that fosters creativity, curiosity and child-led learning through play. Our preschool staff brings expertise, high levels of patience and understanding, and a fun-loving spirit to work with them every day! We continue to operate as a cooperative, with parents helping to fundraise and work at family jobs for tuition credit. SCP's board of directors is currently composed of three community members and two preschool parents. Our teaching staff of 5 includes two VT state licensed teachers.

SCP remains at capacity this year, with a waiting list. Enrollment stands at 22 children, 54% of whom live in Starksboro. Registration for the 2025-26 school year will open exclusively for Starksboro residents and returning students on January 1, 2025. Please email us at [starkscoop@gmail.com](mailto:starkscoop@gmail.com) for more information.

We wish to thank the voters of Starksboro for the many ways you support us: through past town appropriations, by donating to and participating in on our fundraising events, and for being great neighbors. Special thanks to Jim Geier for his continued support. Please find us at Town Meeting to learn more about our school and our project!

We respectfully request \$6,000.00 for the 2025-26 school year.

**Starksboro Cooperative Preschool Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**

July 2023 through June 2024

Cash Basis

	Jul '23 - Jun 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Tuition Income	233,865.70
Grants, Donation, Contributions	61,133.61
Fundraising Income	9,675.74
Misc Income	1,908.84
<b>Total Income</b>	306,583.89
<b>Gross Profit</b>	306,583.89
<b>Expense</b>	
Program Expense	237,955.66
Renovation Expense	38,207.52
General & Admin	31,404.09
Facility Expense	13,107.02
<b>Total Expense</b>	320,674.29
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-14,090.40
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
Credit Card Perks	500.00
Interest/Dividends	2.81
<b>Total Other Income</b>	502.81
<b>Net Other Income</b>	502.81
<b>Net Income</b>	-13,587.59

## Project READ!

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### **INTERESTED IN HELPING? PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Founded in 1995, Project READ! is an all-volunteer organization committed to promoting literacy in our town. Some volunteers help with planning; others pitch in to help with specific events. Take a look at all we've accomplished!

**Used book sale:** READ! held a two-day used book sale at Robinson Elementary School (RES) in Dec. 2023. We made sure every student had a quarter to spend, as each book was a quarter. This annual tradition coincides with the Scholastic Book sale, and it provides an opportunity for every RES student to make their own purchase. The book sale also held evening hours and was open to the public.

**Literacy game night:** After eating Doreen's pizza and veggies, it was time for fun and games at the Literacy Game Night held at RES on April 4, 2024. READ! also sponsored a free raffle, giving away games such as Banagrams, Pictionary, and Apples to Apples, Jr. There were nine lucky winners!

**Annual author visit:** READ! coordinated Vermont author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock's visit to RES April 12, 2024. The annual author visit program was created to honor Pat Young, former RES kindergarten teacher. READ! presented each RES kindergarten student their own brand new copy of one of Natalie's books.

**Baby Brunch:** READ! collaborated with the Starksboro Public Library to host a brunch April 13, 2024 to honor our town's newest members. Volunteers created a beautiful spread of quiches, muffins, fruit, and beverages, creating a welcoming atmosphere for families. READ! donated a picture book to the library's collection in honor of each child, and each family left the event with a brand new board book to keep.

**Bookwagon:** READ! started the 2024 Bookwagon season with a kick-off at RES, and each student picked out a brand new book. Each week during the summer, we visited the preschool (at RES this summer) and four other locations around town. We even got to visit Adventure Camp at the Common Ground Center. We had 16 drivers, 42 total stops, and we gave away 476 books!

**Logo contest:** READ! worked with students in the Design and Illustration program at the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center to come up with our new logo. Congrats, Jeremy Holzhammer. We love it!

## Starksboro Sports Program

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The Starksboro Sports Program (SSP) provides soccer, basketball, skiing, snowboarding, baseball and softball opportunities to the children of Starksboro in kindergarten through sixth grade. Our 100% volunteer organization offers programs to any child who wants to participate, regardless of experience or ability. Through several different fundraisers and support from the Town of Starksboro, our program can keep registration fees low and offer financial assistance to any family who may need it, so EVERY child has the opportunity to participate. SSP uses town appropriated funds and our fundraising money for the purchase of sports equipment, to subsidize uniform costs, pay for materials for field maintenance and improvements. SSP also pays for the portolet that is located at Cota field from spring through fall. SSP is also responsible for maintenance of the dugouts and the pavilion at Cota Field. Thanks to volunteers, labor costs to get the work done is close to nothing. SSP pays yearly for a website. The website allows for online registration and payment of program fees, which eliminate the need for paper forms and some administrative work. Our

website is [www.starksborosports.com](http://www.starksborosports.com). With town funds we can begin improvement of our sports equipment and fields. We need to upgrade our basketballs, new catchers equipment, and new nets for soccer. Additionally, our baseball/softball fields can be improved, and new bases purchased. We would like to reduce the cost of program registration in the future and continue to provide financial assistance to those who are unable to pay.

### SSP 2024-2025 FY NUMBERS

- 2024 Baseball/Softball 52 children participated, 5 scholarships provided
- 2024 Soccer 56 children participated, 7 scholarships provided.
- 2024/2025 Basketball 38 children participated
- 2025 Cochran's Ski & Ride, 43 children participated

SSP would like to thank all the volunteer coaches for their time and dedication to our program. Without you we could never be so successful. We'd also like to thank those who volunteer their time to paint field lines, rake base paths, set up and take down fences and goals. Those that volunteer to referee or ump at games, and those that help during our fundraising endeavors. Thank you to those that provide transportation to games and practice, so every kid gets a chance to participate. Thanks to everyone that lends a hand and makes SSP everything that it is. Finally, a big thank you to the town of Starksboro for their past appropriation money. We hope that the town is willing to support our program again.

## Starksboro First Response

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Starksboro First Response has 5 EMT's. Three reside on Jerusalem Rd, one in Starksboro Village, and one on the north end of town on Route 116. We are required to attend multiple trainings throughout the year in order to earn credits to recertify with the State of Vermont every other year. We have trained with Bristol Rescue, Richmond Rescue, and the Starksboro and Hinesburg Fire Departments. Training topics include everything we would respond to, including medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, extrication, bleeding control, pediatrics, proper lifting techniques, Hazmat, trauma, cardiac arrests, body substance isolation, etc. This is just a short list of required topics. Starksboro First Response requires potential members to have resided in town for at least one year and be certified by the State of Vermont at some level (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, etc.).

We anticipate an increase in expenses this year. Our dispatching expenses are estimated to be \$3600 in 2025. As our call volume increases, our need to restock supplies also increases, and like everything else, costs have risen substantially. One new Protocol change set to roll out is that we can now use/carry CPAP machines, which we do not currently have. This also means that we would need to purchase additional oxygen tanks to have enough to last until an ambulance arrives. This is yet another budget item that we did not plan on.

Our EMT's responded to 158 rescue calls in 2024. The breakdown is as follows:

Medical	85	Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Mental Health	3	Falls	19
Overdoses	1	Traumas	2
Assaults	3	Cardiac Arrests	8
Evacuation/Fires	24	Lifeline/Accidental	5

As always, we wish you all a safe and healthy 2025. Stay safe out there!

Starksboro First Responders  
Charlene, Cheryl, Tracey, Sprague, Graham

*Appropriation request - \$12,000*

# Starksboro First Response

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*Treasurer's Report – Submitted by Cheryl Estey, Treasurer*  
 July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on Hand – 7/01/2023	10,445.89	
Donations	2,500.00	
Town Appropriation 22/23	2,000.00	
23/24	12,000.00	
Medical Supplies/Equipment		7,193.18
Building Maintenance – Fuel		1,920.94
Water Rent		100.00
Active 911 Subscription		30.36
District 7 Dues	_____	150.00
Transfer to Money Mkt	_____	13,000.00
	26,945.89	22,394.48
Cash on Hand – 6/30/2023	_____	4,551.41
	26,945.89	26,945.89

Cheryl Estey



Tracey Orvis



Charlene Phelps



Graham Huntington



Sprague Huntington



## Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

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In 2024 the Fire Department responded to 64 calls, 17 more calls than last year. These calls include building fires, mutual aid to other departments, motor vehicle crashes, carbon monoxide and medical assistance. 672 hours were spent answering calls and 629 hours in training.

We continue to look for new members men and women to join our department. If you would like to help your community and be a member of a great team, stop by and see us. We meet on the first Monday of the month, the drills are on the third Monday and the last Wednesday. You can reach me at 802-373-6529 or [estey463@yahoo.com](mailto:estey463@yahoo.com).

We have 3 new members Sprague Huntington, Ian Roulat and Noah Roulat.

The officers for 2024 are Chief Tom Estey, Asst. Chief Tony Porter, Asst. Chief Matt Estey, Captain Eric Cota, Captain Ryan Lee and Lieutenant Ryan Senna.

Our hope is that the new fire truck will be here before the town meeting.

We thank the voters in Starksboro for your continued support!

**WORKING DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!**  
**CO IS DETECTED BY A CO DETECTOR OR METER ONLY!!!**  
**CO AND SMOKE DETECTORS SHOULD BE REPLACED AFTER 10 YEARS!!!**  
**MAKE SURE YOUR 911 SIGN IS POSTED PROPERLY!!!**

Burn permits for grass, leaves brush or any untreated natural wood are available by contacting Tom Estey 802-373-6529 or Tony Porter 802-989-5096 if you can't reach me. All other burning is illegal.

Thank you to the First Response and Ladies Auxiliary for their Support!!!

Again, we thank the voters and the Town for your support!!!

Have a Fire Safe Year

Tom Estey

Fire Chief



## Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc

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**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Checking 7/1/2022	\$29,041.08	
Tax Appropriations	24,000.00	
Interest	2.83	
Donations	3,733.00	
Town of Starksboro (Modine Heating System)	6,375.00	
Other Income	1,138.47	
Heat Station #1		3,369.90
Heat Station #2		1,811.68
Fire Phone		1,108.32
Box Rent & Postage		120.00
Modine Heating System		6,375.50
State & County Dues & Training		2,366.00
Radios, Pagers & Repairs		215.50
Shelburne Dispatch		1,400.00
Personal Protective Equipment		11,209.19
Truck Maintenance		179.09
Fire Equipment		6,034.16
Other Expenses \$ Supplies		<u>5,266.71</u>
	64,290.88	39,456.05
Checking 6/30/2024		<u>24,384.83</u>
	\$64,290.88	\$64,290.88

	Building Fund	Truck Fund
7/1/2023	11,235.10	11,235.12
Interest	3.37	3.38
6/30/2024	\$11,238.47	\$11,238.50

Treasurer Norman Cota

# Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

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## TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on Hand in Bank 7/1/23	\$15,419.02	
Bites in a Bag Children & Families Donation	\$10,000.00	
Holiday Project Donations	\$ 4466.70	
Coin Drop proceeds	\$ 2644.08	
Eclipse t-shirt Proceeds	\$ 1863.40	
Robinson Four Winds Bake Sale	\$ 471.00	
Piano Crawl Donation to RES Four Winds	\$ 375.00	
Donation for Live Animal presenter	\$ 500.00	
Interest	\$ 5.61	
Purchase radio for SVFD		\$ 1000.00
Holiday Project 2023		\$ 4252.30
Bites in a Bag food purchases		\$ 4286.18
Support for Starksboro Food Shelf		\$ 4500.00
Support for Starksboro New Community Project		\$ 3000.00
American flags and holiday lights for Village		\$ 537.77
Coffee maker and mugs		\$ 182.95
Food/supplies for town events		\$ 586.90
Quilts for Edorah Frazer & Amy Johnston farewell party		\$ 650.00
Robinson Four Winds program tuition		\$ 680.00
Robinson Four Winds grant purchases for outdoor seating		\$ 662.53
Harvest Festival Live Animal Presenter		\$ 471.61
Service Charges		<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total Disbursements		\$20,820.24
Cash on Hand in Bank 6/30/24		<u>\$14,924.57</u>
	\$35,744.81	\$35,744.81

The Starksboro Fire Department Auxiliary was formed in 1976 to support our fire fighters and meet other community needs. Auxiliary members prepare sandwiches and beverages during fires, help with organizing and running fire department celebrations, memorial services, and other functions, and help to purchase equipment. In addition, the Auxiliary contributes to other community service projects and events.

This year the Auxiliary raised funds through donations by Town residents to provide gift cards for several needy families through the Holiday Project. We organized and supported the Bites in a Bag program for weekend snack bags for Robinson School children. We helped to support the Starksboro Food Shelf and Little Free Pantries. We help to administer funds raised by the Robinson Four Winds program for tuition and supplies. We held a Harvest Festival featuring a Live Animal presenter in the fall, a party to view the Total Solar Eclipse in April, and a celebration for retiring Robinson School principal, Edorah Frazer, and guidance counselor, Amy Johnston. We purchased American flags and holiday lights for the village. We are grateful to the Townspeople for helping to support our fund-raising efforts and community events.

Submitted by Chris Runcie, Treasurer

## Starksboro Mentoring Program

The Starksboro Mentoring Program is a community-wide, multigenerational program that builds enduring relationships between children and adults. Based at Robinson Elementary School, and in the community this program encourages contributing and belonging among children and adults in our town. The program has changed lives spanning the generations since 2005. This coming year marks the 20th anniversary and the whole town is invited to help us celebrate!

Mentors, students, parents, and educators tell uplifting and rich stories about the positive and lasting effects of the Starksboro Mentoring Program. Through the program, we match students in first grade through sixth grade with adults from our community, aiding in children's personal and social development. The program currently has around 12 pairs. Mentors and mentees meet for an average of one hour per week in or out of school. They play games, go for hikes, walk dogs, ski, care for horses, eat lunch, do craft projects, cook together or attend events such as a play at Mt. Abe or a UVM sporting event and much, much more!

Mentors serve as an adult friend, role model and sounding board. They share their interests and support their mentee in exploring *their* interests. As part of the state-wide Mentor Vermont program, adults are carefully screened and subjected to background checks. Each mentor/mentee relationship takes on its own character within program guidelines. Some Starksboro Mentor matches are in their sixth year and beyond. Most matches carry on through the mentee's middle and high school years. Mentors report that their lives are enriched by their mentee.

As part of the MAUSD Mentor Program, the Starksboro Mentoring Program receives funds from Mentor Vermont, the MAUSD operating budget and EPSDT (federal funds received through MAUSD). All district mentoring programs request funds from their towns. Funds support the part-time Starksboro Mentor Coordinator and part-time MAUSD Mentor Director as well as group events.

The Starksboro Mentoring Program is always looking for more mentors. With a large number of matches graduating this past June and moving up to Mt. Abe, more volunteers are needed to match up with the youngsters on our waitlist. If you or someone you know would like to learn more information please don't hesitate to reach out!

Starksboro Mentor Coordinator: Emily Gibbs      [Emily.Gibbs@mausd.org](mailto:Emily.Gibbs@mausd.org)      802-922-2250

*Appropriation Request - \$2000*



## Starksboro Food Shelf

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Each month the Starksboro Food Shelf makes available to Starksboro families a variety of protein options, milk, eggs, vegetables, soup, fruits, bread, pasta and canned prepared foods. The Food Shelf is open on the second Wednesday of each month. Food is available in emergency situations throughout the month. This year we averaged 25 families per month visiting the Food Shelf. We provided Thanksgiving meals for 27 families.

This year the Food Shelf continued the program initiated by a grant from RiseVT in 2021, that enables us to purchase fresh vegetables from Lewis Creek Farm through the winter months. Along with the vegetables we distributed recipe kits with additional ingredients to enable families to create healthy meals from the vegetables. During the summer months we partnered with Hope in Middlebury to provide fresh produce gleaned from area farms.

We are very grateful to the community for the support we continue to receive in the form of monetary and food donations. This year rising costs due to inflation have resulted in food insecurity for substantially more area families than in past years. Your support enabled us to continue providing food for all who came. We especially want to thank the Robinson School and the Starksboro Firemen for food drives that provided substantial support for the Food Shelf.

The Food Shelf is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers with the support and oversight of the Starksboro Selectboard.

*Appropriation Request – requesting increase for 2025*

## Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program

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The Four Winds Nature Program provides outdoor natural science lessons for Robinson Elementary school students. Through this program our group of 10 volunteers provides each class, kindergarten through fourth grade, with eight engaging workshops tailored to their age based in science learning and discovery. Our lessons are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core State Standards, providing time for students to practice important science skills while connecting with nearby nature. In addition, this program offers learning opportunities for our volunteers and provides rich multi-generational connections between students and the volunteering community members.

*We are requesting \$1,200.00 to continue support for the Four Winds Program at Robinson Elementary School, said sum to come from Town Funds.*

**AC Home Health & Hospice**

802-388-7259 | [www.achh.org](http://www.achh.org) | Total Starksboro residents served: 74 individuals / 854 visits.  
*Town Appropriation request: \$1964*

**AC Parent / Child Center**

802-388-3171 | [www.addisoncountypcc.org](http://www.addisoncountypcc.org) | 41 Starksboro residents received our services  
*Town appropriation request: \$1600*

**Addison County Readers**

802-758-2218 | 51 Starksboro Children were receiving books through the program. Total 662 books shipped to children in Starksboro | *Town Appropriation request: \$350*

**Addison County Restorative Justice**

802-388-3888 | [www.acrjs.org](http://www.acrjs.org) | Services provided to Starksboro Residents – 6  
*Town Appropriation request – \$800*

**AGE WELL**

800-642-5119 | [www.agewell.org](http://www.agewell.org) | 74 Starksboro Residents were served  
*Town Appropriation request: \$2500*

**American Red Cross**

800-464-6692 | [www.redcross.org/nne](http://www.redcross.org/nne) | Serviced 1 disaster event in Starksboro & 4 residents  
*Town Appropriation request: \$500*

**Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)**

802-388-9180 | *Town Appropriation request: \$1250*

**Bristol Family Center**

802-453-5659 | [www.bristolfamilycenter.org](http://www.bristolfamilycenter.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$500*

**Bristol Recreation Department**

453-5885 | [www.BristolVtRec.com](http://www.BristolVtRec.com) | *Town Appropriation request: \$2500*

**Bristol Rescue**

The Bristol Rescue Squad (BRS) has seen an increase in call volume of greater than 30% over the past two years. In 2023, our agency was dispatched for 1,034 calls, compared to just a few years ago when we were averaging around 700/year, for our five-town service area. Despite the growing call volume, we have worked to improve our response times and capabilities as an advanced life support ambulance service. While we have adjusted to the increased demand in the communities that we serve, BRS has found the need to increase our staffing (including adding more paid staff) and to purchase (and maintain) quality equipment for the safety of our crews and the communities we serve. Bristol Rescue Squad currently has 35 volunteers, and part- and full-time staff, and is always seeking to support community members that wish to get involved. We can be reached for membership inquiries at [membership@bristolrescuevt.org](mailto:membership@bristolrescuevt.org).

*Town Appropriation request: requesting increase for 2025*

### **Counseling Service of Addison County**

802-388-6751 | [www.csac-vt.org](http://www.csac-vt.org) | Town of Starksboro accrued 1369 service hours  
*Town Appropriation request: \$2200*

### **Elderly Services, Inc**

802-388-3983 | [www.elderlyservices.org](http://www.elderlyservices.org) | 15 Starksboro Residents were provided for  
*Town Appropriation request: \$900*

### **Green Up Vermont**

802-522-7245 | [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) | Green Up Day is May 3, 2025  
*Town Appropriation request: \$100*

### **Homeward Bound**

802-388-1100 | [www.homewardboundanimals.org](http://www.homewardboundanimals.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$500*

Incoming Animals:    Strays brought in = 3  
                                  Animals surrendered by owner = 4  
Outgoing Animals:    Adopted out to residents of Starksboro = 6  
                                  Stray animals returned to owner = 0  
                                  Pet CORE clients (pets belonging to low-income - 4  
                                  pet owners receiving aid from Homeward Bound) = 19

### **H O P E**

802-388-3608 | [www.hope-vt.org](http://www.hope-vt.org) | Served 148 residents in 45 households, 12 of these individuals were senior citizens, 37 were children & 25 had a documented disability.  
*Town Appropriation request: \$1750*

### **John Graham Shelter & Services**

802-877-2677 | [www.johngrahamshelter.org](http://www.johngrahamshelter.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$970*

### **Lewis Creek Association**

[www.lewiscreek.org](http://www.lewiscreek.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$550*

### **Open Door Clinic**

802-388-0137 | [www.opendoormidd.org](http://www.opendoormidd.org) | Starksboro Residents that were served – 27 | 29 medical visits, 21 case managements/consultation services, and 8 residents received help from the health insurance navigator.  
*Town Appropriation request: \$250*

### **Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District**

802-771-3037 | [www.ottercreekconservation.org](http://www.ottercreekconservation.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$176*

### **Richmond Rescue**

802-434-2394 | [www.richmondrescue.org](http://www.richmondrescue.org) | Statistics from 2024: Calls for service in northern Starksboro: 33 - Average ambulance response time in Starksboro: 21 minutes - Number of active volunteers in 2024: 46 - Total volunteer hours: 21,554  
*Town Appropriation request: requesting increase for 2025*

### **RSVP and Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program**

802-388-7044 | [www.volunteersinvt.org](http://www.volunteersinvt.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$370*  
Starksboro Residents volunteered 1,057 hours to support the community.

### **Tri-Valley Transit**

(formerly ACTR)

802-388-2287 | [www.trivalleytransit.org](http://www.trivalleytransit.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$2106*  
377 bus rides on the 116 Commuter originated in Starksboro  
1,704 Dial-A-Ride trips for Starksboro Residents

### **Turning Point Center of Addison County**

802-388-4249 | [www.turningpointaddisonvt.org](http://www.turningpointaddisonvt.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$1000*

### **Vermont Adult Learning**

802-388-4392 | [www.vtadultlearning.org](http://www.vtadultlearning.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$700*  
*Starksboro Residents served: 4*

### **Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

802-863-1358 ext. 217 | [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org) | *Starksboro Residents served: 3 adults & 2 students*  
*Town Appropriation request: \$500*

### **Vermont Center for Independent Living**

1-800-639-1522 | [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$250*  
This past year VCIL provided 2 Starksboro Residents with services.

### **Vermont Family Network**

802-876-5315, ext. 105 | [www.VermontFamilyNetwork.org](http://www.VermontFamilyNetwork.org) | *Town Appropriation request: \$250*



Louis Gordon built his new store (north end of village, west side of VT Route 116, no longer standing) in 1908. He sold staples, groceries, and for a time gasoline. It was in business until c.1940. In 1941 new postmaster Paulita Dorey ran the post office here, then moved it to the house (to left in photo, no longer standing). After marrying Fenwick Estey, in 1948, they bought a house (south of current post office) where she ran the post office until retiring in 1972.



# Starksboro Town Meeting – March 2, 2024

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## TOWN OF STARKSBORO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES Of March 2, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro in the County of Addison and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the Robinson Elementary School within said Town of Starksboro on **Saturday the second day of March, A.D. 2024, at 9:00 a.m.** to discuss and transact the following business viz: starting at 9:05. A total of 89 residents came out to discuss the Town Budget along with meeting our State Representative’s.

Our State Representative’s Chris Bray, Caleb Elder & Ruth Hardy made an appearance to discuss the Fish & Wildlife Bill, Education Tax Reform, and Health & Operations Committee for Municipalities. Act 250, Act 127 were discussed in reference to how they need to be reformed.

Edorah Frazier announced her retirement from Robinson School, along with Amy Johnston. Edorah will be working in Montpelier helping with the Education Committee. Edorah also stated that Beth Hahr, Doreen Bortz, Amy Johnston and Kerry Lake received awards for their outstanding leadership!

*Nancy Cornell had a few words to say about Edorah’s retirement: “Edorah Frazer, will be retiring from her role as the principal of Robinson Elementary School at the end of June. From the beginning, it has been clear that Edorah gets us. She genuinely understands how important Robinson School is to our diverse, rural community; and she deeply gets how important this community is to the education of our children. From the very beginning as our principal, Edorah has been: a welcoming, respectful, open-hearted listener – with children and grown-ups alike. She has been a creative, courageous problem solver; and she has been a collaborative, skilled facilitative leader. Edorah came to Robinson nine years ago, at just the right time, just when we needed her the most. How lucky we have been! Please join me in expressing our thanks for all that Edorah has done for our school district, for our school, for our town, for our families... and most especially for our children.”*

Congratulations to our Syrup Winners for 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee – Heidi Champney, and our longest attendee’s of over 50 years – Norman Cota & Tom Estey.

**Article 1: To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 5, 2024.** To elect Town Officers and Mount Abraham Unified School District Officers for the ensuing terms:

Moderator, 1 yr – Keegan Tierney 382	Delinquent Tax Colr, 1 yr Amy McCormick 398
Town Clerk, 3 yrs - Amy McCormick 406	Planning Commission, 3 yrs Dennis Casey 362
Selectperson, 1 yr – John Painter 354	Planning Commission, 3 yrs Luke McCarthy 325
Selectperson, 2 yrs – Koran Cousino 374	Planning Commission, 1 year Kevin”Dan”Kuzio 324
Selectperson, 3 yr- David Schmidt 101 Robert Briggs 24	Library Trustee, 3 years Christa Finnern 37
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs – Pete Antos-Ketcham 378	Library Trustee, 2 years Laura Doyle 361
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year Vacant	First Constable, 1 year vacant

Auditor, 3 yrs – Thomas Payeur 31	Second Constable, 1 year vacant
Lister, 1 year Vacant	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years Stephen Rooney 331
Lister, 3 yrs Norman Cota 385	

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors’ Report of the year ending June 30, 2023? **Nancy Cornell made a motion to bring Article 1 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Luke McCarthy – Voice Vote Called – Article 2 passed**

**Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 24-25 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,201,874 less receipts of \$284,165 for an amount of \$917,709? Nancy Cornell made a motion to bring Article 3 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Nugent Voice Vote Called - Article 3 passed **Koran Cousino stated there is a 5% increase in spending but an overall increase of 11% which included all in and out of town appropriations.**

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$62,100? **Norman Cota made a motion to bring Article 4 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Cousino – Voice Vote Called - Article 4 passed Tom Estey stated the new fire truck will be arriving hopefully in September 2024.**

**Article 5:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$119,344? **Ben Campbell made a motion to bring Article 5 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louis DuPont – Voice Vote Called - Article 5 passed Howard Barrett stated the loggers were ruining the roads and what can the Town do about this. Eric Cota responded with – loggers are agricultural, so they have the right to drive on the roads even during mud season. The loggers are respectful in trying to haul their loads out in the early morning when the roads have frozen/hardened overnight instead of during the day. Agricultural vehicles do not have to obey the weight limits as other commercial vehicles do.**

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the town vote to rename the Paving Reserve Fund to the Road Materials Reserve Fund? **Dennis Casey made a motion to bring Article 6 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Talmage – Voice Vote Called - Article 6 passed The change in account name is to give the Town more authority over how to use the funds. This does not affect the town in receiving funds from the State level.**

**Article 7:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 24-25, being \$44,192? **Mary O'Brien made a motion to bring Article 7 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin Buckwalter. Laura Doyle made a motion to request an amendment on the fund cost of \$44,192 should be increased by \$2724 for a total of \$46,916.00. Erin Buckwalter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voice Vote Called - Article 7 passed**  
**The difference was made by error and is for personnel reasons.**

**Article 8:** Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$7,590 for the support of Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. to provide ambulance service to portions of the Town of Starksboro? **Norman Cota made a motion to bring Article 8 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Cousino, Voice Vote Called - Article 8 passed**  
**Any increase in a request from the Town for appropriation money is required to be its own article for the public to vote on separately.**

**Article 9:** Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of Starksboro Sports Program to provide sporting services to the youth of the community of Town of Starksboro? **Kristen Toy made a motion to bring Article 9 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Barnard – Voice Vote Called - Article 9 passed**  
**Sports Program has not asked for an appropriation in 3 years due to the pandemic and is looking for the support from the Town for the maintenance of Cota Field.**

**Article 10:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests? **Sherry Pachman made a motion to bring Article 10 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Klaiber – Voice Vote Called - Article 10 passed**

Project READ	3,000
Robinson Mentoring Program	2,000
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	6,000
Starksboro Food Shelf	2,000
Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program	1,200
Starksboro Rescue Squad	12,000
Starksboro Village Meeting House	3,000
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	24,000
<b>TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b><u>\$53,200</u></b>

**Article 11:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests? **Ellen Yount made a motion to bring Article 11 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Ryersbach – Voice Vote Called - Article 11 passed**

AC Home Health & Hospice	1,964
AC Parent/Child Center	1,600
AC Readers	350
Addison Co. Restorative Justice	800
Age Well	2,500
American Red Cross	500
Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)	1,250

Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,500
Counseling Service of Addison County	2,200
Elderly Services, Inc	900
Green Up Vermont	100
Homeward Bound	500
HOPE	1,750
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	970
Lewis Creek Assoc.	550
Open Door Clinic	250
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	176
Richmond Rescue	5,894
RSVP/Green Mtn Foster Grandparent Program	370
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	2,106
Turning Point Center	1,000
Vermont Adult Learning	700
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Vermont Family Network	250
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100
<b>TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b><u>\$30,530</u></b>

- Article 12:** Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote to decrease the Planning Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members? All terms will be three years each. **Dennis Casey made a motion to bring Article 12 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan McCleery – Article 12 passed by show of hands – 55 yes, 28 no. Article 12 passed. The reasoning behind the change is due to members resigning with no other interested members requesting to be on the committee. It was also mentioned with the fewer number on the committee the decisions were made quicker and the quorum for being able to hold a meeting was lessened. Committee members encouraged the public to attend to bring new ideas forward that would benefit the Town. The planning commission’s responsibility is to come up with ways to ensure the town is growing with rules and regulations that will also protect the residents.**
- Article 13:** Shall the voters of the town vote the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4:30 pm becoming delinquent after October 15, 2024, at 4:30 pm? **Real Estate taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt. Tom Estey made a motion to bring Article 13 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Cousino. Voice Vote Called -Article 13 passed**
- Article 14:** To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting. **Dennis Casey made a motion to bring Article 14 to the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Hanson. Koran Cousino spoke about Cynthia Kling and what it meant to have her as part of our Town. Cecilia Elwert stated that Josh Orvis built a free-standing library and pantry stand next to the Jerusalem**

School House. Carin McCarthy shared upcoming community events for the residents. Margi Gregory stated the Conservation Committee is looking into removing invasive plant species from Cota Field.  
 Motion to adjourn at 12:15 by Ellen Yount, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob Liotard

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
 STARKSBORO, VERMONT  
 MARCH 5, 2024

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
 STARKSBORO, VERMONT  
 March 6 20 24  
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 received this instrument for record  
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 Amy Webber  
 Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

<b>FOR MODERATOR</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> KEEGAN TIERNEY - 386 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR LISTER</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> AMY MCCORMICK - 398 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR TOWN CLERK</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> AMY MCCORMICK - 406 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR AUDITOR</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> (Write-in) Thomas Payeur - 31 <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> PETE ANTOS-KETCHAM - 378 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTBOARD 3yrs</b> Write-in <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than one</span> (Write-in) David Schmidt - 101 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) Robert Briggs - 24 <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR PLANNING COMMISSION</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than Two</span> DENNIS CASEY - 362 <input type="radio"/> LUKE MCCARTHY - 325 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTBOARD</b> 2 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> KORAN COUSINO - 374 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR PLANNING COMMISSION</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> KEVIN "DAN" KUZIO - 324 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> STEPHEN ROONEY - 331 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR SELECTBOARD</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> JOHN PAINTER - 354 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> (Write-in) Christa Finnem - 37 <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR FIRST CONSTABLE</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
<b>FOR LISTER</b> 3 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> NORMAN COTA - 385 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> 2 Years <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> LAURA DOYLE - 361 <input type="radio"/> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR SECOND CONSTABLE</b> 1 Year <span style="float:right">Vote for not more than One</span> (Write-in) <input type="radio"/>

## Voter Information

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### TOWN MEETING:

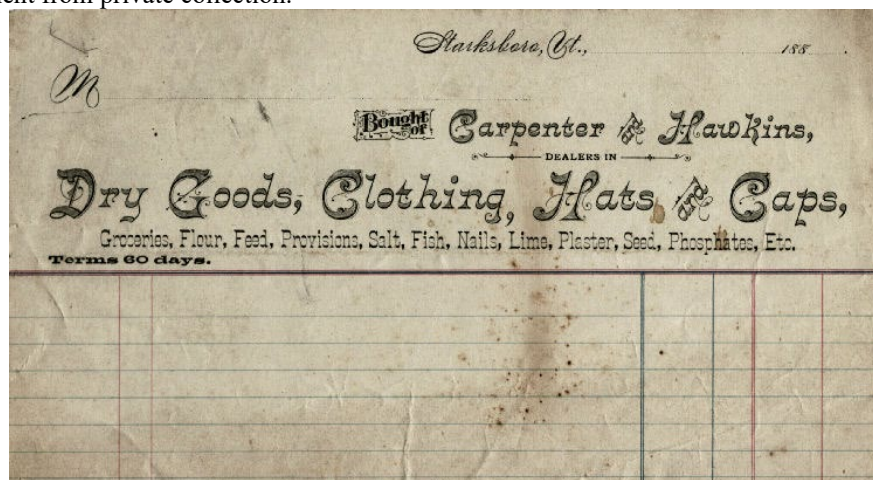
There will be a regular Town Meeting this year. Town and Library Budgets, increases in appropriation amounts and in and out of town appropriations will be voted on the floor on Saturday March 1, 2025, at 9am. Officer Elections and School Budget will be voted on at the Polls on Tuesday March 4, open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Robinson School.

### GETTING ON THE CHECKLIST:

If your name is not yet on the checklist, you can apply for addition by either obtaining a paper form at the town office or go online at <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> to register.



In 1869 after Frank N. Hill sold his village store (Union Store) to Cyrus W. Atwood, he entered into competition with them by building a new store across the street (just to the north, east side of VT Route 116). The building was very similar in appearance to the Union Store. Hill and partner R.F. Livermore sold goods of all kinds. Hill built a house addition to the store (store and house still standing). Several other partnerships ran the store, including Hawkins & Carpenter. Document from private collection.



## Common Rules and Procedure at Town Meeting

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**Call the Question:** (Previous Question) A motion made from the floor and seconded to stop debate and discussion on an article or an amendment. You must have the floor when you make this motion. 2/3 vote needed by the assembly in favor of killing debate and moving to the actual vote. You then vote on the article, or amendment or go back to discussion depending on the vote.

**Division of the House:** A voter can request this when they feel a voice vote is in question. No second is required for this motion.

**Object to Consideration:** A motion can be made from the floor prior to an article being discussed. No second required. This essentially is a motion designed to NOT discuss an article. A 2/3 negative vote (those voting in favor of NOT discussing an article, please stand). (Those wishing to consider the article, please stand).

**Other Business:** No binding action may be taken on items discussed and voted on under “other business.”

**Paper Ballot:** There must be (7) voters requesting a paper (secret) ballot. The motion must be seconded. This can be done before or after a voice vote or standing vote.

**Pass-over:** There is no such motion in Robert’s Rules. Therefore, if this motion is made before discussion starts it is really Object to consideration. If it occurs after debate has started it means that you desire to postpone indefinitely, it needs a second and then a majority vote to effectively kill the article from consideration.

**Reconsideration:** This can only happen by a motion before the next article is taken up. The motion to reconsider must be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the just passed vote. A second is required. It then takes a majority vote to bring the article back for consideration and eventual vote.

**Suspend the Rules:** Needs a motion and second and then 2/3 vote to: let out of towners speak (not Vote) or change the order of articles or basic Robert’s Rules.

At this point in time, we do not vote the school budget from the floor. It is voted by Australian ballot on the first Tuesday of March with other articles and candidates running for offices. However, we can consider have discussion on school budgets Town Meeting, although it is not binding.

**Selectboard Budgets:** Suggestions can be made to budgets and adjusted line by line. In the end it is the total amount voted up and down.

Candidates for offices can be given the opportunity to introduce themselves at the Saturday meeting as it is prior to the voting done on Tuesday.

Finally, you may speak twice on an article but only after all others have had the opportunity to speak first.

## Candidates for Election on March 4, 2025

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Moderator, 1 year	KEEGAN TIERNEY
Selectboard, 2 years	ERIC COTA
Selectboard, 1 year	TONY PORTER
Lister, 3 years	RICH WARREN
Auditor, 3 years	VACANT
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	AMY MCCORMICK
Planning Commission, 3 years	DAVID SCHMIDT
Planning Commission, 3 years	KEVIN "DAN" KUZIO
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	CECILIA ELWERT
Library Trustee, 3 years	KATIE ANTOS-KETCHAM
Library Trustee, 3 years	VACANT
Library Trustee, 1 year	EMILY FISHER
Mt. Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years	BRAD JOHNSON
Mt. Abraham Unified School Director, 2 years	HERB OLSON
First Constable, 1 year	VACANT
Second Constable, 1 year	VACANT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
STARKSBORO, VERMONT  
MARCH 4, 2025**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

<p align="center"><b>FOR MODERATOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1 Year</p> <p><b>KEEGAN TIERNEY</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR PLANNING COMMISSION</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>3 Years</p> <p><b>KEVIN "DAN" KUZIO</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>DAVID SCHMIDT</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>3 Years</p> <p><b>CECILIA ELWERT</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR SELECTBOARD</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>2 Years</p> <p><b>ERIC COTA</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>3 Years</p> <p><b>KATIE ANTOS-KETCHAM</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>3 Years</p> <p><b>BRAD JOHNSON</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
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<p align="center"><b>FOR LISTER</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>3 Years</p> <p><b>RICH WARREN</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1 Year</p> <p><b>AMY MCCORMICK</b> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR FIRST CONSTABLE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1 Year</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center"><b>FOR AUDITOR</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>3 Years</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR SECOND CONSTABLE</b></p> <p align="center">Vote for not more than One</p> <p>1 Year</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF STARKSBORO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 1, 2025**

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro in the County of Addison and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the multipurpose room of the Robinson Elementary School within said Town of Starksboro on **Saturday the first day of March, A.D. 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** to discuss and transact the following business viz:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect Town Officers and Mt. Abraham Unified School District Officers, to vote on the Mt. Abraham Union School District Budget, the Hannaford Regional Technical School Budget, and transact the following business by Australian ballot (see separate warnings for school items)

**Article 1:**     **To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 4, 2025.** To elect Town Officers and Mount Abraham Unified School District Officers for the ensuing terms:

Moderator, 1 year	Planning Commission, 3 years
Selectperson, 1 year	Library Trustee, 3 years
Selectperson, 2 years	Library Trustee, 3 years
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Library Trustee, 1 year
Auditor, 3 years	First Constable, 1 year
Lister, 3 years	Second Constable, 1 year
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 3 years
Planning Commission, 3 years	Mount Abraham Unified School Director, 2 years

**Article 2:**     Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report of the year ending June 30, 2024?

**Article 3:**     Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 25-26 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,215,919 less receipts of \$257,524 for an amount of \$958,395?

**Article 4:**     Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$67,689?

**Article 5:**     Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$126,505?

**Article 6:**     Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 25-26, being \$51,958.83?

**Article 7:**     Shall the Town of Starksboro vote to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$50,000 for the support of the STARKSBORO VILLAGE MEETING HOUSE AND STARKSBORO COOPERATIVE PRE-SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT to provide service to residents of the Town.

**Article 8:**     Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$13,520 for

the support of Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. to provide ambulance service to portions of the Town of Starksboro for the year 2025?

**Article 9:** Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the Starksboro food shelf to provide services to the residents of the town?

**Article 10:** Shall the Town appropriate \$700.00 to Bristol Have a Heart Food Shelf for providing food and essential items for free of charge, to any person in the Five-Town area of Addison County, (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro), in accordance with 24 V.S.A §2691.?

**Article 11:** Shall the Town of Starksboro raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of \$6,077.00 for the 911 ambulance service provided by the Richmond Rescue for the residents of Starksboro?

**Article 12:** Shall the Town of Starksboro appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the Green Mount Cemetery?

**Article 13:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?

Project READ	3,000
Robinson Mentoring Program	2,000
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	6,000
Starksboro Sports Program	3,500
Starksboro Four Winds Nature Program	1,200
Starksboro Rescue Squad	12,000
Starksboro Village Meeting House	3,000
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	24,000
<b>TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b><u>\$54,700.00</u></b>

**Article 14:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests?

AC Home Health & Hospice	1,964
AC Parent/Child Center	1,600
AC Readers	350
Addison Co. Restorative Justice	800
Age Well	2,500
American Red Cross	500
Atria Collective (formerly WomenSafe)	1,250
Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Recreation Dept.	2,500
Counseling Service of Addison County	2,200
Elderly Services, Inc	900
Green Up Vermont	100
Homeward Bound	500
HOPE	1,750

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	970
Lewis Creek Assoc.	550
Open Door Clinic	250
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	176
RSVP/Green Mtn Foster Grandparent Program	370
Tri Valley Transit (formerly ACTR)	2,106
Turning Point Center	1,000
Vermont Adult Learning	700
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Vermont Family Network	250
<b>TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b><u>\$24,536</u></b>

**Article 15:** Shall the voters of the town vote the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm becoming delinquent after October 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm? Real Estate taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt.

**Article 16:** To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Starksboro, this 30th day of January, A.D. 2025

- s/ Eric Cota
- s/ Koran Cousino
- s/ Carin McCarthy
- s/ John Painter
- s/ David Schmidt



Gardner and Hilda Orvis built the Jerusalem Country Store (VT Route 17) in 1971, operating it for 1-½ years before selling it. Opportunities had opened up in this area with the completion in 1965 of the Starksboro side of the McCullough Turnpike (VT Route 17) over the Appalachian Gap. The South Starksboro/Jerusalem area attracted travelers going over the mountain to the ski resorts as well as those who appreciated the beauty of this area and stayed. Currently it is Starksboro's only store.

## 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

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January 16	Last day to file petitions with Town Clerk, signed by 5% of the voters for Articles to be included in Town Meeting Warning, by 5:00 pm.
January 27	Last day to file nominating petitions for town offices to be filled by Australian Ballot, signed by 1% of the voters, by 5:00 pm.
February	Mt. Abe Unified School District Meeting, 6:00 pm
February 27	Last day to request absentee ballots for Australian Ballot voting
February	Patricia A. Hannaford Annual Mtg, 5:00 pm
March 1	Town Meeting – Robinson School 9 am
March 4	Australian Ballot voting, Robinson School, 7 am to 7 pm
March 15	Rabies Clinic 10 am- 12pm Town Office Parking Lot
April 1	All dogs are required to be licensed with the town by this date
April 15	VT Income Taxes & Homestead Declaration
October 15	Property Taxes are due in full on or before this date by 4:30 pm

### **Regular meeting dates**

Selectboard	First & third Tuesdays at 6pm
Mt. Abe Unified School Board	First Tuesday at 7 pm at the Mt. Abe Library
Planning Commission	First & third Thursdays at 6:30 pm
DRB Board	Second & fourth Thursdays as needed
Conservation Commission	Fourth Sunday at 7 pm
Energy Committee	First Monday at 5:30 pm
Jerusalem Community Center	Fourth Monday at 5:30
Starksboro Public Library	Second Monday at 4:30 pm
Starksboro Village Water Coop	Third Wednesday of March, Jun, Sept, & Dec

### **Hours of business**

Town Office	Mon through Thurs, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
<b>NEW! Town Office Summer Hours June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mon through Thurs, 9 am to 3 pm</b>
Zoning Office	Mon through Thurs, 8:30am to 4:30pm
Starksboro Food Shelf	Second Wednesday of each month – 9:30 – 6:30
Recycling	First & third Saturdays, 8 – 11 am, Town Garage
Starksboro Public Library	Mon, 10-6; Thurs, 10-5; Sat, 9-2
Post Office	Mon-Fri, 7:30-11:30, and 12:30-2:30; Saturdays, 7:30-11:00
Food Share Program	Every Sunday – 2:30 – 3:00, Starksboro Baptist Church
Little Free Pantry	Open around the clock, Starksboro Baptist Church

## Contact Information

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<b>Town Clerk:</b> Amy McCormick	453-2639
<b>Town Administrator:</b> Amanda Vincent	578-0501
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>	453-2639
<b>Zoning Administrator:</b>	453-2768
<b>Listers:</b> Norman Cota, Charles Webber, Rich Warren	453-2778
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b> Amy McCormick	453-2639
<b>Health Officer:</b> Luke McCarthy	453-7026
<b>Road Foreman:</b> Josh Martell	453-2319
<b>Fire Warden:</b> Tom Estey	453-4511
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator:</b> Charlene Phelps	363-4276
<b>Animal Control Officer:</b> Charles Webber	336-2141
<b>Food Shelf Coordinator:</b> Sue Martin	453-5007
<b>Food Share Coordinator:</b> Pete Antos-Ketcham	434-2333
<b>Starksboro Public Library:</b> Cathy Townsend	453-3732
<b>Town Services Officer:</b> Pete Antos-Ketcham	453-2333
<b>Town Fax</b>	453-7293
<b>Town Email</b>	<a href="mailto:townclerk@starksborovt.org">townclerk@starksborovt.org</a>
<b>Town Website</b>	<a href="http://www.starksborovt.org">www.starksborovt.org</a>
<b>Post Office:</b> Lena Estabrook	
<b>Robinson Elementary School:</b> Andy Weis, Principal	453-2949
<b>Mt Abe Union High School</b>	453-2333
<b>Superintendent's Office:</b> Patrick Reen	453-3657
<b>Game Warden</b>	911
<b>State Police</b>	911
<b>Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department</b>	911
<b>Starksboro First Response/Ambulance</b>	911

### Representatives

Mari Cordes – [mcordes@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:mcordes@leg.state.vt.us)  
Herb Olson - [holson@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:holson@leg.state.vt.us)

### Senators

Steve Heffernan - [sheffernan@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:sheffernan@leg.state.vt.us)  
Ruth Hardy – [rhardy@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:rhardy@leg.state.vt.us)

Governor's Action Line: 1-800-649-6825, [www.vermont.gov/governor](http://www.vermont.gov/governor)

### **HOSPITALS:**

Porter – 388-4701  
UVM Medical Ctr – 1-800-358-1144  
Rutland Regional – 1-800-649-2187

### **POST OFFICES:**

*Starksboro* – 802-203-1481  
*Monkton* – 453-3115  
*Bristol* – 453-2421

# VT SPAY NEUTER PROGRAM

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## TIME TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS AND DOGS!

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP), under the VT Department of Children & Families, is administered by VT Volunteer Services for Animals Humane Society. **Funded by a \$4.00 fee added to the licensing of dogs, this monetary resource is limited by the number of dogs licensed, which is required by law by six months of age.** Puppies and kittens can have the first rabies vaccination after 12 weeks of age. If unable to schedule an appointment with a veterinary office for this vaccination, Tractor Supply Stores hold monthly clinics as well as humane societies during the month of March. Call for their schedules. After the vaccination, contact your town clerk and provide proof of the rabies vaccination to license your dog.

**Rabies IS in Vermont and it IS deadly.**

### Licensing a dog:

- 1) Helps identify your dog if lost.
- 2) Provides proof your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal {but still needs immediate medical attention}.
- 3) Protects your animal if they bite another animal {or person – which could result in the quarantine of your dog or possibly euthanized in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated}.
- 4) Pays for this necessary program addressing the population situation in VT.

For an Application for VSNIP and a List of Participating Offices, send a S.A.S.E. (a 9” Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope) to: VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034. Or, to download and print, go to: [VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV](http://VSNIP.VERMONT.GOV) Indicate if it’s for a cat, dog or both. Once *fully* completed, you will mail it back. If approved, you will receive your Voucher and instructions.

The cost for the surgery to you is only \$27.00, providing there are no complications. Fellow Vermonters pay the balance of your account from funds collected at the time of dog registration. Please be SURE your cat or dog is completely flea and tick free **before** the visit. Animals left UN-neutered are more prone to forms of cancer.

Thank veterinarians for their participation in this important program. If your veterinarian is not a participant, please encourage them to join. Several veterinarians have retired, leaving a reduced number of participating offices. VSNIP offices are accepting less reimbursement than what they would usually charge for their services. We NEED them :) Let them know you appreciate the difference they’ve made in our state over the years when euthanasia was the means of animal over-population control. Those days are behind us ~ let’s keep it that way!

Sue Skaskiw, Administrator 1-800-HI VSNIP (1-844-448-7647)

Below is a list of places that offer low cost spay & neuter clinic options to VSNIP. Animals usually come home the day of surgery. If you must travel, enjoy the day in the area! You may want to call your local humane society to see if they've added a spay day to their schedule.

### **LOW COST SPAY NEUTER OPTIONS: LOOK UP THEIR WEB SITES**

- Cat Crusaders of Franklin CTY: Franklin CTY residents considered first. 802-782-9968
- Community Pet Clinic: Humane Society of Chittenden CTY, 3 clinics a week! 802-923-9023
- Feline & Friends Foundation: 802-323-4793 Cats ONLY in Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties considered first. Outside area will be considered as space allows AND Barn & Feral (frightened) Cats in the Northeast Kingdom are welcome. If possible: Schedule on FFFVT.org
- Franklin County Humane Society, St. Albans 802-524-9650 X 707
- Frontier Animal Society, Orleans, VT 754-2228 Cats ONLY
- Homeward Bound: Addison Cty Humane Society, VT "Taxi Cat" 802-388-1100
- Humane Society of Chittenden County's Community Pet Clinic, So. Burlington 802-923-9028
- Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society: 802-484-5829 West Windsor, VT
- Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter: 802-754-2228 Orleans, VT Cats ONLY
- Riverside Rescue: 802-892-5300 Lunenburg, VT 524-9650 X
- Rutland County Humane Society: 802-483-6700 Rutland, VT
- Second Chance Animal Center: 802-375-2898 Shaftsbury, VT
- Second Chance Animal Rescue Inc.: 603-259-3244 Littleton, NH
- Springfield Humane Society: 802-885-3997 Springfield, VT
- Sullivan CTY Humane Society: 603-542-3277 Claremont, NH
- The Feline Connection: Rutland County: [thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com](mailto:thefelineconnection.vt@gmail.com)
- Upper Valley Humane Society: 603-448-6888 Enfield, NH
- Windham County Humane Society: 802-254-2232 Brattleboro, VT
- VT- CAN: 802-223-0034: Middlesex, VT
- N.E. Kingdom Spay-Neuter Program: 802-334-7393 Orleans, Essex County



Town of Starksboro  
P.O. Box 91  
Starksboro, VT 05487

**Town Meeting:** In-person Town Meeting this year, Saturday, March 1, 2025  
**Australian Ballot voting:** Tuesday, March 4 2025, Robinson School, 7 am – 7 pm  
**Rabies Clinic:** March , 2024 at Starksboro Town Office, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm